



# The Good Shepherd Catholic School

## April/ 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.

### Curriculum

#### Welcoming Our Smallest Angels

If you have a child who will be 4 years old by December 31, 2019 (born in 2015) 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?pagelid=103673> or call the school to learn more information on how to register your child at The Good Shepherd.

#### Catholic Education Week

During the week of May 6 to May 10, 2019 we will celebrate the significant contribution that Catholic Education has made to the community, the province and to Canada. The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is:

#### *Living as Joyful Disciples*

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.

- Monday- Rooted in Prayer
- Tuesday- Living in Community
- Wednesday- Doing Justice and Creating Hope
- Thursday- Journeying Together in Faith
- Friday- Sharing the Good News

#### Provincial Assessment

This year's Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO testing is scheduled to take place May 22 through to May 31, 2019. It would be appreciated if families could avoid scheduling appointments and vacations 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 AFTER announcements are complete.**



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.

#### Welcome to .....

We would like to welcome Mr. Tyler McKelvey (prep teacher), Mr. Brendan Delahunt (temporarily joining us while Mrs. Skinner is away), and Mr. Magnoli (a student teacher from Nipissing University).

### 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.



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.



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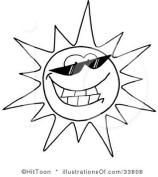
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### Dressing For The Weather

Summer is just around the corner, and the warm spring weather is arriving. 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. This procedure is in place to ensure the safety of all of our students.



### Communication



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

On Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> the Grade 2 students will receive the sacrament of Communion. What a special gift. Thank you to the church, parents and teachers who will be helping to prepare the children for such an important and special sacrament!

### Student Registrations

Thank you for your help in spreading the word...we have had an increase in student registrations that 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.

Pancake Day- Thank you to the parents who came and cooked, flipped and served pancakes!

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

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

### Community Matters

### Barrie Music Festival

On April 9, 2019 the choir participated in the Barrie Music Festival. They placed first in their division. Thank you to Mrs. McGregor for leading them.

### Spring Fling

Join us on Thursday, June 6, 2019 from 5:30- 7:30 pm for our third annual "Fun Fair and Silent Auction." Details to be determined and sent out at a later date.

### Rams Sports Update

### Intermediate Girls Volleyball

Mr. Korber is proud of the intermediate girls for representing GSH very well throughout the season. Congratulations! Also, thank you to Mr. Korber for giving of his time.

### Intermediate Boys Basketball

Thank you to Mr. Rosanelli, Mr. Praticante and Ms. Edinboro who have enjoyed coaching the boys. They have played with passion and demonstrated good sportsmanship. Well done!



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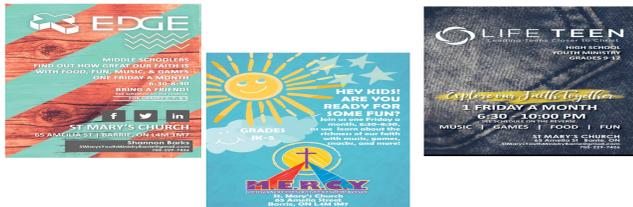
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### News from the Pews



**M.E.R.C.Y (Jk- Grade 4)** Join us on Tuesday, April 2, 9, 16 (4- 5:30), 19 (7pm) and May 14 from 6-7:30pm 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 5-8)** St. Mary's Church invites children to attend on Tuesday, April 2, 9, 16 (4-5:30), 19 (7pm) and May 24 (6pm) to find out how great our faith is with games, music and food from 6pm.

### Summer Bible Camp

Summer camp is from July 2 to 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Registration forms are available from the parish office or in the vestibule of the church. Camp is open for students in Junior Kindergarten to grade five; the cost is \$50 per child or \$150 per family. Please contact Shannon Barks at 705- 229- 7426 should you have any questions. To register <https://stmarysba.archtoronto.org/news-events/news-archives/parish-news/summer-bible-camp-2019>

### Fundraising Update

April 10, 2019 is Chapter's Night! Come to 76 Barrie View Drive from 5 - 8pm and purchase books at a great price and make a craft or two! Fun for the whole family plus our school receives 10% of sales from the evening.

### Looking Ahead

Wed., April 10	Chapters Night
	-Swim to Survive Gr. 7's
Thurs., April 18	Stations of the Cross
Fri., April 26	Patroller Movie
Sun., April 28	Gr. 2 First Communion at St Mary's Church –Noon
Wed., May 1	Spring Photos
Fri., May 3	P.A. Day
Mon., May 6- 10	Catholic Education Week
Tues., May 7	School Mass @ 9:30am
Wed., May 8	Provincial World Mass Day @ JOA Gr. 7 & 8

Thurs., May 9	Talent Show
	Kindergartenn Info. night
Fri., May 10	We Walk for Water ~Social Justice
Wed., May 15	Rosary Apostolate May Celebration
Mon., May 20	Victoria Day~ No school
Wed., May 22- 24	Gr. 8 Trip
Wed., May 22- 30	EQAO ~ Gr. 3 & 6
Thurs., May 23	Gr. 7 Immunization
Thurs., June 6	Spring Fling
Fri., June 7	P.A. Day~ No School



### Easter Blessings

May the glory  
and the promise  
of this joyous time of year  
Bring peace  
and happiness to you  
and those you hold most dear,

And may Christ,  
Our Risen Saviour,  
always be there by your side  
To bless you  
most abundantly  
and be your loving guide.  
Amen

