

# SJC

## Intermediate NEWSLETTER

May, 2012 Issue

### DRESS DOWN DAY

Thursday, May 24

*Proceeds in support of Relay for Life.*



### CONFIRMATION MASS

A beautiful Confirmation Mass was held on Sunday, April 29, 2012 at St. John the Baptist Church. Forty-eight grade seven candidates celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with Archbishop Brendan O'Brien assisted by Father Brian McNally, Justin Pulikunnel and Deacon David Cavalier. The hospitality committee of the Parish Council provided the refreshments.

Many thanks to Mr. Burnie, Mrs. Theobald and Mrs. MacKenzie who prepared the students for this special occasion. Thanks also to Madame Desmarais and her grade 8 class who decorated the gym.

### GRADE 7 OPEN HOUSE

May 8, 2012

Parents of grade 6 students currently attending St. John Elementary are invited to attend a grade 7 Open House Tuesday, May 8, 2012 from 6:30—8:00 pm. Students are welcome to attend with their parents.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thursday, May 3  
7:00 p.m.

### AIR BOUNCE

Thursday, May 24  
Thursday, May 24 is Air Bounce Day. The theme is "Spartan Stampede".

### P.A. DAY

Friday  
May 25

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

*Walking in the Light of Christ*

May 7—May 11



Special events planned throughout the week for the intermediate division include:

#### Monday

*Board Wide Mass*

#### Tuesday

*Social Justice Workshop*

#### Thursday

*Poverty Walk*

We will kick off Education Week with our students attending a workshop hosted by the St. John Intermediate Social Justice Group on the issue of local and global poverty. During the workshop students will learn about the Millennium Goals and the role that each one of us plays in eradicating poverty both in our community and throughout the world.

The intermediate "Make Poverty History Walk" will take place Thursday at 1:00 starting at St. John Elementary School. During this event students will walk in solidarity with other students (grades 5 and 6 from St. John Elementary School) to the Perth and District Food Bank where they will present a cheque on behalf of our students and staff. The goal of the walk is to bring awareness to the issue of poverty both in our own community and around the world.

#### Poverty Facts

- ◆ The estimated number of child deaths worldwide each day linked to extreme poverty is 26,575 or one child every three seconds.
- ◆ The goal for every rich country is to give 0.7% of its Gross National Income (GNI) to poorer countries. The percentage of GNI that Canada gives: 0.3% in 2006, down from 0.34% in 2005.

### CANADIAN BIOETHICS INSTITUTE'S LECTURE SERIES

St. Francis de Sales/Blessed Sacrament and St. John's Parishes are hosting the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute's lectures series, "For People in the Pews: Bioethics from a Roman Catholic Perspective": Friday, May 11 from 7:00—9:00 pm (6:30 pm, time of fellowship) and Saturday, May 12 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at Hanley Hall in Smiths Falls. Please bring a bag lunch on Saturday.

"For People in the Pews" is an "everyday bioethics" lecture series designed for parishes. Understanding bioethical principles has become increasingly important as science and medicine develop new techniques. Sometimes these raise moral questions that seem to challenge Catholic teaching on the dignity of life. When unexpectedly confronted with moral and ethical dilemmas related to biotechnologies, many people find themselves at a loss and seek guidance.

Guest speaker Bridget Campion, PhD, is a bioethicist and researcher with the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto. She also teaches Moral Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough and Catholic Bioethics at Sacred Heart College in Peterborough. For many years, Dr. Campion worked as a clinical ethicist in hospitals in Toronto and continues to practice as a health care ethics consultant, researching, writing and lecturing about issues in bioethics. Topics to be covered are: A Catholic Perspective on Ethics; Reproductive Issues and End of Life Issues.

Plan to be there and tell your friends! Additional information is available at the St. Francis de Sales Parish office (613-283-0220.)

## RELAY FOR LIFE

May 25, 2012

The Relay for Life committee has been working very hard to organize the 11th annual celebration. Luminaries are available at the school for \$5.00. Parent volunteers are needed to help with breakfast. Please call Mr. Dave Peters.

## TRACK & FIELD MEETS

**LDESSA Meet**

*Wednesday, May 23*

**St. John Intermediate Meet**

*Tuesday, May 15*



## BADMINTON

The intermediate badminton team travelled to Almonte to compete April 23rd. The team had a fantastic showing with Samantha and Maddie making it to the quarter finals and Tyler and Lexi making it to the semi-finals. In the end, Yannik and Kaeden placed second overall after a hard fought battle against Beckwith. Teams were Jessica and Maggie, Annie and Shannon, Maddie and Samantha, Yannik and Kaeden, Marco and Anthony, Matthew and Aiden, Tyler and Lexi, Payton and Brandon, Juliet and Caelan. Hope to see you all out next year.



## HEAD LICE

Parents are reminded to check their children occasionally for signs of head lice or nits. Parents will be notified through a letter from the school whenever a case of head lice is reported in your child's classroom. Although very few cases have been reported over the past few months, it is still good practice to check. Your help in this matter is appreciated.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 School Council	4	5
6	7 Catholic Ed Week: Board Wide Mass	8 Catholic Ed Week: Social Justice Workshop  Gr. 7 Open House	9 Catholic Ed Week	10 Catholic Ed Week: Gr. 7/8 Poverty Walk	11 Catholic Ed Week:	12
13	14	15 St. John Track & Field Meet	16	17	18	19
20	21 Victoria Day Holiday	22	23 LDESSA Track & Field Meet	24 Dress Down Day  Air Bounce	25 P.A. Day  Relay for Life	26
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# Trustee News

CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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Brent Laton, Chair (Grenville County and Elizabethtown-Kitley Township)  
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## Classroom Technology Gains

More and more students are relying on the internet and technology in both their academic and personal lives, and the Board is on a path to ensuring a solid infrastructure to enable the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) evolution in education. ICT is building network capacity to ensure educators are prepared for the current technological boom. Wireless network access is nearly complete in all schools, which will allow for the BYOD generation to connect their devices to the Board's network. Additionally, mobile computer labs are now in use in many schools. Using technology in the classrooms helps engage students in course materials, and also allows teachers to share electronic lesson plans and best practices with one another.

ICT is also working with the Curriculum Department to incorporate all available technology into teaching practices. The IT and Curriculum departments will be working together to develop strategies for technology integration into the curriculum to improve student learning. Both departments will move towards innovative and inspiring ways teachers can incorporate various devices into the classroom. By incorporating all technology, the CDSBEO will continue to provide new learning opportunities for our students.

## Student Senate Spearheads Charity Initiatives

The CDSBEO's Catholic Student Senate is made up of student representatives from each of the Board's Catholic high schools, and is chaired by Catholic Student Trustee, Sarah Norton. The student representatives who serve on the Senate are all part of their schools' Catholic student council, and are known as student leaders. This year, the Senate undertook a Board-wide initiative to raise money to pay two teachers' salaries at a school in the Dominican Republic. A Board-wide dress down day was held raising more than \$10,000 for the cause, exceeding the original goal of \$7,000.

This year saw the debut of The Kingdom Project in our secondary schools. Each school was given \$200 seed money to begin fundraising for the worthy cause of their choice. In all, more than \$17,000 was raised by the students for various causes across our eight counties and abroad.

## Engaging the Catholic Education Community

The CDSBEO's Catholic Education Coalition (CEC) strives to preserve, promote, and protect Catholic education in Eastern Ontario. Between January and March of this year, the CEC held four regional Catholic Education Symposia. School teams made up of school staff, parents, and clergy, gathered at Hanley Hall in Smiths Falls, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School in Hammond, at Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School in Cornwall, and at St. Michael Catholic High School in Kemptville. The goal of the sessions was to strategize on engagement practices for stakeholders in Catholic education. The sessions first reviewed the spiritual Board themes that have guided the CDSBEO over the past years, and then broke off into school teams to respond to a video clip of the keynote address Bishop Paul-André Durocher delivered last May at the Institute for Catholic Education Symposium. The teams discussed evidence of Bishop Durocher's themes in their own communities, and how those themes could be better lived.

The Institute for Catholic Education's Annual Symposium asked Catholic school boards across the province to gather data from partners in Catholic education. The CEC is the perfect venue to perform this task. Data from each event is being used to inform the Board strategy, "to promote and protect publicly-funded Catholic education in Ontario." The full report was shared with the CEC at its meeting April 24, 2011.

## Ontario EcoSchools Initiative

The Ontario EcoSchools initiative is an environmental education and certification program for all grade levels, that develops both ecological literacy and environmental practices. Schools may apply to be certified as an EcoSchool through an annual certification process which assesses and recognizes accomplishments, awarding points in six key areas. In order to reach certification, schools must submit curriculum connections to the environment. Curriculum connections can be made between environmental studies and science, literacy, and mathematics. Currently 16 CDSBEO schools have achieved the certification, and many more are working towards this goal.

Board Meeting Dates: May 1, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m., Kemptville Board Office  
May 15, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m., Kemptville Board Office

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