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June Newsletter

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An End of the School Year Prayer

O God of all beginnings and endings, we praise and thank you for the gift of this school year. It has been a time filled with grace and blessings, with challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.

The days have passed quickly, O Lord. The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days, vacations, breaks, and assemblies, all have come forth from your hand.

While we trust that your purposes have always been at work each day, sometimes it has seemed difficult to understand and appreciate just what you have been up to in our school.

Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer. Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.

Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion, and bless us, according to your will, with the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams. Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead, and guide each day as you have done this past year. Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.

May we continue to grow in age, wisdom, knowledge and grace, all the days of our lives.

Amen

Curriculum

Celebrating our Faith

Congratulations to our grade 7's on learning more about our Faith and receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They celebrated their Confirmation on June 9, 2019 at 2pm at St. Mary Church.

Celebration of Learning

The Year 2 Kindergartens will be celebrating their learning on Thursday, June 20 at 1:30p.m. Parents and Guardians welcome! Please do not arrive prior to the end of our recess. (1:05pm)

Grade 8 Graduation

On Tuesday, June 25th at 6:30 -10pm the grade 8's will be having their graduation at St. Joan of Arc High School. We appreciate the grade seven parents for their support in catering for this event. Thank you to the parents and graduates for choosing Catholic Education. We are proud of your accomplishments!

Welcoming Our Youngest Students

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?pageId=103673 or call the school to learn more about how to register your child.

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Communication

Staffing Changes

Thank you to…..

Mr. McKelvey, Mr. Goodeill and Ms. Tyrell for your dedication to Catholic Education and to the GSH school community! We wish you all the best at your new schools.

Planning for Next Year

If you are not returning to The Good Shepherd next year, we ask that you notify Ms. D'Souza in the office as soon as possible.

New 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.

Information for September

On the first day of school, September 3, 2019 students are asked to go to the lower field to meet their new teacher where they will be escorted to their new classroom when the bell rings at 8:55 a.m.. Back-to-school shopping list suggestions and other first day of school procedures will be sent home with the final report cards on Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

Safety

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, approaching the students or texting them during school hours. This will help us ensure every student's safety. 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.)

School Parking Lot Usage

We continue to ask that parents be vigilant of the time and not enter the parking lot until after 8:55 a.m. and 3:30 p.m..

The Warm Weather is Finally Here!

Summer is just around the corner, and the warm spring weather has arrived. 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 4 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.

Criminal Background Checks

The Safe Schools Act requires that all schools enforce student safety. One of the measures in place is having all volunteers do a CBC (Criminal Background Check) and Vulnerability Screening. Just as all employees of our school board have CBC's and Vulnerability Screening, we require the same for all volunteers. Volunteering includes: going on field trips, driving students to sporting events, helping in the classrooms or school etc. To avoid last minute planning for next year, please come into the office to pick up the necessary forms. These applications take from 2 to 6 weeks for the Police to process. Thank you for your support in this matter. If you have already obtained a CBC with us, please come into the school office in September or at the Open House later in the new school year to fill out your Annual Offence Declaration.

Medication at School

Medication that has been kept in the school office throughout the past year will be sent home in a sealed envelope with students on June 27th at the end of the school day. If you **do not** wish to have your child transport the medication please notify the office and arrange a time to pick it up.

Medication for next year should be dropped off prior to the first day. Parents must sign new paperwork every year if there are changes. Please review the current information the office has on file when you receive the paperwork.

Rams Sports/ Clubs Update

Ultimate Frizbee

Thank you to Mr. French and the team for their dedication to the sport. Well done!

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Dodgeball

Thank you to Mr.Beaulieu for having fun with all the students who signed up for Dodgeball this year

Baseball

The boys baseball team were in fine form. They will be playing against the teachers next week to demonstrate their skills and talent. Thank you to Mr. McKenna, Mr. McKelvey, Ms. Black and Mr. Goodeill for coaching the team!

Me to We

Mrs. Liguori, Mrs. Cabral, Mrs. Bayford and Mrs. Orieux are vey proud of the efforts of the students involved in the Social Justice Committee. They truly exemplify what it means to "walk in the way that Jesus did".

Thank You

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

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

Confirmation Recognition- We are grateful to the CSCC and the GSH Student Council for organizing the grade two and seven gathering.

3rd Annual Fun Fair & Silent Auction- Thank you to the Catholic School Community Council for organizing this event.

Yearbook Committee- Thank you to Mrs. Owens and various parent volunteers for creating the book of memories this year.

Rosary Apostolate- We appreciate the time spent with our students to help them learn more about the Mysteries of the Rosary.

Catholic School Community Council- The CSCC have planned and organized various events to enhance the school community. A special thank you to all who were part of the council especially Ms. Mutumbara, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Crombeen, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Rosanelli, Mrs. Santos-Sousa, and Mrs. Drapeau.

News from the Pews

Msgr. Marco is Retiring and Fr. Gustave is Transferring

St. Mary's Parish is hosting a Family Picnic on Sunday, June 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. on the church grounds. This is your opportunity to come and personally offer your good wishes and thanks to Monsignor Marco who is retiring and to Fr. Gustave who is leaving. Come thank them for their dedicated service to our parish community and bid them farewell.

Parish Feast Day

Celebrations **commence with the 12:10 p.m. Mass on Friday, June 28** *(the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus)* and conclude with the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, June 29th *(the Memorial of the Sacred Heart of Mary)*. A vigil of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will take place and end at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Summer Bible Camp

Summer camp is from July 2 to 5th, 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 or email stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com should you have any questions.

Catholic School Community Council

It is hard to believe that another school year has come and gone! We hope that you have had a successful year at The Good Shepherd. We are very proud of the CSCC's accomplishments, which were only made possible through your wonderful support and dedication. As a result of your fundraising efforts we were able to continue with our yearly commitment of providing engaging community events, fun school dances, sacramental gifts for our students receiving First Communion and Confirmation and the grade 8 graduation. In addition, your financial support has enabled us to purchase the following:
Chrome books, laptop, outdoor toys for Kindergarten and new stage curtains.

We thank you for your ongoing support. Thank you for an awesome 2018/2019 school year, and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Looking Ahead

Thurs., June 20	Year 2 Celebration of Learning@ 1:30pm
Tues., June 25	Food donations from gr. 7's due today before 3pm - Term 2 Report Cards - Gr. 8 Graduation @6:30pm-10 pm pick up ~ JOA
Thurs., June 27	Year End Assembly - Clap out Gr. 8's @ 2:30pm - Last Day of School~ Wear red and white to celebrate Canada Day early!
Tues., Sept. 3	First Day of School