



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Lighting the Way ~ Rejoicing in Our Journey

MEDIA RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, May 2, 2014

Catholic Education Centre
420 Creek Street
Wallaceburg, ON N8A 4C4
Telephone: 519-627-6762
Facsimile: 519-627-8230
Website: www.st-clair.net

*For further information regarding
this release, please contact:*

Director of Education
Dan Parr
519-627-6762, ext. 241
E-mail: media@st-clair.net

Chair of the Board
Carol Bryden
519-627-8976

**Supervisor –
Communications and
Community Relations**
Todd Lozon
519-627-6762 Ext. 243
E-mail:
todd.lozon@st-clair.net

LIVE LIKE JESUS: SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST IS THE THEME FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2014

During the week of May 4th to 9th, the St. Clair Catholic District School Board and its schools will celebrate the gift of Catholic education and its significant contribution to our communities, our province and our country.

The theme this year is *Live Like Jesus: Serving in the Love of Christ*.

“Each year, Catholic Education Week is an opportunity to reflect on the tremendous role that Catholic education plays in the life of our communities,” says Dan Parr, Director of Education. “Our Catholic Graduate Expectations challenge our students, through the fundamental values that underpin Catholic education, to become life-long learners, who are caring family members and responsible citizens.”

“Our Catholic schools are places of growth,” says Carol Bryden, Chair of the Board. “Kindergarten students grow to become teenagers; grade nine students grow into young adults. Along with physical growth, our students are also nurtured in their life of faith, helping them to grow closer to God. Through prayer and knowledge; and through living in a vibrant Catholic community, our students learn the importance of serving Christ through serving others.”

Special activities are planned at each of our schools to mark Catholic Education Week. Some activities celebrate our faith; some focus on learning excellence through literacy and numeracy events and celebrations of the arts; and others demonstrate our commitment to service through acts of charity. Attached to this email, please find a list of just some of the events that have been planned in our schools.

Please contact the school principal to arrange a visit.



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

Catholic Education Week 2014

“Live Like Jesus: Serving in the Love of Christ”

List of School Activities for May 4th to 9th

<i>School</i>	<i>School Principal</i>	<i>Activity</i>
Christ The King Catholic School	Shirley Churchill 519-627-6745	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring Concert – each class will perform a musical number – Monday May 5th at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6th – Serving the Lord by taking care of the environment! Our students will be participating in a spring cleaning of the school yard, and planting flowers. Throughout the week students will be building a cross and talking about ways in which they can serve Christ at home, at school and in the community.
Georges P. Vanier Catholic School	Kerry Matthyssen 519-354-6550	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our school community will come together for a prayer service in the gym. Students will celebrate their cultural background by dressing up and having a nacho lunch day to celebrate Cinco de Mayo Day – May 5th at 8:30 a.m.
Good Shepherd Catholic School	Phil Bedard 519-692-3644	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music Monday! Join us in the Good Shepherd gym as we celebrate Catholic Education Week and Music Monday. All classes will perform <i>Is Somebody Singing</i>. Our Good Shepherd choir and band will also be featured and students will add instrumental accompaniment. Each class will be featured performing a vocal and/or instrumental work – Monday, May 5th at 1:00 p.m.
Holy Family Catholic School	Gloria Grieve 519-627-6003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called to Serve Prayer Service in the gym – Tuesday, May 6th at 1:30 p.m. Called to Serve Hat Day for Wallaceburg Food Bank – students will be bringing in a donation or a non-perishable food item to be donated to the local food bank – Wednesday, May 7th.
Holy Rosary Catholic School	Bill Nelson 519-845-3471	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Track and Field – May 9th
Holy Trinity Catholic School	Scott Johnson 519-344-2110	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jane Yolen, author of <i>Owl Moon</i> visits the Grade 2 classes via Skype. May 5th at 10:00 a.m. School Mass led by Ms. Campagna’s Grade 2/3 class. May 7th at 9:30 a.m. at St. Benedict Catholic Church.

Monsignor Uyen Catholic School	Renee Culverwell 519-352-1880	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Freeze Out Bullying Through Freestyle Soccer,” a one hour interactive performance with the key message of <i>Stand Up and Take Control!</i> Presentation is on May 5th at 11:40 a.m. • Primary Music Concert in the gym for parents and grandparents, May 8th at 11:40 a.m. • VIP Program (values, influences and peers) – over the past six weeks, Grade 5 students have participated in this program with Constable Tim Wolting of the Chatham-Kent Police Service. Graduation will be on Friday, May 9th at 2:15 p.m. Parents and guardians are invited to attend. • Each day, we will have special prayers connected to the Catholic Education Week theme – <i>Live Like Jesus: Serving in the Love of Christ.</i>
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School	Tom Baker 519-351-4040	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Freeze Out Bullying Through Freestyle Soccer.” A presentation that focuses on character building and promoting healthy choices led by some of the world’s top professional soccer freestyle tricksters! Monday, May 5th at 9:30 a.m. • Prayer Service – Serving in the Love of Christ. Monday, May 5th at 11:40 a.m., followed by our Music Monday performance. • CK Public Health presentations – activities that promote good mental health, including building good coping/life skills on Tuesday, May 6th; “Sugar Sweetened Beverages and Your Health!” with demonstrations on creating healthy smoothies on Wednesday, May 7th; and what young people need to know about tobacco products, including e-cigarettes on May 9th.
Sacred Heart Catholic School – Port Lambton	Christine Lambert 519-677-5391	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All week, students will be working on a collaborative art piece, which supports the theme <i>Called to Serve</i>. Students will contribute ideas of how they can care for God’s earth. The art piece will be displayed in the school.
Sacred Heart Catholic School – Sarnia	Anita Cairns 519-344-1601	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toonies for Theresa – Theresa Carriere will speak to students about ONERUN, which she organized after battling breast cancer in 2007. Theresa is an accomplished athlete, who now devotes much of her time to raising money to support cancer patient care. She will speak to our Grade 1 to 8 students on May 7th at 10:40 a.m. •
St. Anne Catholic School – Blenheim	Americo Todino 519-676-7352	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JK/SK French Immersion classes are hosting a Mother’s Day Tea on Tuesday and Wednesday at lunch. • Grade 1 class kicks off Jump Rope for Heart on Monday. We will also have a Healthy Heart demonstration for our Grade 1 to 5 classes. • Week long Math Marathon for our French Immersion Grade 2 and 3 classes. • French Immersion Grade 6, 7 and 8 classes are working through <i>Google Sharing</i> with students in five other Ontario schools from Windsor to Stratford to create public service announcements for three coming community events: <i>Retrofest Chatham</i>; <i>Bob Izumi Fishing Derby</i>; and <i>Survivor Fundraiser for the Blenheim Youth Centre</i>. • Our Environment Club is working in our two community gardens at the front of the school.

St. Anne Catholic School – Sarnia	Daniela Mezzatesta 519-542-2710	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pink Day/Tonnie for Theresa Day to support the ONERUN fight against breast cancer. Presentation by inspirational speaker Theresa Carriere. • Neighbourhood cleanup. • Literacy activities focused on stewardship and responsibility.
St. Elizabeth Catholic School	Luana Sfalcin 519-627-6331	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy and Numeracy Night – begins with a family pizza dinner, following which, parents and students will have an opportunity to participate in two rounds of literacy and numeracy activities. At the end of each session, they will receive a literacy/numeracy resource bag with items to help support learning at home – Monday, May 5th at 5:30 p.m.
St. John Fisher Catholic School	Steve DeGurse 519-786-5201	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. John Fisher presents a <i>Showcase of the Arts</i> from 10:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. on Monday, May 5th. A number of guests have been invited into the school to lead workshops for the students. • Mother's Day Social – FDK and the Kindergarten/Grade 1 class will perform a number of skits, songs and choral readings in the gym. Moms and grandmothers are invited. Thursday, May 8th at 1:30 p.m. • Friday, May 9th – School Mass at St. Christopher Church at 9:00 a.m. Our Grade 2 class will lead the celebration.
St. Joseph Catholic School – Chatham	Laura Callaghan 519-354-4642	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display of student work at St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Chair of our School Council will speak at the end of Mass – Sunday, May 4th. • Music Monday – music trivia, entire school will sing <i>Is Somebody Singing</i> on Monday, May 5th. • Evening of the Arts – art show in our gym with every child participating. We will also have a silent auction of collaborative art pieces. Our Glee Club will perform and there will be snacks at our French Café – Tuesday, May 6th. • Every day at 9:00 a.m. – Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word using our Catholic Education Week resources.
St. Joseph Catholic School – Corunna	Brendan Deery 519-862-1479	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing parents to the <i>Prodigy Math Program</i> at our School Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 6th at 6:30 p.m.
St. Joseph Catholic School – Tilbury	Juli Faubert 519-682-2790	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FDK Room invites Moms in to say 'thank you' for all that they do. Students will be singing and reading to their Moms and enjoying a treat together. Friday, May 9th at 12:15 p.m.
St. Matthew Catholic School	Chris Kehoe 519-332-4300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Mass at St. Benedict Catholic Church – Thursday, May 8th at 9:30 a.m. • Track and Field Day – Friday, May 9th at 10:30 a.m.
St. Michael Catholic School – Ridgetown	Adrien Gagnier 519-674-3475	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Monday Celebration! Parents and grandparents are invited to attend our music concert on Monday, May 5th at 1:00 p.m.
St. Peter Canisius Catholic School	Mona McKeown 519-876-3018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special May Crowning and Catholic Education Week Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church on May 7th. Some former students have been invited to come and speak about what Catholic Education means to them. • Our choir, known as thECHOir performs at the Lambton Mall – Friday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m.

St. Philip Catholic School	Mark Renaud 519-882-1520	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion for Grade 2 students on Sunday, May 4th at 11:00 a.m. • Celebrating Numeracy! Classrooms will be working on 3-part math activities on Tuesday, May 6th and Wednesday, May 7th. • Thursday, May 8th – school-wide track meet. • Friday, May 9th – May Crowning Mass at 10:00 a.m. with our Grade 2/3 class. • Former St. Christopher student Dan Edwards, whose inspiring personal story of overcoming some of life's greatest challenges, will speak to our Grade 5 to 8 classes – Friday, May 9th at 1:00 p.m.
St. Vincent Catholic School	Nicole Stevens 519-354-4066	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Freeze Out Bullying Through Freestyle Soccer," a one hour interactive performance with the key message of <i>Stand Up and Take Control!</i> Presentation is on May 5th at 1:45 p.m.
St. Patrick's Catholic High School	Robert Cicchelli 519-332-397	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will participate in the province-wide Catholic Education Week Mass on May 7th at 9:10 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School	Ray Power 519-351-2987	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ursuline Sisters will visit along with guest speakers to talk to students about Catholic vocations. • UCC will join with schools and parishes across the province for the province-wide Catholic Education Week Mass – Wednesday, May 7th at 1:00 p.m. • Morning prayer in the Chapel. Monday to Friday at 8:15 a.m.