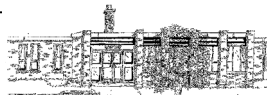




NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating Success

From the Principal's desk.....

Finally it appears as though the cold weather is behind us and we can look forward to the warmth of spring and summer. At school we are busy preparing for a number of events including EQAO testing, the Perth County Music Festival, and Track & Field among a host of other activities. During the week of May 3rd to May 8th we are celebrating Catholic Education with a variety of activities. The theme for the week is **"Good News for All!"**

Catholic Education Week 2009

Catholic Education Week is a welcome opportunity to celebrate the incredible fact that each of us has been called by God, and not just called as a collective, but called by name. Amid life's joys and sorrows, its challenges and doubts these words can be our source of strength and the rock of our faith. It says that we are not alone, that a power greater than ourselves and our human endeavours is there to sustain us, provided we are aware of that source and engage it in our lives.

Retirement...

It is with mixed emotions that we announce that Mrs. Koebel will retire at the end of this school year. We thank Mrs. Koebel for her years of service and dedication to the St. Mary's School community. She has touched the lives of many students and will certainly be missed by her colleagues and the families of St. Mary's. We wish Mrs. Koebel good health and happiness as she begins this new journey.

Staffing...

Earlier this month we received the news that Mrs. Timmermans will be transferring to another school. We would like to take the time to thank Mrs. Timmermans for the impact that she has made on the staff and students of St. Mary's. Although her time here was brief, Mrs. Timmermans will be missed. We wish her good fortune as she continues her vocation in another school community. During our recent staffing meetings, we received the news that due to increased enrolment, St. Mary's will be receiving an additional classroom. This is great news given the current enrolment issues affecting rural Ontario. With our recent announcements and the addition of a classroom, we are in position to hire 2.5 teachers for the year 2009/2010. As system staffing has yet to be completed, there will be more to information to follow.

Respectfully,
D. Cassone
Principal

"Celebrating Success" assembly that will focus on our academic successes through the month. These assemblies will give the students of St. Mary's an opportunity to showcase their achievements.



All visitors are asked to sign in and out at the office. A **VISITOR TAG** will be given. A reminder to parents: Students arriving late or leaving the school prior to 3:00 p.m. must sign in or out at the office. Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The next SAC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 13th @ 7 p.m.** All parents are welcome to attend.

We wish to thank the municipality of North Perth and Sherri Hicks for the donation of three trees which shall provides future shade in our school yard.

Sincerely,

*Cathy Vesnaver &
Cindy Weeks*
SAC Co-Chair 2008/2009





GROWING IN FAITH BULLETIN

Our grade 2 students will be celebrating the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 3rd at St. Joseph's Church, Listowel—11 a.m.
May 6th— Crowning of Mary @ 1:15 All are welcome to attend. Students are asked to bring flowers from home to honour Mary.
There is a school mass on Wednesday, May 20 @ 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

We are collecting non-perishable food items for the board wide STUFF THE BUS on Tuesday, May 12th.

LIBRARY NEWS

Check out our website for upcoming events in the [Library \(new\)](#)

Safe Healthy Living Schools

On Friday, May 8th at 2:00 pm, Freggie will start visiting each class (very short) to drop off a vegetable tray with dip for your students. This is to encourage students to try some vegetables that they might not have eaten before and to encourage them to obtain the 5- 10 helpings per day! Special thanks to Lisa Zyta who has offered to shop for us and to Mrs. Janeann Haid who will be helping to prepare the vegetables.

Healthy heart, healthy mind, healthy soul = healthy body!

Reducing our carbon footprint....

We would like to strongly encourage our families to access our newsletters and calendars electronically through our website :

<http://hesson.hpccsb.edu.on.ca/>.



Be sure to check out the **CLASS LINKS** as well as the **LIBRARY** icons

Please continue to save all Zehrs grocery receipts.

Spirits Sports & Activities

“A” System basketball Tournament— Our intermediate students traveled to Clinton to participate in the “A” system basketball tournament at St. Anne’s Secondary School last Friday. Both teams played very well demonstrating their skills in the final championship games. Unfortunately, the girls lost to the team from Clinton while the boys were defeated by the team from Kinkora. Closely matched games dominated throughout the day. Thank you to coaches: Mr. Cassone & Mr. Haid.

Intramurals Grades 4 to 8

We will be commencing Floor Hockey as our next activity. Students will take part in round robin play followed by the playoffs.

We hope to start Ultimate Frisbee when the weather is better.

COUMMUNITY INFORMATION

New Orleans Pizza– 6th annual School Fundraising Nights

Make a purchase on any night 4 pm. - closing on May 4th, 5th & 6th
1/2 of the money will be donated back to our school.

It's as easy as a phone call, no mess, no prep, everyone is happy.



Volunteers Needed.....

We are in need of volunteers to assist with the Reading Program. If you are able to give approximately 1 hour, to help a student increase their reading level please call Mrs. Coutts at the school. 519-291-3000. Reading time & day can be flexible. A great opportunity for grandparents to be involved in our school. Thank you, please consider assisting in this very valuable program.



BIKE SAFETY CLINIC

Date: Friday, MAY 8TH

Time: 7PM – 8:30PM

**CLINIC IS NO CHARGE, BUT YOU MUST
PRE-REGISTER BY MAY 5TH**

PARTICIPANTS WILL GET A GIFT PACK

REGISTER AT ONLY SPORTS – 241 MAIN ST E LISTOWEL

OR CALL 519-291-9675, TOLL FREE 1-866-848-9921

(Space is limited to first 50 registered)



Helmet and a bike in good running condition are needed to participate. Parents will be required to attend to sign permission/waivers.

**St. Michael CSS is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser on
Wednesday, May 6th from 5 - 8pm in the school gymnasium.**

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults.

**For more information, to purchase tickets or to donate a silent auction item - please
contact Sandie Ennett at 519-271-0890 ext. 1191.**

After School Program-Best Start

We are happy to report that the after school program is doing well, and running at $\frac{3}{4}$ of its capacity.

Currently, there are a few spaces available for your child(ren) to attend for the remainder of the school year, or for the start of next year.

The program runs daily from 3:30pm -5:30pm for a low cost of \$6.00 per day. This fee includes quality care, an afternoon snack, gross motor exercise as well as help and encouragement with homework.

Get a head start on childcare for the fall by picking up a registration form. Registration forms are available in the main office of the school, as well as in the Best Start classroom. (Room # 138).

Please contact Meagan at Best Start with any additional questions that you may have.

519-291-1733



Turn Off the Screens

Click, click!!!! Turn off those screens from April 27th - May 3rd and get going on some quality leisure time activities.

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 have a tracking form that they can use to track the amount of screen time they do and the amount of leisure time activities. Special stars are to be filled out for days that they don't watch any screens.

Please return the filled out forms along with the contact information on the back to the homeroom teacher by Friday, May 8th. We will forward them to the Perth Health Unit. Lots of great prize are to be won!



Warm Weather...

With the onset of warm weather it is important to remember to pay attention to the UV index and to make sure that the application of sunscreen becomes part of your morning routine. This is also a reminder of our dress code that prohibits students from wearing the following;

- Any clothing that reveals the midriff or underclothing
 - Shorts, skirts or dresses which are shorter than arms extended at one's side
 - Revealing tops such as halter tops, tank tops, tube tops, mesh shirts or shirts with spaghetti straps. If sleeveless tops are worn, the straps must be an acceptable width and should fit snugly around the shoulder
- Students, parents, and staff are expected to accept the responsibility for adhering to this dress code.