



# St. Philip Catholic School

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**ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
*Lighting the Way ~ Rejoicing in Our Journey*

<http://www.st-clair.net>



<http://www.st-clair.net/spp>



**Date:** May 2017

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### St. Clair Catholic School Board Mission Statement:

Walking together in Christ's light with parish and family, we are called to build an inclusive Catholic learning community and to serve as partners in the formation of life-long learners by:

- \* living our faith
- \* promoting educational achievement and innovation
- \* fostering stewardship, leadership and social justice

### Transportation



In case of inclement weather, we are in **ZONE 4**. Please listen to your local radio station for information on bus cancellations. Information is also available at [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com)

### Peanut Alert



Effective **January 5<sup>th</sup> 2009**, St. Philip Catholic School implemented a "Nut Free Policy".

### School Hours

9:05 a.m. - School Starts  
10:45-11:00 a.m. - Recess  
11:50-12:45 p.m. - Lunch  
2:25-2:40 p.m. - Recess  
3:30 p.m. - Bus Dismissal  
3:32 p.m. - Walkers dismiss

### Dismissal Concerns

I want to remind parents how ***important*** it is that their children know when they leave home in the morning where they are to go at the end of each school day. We are getting calls toward the end of the day informing us of changes in plans. Lately we have been getting more such calls than usual and we have accommodated them.

While we understand that there will be times when plans have to change at the last minute, we need you to understand that there is a point at which this becomes a school safety issue. Institutions run best when planning is a priority to everyone and that what can be made routine is made routine. It is best for your children and best for the running of the school. I thank you for your attention to this matter.

### May Crowning

The May Crowning will take place on Wednesday May 3 @ 9:15 for Gr.1-3/4 and @ 1:30 for Gr 4/5-8



St. Philip School Lenten Mission projects, which included money in the Wishing Well and the Lenten Garage Sale, raised a total of \$500.00. Our School Council as well as the Staff each donated \$150.00. A total of \$800.00 was presented to Mr. Strydonck for our local food bank along with a \$50 Grocery card and two boxes of food. Congratulations St. Philip School Community on a job well done.

### Newsletter by email

All newsletters are processed through telecommunications through our Twitter feed @StPhilipCS, Mr. Renaud's Remind app, through the web site [www.st-clair.net/spp](http://www.st-clair.net/spp), and e-mail. Please contact Mrs. Barnes at [heather.barnes@st-clair.net](mailto:heather.barnes@st-clair.net) and let her know your address or your cell # so your name can be added to the distribution list and your newsletter will be sent directly to you. It is our hope that many of our families will use this opportunity in the interest of saving paper and to ensure you receive our monthly newsletter. Most attachments (that cannot be directly added to the newsletter itself), will continue to be sent home with the youngest and only children in each family.

### Remind 101

Remind 101 is a piece of software Mr. Renaud is using to send school related messages which include emergency school closing, lockdowns, etc. Remind is a one-way text messaging and email system. With Remind, all personal information remains confidential. Messages are sent via an anonymous phone number and can only be received.

To receive messages via text, text @**2cf3d** to **226-270-0697**.

Messages may also be received via email. To register please send an email to [2cf3d@mail.remind.com](mailto:2cf3d@mail.remind.com)

For further information, please visit [www.remind101.com](http://www.remind101.com) Once you have registered you would be informed as soon as possible of any emergency arising at school.





## Reminder



Geranium Orders will be ready for pick up on **Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup>** in the gym. Orders will be ready for pick up at **2:00 pm** and the school will be open until 4:00 pm. Due to the fragile nature of the flowers, we cannot send them home on the bus.

Thanks for your support in another successful fundraiser!



## Spiritual Scene



### Celebration of the Eucharist

Crowning of Mary Celebration  
Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017  
@ 9:15 am K -3/4, and @  
1:30pm 4/5-8  
*In the gym.*

## Annual EQAO Testing – Grades 3 and 6

Testing will be all morning sessions on: May Wed 24, Thurs 25, Fri 26, Tues 30 and Wed 31, Thurs June 1. Our students in grade three and six will be participating in the provincial assessments in Mathematics, Reading and Writing from the Education Quality and Accountability Office.

Here are some suggestions to support your child's learning at home in preparation for the EQAO Language (reading and writing) section of the assessment:

- **The assessment includes a number of different question types - multiple choice, short answer as well as open response.** The reading and writing assessments measure whether students understand what they read in different kinds of texts and how they express their thoughts in a number of forms of writing.
- **Research has shown that attitudes regarding assessments impact results.** Let your child know that each question on the assessment is based on the learning expectations in The Ontario Curriculum, which is what students are learning in classrooms every day. There is no need to be nervous. Help them realize that it is a positive opportunity to share and celebrate her/his learning and academic growth!
- **EQAO provides information for parents.** These are found at [www.EQAO.com](http://www.EQAO.com). Parent Resources are at the top of the page. There are a number of items (brochures, infographics, previous assessments) you may access on this web page that may assist you and your child when discussing EQAO.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Renaud, school principal.

## CANADA'S ANTI-SPAM LEGISLATION: CONSENT TO RECEIVE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

A reminder to all parents in our school community that we will require **your email address and consent** to communicate electronically with you. Please visit the following web site in order provide your consent.

<http://www.st-clair.net/canadian-anti-spam-legislation.aspx>

**If we do not receive consent – all school correspondence will be sent through Twitter, Remind or posted on our website.**

## St. Philip School Yearbook

The St. Philip School yearbook is under construction. Students and staff have been working with Life Touch Photography had putting it together. This year's version once again will be a 24 page black and white laminate composite with a colour cover. Samples for viewing and order forms will be available in the show case. The cost of the yearbook will be \$20.00. The deadline for ordering is **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Orders will be taken through school cash online.

## *Volunteers*

Throughout the school year many of our parents volunteer their assistance in many different ways to benefit the children and staff of St. Philip Catholic School community.

Thank you all for:

- Your work on School Council;
- Driving to sporting events;
- Organizing and working fundraisers;
- Assisting staff with special curriculum events in classrooms;
- Chaperoning class excursions;

And supporting your children's educational endeavors each and every day of the school year!



## Parent Council Meeting

Next parent council meeting is Monday June 5 at 6:30pm



## *Fruits of the Spirit*



Every month, students from each class are recognized for living out a specific Catholic value.

**In April we have been focusing on Peace.**

This month's recipients were:

Miss. Sloan & Mrs. Edgar – Bryson B, Jayden J, Brayer V, Josh L

Miss. Wall – Noah G

Mrs. Trottier – Natalia B, Dylan V

Miss. Boyle – Tyce V, Halle W

Mrs. Padovan – Brooklyn B, Lucas D, Elle M, Laura P

Mr. Babcock – Brayden K, Adam V

Mr. Vandenberg – Owen S, Tori V

Mr. Cardy – Jordan C

**In May we will be focusing on Modesty.**



## **Mother's Day Prayer**

May the blessing of the Divine  
Be an especially bright benediction  
Upon mothers everywhere  
On your blessed day -  
On Mother's Day!

## **Release of Student's Name and Photograph**

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), signed parental consent is required for the release of students' names and photographs. The signed consent permits the Board to release names and allow media photographs at school-related events; and to use student photos on Board websites, in accordance with Board policy, and in Board publications, including school yearbooks. Once obtained, consent remains in effect for the student's entire school career.

If however at any time for any reason parents/guardians wish to revoke the consent, they are asked to please contact the school office.

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*Ontario Bishops want your thoughts  
on Catholic Education in Ontario!*

They want to know how you would answer these questions:

- What are ways that Catholic education in Ontario supports students to be living witnesses to their faith in Jesus Christ?
- What are current challenges facing Catholic education in Ontario?
- What are opportunities for Catholic education in Ontario that will help shape a positive future?

*Join the Conversation!*

**SIGN UP:** <http://signup.thotex.com/iceont/Pyv>

**SHARE:** Before May 19<sup>th</sup> – reply to an email and answer the questions above

**STAR:** May 2017 – Receive an email invite to see other responses and STAR your favourite responses

**DISCOVER:** Fall 2017 – Receive an email report explaining trends across Ontario

### Catholic Education Symposium - November 2017

*Renewing the Promise: Exploring the Critical Role of  
Catholic Education in Contemporary Society*

The symposium agenda will emerge from the feedback you provide.





