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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



JUNE 2018 Griffin News



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Here we are once again at June! It feels like time flies even quicker as we get older! Many thanks to each of you for helping to make this year successful. This is a beautiful community blessed with wonderful children, caring parents and a terrific staff. First, I want to thank the dedicated staff of Good Shepherd. Your children are in excellent hands every day, as the staff not only sets high expectations for the students but for themselves as well. I am very grateful to our School Advisory Council for their commitment to our school community. Thank you to all the parents and families who work quietly behind the scenes to make Good Shepherd a great place. It is also amazing to see how much the community groups support the students. Finally, many thanks to Father Ray for leading us in our masses and liturgies; he brings such wisdom to all he does.

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Thank our amazing students as well. They bring such joy and positive energy to the school environment. They are leaders and team players who are examples of what it is to be Catholic. You can be incredibly proud of your children.

As the year ends, we will be saying good-bye to . I know that we will miss each of them dearly and we wish them all the best of luck in the future and thank them for their commitment to Good Shepherd.

I wish all of you a wonderful June and a summer filled with great family time and lots of memories. Happy Father's Day this month to all our fathers.

God Bless,
Sherrie Daudlin

P.A. DAYS
June 8, 2018
June 29, 2018

LAST SCHOOL
Day
Thursday
June 28, 2018

Bell Times for September

To continue to co-ordinate with bussing times, please note that our school bells will remain the same for our next school year and ring at the following times:

9:15 a.m.	School day begins
11:45 a.m. —12:25 p.m.	First nutrition break
2:05 p.m. —2:45 p.m.	Second nutrition break
3:35 p.m.	Dismissal



2018 Fun Pass

Celebrate the summer with savings when you plan a trip to Ontario's attractions with the 2018 Fun Pass.

The 2018 Fun Pass coupons provide free admission for up to two elementary school-aged children at 18 popular attractions when accompanied by a paying adult or senior. Parents can also save \$5 on a daily parking permit at selected Ontario provincial parks. Simply bring a coupon to any participating attraction. Visit Ontario.ca/funpass for more information about the program and to download the coupons.

Council Corner

We would like to thank all of those who supported our fundraising efforts this year. We were able to provide a few fun events and items for the students this year.

To the grade 8 class, the council would like to wish you all the best and may the foundation you have built at Good Shepherd support you through the next phase of your education.

To the staff of Good Shepherd, thank you for your dedication to our children's education and well being and for your continued support.

And lastly to the children and families of Good Shepherd—may you have a relaxing, enjoyable and SAFE summer vacation.

**Good Shepherd Catholic School
Advisory Council**

School Library

June is inventory time at our school library and a time to return overdue books to the library. Each year, books are found in amazing and unexpected places. If there is a book hiding at your house here are some places where the tricky ones have been found in the past: Under a bed, on top of the refrigerator (or some other high place where it was put to be "safe"), in the car, under a couch or chair, hiding under some magazines, on bookshelves, on the floor of a closet, in a sock drawer (or wherever things are put when Mom says to clean a room), in a sibling's room or backpack, at a grandparent's house or other relative's house. Hopefully these suggestions help you find those books that have been hiding. They need to return to their home in our school library before summer vacation begins. **All books are due back by Tuesday, June 12th.**



Sacrament of Confirmation

On Sunday, May 27th., Father Ray from St. Paul's Church will welcomed students and their families as they celebrated receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This wonderful event was followed by a small gathering for family and friends in the church basement following the celebration.

We would like to wish blessings to the following students of Good Shepherd Catholic School who received the Sacrament:

Jonathan B.
Keegan C.
Sydney F.
Nick H.
Adam N.
Meredith S.

Dakotah B.
Adam G.
Tristan H.
Cheyenne L.
Nataleigh O.



Jump Rope For Heart Update

Congratulations to the students and families of Good Shepherd School! We set a goal to raise \$1000.00 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation and we passed the goal by raising **\$1520.00!**

Many thanks to all of the students for collecting money from family and friends and to the grade 7/8 class for their great leadership during the Jump Rope for Heart family activities.

YEARBOOK

Our yearbook will be sent off to the printer's I believe that you will be quite pleased with the final product. A special thank you is extended to Mr. Sterling and his class for all of their time and effort in this major undertaking. Order forms will be going home shortly.

We will only be ordering the exact number of yearbooks ordered on line, so please don't miss the deadline! Purchases are only accepted on line.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, June 3rd., at St. Paul's Church.

May the blessings of Christ be with you always.

Congratulations is extended to:

Scout M. Grace G.
Erwin M. Bella F.
Preston M. Oakland B.



**THANK YOU
&
GOODBYE**

We would like to wish all of staff who are leaving us at the end of June all the best in your new endeavours for September.

will be going to new assignments in the fall and we wish them all the very best.

We'll Miss You!

Snack Program

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our special thanks to Jenn Marsh for stepping up to take this over as well as the team of parent volunteers, our wonderful supervisor, and students who provided delicious snacks for our students every morning. We know your efforts were greatly appreciated by everyone. We are fortunate to have the snack program sponsored by Breakfast for Learning and the OSNP.

****Please note that the snack program will be wrapping up beginning Monday, June 11, 2018 for the year.**



Track and Field Day



Thank you to all who generously gave their time to help supervise groups, work at events or cook hot dogs! The spirit of cooperation and sportsmanship amongst our students was most impressive. Special thanks to Mr. Sterling (WOW—what a track!) and all who helped organize the events for us.

Selected students will represent Good Shepherd School at UCC for the county track meet on Thursday, June 7, 2018. Please note that the rain date for this event will be Monday, June 11th.

We wish our athletes well!

Dress Code

As the warm weather approaches I respectfully ask that parents ensure their children adhere to our **school dress code.**

Halter tops, tank tops or tops with “spaghetti” style straps or any other clothing which leaves a student with a bare back or a bare middle are unacceptable. As well, muscle shirts, shirts with suggestive or offensive slogans are also not appropriate attire for school. **Shorts should be mid-thigh in length** and spandex shorts for students older than grade 5 are not acceptable. Any form of yoga pant/leisure pant/tights needs to have a top that covers down below the student’s hips.

Please note that flip flops and loose sandals can be a safety risk when students are running outdoors. It is important that your child has a pair of running shoes in order to play outside at recess and an indoor pair of shoes for class and Phys Ed. In the gym. Code approved by SAC

REMINDERS!!

- ◆ June 1 - Ultimate Frisbee - Gr. 5's
- ◆ June 3 - First Communion
- ◆ June 6 - JK/SK & Gr. 1 & 2 Year End Trip
Gr. 6's - Lacrosse Tournament
- ◆ June 7 - County Track at UCC
- ◆ June 8- Last day to order your yearbook!
- ◆ June 11 - Snack Program wrapping up
- ◆ June 15 - Snack Program is completely finished
- ◆ June 15 - Library books due
- ◆ June 20 - Gr. 8 Year End Trip
- ◆ June 21 - Last Pizza Day for the year
- ◆ June 25 - Gr. 8 Graduation - Mass @ 5:30PM
- ◆ June 23 - Report cards go home
- ◆ June 28 - K—Gr. 2 going to Greenview Aviaries
- ◆ June 27- Mass at church—9:45 and Awards
to follow @ 10:30 AM
- ◆ June 28 - last day of Class for the 2017-2018 year!



Suggested supplies for September 2018

The following list of suggested items have been compiled in order to support your child's learning. Many parents have requested a supply list in order to make purchases over the summer. Please note that no liquid white out is allowed. Hope this helps with summer sale shopping!



Senior Kindergarten:

Change of clothing to be left at school
Velcro, no marking running shoes
Backpack and lunch bag all labelled
Box of Kleenex

Here is what each child will need from Grade 1—8

Box of Kleenex
Backpack and lunch pail, labelled
Change of clothing
Indoor **Non Marking running shoes**—labelled, no marking
Blunt tip scissors (for the younger students)
Crayons, pencil crayons—sharpened
Fine tip Washable Markers
Highlighter
Pencil Case
1—ruler in centimeters—30 cm in length
Highlighter
Pens—Blue and Red ones

Please note that this is just a starting point, and a more specific shopping list will be included with each child's report card.

Happy shopping!



Grade 8 Graduation Mass and Dinner to Follow **June 25th., 2018** 5:30 PM - St. Paul's

GRADUATES OF 2017—2018

Congratulations to this year's Grade Eight class! We wish you all the best for your high school years.

Jonathan Badder	Dakotah Biernacki
Keegan Cudney	Sydney Feys
Adam Gibson	Tristan Hauspie
Nickolas Huszka	Wiktoria Kowalczyk
Cheyenne Lenover	Adam Noorenberghe
Nataleigh O'Brien	Meredith Sewell

Congratulations to these awesome Individuals!



Final Day of School

The last day of school for our students is **Thursday, June 28th.** We wish everyone a safe, yet fun-filled summer vacation!



Attention Students Attending UCC!

Halpern's is the uniform supplier for students attending UCC in September.

Mobile Dates

Halpern's has confirmed their mobile dates for uniform purchases. They will be in the UCC cafeteria on:

Thursday, July 20th. from 3 p.m.—8 p.m.

Friday, July 21st. from 10 a.m. — 2 p.m.

Students may also purchase their uniform at Halpern's in London at:

431 Newbold Street

London, ON

Tel: 1-800-668-8261

Or on-line at www.halperns.ca



Mail Lists:

Students will receive this information in August via mail.

Milk Cards

Please note! If your child has a milk card, the balance of the card will be honoured in September.



Focus on Faith

The Church calls this season of the year Ordinary Time and defines it in this way.

“Besides the times of year that have their own distinctive character, [i.e. Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter seasons] there remain in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Time.”*

Ordinary Time does not focus on one beautiful mystery such as *Christ returning in Glory*, or *God coming to Earth as the Christ child*, or *Jesus loving us so much he was willing to suffer and die for us* or *Christ rising from the dead*. Instead Ordinary time invites us to honour **THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST ITSELF AND ALL ITS FULLNESS**. It invites us to consider the whole story of Christ becoming human, loving us, dying, rising from the dead, returning to God and eventually returning in glory. Looking at the whole mystery and seeing God’s hand in the unfolding of Salvation, we gain new insights into our own life stories. Honouring the whole mystery of Salvation helps us to trust that God watches over the unfolding of our own personal lives and salvation.

During the final month of the school year, there is so many ordinary things to do. Students are finishing assignments and preparing for tests/exams that will help them to complete the year. Teachers are assessing students, marking assignments and preparing final report cards. Parents are helping their children stay focused on schoolwork and sorting out the details for summer childcare and plans. The end of year field trips, fun days, track meets, assemblies and graduations provide glorious ways to celebrate this school year. All of this happens as the summer weather starts making everyone dream of summer vacation and fun. These activities are the ordinary tasks that make family and school life so meaningful. These weeks are unfolding as Ordinary Time.

If we are not careful, we might just live day to day and not even see the mystery of it. Our task is to pause long enough each day and week so we can actually sense God’s activity in our ordinary lives. I invite you to choose a form of prayer that helps you to sense the sacred in the ordinary. Some things to share with your children are bedtime prayer, grace before meals, praying the rosary and attending mass together. One tradition that I find helpful is to pray one *Our Father* to remind us we are all God’s family, pray one *Hail Mary* to remind us the Saints are always waiting to pray for us and pray one *Glory Be* to remind us that God is with us through all time.

God blesses us all the time, these prayers help us to notice. Have a glorious June and an even better summer everyone.

* <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?id=10842#Ord>

Classroom Organization

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the summer, staff at the Catholic Education Centre and in our schools will begin the work of organizing classrooms for September. As parents/guardians, it is important that you understand and support the role of the principal and Board staff as it relates to classroom organization in your school.

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Education regulates the number of students in classrooms. In elementary schools, class-size caps are set by provincial directive for individual grades; and for a system-wide average that must be maintained across the entire school board. Therefore, the number of classrooms, grades associated with each classroom and the number of students in each classroom in your school must always be viewed from a Board perspective, not just at the school level. It is also important to note that provincial funding is tied to compliance with this regulation. In other words, if we don’t meet the Ministry requirements there is a financial penalty which will affect the support provided to our students.

The result of this directive is that combined grades are common in all schools across the province as a means of ensuring that boards are compliant with the provincial regulation. A common perception among parents is that combined grades are detrimental to learning; or, that they are a reflection of students’ abilities – that is, in a Grade 2-3 split, the Grade 2s are above average learners and the Grade 3s are below average. The fact is all classrooms include students with a range of skills and abilities. Combined classes are neither better nor worse than single-grade classes. They are simply one of the many ways schools meet students’ academic and social development needs.

Further, a great deal of time and effort goes into decisions at all of our schools, as our staff strives to create a classroom environment that supports the needs of all of all students. These decisions are ultimately made by the principal, in consultation with Board administration and student support staff.

Changes in classroom organization that are created when students move in or out of the school boundary, or by changing student needs from June to the first weeks in September, can create a domino effect that could result in changes to classrooms, which can sometimes impact every grade in the school. Even changes at another school can affect the classroom organization at your school.

It is the Board’s goal to make every effort to accommodate these changes with as little disruption as possible. Students changing classrooms are always given a warm welcome by their new teacher and their new classmates.

Thank you again, for understanding and supporting the efforts of your principal and the school staff, in this important matter. It is our commitment to you that, although we must always strive to meet this provincial regulation, we will do so at all times having regard for the best interests of our students and our staff. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Deb Crawford

Director of Education

Ensure You Are Registered as a Separate School Supporter For the October Municipal and School Board Elections

Ontario's municipal and school board elections take place on October 22, 2018. If you are a resident, owner or tenant of property in Ontario, a Canadian citizen and 18 years of age you can vote in Ontario's municipal and school board elections.

It is the responsibility of every elector to make sure his or her information is up-to-date. By logging onto voterlookup.ca eligible electors can:

- Confirm or update your electoral information;
- Add an elector name to an address;
- Change school support.

You must be registered as an English Separate School Supporter in order to vote for trustees of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board. Ensuring you are registered as an English Separate School Supporter also signals your support for Catholic education in Ontario.

Visit <https://www.voterlookup.ca/home.aspx>

