



# St. Edward Catholic School February 2019 Newsletter

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## Message from the Principal...

It has been another exciting and busy and cold month at St. Edward! In the coming month of Friendship and Love may we all enjoy the gift of God's love, share it with others and spread it everywhere!

Love is one of the three Theological Catholic Virtues that we learn about on a regular basis at St. Edward. A popular reading from the bible is the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. We hear this quite often at weddings, where a couple will express their love for one another. When we read this passage, we often think of ourselves and our relationships with other people.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

I see daily evidence that there is an overwhelming feeling of Love in our school. Students, Staff, Parents, the Parish and the entire community all show examples of love each and every day. One example of this is how people come together to help others. Please continue to keep our whole school community in your prayers as we are reminded of our board theme:

**Be Holy! Joy Springs from a Loving Heart!**

Your Partner in Catholic Education,

  
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## Snow Days - Walkers:

On inclement weather days when the buses are cancelled - if your child normally walks to school or arrives using alternative transportation other than STEO busing, you are required to call the school (613-273-2926) if your child will **NOT** be attending. We are required to have parent communication on these days for all students who normally walk to school, to ensure your child's safety and to make sure that they are accounted for. If we do not receive a message that your child is not attending, we will need to call to verify. This could take a lot of time for Mrs. Theelen, so we thank you in advance for calling in.



## Public Speaking:

Students are currently working on their speeches. All students will present in their classroom and some students will be chosen (if they are interested) to present in the gym on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Students may then be chosen to go on to the Legion Public Speaking, which takes place on Sunday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.



### Public Speaking in school:

- ◆ Helps fine tune verbal and nonverbal skills
- ◆ Develops critical thinking skills
- ◆ Helps to overcome the anxiety of public speaking
- ◆ Develops leadership skills and self-confidence
- ◆ Increases persuasion skills and student voice
- ◆ Promotes face-to-face communication in a digital world
- ◆ Improves writing skills

Thank you to the Westport Legion for all of their support, including Public Speaking at this time of year. The gym and the Legion competition are open to those who would like to put their name forward to participate. All students are expected to participate in their own class. If students have above average anxiety with this, parents are encouraged to speak to their child's teacher and accommodations can certainly be made.

## Winter Carnival Week:

During the week of **February 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>** we will be holding our "Winter Carnival" or Spirit Week.

- Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**  
PJ Day
- Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Crazy Hair/Hat day
- Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Mass at 9:30 a.m. and Outdoor Activities in p.m.
- Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Red and White day & dance party
- Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
K- Gr. 2 Backward day  
Gr. 3-8 Skiing Trip to Mt. Pakenham



First Term Report Cards will be sent home on **Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to talk to or meet with your child's teacher(s), please call to make an appointment. We will not be scheduling a formal interview night.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

is now underway - for the 2019-2020 school year.



Please be prepared with a copy of your child's **Baptismal Certificate and Birth Certificate**. Please drop in or contact the school at 613-273-2926 to register your child - or email [dan.lesser@cdsbeo.on.ca](mailto:dan.lesser@cdsbeo.on.ca)

**Please pass on this information to any families who have children starting Kindergarten next year!**  
(Students in JK are automatically registered for SK)

- Junior Kindergarten, 4 years old on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019**
- Senior Kindergarten, 5 years old on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

**News from the Health Unit:**



**Immunizations:**

**Does the Health Unit Know That Your Child Has Been Immunized?** Ontario children are required by law to have certain immunizations to attend school. Not all children are immunized, however, due to medical conditions or other reasons, an exemption paper is to be completed and returned to the health unit. The Health Unit maintains immunization records for school-aged children to help protect unimmunized children during an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease. During an outbreak, unimmunized students would be required to stay home until the outbreak is over. When a child receives an immunization at the doctor's office, it is the **parents'/guardians' responsibility to notify the health unit** so records can be maintained. Being fully immunized protects students from many diseases easily spread in schools! Students who are missing information or did not get their immunizations according to the schedule will receive an Immunization Notice. If your child's immunizations are not up to date and you do not send the Health Unit the required information they may be suspended from school, as early as, February. For more information on how to update your child's record please visit the Health Unit's website at <http://healthunit.org/health-information/immunization/school-requirements/> or call them at 1-800-660-5853 and ask to speak to someone on the immunization team!

**Parenting Matters:**

Celebrate your family this month by spending some extra time together. Enjoy some winter activities outside - build a snowman, or maybe go sledding or skating. If the weather isn't cooperating, why not play a board game, or make a craft? It doesn't matter what you choose to do, as long as you are doing something you enjoy together. Strong relationships make family life more fun! For more ideas, visit [www.tripleparenting.ca](http://www.tripleparenting.ca). To register for a local Triple P Parenting session, call 1-800-660-5853 or visit <http://healthunit.org/clinics-classes/triple-p-parenting/>



**Now Accepting Registrations for ALL GRADES for September 2019! (KG to Grade 8)**

St. Edward Catholic School offers an excellent academic program, centered on Gospel Values. If you know of any families who are searching for a Christ centered education, please ask them to contact Mr. Lesser at [dan.lesser@cdsbeo.on.ca](mailto:dan.lesser@cdsbeo.on.ca) or by phone: 613-273-2926.

**Teaching Staff Update:**

Ms. Chaplin, who was teaching Health and Literacy Support one day per week, has moved to St. Joseph in Toledo. Our new Health teacher is Katie Vallier, who will start on Tues., Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. We wish Ms. Chaplin all the best at St. Joseph, and are excited to welcome Mrs. Vallier.

**March Break: March 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> IS FAMILY DAY**



**What do I do when I am 'Home Alone'?**

The Canada Safety Council **Home Alone Program** is designed to provide children 10 years of age and older with the necessary skills and knowledge to be safe and responsible when home alone for short periods of time.



Participants who take the **Home Alone Course** must be 10 years old or older. They will participate in fun activities that would entertain them if they were home alone.

**Pre-register** by emailing name and contact number to **Terri Howard @ [thoward@crhc.on.ca](mailto:thoward@crhc.on.ca)** by Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> - Spaces Limited Bring a lunch, snack and water bottle.

This course costs \$10 per child and will take place during March Break at Country Roads Community Health Centre, 4319 Cove Road in Portland **Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

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**ECO NEWS from the St. Edward ECO TEAM:**

**St. Edward Sweater Day, February 5<sup>th</sup>:**

National Sweater Day is usually the first Thursday in February, however our school is taking part in National Sweater Day on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. National Sweater Day is an annual event organized by World Wildlife Fund Canada. On National Sweater Day, WWF asks Canadians to turn down thermostats by two degrees Celsius at home, at school and at work to highlight the role that energy conservation plays in preventing climate change. Since 2010, over a million Canadians have participated in National Sweater Day at their schools, workplaces and homes. Our school buildings were a little chillier on February 5<sup>th</sup>, and we had a cozy day in the classroom! For more information:



[http://www.wwf.ca/events/sweater\\_day/](http://www.wwf.ca/events/sweater_day/)

**Winter Walk Day:**

Don't Hibernatel! Walk to school and walk during school hours. We will be holding our Winter Walk Day on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> (This is a great opportunity to get outside and it reminds us to spend more time outdoors in the winter. Keep active this winter and join schools across Canada to celebrate Winter Walk Day. Dressing warmly for a brisk winter walk can be exhilarating and fun - give it a try! We are also walking to The Cove for "Lunch 'n Tunes". For more information on Winter Walk Day visit:



<http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/winter-walk-day>