

# HOLY NAME CES

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As we welcome the new month of April and the vibrant season of spring, we are reminded of the joy and renewal that surrounds us. Nature bursts into life, and the days grow brighter, echoing the spirit of hope and new beginnings. This April, we are not only celebrating the beauty of the season but also the high point of our Church calendar—the celebration of Easter.

Easter, on April 20th, brings us the message of resurrection, renewal, and joy. It marks the culmination of the Lenten journey, which this year culminates with the Easter Triduum, from Holy Thursday April 17th, through to Good Friday, April 18th, and the Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday celebrations. As we reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are reminded of the strength and hope found in our faith.

On Wednesday, April 16th, our Grade 5 students will lead us in our Easter Liturgy at 1:00 pm, and we warmly invite all families and parents to join us in this special celebration. Please note that there will be no school Mass this month as Father John is away. Our next Mass will be held on Thursday, May 1st and will kick off Catholic Education Week later in May. Another significant faith event this month will be our Grade 7 students' presentation of the Stations of the Cross and their accompanying art display on Holy Thursday, April 17th. We are looking forward to this moving and reflective experience as a school community.

In addition to these sacred moments, we will also be focusing on the virtue of **Reverence** throughout the month. Reverence invites us to see the dignity in all people and to honour the divine presence in each individual. This virtue reminds us to treat others with respect and kindness, as we acknowledge each person as an individual.

This month is also filled with engaging events for our students, where they will have the opportunity to shine. The Oral Communication Competitions, taking place for students in Grades 4 through 8, will highlight their writing and presentation skills. It is always inspiring to see their hard work and dedication come to life during this event. Excursions to the Marlies game, STREAM center, LegoLand are also highlights of the month.

April is sure to be a month filled with spiritual growth, learning, and joy. May this season of renewal bring happiness to all.

With gratitude,

*Mr. Zorzi*



Open our eyes, open our ears  
 To the lesson of creation so that we may learn:  
 The joy of daffodils dancing in the April sun;  
 The strength of a blade of grass pushing through asphalt;  
 The stillness of a mountain lake reflecting on a full moon;  
 The insistence of young robins yearning to live;  
 The persistence of waves washing against a stone beach;  
 The grace of a hawk wheeling on an updraft;  
 The balance of growing shoots and falling leaves;  
 The peace of soft rain on lilacs.  
 God, grant us the wisdom of forest and field.  
 Amen.

### KEY DATES IN APRIL

- April 1st - Grade 7 Immunization Clinic
- April 2nd - Junior Trip: Marlies Games
- April 2nd - World Autism Day: Wear colourful clothing!
- April 7th -11th – ShareLife Week
- April 8th – STREAM Trip: Ms. La Gambina’s Gr. 2s
- April 9th – CSC Meeting @ 7pm
- April 11th – Loonie/Toonie (ShareLife) Civvies Day
- April 11th – Grade 3 Trip: Lego Land
- April 14th – 18th – Holy Week
- April 16th - Easter Liturgy @ 1pm
- April 17th – Holy Thursday: Stations of the Cross
- April 18th – Good Friday (No School)
- April 20th – Easter Sunday
- April 21st- Easter Monday (No School)
- April 22nd – Earth Day
- April 23rd – School Speech Competition: Finals – School Level
- April 25th – Civvies Day
- April 28th – Junior Dance Program – Day 1
- April 28<sup>th</sup> - Federal Election - Polling Station: Holy Name
- April 30th – Junior Dance Program – Day 2



**Mission**

With Jesus Christ as our model, we provide all students with a Catholic education rooted in equity, well-being and learning.

**Vision**

A recognized leader in Catholic education committed to inclusion, excellence and innovation that develops socially responsible global citizens.

**Values**

Catholicity

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Fiscal Responsibility

Integrity

Excellence

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Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Respect

**Strategic Commitments**

Catholic Faith  
 Equity and Inclusion  
 Student Achievement  
 Well-Being



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