

HOLY NAME CES

Principal's Message

Greetings Parents/Guardians,

We welcome spring and the new month of April. April sees the highpoint of the Church Calendar with the celebration of Easter and appreciation of new life, as signs of Spring become present all around us. The second day of April marks the passage from Lent into Holy Week. Then we celebrate the Easter Triduum, the period which marks the end of the forty days of Lent and begins the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. On Holy Thursday, we will be led by our Grade 7 students with the presentation of the Stations of the Cross. Classes will visit the gym where they will be immersed in artwork and reflections at each station. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend the presentation with your child's class.

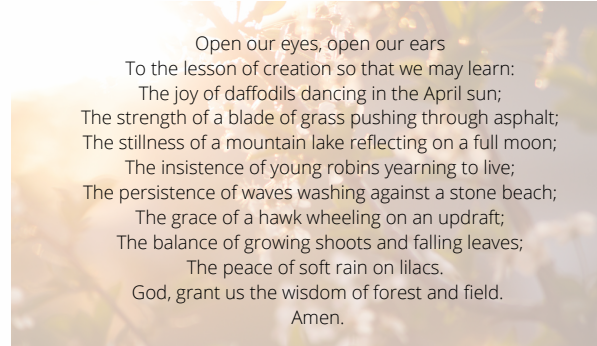
We ended the month of March with two charity initiatives (Lent Food Drive and ShareLife Week) that were both great successes. I would like to thank the Holy Name community for again rising to the occasion with great generosity and kindness during the Lent season and helping those in need. Also as a wrap-up to March, we would like to congratulate and recognize our Boys' Intermediate Basketball team as they have advanced to the Board Finals taking place on April 13th. This is a great accomplishment in Elementary school athletics and we're extremely proud of their success. Go Huskies!

April is full of various events and learning opportunities for our students. We're excited to have our Oral Communication competition back in our school. Grades 4 to 8 students have been diligently working on writing and presenting their speeches. Class finalists will compete in the gym on April 12th and our school winners, from junior and intermediate divisions, will participate in the Area finals at St. Mary CES on April 18th. We are also excited to have our Yearbook Cover contest back for this year's edition. Entries are due by May 1st. Visit our school website for more information.

As we head into the Easter long weekend, I wish you and your families a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Sincerely,

M. Zerzi



KEY DATES IN APRIL

- April 2nd – Palm Sunday
- April 3rd-7th – Holy Week
- April 3rd – Autism Awareness Day (Wear Colourful Clothing)
- April 4th – Terra Cotta Cookie Dough Pick-Up (1:30-4:30pm)
- April 5th – Ice Dawg/Frozen Treats Begin
- April 5th – 'Catch a Smile Campaign' Wrap Up
- April 6th – Stations of the Cross Presentation
- April 7th – Good Friday (no school)
- April 9th – Easter
- April 10th – Easter Monday (no school)
- April 12th – Oral Communication – School Finals
- April 12th – CSC Meeting @ 7pm * **New Date**
- April 13th- Intermediate Boys Basketball – Board Finals
- April 17th-23rd – Earth Week
- April 18th – Easter Mass with Father John @ 9:30 am
- April 18th – Oral Communication Area Finals @ St. Mary
- April 20th – Grade 8 Grad Photo Re-Takes * **New Date**
- April 21st – Grade 1 Trip: McMichael Art Gallery
- April 24th – Grade 7 & 8 Immunization Clinic
- April 24th – Jump Rope for Heart Kick-Off
- April 26th – STREAM Center Visit- Gr. 8 (Mr. Takaoka)
- April 28th – Civvies Day

Mission Statement Guided by Gospel Values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.	Vision Statement Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.
Core Values Excellence, Equity, Fiscal Responsibility, Catholicity, Inclusion, Integrity, Respect	Strategic Commitments Integration of Our Catholic Faith, Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement, Effective Use of Our Resources, Engaging Our Communities



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