

St. Peter Canisius Catholic School March 2020 Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that March has arrived ... this year has flown by. This month will hopefully bring us more signs of spring as we journey through Lent.

We will focus on the season of Lent during our Religion classes and through special events and liturgies that will take place at the school. During Lent, we prepare for Easter. This is a time of prayer, restraint and questioning of what is really important in our lives. We will encourage our children to think about how they might want to live Lent ... this might include giving up some things that they like to help them appreciate their blessings or it could include extra acts of kindness and compassion during the season of Lent.

March Break will take place from March 16 until March 20. Please note that there will be no school during that time. We hope that you enjoy the break with your children.

As always, I thank you for your support. Please feel free to call at any time if you have questions or concerns.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable March Break.



MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH

Lent is the season that gives us an opportunity to prepare ourselves for the resurrection of Christ and ultimately us. During Lent, we have the opportunity to follow the example of Jesus, and enter the desert with Him. The journey in the desert is not an easy one. It will involve hardships, and some of these hardships will be letting go of things of this world to free ourselves for the next. Let the Holy Spirit that dwells within you be your guide for the next 40 days.

Your Pastoral Team



VIRTUE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who were selected by their teachers as having demonstrated the virtue of **LOVE** during the month of February.

Love:

**Scarlett M. Austin VDO. Mercedes H.
Sarah A. Brynnley LM. Ava S. Isabella R.
Mikayla V. and Lauren H.**

We also recognize the students that demonstrated this month's Catholic Graduate Expectation of **Caring Family Member:**

**Quinn T. Hutch V. Trevor M. Russell T.
Donovan T. Cooper A. Zach M. Landyn I. and
Ben M.**



ASH WEDNESDAY

On February 26, we participated in a school Mass to celebrate Ash Wednesday. Special thanks to Mr. Sottosanti's class for leading us in prayer. We encourage our students to pray more, to give to those in need, and to give up the things that are not good for us during the season of Lent.



FIRST COMMUNION

Grade 2 students will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on May 3 at 2:00 pm. We are preparing for the Sacrament during our Religion classes with special lessons from Father Mark. This will be a special Mass for our Grade 2 students.



SKATING DAY

On Thursday, March 12th, St. Peter Canisius students in Grade 1 to 8 will enjoy a skating day at the arena. Students in Grade 1 to 4 will skate from 11:00 to 12:00. A student/teacher hockey game will take place between 12:00 and 1:00. Students in Grade 5 - 8 will skate from 1:00 to 2:00.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to our Grade 2 students who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on March 28 at 10:00 am. Details to follow.

TIME CHANGE



Sunday, March 8th begins Daylight Saving Time @ 2 a.m. "Spring" clocks 1 hour ahead.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

May the luck of the Irish be with you! Happy St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday, March 17.

ELMIRA MEAT SALE



We are currently involved with our second meat sale of the year. Order forms were distributed on Feb. 24 and are due in the office on March 9. Special thanks to Mrs. Irwin for organizing the event for us. Monies raised will help to support the Muskoka trip for our Grade 7 students and the remaining funds will go to our playground fund. The meat orders will be available for pick-up on March 25 between 2:30 and 4:30 pm. Thanks very much for your support.

VALENTINE GALA

We are extending a huge thank you to our Playground committee and Parent Council for an extremely successful Valentine Gala Event. We thank everyone who was involved in the organization of the event, especially Louise Rombouts and Jessica Sanders. Thanks also to everyone who donated to the playground fund. We truly appreciate your generosity and kindness. We are making plans to move forward with Stage I of the playground in the very near future.



BASKETBALL

The Senior students have completed this year's basketball season. Congratulations on a fine effort from all of our team members. Special thanks to Mr. Ross, Mr. Sottosanti and Mr. Symeonakis who coached the boys' team and to Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Lush, and Mrs. Estoesta for supporting the girls' team. This was truly a team effort in every way. We also thank Mr. Steve Minten who dedicated so many hours to working with our boys at practices. We truly appreciate your dedication to our students. Special thanks, also, to all of our drivers for both teams. We couldn't have done it without you.



KINDERSTART

Thank you to all who registered their children for the 2020/21 school year and those who were able to attend our Kinderstart event on February 25th. It was a fun and informative day for all. We are very excited to welcome our new JK students to the St. Peter Canisius School Community!

If you know of any people in the community who are planning to register their child for school and have not yet done so, please invite them to call the school for information about registration.



BUS CANCELLATION

Please remember that if the busses in Zone I (Clock, Lion and Sun) or Zone 4 (Fox) are cancelled due to severe winter weather conditions, St. Peter Canisius School is still open.

If buses in Zone I are cancelled, the Zone 4 bus will also not run because it cannot pass through a closed zone. If only Zone 4 is cancelled, Zone I buses will still run. Information regarding bussing is announced on the local radio stations as well as on the website: schoolbusinfo.com.





March Dates to Remember

March 9	Elmira chicken orders due
March 10	Confessions (Gr. 3 – 8)
March 11	Pizza Day
March 12	School skating
March 13	Spirit day – Inside out & backwards day
March 13	Sub day
March 13	Movie day – popcorn will be sold
March 16 – 20	March Break
March 25	Elmira chicken delivery
March 28	First Reconciliation 10:00 am OLHC Church
March 31	School Mass



Kindergarten Registration for Classes Beginning September 2020

If you missed our kinderSTART event ... don't worry! You still have plenty of time to register. Parents and guardians can now submit the Kindergarten registration form directly online!

It's another option for you – choose the option that best suits you!

- Visit the Board website at <https://kreg.sccdsb.net/> to complete then submit the registration form online. You will be contacted by the school to confirm your registration.
- Or, you can download and print the registration form, fill it out and bring it to the school.
- Or, make an appointment or drop by the school and pick up a registration package.

We look forward to welcoming your child to Kindergarten next September!

When is my child too sick for school?



Send me to school if...

- I have a runny nose or a mild cough, but no other symptoms and can participate in school activities.
- No fever is present for 24 hours and no medication taken to reduce symptoms during those 24 hours.
- No throwing up or diarrhea for 24 hours and no medication taken to reduce symptoms during those 24 hours.



Keep me at home if I have...

- A temperature higher than 37.7° C (99.9. ° F)
- Been throwing up or had diarrhea in the last 24 hours.
- Painful red eyes with discharge that keeps coming back during the day.
- Body aches, headaches and feel fatigued.
- A sore throat with a fever.
- A harsh cough and don't feel able to participate in school activities.
- An undiagnosed rash.



Follow up with my Health-Care Provider if I have...

- A fever for more than 2 days.
- A sore throat and fever for several days.
- Been throwing up or had diarrhea for more than two days.
- A cough for more than a week and it isn't getting better.
- A fever and now have a rash.
- Any urgent medical concerns.

For more information contact our infectious disease prevention and control team at 519-383-8331 or 1-800-667-1839. Resource adapted and revised with permission from Chatham-Kent Public Health.



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PREPARE YOURSELVES!

Follow our Solidarity Calendar on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)! Visit: devp.org/lentcalendar for more info.

Place our Solidarity Jar sticker on a recycled container and use it to collect money during Lent, which you can then donate to Development and Peace!

When you see these icons:



go to devp.org/lentcalendar

Teachers, each Friday, explain the weekend actions so your students know what to do at home!

Solidarity Calendar

February 26

Ash Wednesday
Let's honour our loving Creator God and care for our common home.



February 27

Watch our animated video *For our Common Home*. What can you do to care for the Earth and its peoples?



February 28

Do you buy things you don't need? Learn the difference between needs and wants so you can be a smart consumer! Explore this theme through our fun group activity!



February 29

Can you reduce your use of disposable packaging (even recyclables)? **Donate 25¢** for every item in your recycling bin.



March 1

1st Sunday of Lent
Lord Jesus, be with us in our commitment to care for our common home and all its inhabitants.



March 2

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is central to our faith and the work of Development and Peace. Each Monday, discover a CST principle and learn how it helps build the Kingdom of God.



March 3

Sign our **intergenerational pledge** for our common home! Let's all commit to living more simply.



March 4

Indigenous and traditional peoples in the Amazon are threatened for protecting their land and water. Let us pray for them.



March 5

Elementary school students are speaking up for the planet. Find out what they have to say!



March 6

The Amazon is home to 1/3 of the Earth's forests. How can we better protect our forests and their guardians?



March 7

It's baking time!
With family and friends, make muffins and sell them in support of Development and Peace! Thank you!



March 8

International Women's Day
2nd Sunday of Lent
Lord Jesus, let us pray for the women who courageously defend the land, water and people. Learn about Berta Cáceres or Sr. Dorothy Stang.



March 9

Preferential Option for the Poor
This means that we must prioritize those most in need of our solidarity.



March 10

Let's reduce food waste! Buy ugly fruits and vegetables. They are just as tasty! **Donate \$1** to your Solidarity Jar for your good deed!



March 11

"In 50 years, will we be able to breathe money, drink oil and eat gold?" This is what Yesica Patiachi, member of the Harakbut Indigenous community in Peru, is asking companies using the Amazon for profit. **Pray for ecological justice all over the world.**



March 12

Indigenous peoples believe that: **Mother Earth must be respected.** Learn more about the Harakbut's relationship with nature and their vision of the world.



March 13

Can you say: **nākatēyimātān kikāwīnaw askkī**? This means, "Let us take care of our Mother Earth" in Cree. What do you know about **Indigenous communities in Canada?**



March 14

The Amazon spreads over 9 countries. Development and Peace works in 6 of them. Visit our website to find out which ones and **give 50¢** for each country.



March 15

3rd Sunday of Lent
Lord Jesus, help the whole human family care for our planet Earth, so that we may sow beauty rather than pollution and destruction.



March 16

Human dignity
As God's children, we are all made in His image. This means we have an inherent dignity that must be respected no matter where we come from or how much money we have.



March 17

Simple changes can help reduce pollution and slow global warming. During Lent, avoid single-use plastics and buy in bulk. **Give 25¢** for every reusable bag your family owns.



March 18

The Indigenous Mura people in the Brazilian Amazon live by fishing, hunting and gathering. Their sustainable way of life is threatened by a Canadian-financed mine. Pray for them and their future.



March 19

The Muras are also threatened by cattle ranching. The buffalos are destroying their crops and polluting their waterways. Watch their testimonial.



March 20

The Muras were not asked when a company made plans to mine on their territory. How would you feel if this happened to you and your home?



March 21

Give \$2 to support Development and Peace partners, such as REPAM and CIMI, who are helping poor communities have their rights respected.



March 22

World Water Day
4th Sunday of Lent
Lord Jesus, may your light offer strength to the Indigenous and traditional peoples of the Amazon. Please protect their drinking water from contamination by companies.



March 23

Solidarity
Loving our neighbour has global dimensions. We are 'all in this together' and as such, we are all part of a human family that is interconnected. Development and Peace stands with our partners as equals.



March 24

In many countries, mining companies dump toxic chemicals into the water, which contaminates the soil where people grow their food. Some of the metals mined are in our electronic devices. For each one in your house, **give 50¢**.



March 25

The *seringueiros* are artisanal rubber tappers in Brazil who have lived in harmony with nature for decades. Their rubber trees are now being cut down by logging companies. Pray that their sustainable way of life is preserved.



March 26

The *seringueiros* are defending their land against illegal logging. Watch their message.



March 27

Climate change affects us all, but it is the poorest communities who suffer the most. We must buy less and use what we have. How can you live more simply?



March 28

In many countries, poor people have their land taken away. Our partner CPT in Brazil is helping them claim their right to have access to land. **Donate \$2** to show your support.



March 29

Solidarity Sunday
Bring your jar of donations to mass today for the Solidarity Sunday collection or give online at devp.org/give. THANK YOU!



March 30

Rights and Responsibilities
Each person has the right to access what they need to thrive, like water, food and shelter. We also have the responsibility to ensure those rights. And don't forget the rights of the Earth!



March 31

Would you like to grow your own tomatoes, eggplants or peppers this summer? Now would be the time to start your indoor seeding!



April 1

Everyone has the right to a dignified life. It is our responsibility to respect our neighbours and our common home. Pray that we may all live in dignity, peace and security.



April 2

Secondary school students are speaking up for the planet. Find out what they have to say!



April 3

Ask yourself, and those around you: **How are struggles of Indigenous peoples in the Amazon similar to those faced by Indigenous people here in Canada?**



April 4

Do you have enough toys? For your next birthday, ask for donations to Development and Peace to help our sisters and brothers in need in the Global South.

April 5

Palm Sunday
Lord Jesus, give us the courage to be advocates for those who suffer unjust situations.

April 6

Care for Creation
The Earth is sacred. We have a responsibility to protect and cherish its ecological diversity, beauty and life-sustaining properties. Together, we must hold it in trust for future generations.



April 7

Be inspired in your ecological conversion! Join our **Facebook group** *For our Common Home* for tips on how to live simply and in harmony with nature.

April 8

Our world is interconnected. The pollution from industrialized countries like Canada impacts people in the Global South. **Convert our hearts, O Lord, that we may consume less.**



April 9

Holy Thursday
Did you know that Pope Francis wrote a letter about our common home? Learn more on his encyclical *Laudato Si'* by watching this animated video.



April 10

Good Friday
Pope Francis is asking us to listen to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. As we walk with Christ to Calvary today, let's reflect on how those cries are interconnected.



April 11

Holy Saturday
Let us pray: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven." Ask your parents if they'd like to become monthly Development and Peace donors to help build God's kingdom of justice and peace on Earth. devp.org/shareyearround



April 12
Happy Easter!
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Lord Jesus, as we celebrate your rising, may we be a joyful Easter People, who help you usher in a kingdom where all may live the abundance of life.

Thank you for your solidarity!



Meet Susan Mariela

14 years old

"Hi! My name is Susan Mariela and I'm from Puerto Luz, Peru, which is in the Amazon. I speak the Harakbut language and am happy to come from an Indigenous community. I like how different we are. The Amazon, for me, is important. It's where I come from and where I feel at home. I'm always surrounded by animals and fruit trees, and I'm constantly learning new things.

I can see that contamination is increasing and logging is becoming excessive. Oil extraction is also polluting our rivers. I think people don't realize they are hurting others with their actions. There are Indigenous people who go out and fish but find the waterways polluted. They can't find drinking water or places to wash.

I want us to protect nature. My community and I are asking that we all take care of the forest. Please spread the word and let others know about us. We Indigenous peoples need to ensure that our way of life will not be destroyed and our people will not become extinct."

In Peru, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is working with the Amazon Center of Anthropology and Practical Application (CAAAP) to protect the Amazon rainforest and the rights of its Indigenous communities.



See what Susan Mariela and her peers at the Santa Cruz school in Puerto Maldonado, Peru, have to say about the Amazon and our common home.

Let's play!

1. What are the threats to the Amazon? Circle all correct answers:

A. Cattle ranching



B. Industrial agriculture



C. Logging and deforestation



D. Mining



E. Hydroelectric dams



2. How can we live more simply? Colour in **red** what you and your family can do less or use less. Colour in **green** what you can try to do more often.

A Ride a bike



B Take your car everywhere



C Ride the bus



D Take a plane



E Eat lots of meat



F Eat local fruits and vegetables



G Take quick showers (and don't overfill your bath)



H Recycle your well-rinsed containers



I Update electronics as soon as you can



J Reuse - Repair



K Buy many things (more than you need)



L Waste leftover food



Draw your solidarity



As part of the *For our Common Home* campaign, we are asking Canadians to stand in solidarity with the Murs and the *seringueiros* of Brazil. **You are invited to sign our Solidarity Letter at devp.org/act, or draw your own message of solidarity.**

Scan or take a picture of your drawing and send it to: action@devp.org by April 30, 2020.

The drawings will be published in a Flickr photo album and then given to the communities in **July 2020** by a Development and Peace youth delegation.

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Solidarity Calendar

For our
**COMMON
HOME**

The Earth is full of beauty and wonder and of one of its natural wonders is the Amazon rainforest.

The Amazon is the largest tropical rainforest, spanning nine countries in South America. It is home to half of all living plants and animals on the planet, and to more than 30 million people, of whom three million are Indigenous. The Amazon also helps to cool the planet and plays an important role in limiting climate change.

Yet, the Amazon and its people are under threat. Big companies want its natural resources because they can sell them or use them to make other products. They are building highways and railroads, cutting down trees and polluting the waterways. Indigenous and traditional peoples are trying to protect the Amazon, which is important for all of us, but they are facing intimidation, persecution and violence.

This Lenten season, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada invites you to stand in solidarity with the guardians of the Amazon, as we care for our common home.

Let's put our love for the world and our love for our neighbours into action by living in harmony and caring for nature.

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Lent calls us to three actions:
praying, fasting, and almsgiving.



Praying

We pray to grow closer to God – the source of our strength and the inspiration for how we live in the world.



Fasting

We fast from things that distract us from God, or make a sacrifice to give up things we enjoy.



Almsgiving

We give alms because we are inspired by God's love for every part of His creation. We respond with charity – helping others in their need – and with justice – bringing transformation into systems, policies, and ourselves. We do this in participation with God, to build His kingdom on Earth.



**Journey down the Amazon River
with our Solidarity Calendar
to learn, think, pray and act
throughout the period of Lent!**