



# The Good Shepherd Catholic School

## May Newsletter

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Dear Lord,  
Thank you for your promise that has made all of us your dearly loved children.  
Empower us to love others the way you love us.  
Wash us clean from every sin. Remind us to praise you, O Lord, with all our hearts.  
Jesus, be Lord of our lives today in new ways and transform us into faithful followers.  
Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Make us an instrument of your grace, truth, forgiveness, righteousness and justice.  
Empower us today with your glory and to invite others to follow in your footsteps.  
We pray in the name of Jesus.  
Amen.

during this time. Thank you for your understanding.

### Late Arrival/Early Dismissal & Interruptions

Important, exciting, interesting and serious learning occurs at The Good Shepherd Catholic School. Staff do their best to ensure that time is not wasted, and that all students are involved in their learning in every possible way in every possible moment of the day. With this in mind, students who arrive late or leave early, miss out on many valuable learning opportunities. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time-- after 8:40 AM but before 8:55 AM.



**NOTE: With 'Buzzer' Access students will not be able to enter and must wait with their parents to be signed in, until AFTER announcements are complete, as it would be disruptive in the office to answer the steady stream of 'buzzes' for entry.**

Whenever possible and appropriate, please try to schedule appointments, out of school activities, visits, etc., for before or after school hours. If it is necessary for your child to leave school early for an appointment please send a note indicating the change to your child's schedule.

### Welcoming Our Smallest Angels

If you have a child who will be 4 years old by December 31, 2018 (born in 2014) you can call the school to make an appointment to register your child. The following documents are required to register your child: child's birth certificate and either child or parent baptismal certificate, immunization record, and proof of address.



Please visit our Board's website and follow the 'Families' Tab to 'Kindergarten' to 'Registration' <http://www.smcdsb.on.ca/cms/one.aspx?pageId=103673> or call the school to learn more information on how to register your child at The Good Shepherd.

### Curriculum

#### Catholic Education Week

During the week of May 6 to May 11, 2018 we will celebrate the significant contribution that Catholic Education has made to the community, the province and to Canada. Our Catholic Graduate Expectations challenge students to articulate in society those fundamental values that underpin Catholic education. The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is:



#### Catholic Education: *Renewing the Promise*

The theme draws upon previous documents on Ontario Catholic education that although several years apart from each other, they all speak of the unique mission of Ontario Catholic education, the importance of its shared leadership by all those involved and the critical role in contemporary society. Catholic Education Week 2018 combines the themes of reconciliation, solidarity, love, justice and ecology.

There are five sub-themes, one for each day of Catholic Education Week and they are aimed at helping staff and students to reflect more fully on what *Renewing the Promise* means to them.

- Day 1: Remembering the Promise
- Day 2: The Promise is Within You
- Day 3: Praying the Promise
- Day 4: Living the Promise
- Day 5: Proclaiming the Promise

#### Provincial Assessment

This year's Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO testing is scheduled to take place May 23 through to May 30, 2018. It would be appreciated if families could avoid scheduling appointments and vacations

### Safety

#### Safe Cycling



Please review safe cycling procedures at home. Please be certain that the bicycle is road worthy and always wear a helmet while cycling. Also, students use bicycles at their own risk.

The school does not accept responsibility for damaged or stolen bikes.



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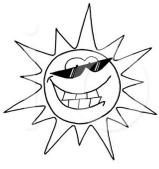


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Students should record the serial number of their bike at home. All students are reminded to chain their bike to the rack, which is located near the front entrance of the school.

### Dressing For The Weather

Summer is just around the corner, and the warm spring weather has arrived. Recommendations to reduce the effects of the sun include: applying sun block at home before arriving at school; wear a hat outside; wear protective clothing – cover your skin.



Appropriate dress is an effective way to protect yourself against the sun and to promote a positive and respectful learning environment. In the agenda, you will find the dress code: Dress modestly, T-shirts rather than tank tops, No spaghetti straps, No muscle shirts, short and skirts to mid-thigh (a good guide is shorts/skirts should be *longer* than your fingertips of your extended arms or 6 inches above the knee), Proper footwear (avoid flip flops), and finally please ensure no undergarments are visible at anytime. We ask for your continued support of the Good Shepherd Code of Conduct, which reflects a Catholic school as a place of politeness, decorum and serious work.

Students who do not adhere to the dress policy will have a phone call made to a parent/ guardian to bring appropriate clothing to school.

### School Parking Lot Usage

**We continue to ask that parents are vigilant of the time and not enter the parking lot until after 8:55 am and 3:20 pm.**

Every day the parking lot is closed to all traffic (Board staff, buses, taxis, and cars with handicap designations are excepted) from 8:40 am to 8:55 am and 3:05 pm to 3:25 pm. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. This procedure is in place to ensure the safety of all of our students! If you are parked in our lot at closure times you will need to wait until it reopens. Parents are able to park in the lot outside of the closure times, provided that there is space. Please be advised that any vehicle *parking or stopping within 9 m of either side of the school driveway, at either the entrance or exit is illegal*. It is important this area remains clear for school vehicles to make safe turns into and out of our lot.



### End of Day Pick-Up

A reminder that parents/family members picking up their child(ren) must stand on the sidewalk during our last recess. We ask for your

cooperation in NOT coming up to the fence or approaching the students. This will help us ensure every student's safety during the last recess. If parents arrive after 3:20pm, students will be at the office for pick up. (If you need to speak to your child or give them something please come to the office and we will call them down.)

### Communication



#### Congratulations to all the Gr 2s....

On Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> the Grade 2 students received the sacrament of Communion. What a special gift. Thank you to the church, parents and teachers who helped prepare the children for such an important and special sacrament!

#### Confirmation

On Sunday, May 27, 2018, some of the grade 7's will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. Please join us at St. Mary's Church (65 Amelia Street, Barrie) at 4pm to support our students.

#### Student Registrations

Thank you for your help in spreading the word...we have had an increase in student registrations which will allow us to better plan for September. Please continue to encourage all friends, relatives and neighbours within our school boundaries to enroll their children as soon as possible, regardless of their grade.

#### Moving to a new house?

If you are moving to a new house in Barrie, please make sure to confirm your child's designate school with us. Information is also available on our website.

Also, if you are aware that your child will not be returning to GSH in September due to a move or any other reason, please inform the school in writing as soon as possible so that we can plan adequately for the next school year.

### Thank You

We would like to take this time to thank you for your contributions to our school community.



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**Family Skate**-Thank you for joining us at our family skate at East Bayfield Community Centre.

**First Communion Recognition**- We are grateful to Mrs. Targon (CSCC Chair), and the GSH Student Council for organizing the grade two gathering.

**Breakfast Club**- A special thank you to Ms. Drapeau and the parent volunteers for serving breakfast every morning!!

### Community Matters

#### Spring Fling

Join us on Thursday, May 31, 2018 from 5:30-7:30 pm for our second annual "Fun Fair and Silent Auction." It will be an evening of fun including food trucks, and a gelato truck on site for dessert! Amazing activities for the kids, a silent auction and basket raffles!

Cash will be accepted on site (Please do not send cash to school)

Hope to see your family there!

~Hosted by our CSCC

#### Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you to all who have pledged your support on line. The site will remain open until our event on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

#### SOLOLUNCH – Hot Lunch Orders

[www.sololunch.com](http://www.sololunch.com) Please ensure you place your orders on-line. The website opens on May 7<sup>th</sup> and will close on May 14<sup>th</sup> at NOON. Food service will include milk, pizza, subs and wraps provided from May 22 to June 28, 2018.

Please be sure to write your family name, and the total and include it with your payment.

#### Lost and Found

We have a great deal of clothing in our lost and found. Photos will be sent to your email, to help you identify clothes that belong to students. Please remind your child to pick up their found articles. Unclaimed items will be donated on June 1, 2018.

### Rams Sports Update

#### Junior Girls Basketball

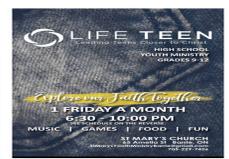
Ms. Moore and Mrs. Bekking are proud of the junior girls for representing GSH very well throughout the season. Congratulations!



#### Junior Boys Basketball

Ms. Maiolino and Mr. Rosanelli have enjoyed coaching the boys. They have played with passion and demonstrated good sportsmanship. Well done!

### News from the Pews



**M.E.R.C.Y (Jk- Grade 5)** Join us on Friday, May 18 from 6:30-8:30pm at St. Mary's Church. Children will learn about the richness of our faith with music, games, snacks and more!

**E.D.G.E (Grade 6-8)** St. Mary's Church invites children to attend on Friday, May 4, to find out how great our faith is with games, music and food from 6:30-8:30pm.

#### Summer Bible Camp

Summer camp is from July 3 to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Registration forms are available from the parish office or in the vestibule of the church. Camp is open for students in Senior Kindergarten to grade six; the cost is \$40 per child or \$60 per family. Please contact Theresa Rodman at 705- 728- 9142 should you have any questions.

### Catholic School Community Council

A Message from your CSCC Chair....

Happy Spring!! We are very excited to present The Good Shepherd 2nd Annual Fun Fair & Silent Auction. This year there will be Food Trucks, lots of activities for the kids and great entertainment.

Let's not forget about the Fundraising opportunities, including the amazing Silent Auction, and super fun Classroom Basket Raffle!

We are looking forward to seeing all of our GSH families there for a great night of family filled fun!! Join us Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-7:30. Don't forget your picnic blanket!! Our Parent Council is very proud of the success that we have achieved this year with all of your fundraising efforts. We are eager to share with you the details of the purchases that we have made, and believe we will make our school a more prosperous one for everyone! We are also looking for new council members; specifically a Co-Chair. If interested, please email [kimtargon@gmail.com](mailto:kimtargon@gmail.com). Thank you for your ongoing support.



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### Fundraising Update

Thank you for joining us the Wendy's Night! It was great to see all of the families out enjoying dinner and socializing! Your support helped us raise approximately \$500 that will be used in the school for various student initiatives.



### Looking Ahead

Mon., April 30	Barn Dancing~ Mrs. Horst Class - Last day to order Year Books - Jr. Boys BB @ St. Cats
Tues., May 1	Provincial World Mass Day @ JOA Gr. 7 & 8 - Jr. Girls BB vs. Emma King
Wed., May 2	Jr. Boys BB vs. Holly Meadows
Thurs., May 3	Invention Convention~ Mr. Ashford-Smith class
Fri., May 4	Patroller Movie Day 9-2pm
Sun., May 6-11	<i>Catholic Education Week</i>
Mon., May 7	Remembering the Promise - Teacher Appreciation Day - Solo Lunch OPENS <a href="http://www.sololunch.com">http://www.sololunch.com</a>
Tues., May 8	The Promise is Within You - Board Office Staff Appreciation Day - Poetry Festival Gr. 1-3 9-11am
Wed., May 9	Praying the Promise - Office, EA, DECE, Custodian Appreciation Day - Barn Dancing ~ Parents of Mrs. Horst & Mrs. Cameron class welcome at 1pm - JK Parent Information Night 6-7pm
Thurs., May 10	Living the Promise - Principal/VP/ Clergy Appreciation Day - Immunizations Grade 7
Fri., May 11	Proclaiming the Promise - Parents, Volunteers, Bus Drivers, School Communities Appreciation Day

Mon., May 14	- Division 1 JR. Boys BB tournament SoloLunch CLOSES <a href="http://www.sololunch.com">http://www.sololunch.com</a>
Thurs., May 17	Rosary Apostolate May Celebration - Jump Rope for Heart donations due today
Fri., May 18	Jump Rope For Heart
Mon., May 21	Victoria Day~ No school
Wed., May 23- 30	EQAO~ Gr. 3 & 6
Sun., May 27	Confirmation @ 4pm @St. Mary's Church
Thurs., May 31	We Walk For Water~ Social Justice - Fun Fair 5:30- 7:30pm
Fri., June 1	P.A. Day~ No School
Wed., June 13- 15	Camp Kandalore Gr. 8's
Mon., June 25	Term 2 Report Cards
Tues., June 26	Graduation @ JOA @6pm
Thurs., June 28	Year End Assembly - Clap out Gr. 8's - Last Day of School