

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## St. Mary School, Choir and Orchestra Program

Dear Parents,

*May is a month that honours our Blessed Mother, Mary. Thanks to Mme. Farquhar who has fostered a great sense of devotion in our students to Mary through our "Mary Mondays" praying of the rosary. Our students have shown great reverence and dedication in praying the rosary together. Classes will be attending the annual Rosary Walk at St. Peter's Cemetery.*

*As we journey through this month, the students and staff continue to focus on academics and on musical excellence. We have many opportunities left in the year to celebrate mass as a school community and we also look forward to dedicating our energies to preparing for year end concerts and celebrations. Thank you for your on-going support.*

*Kathleen Fraumeni*

### **Catholic Education Week May 4 - 8**

#### **"Good News for All"**

The list of all Education Week activities went out earlier in the week. Please join us for any or all of the events being hosted at our school.

### **School Council and Committee Meetings**

**School Council** - Thurs., May 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00, School Library

**Ways and Means Committee Meeting** - Wed., May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at Kathy Fraumeni's home. Contact Cheryl Letheren-Stranges or the school for directions.

### **Dinner/Dance/Auction a great success!**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the event this year. We are grateful for the outpouring of generosity with the donation of prizes and for the hard work of our Ways and Means Committee. Thank you to everyone who attended and especially to chair Cheryl Letheren-Stranges and her amazing committee. Your support for this major fundraiser to the Choir and Orchestra program is greatly appreciated!

### **Thank you from the Hot Lunch Organizers!**

Michelle Pian, students and staff would like to thank all the bakers, our COSTCO shopper and servers for their hard work and dedication to another successful Hot Lunch program at St. Mary's. What a team! Thanks everyone.

A special thank you to Michelle Pian, our Hot Lunch co-ordinator and to Lorie Goodner, for all their hard work and dedication to the Hot Lunch program.

### **One More Hot Lunch in June**

We'd like to have one final hot lunch in June before we say goodbye to another successful year of nutritious, delicious hot lunches! We are planning a date in June (to be finalized) and would like help from the school community.

If you are able to donate an item on the menu, please let us know. One of our parents has generously offered to donate fresh local strawberries!

We will need donations of plain chips, juice boxes, veggies (pre-cut or not), strawberry shortcake, ice cream and cones. If you have access to any of these items for our lunch, contact Michelle Pian at 641-0246. Also, if you know of a hot lunch item that is popular at your child's home school and you know the supplier, please let Michelle know as we begin to plan for next year's Hot Lunch menus.

### **Dancefest**

Tues., May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009,  
9:30 to 11:30

Agriplex, Western Fair

Thank you to Mrs. Rossi-Gioiosa and to Mrs. Garcia for preparing our Grade 5, 6, 7 and 8 students for this year's Dancefest.

### **June Parish**

#### **Liturgy for Grade 5's**

10:30 Mass on June 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's Cathedral, Full Performance Uniform. Call time 10:00 am at the cathedral.

### **St. Mary School's "Guys and Dolls Jr." a great success!**

Thank you to all students, staff and parents who helped make this year's musical production such a success.

Your never-ending support, creativity and energy made this a memorable experience for us all. We have received beautiful letters and pictures from many schools to show how much the audience, young and old, enjoyed the show. Many people worked very hard in preparing for our show but, due to publishing timelines, were missed in our program. Thank you to:  
Katrina Kopacz - MTS  
Dan Santarella - STA Music Dept  
Julie Garrett  
Annie Garrett  
Jeff Holbrough  
We couldn't have done it without you!

### **Transitions in Strings Concert**

Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>  
CCH, 7:00 p.m.

We look forward, once again, to an evening of string music with all of our Grade 7 and 8 students and the CCH string students. This annual event is the culmination of the intermediate string program for Gr. 7 and 8. Thank you for putting this very important date on your calendar as this is a **mandatory performance** for **all** Grade 7 and 8 students. Students will wear **full performance uniforms**.

## Graduation

Tuesday, June 23rd

The Graduation Planning Committee will be contacting all Grade 7 parents to assist with the graduation reception plans. Traditionally our Gr. 7 parents take on this task, knowing that the favour will be returned in their child's Grade 8 year. A letter will go home next week to Gr. 7 parents.

Thank you to Patti Mitchell and Christine Barker for co-ordinating this year's Gr. 8 graduation reception and festivities in the Church hall.

A meeting will be held with all Grade 7 parents later in May. A reminder to all Grade 8 students to follow the guidelines for appropriate dress for graduation. Thank you for remembering that girls are asked to have a jacket or shawl for the mass if their shoulders are bare.

Please watch for the graduation package that will come home with your Gr. 8 child in early June.

## Final Concert, Grades 5 to 8

**Catholic Central High School,  
Wed., June 10th at 7:00 p.m.**

We are looking forward to our final vocal and string concert which will be held at Catholic Central H.S. Thank you for supporting your child in preparing for this very special evening of music. Everyone is welcome. More details to follow! Congratulations to Sandra Toivonen who won six tickets in the front row in our Dinner/Dance/Auction Early Bird Draw.

## EQAO Grade 6 Provincial Testing, 2009

This year our Grade 6 classes will take part in the EQAO testing on the following dates: **May 25, 26 and 27th.**

Thank you to Ms. Gosso and Mrs. Garcia who work so diligently to prepare our students for this period of testing in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Good luck to all of our Grade 6 students.

## Holy Childhood Lenten Collection

Thank you to all our St. Mary School families for your generosity over Lent. Your families together have donated over \$800.00 to the Holy Childhood Association for Catholic missionary work around the world. They are truly "children helping children".

## ECO -Team spruces up the gardens!

Thank you to Mrs. Sworik, Mrs. Iole and our ECO-Team students who will be spreading forty bags of fresh mulch in our gardens on May 5th. Parents who wish to help, please join us at 2:00 on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Safety Patroller Joseph Perez off to Toronto!

Congratulations to Grade 8 student Joseph Perez who will be attending the Safety Patroller Jamboree in Toronto.

Joseph was chosen as the Safety Patroller representative for St. Mary's School.

## √ Reminders from the Office:

Students who are not eligible to ride on the county buses are not allowed to ride with a friend on the county bus at any time. In an emergency, a county bus student is permitted to get on or off at a different stop, with written permission from the Principal. Also, for safety reasons, would parents kindly come to the office when picking up their child(ren) early from school.

A reminder that there is no supervision on the yard after 4:00 p.m. Parents are asked to pick students up after school as soon as possible.

When dropping students off in the morning, please do not drive into the yard. Your child can be dropped off in the church parking area. Please remember to pull up past the bus zone.

## Rosary Walk at St. Peter's Cemetery May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

This year, our Grade 5 choir will

attend this annual event. This will be a Full Performance Uniform day for those students.

## Mediafest, 2009 May 4<sup>th</sup>, CEC

This year, our students took great interest in being part of this system wide event.

Congratulation to Cameron Patterson whose poster was chosen as the winner from all the elementary schools in the London District Catholic School Board. Congratulations to Vivian Tan whose prayer was chosen. Congratulation to Emrik Burrows and Joseph Perez who worked together to submit a video entry and to Mrs. Sworik, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Chiras and Mrs. Rossi-Gioiosa for supporting all our students with their entries. Students involved will be attending Mediafest at the Catholic Education Centre on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. Thank you to parents for arranging transportation.

## Thank you Ms. Lubos

We wish Ms. Lubos good health and happiness as she begins her maternity leave until May, 2010. Best wishes to you and your family. We welcome Mr. Emer Montano, a very talented musician, who will be our accompanist in Ms. Lubos' place from May 25, to June 25, 2009.

## Dress Code Reminder

Thank you to students for remembering that short shorts and spaghetti strap tank tops are not appropriate school wear. This reminder appears in our School Code of Behaviour

## Sports News

Wow!! What a season!! The St. Mary girls junior basketball team finished up a great first season by proving that their hard work, dedication, and teamwork had payed off as they improved with every game played. Mr. Chiras would like to extend a big thank you to all the student volunteers who helped with refereeing and scorekeeping as well as parent volunteers who drove students to the games. I would like to also add how appreciative I am of all the girls' efforts! Thank you girls for all your hard work and dedication. You truly made it fun!

Steve Chiras