



MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message



Dear Families,

Can you believe that we have begun the month of May? Wow, only two months remaining. It is wonderful to have the students in the building to finish the school year.

The 2022 Reaching Out campaign was a huge success. We were able to collect 25 boxes of non-perishable items, toothpaste, toothbrushes, \$852 cash donations and \$180 in gift cards. Thanks to all those who contributed to this worthwhile cause. The generosity of our school community is outstanding.

As we begin a new month, we enter a special time in our district. Beginning May 1st, continuing for the week, we will celebrate both Catholic Education Week (CEW) and Mental Health Week (MHW). While we continually strive to highlight important facets of our Catholic faith and to provide supports to our students' mental health and well-being, next week will serve to enhance those important messages. Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year's celebration is entitled, *Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together*. The five subthemes for the week are: *Rediscover, Rebuild, Restore, Renew, Rejoice*.

A friendly reminder that daily, online screening needs to be completed before coming to school. [Ontario's COVID-19 Screening process for schools](#) will indicate next steps for families. Daily monitoring of your family for symptoms keeps everyone safe which also adheres to public health guidelines. Thank you for your continued support.

Stay safe and God bless,

Heather Graham,
Principal



'Behold, I make all things new.' Revelation 21:5

St. Joseph's Catholic Leadership Award

It is with great pleasure that we would like to share with our school community this year's Catholic Leadership Award Recipient, grade eight student Isaac G. Isaac along with other Catholic Leadership Award winners throughout our board will be participating in a virtual event, Monday, May 2nd to celebrate these young Catholic leaders.

As a Catholic school community we want to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of our recipient, Isaac, a young man who lives out his Catholic virtues at school, in the parish and in the community. He is a quiet leader and exceptional role model who leads by example on a daily basis. He not only exemplifies the Theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Love, he is also truly grounded in the Cardinal virtues of Prudence, Fortitude, Justice and Temperance. Overall, Isaac is a deserving young man to represent the St. Joseph's Catholic school community and we would like to congratulate him and his family on this prestigious award. Congratulations Isaac from all of us in the St. Joseph's Community!

◆ God of grace,
◆ help us to rediscover how to be side by side
◆ in rebuilding our communities of faith and
◆ learning.
◆ Help us restore harmony and balance in our
◆ relationships,
◆ and renew our desire to approach challenges
◆ confidently and with peaceful hearts.
◆ May we always rejoice in recognizing the blessings
◆ our lives hold.
◆ Amen +.



VOLUNTEERS!

As per BHNCDsB's policy, all parents and guardians who wish to volunteer in the school or on class trips are required to have a current police check on file. With this in mind, if you are planning to volunteer in some capacity, you are encouraged to contact the school to receive the proper paperwork to take to the police station, along with two pieces of photo identification for processing. Wait time for the process is approximately three weeks. The police checks are valid for three years. If we have an up-to-date police check on file at the school, you are still required to sign a Declaration every year during the three year time frame. As well, all volunteers are required to complete an online A.O.D.A training module (this only needs to be completed once). Once you complete this training (link can be found on the school website), a certificate acknowledging completion will be automatically emailed to the school. If you have further questions, please call the school.



Important Upcoming Dates:

May 2nd—Parent Engagement Evening: Guest Speaker Kathleen Hilchey @ 7:00 via TEAMS

May 11th—Junior Soccer Tournament

May 17th—Kindergarten Orientation @ 4:00

May 23rd—Victoria Day: no school

May 26—Intermediate Soccer Tournament

May 31st—Track and Field @ Holy Trinity (grade 4-8)



St Joseph's Catholic School Parent Council Presents... Anti-Bullying and Conflict Seminar

We are pleased to offer to our community a seminar on anti-bullying and conflict resolution.

Are you looking for resources and information on how better to support your child in his/her social-emotional development?

Please join us for an informative evening on anti-bullying. This workshop is geared towards parents and caregivers to learn about the common dynamics of bullying, how to understand our own reactions to bullying dynamics, and how better to support our children to have effective conflict management skills.

Our presenter Kathleen Hilchey is a conflict specialist. She has over 15 years experience as an educator, and is a specialist in conflict management, and peace-building.

Please visit her website for more information. <http://www.kathleenhilchey.com>

A teams link will be emailed out to parents prior to the meeting on **Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00PM.**

Please email meganflexman@gmail.com (subject: Anti-Conflict) to register and a link will be sent to you.

Can't wait to see you all there!

Parent Council