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Lighting the Way – Rejoicing in Our Journey

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION: ‘RENEWING THE PROMISE’ IS THE THEME FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2018

The theme Catholic Education Week 2018, which will be celebrated from May 6 to 11, is *Renewing the Promise*. The St. Clair Catholic District School Board will join with other Catholic school boards across the province to celebrate the significant contribution that Catholic education has made in our communities, the province and to Canada.

The 2018 theme speaks to the unique mission of Catholic education in Ontario, the importance of its shared leadership by all those involved in Catholic education – the home, school and parish.

There are five sub-themes, which will help staff and students to reflect more fully on what *Renewing the Promise* means to them:

- Day 1 – *Remembering the Promise*
- Day 2 – *The Promise is With You*
- Day 3 – *Praying the Promise*
- Day 4 – *Living the Promise*
- Day 5 – *Proclaiming the Promise*

“This special observance is an opportunity each year to pause and reflect on the importance of Catholic education in our schools and our communities,” says Deb Crawford, Director of Education. “Through the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations, our students become faith-filled life-long learners, caring family members and responsible citizens, who give back to the communities in which we live.”

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, technology 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 a few of the events that have been planned in some of our schools.

Please contact the school principal to arrange a visit.

For more information about Catholic Education Week at St. Clair Catholic, please visit our Board website at www.st-clair.net



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Catholic Education Week 2018

“Renewing the Promise”

List of School Activities for May 6th to 11th

<i>School</i>	<i>School Principal</i>	<i>Activity</i>
Georges P. Vanier Catholic School	Americo Todino 519-354-6550	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 7 – Morning – Classes from Grade 4-5 to 8 will be working on STEM activities, supported by a STEM Camp leader. May 7 – Afternoon – Arts Assembly – Music Monday Songs, Performances by the ‘Georgies’ and the Grade 7 Muskoka Dancers. May 10 – Afternoon – School-wide coding activities, led by Grade 8 leaders.
Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School	Liz Bujaki 519-542-8190	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 10 and 11 – Student Art Exhibition. May 11 – 1:00 p.m. – Talent Show featuring students in Grade 4 and 5. Acts will showcase the artistic and physical abilities of our students. May 10 and 11 – Scholastic Book Fair, which will provide families the opportunity to check out new releases of favourite authors and discover new book series.
Holy Family Catholic School	Phil Bedard 519-627-6003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 7 – 12:30 p.m. – Catholic Education Week Prayer Service.
Holy Rosary Catholic School	Margaret DeGurse 519-845-3471	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 9 – 2:35 p.m. – Genius Hour Projects – The Grade 5-6 class will present their projects to the staff and students in the school gym. This work demonstrates deep connections to real world learning. Families are invited to view the projects after school from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Holy Trinity Catholic School	Steve DeGurse 519-344-2110	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 10 – 1:00 p.m. – Holy Trinity hosts the play <i>Hoodie</i>.
Monsignor Uyen Catholic School	Juli Faubert 519-352-1880	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 8 – Students will participate in a Read-a-thon in the afternoon.
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School	Kelly Van Boxtel 519-351-4040	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 9 – 11:10 a.m. – Paralympic Sledge Hockey athlete Derek Whitson will speak about his experiences growing up and the importance of hard work in pursuing his dream as a Paralympic athlete. He will also speak about his experiences at several Paralympic games.
St. Agnes Catholic School – Chatham	Mark Bernard 519-354-0530	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 11 – Retired teacher and local author Veronica Lloyd will visit to read and speak with students.

St. Anne Catholic School – Blenheim	Stacy Shepley 519-676-7352	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 7 – Wellness Day. Student Wellness Team leaders will educate students about the importance of physical and mental wellbeing. • May 8 – Author Ronni Lloyd will visit and read her books to students in each division throughout the day. • May 9 – 9:30 a.m. – Living Rosary led by Mrs. Stepniak's Grade 5-6 class. • May 11 – Motivational speaker and singer Sara Westbrook visits – 11:10 a.m. K to Grades 2/3 – 1pm Grades 3-8.
St. Anne Catholic School – Sarnia	Daniela Mezzatesta 519-542-2710	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 7 and 8 – 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Scholastic Book Fair. • May 10 – School Track and Field Day will be held in the morning. • May 11 – Celebration of the Spoken Word – 9:30 a.m. for Grades 1-4; 10:40 a.m. for Grades 5-8.
St. John Fisher Catholic School	Luana Sfalcin 519-786-5201	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 7 – 9:00 a.m. – Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word, led by our Student Wellness Team. • May 8 – 9:00 a.m. – Agriculture Workshops – a celebration of our parent/community connection with Ms. Fournie's Grade 3-4 class. • May 9 – 11:00 a.m. – Celebrating our Mother Mary through the Living Rosary. • May 10 – 9:00 a.m. – Celebrating the Gift of the Eucharist with our Grade 2 class. Reception to follow for Grade 1-2 classes, parents and guests.
St. Joseph Catholic School – Corunna	Colleen Cogghe 519-862-1479	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 7 to 11 – Christian Meditation each day, promoted by the students of the <i>Safe School Committee</i>. • May 9 – 1:00 p.m. – Living Rosary – students from the Grade 1/2B and 8 classes will lead us in a living rosary as we pray for the gift of Catholic education and <i>Renewing the Promise</i>. The school and parish community are invited to join us. • May 11 – 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – <i>kinderSTART Welcome</i> – All families with a child entering Year 1 or new to Year 2 are invited to participate in an open house to explore the school and meet staff. A healthy snack from OSNP will be provided. We will highlight the Board's mission and vision and the gift of Catholic education for our new families. • May 11 – Jump Rope for Heart – fundraiser for Heart and Stroke Foundation.
St. Matthew Catholic School	Mark Renaud 519-332-4300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 10 – 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Family Fitness Night – <i>Run For Your Life</i> – an initiative to help students enjoy outdoor running or walking, and helps raise money for the school. Every lap completed by the family can be added to the student's run card! Enjoy a fun time together in the great outdoors!
Sacred Michael Catholic School – Ridgetown	Julie Knight 519-674-3475	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 6 – 11:00 a.m. – Youth Mass at St. Michael Church, followed by a special brunch led by our School Council. • May 7 – 10:00 a.m. – School-wide Liturgy to celebrate Catholic Education Week, followed by special activities in our school families. • May 8 – 10:00 a.m. – Grandparents' Day. Grandparents are invited into the classrooms to participate in their grandchildren's learning.

St. Peter Canisius Catholic School	Christine Lambert 519-876-3640	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 6 – 9:00 a.m. – Students will participate as readers and gift bearers and lead the congregation in prayer during Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Watford. • May 8 – Grade 2 students will lead a liturgy to honour Mary, through a dramatization of the story of Mary. • May 10 – Twin Creeks Landfill representatives will visit the school to speak to students about recycling and waste management and the importance of conservation. • May 11 – Grade 5-6 and 6-7 students will attend the Emergency Preparedness Day in Sarnia.
St. Vincent Catholic School	Nicole Stevens 519-354-4066	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 2 – St. Vincent “We’ve Got Talent” Show, featuring 12 acts. • Throughout the week students will be participating in the <i>SuperKidsCK</i> “Power Off and Play” event.
St. Patrick’s Catholic High School	Robert Cicchelli 519-332-3976	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 4 to 8 – Muskoka Woods Experience • May 8 – Citizenship Ceremony
Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School	Ray Power 519-351-2987	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 8 at 9:00 a.m. at Angela Villa – Mass with the Ursuline Sisters to celebrate Catholic education. A reception will follow, to honour the Sisters’ contributions to UCC and the community. • May 10 – Guest speaker Tyler White. Tyler will share his story about his experience of Catholic education, his Indigenous heritage and how being a Catholic graduate has allowed him to become fully alive in mind, body and spirit.