



# MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



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Vice Principal: Mr. Persia

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Can you believe that we have begun the month of May? Wow, only two months remaining. It is wonderful to see the growth of the students spiritually, emotionally and academically since school began in September.

As we begin a new month, we enter a special time in our district. Beginning May 6th, 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, during this week will serve to enhance those important messages. This year's celebration is entitled, "*We Are Called to Love*". We celebrate that Catholic Education is centred on our Christian call to love one another. This love permeates how we live in the world and as we act with love, we build a better future. As Pope Francis stated in 2023, "*He wants us to be artisans of a new history, weavers of hope, builders of the future, peacemakers.*" Through love and compassion, we continue to support each other's wellbeing. God is love and we are always called to live out this love. The five sub-themes for Catholic Education: *We Are Called to Love* are:

*As people of hope*

*As people of faith*

*As people of mercy*

*As people of justice*

*As people of joy*

Looking forward to a great May!

God bless,

Heather Graham  
Principal



## 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, is grade eight student Charlize G. Charlize along with other Catholic Leadership Award winners throughout our board will be participating in a celebration Monday, May 6th at St. John's College in Brantford to celebrate these young Catholic leaders.

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

## Volunteering at St. Joseph's

Are you looking to volunteer for your child's class trip? Snack Program? Anyone wanting to volunteer in some capacity within the school, will need a current police check that was issued by the school on file. This process is done electronically.

Contact the office for further information.

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## Volleyball Tournament

On April 9th the girls and boys volleyball teams travelled to Holy Trinity to compete in the Board tournament. Students worked hard and represented St. Joseph's well.

Girl's Volleyball team members: Reece, Kayden, Emma, Katelyn, Hannah, Brynn, Brooke, Maria, Sydney, Anna, and Sammy

Boy's Volleyball team members: Brandon, Kellen, Ryland, Blake, Sawyer, Majesty, Luke, Leandrew, Gabriel and Heitor

A big thank you to our coaches Ms Winger, Mrs Poracki, and Mr. Cazes for their time and dedication to the teams.



## Important Upcoming Dates:

May 6<sup>th</sup> - Whole school liturgy and Catholic Leadership Awards

May 8<sup>th</sup> - Popcorn pick up

May 10<sup>th</sup> - Jump Rope for Heart

May 20<sup>th</sup> - Victoria Day - no school

May 21<sup>st</sup> - May 27<sup>th</sup> - EQAO (grade 3 and 6)

May 28<sup>th</sup> - Track and Field (grade 4 to 8)

May 30<sup>th</sup> - JK Orientation 4:00



### NEWSLETTERS, CALENDARS, and TWITTER (X)

To access the school calendar, choose the 'Calendar' button on the main page. Once you reach the Calendar, there will be a 'printer' icon to print the monthly calendar.

When you are on the webpage there is a Subscribe button to receive email notifications when new items have been added to our webpage. Stay up-to-date with alerts, news, upcoming events and more by subscribing.

As well, please subscribe to the school's Twitter feed (@stjatholic) to keep up to date with the daily events in our school.

### **Catholic Education Week Prayer**

God who is love,

Love is our calling, and the goal for which you have made us.

As we celebrate Catholic Education Week, may our love in action reveal to our world  
that we are people of justice and mercy.

May our daily words and example show clearly that we are people of faith and hope.

In the ways we reflect you daily, may everyone recognize us as people of joy.

Help us to never forget how much you love us, and to cherish your life within us,  
which gives energy and direction to our loving.

May we hear your call to love generously and inclusively, and may we call our world to be  
more loving also.

All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, our Friend and our Lord.

Amen.