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ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

It is May and we welcome the warm weather. May is a very busy month at St. Luke and we encourage you to refer to our monthly calendar found on page 4 for details of the many events our students will be involved in throughout the month.

Each year we celebrate Catholic Education Week during the first week in May. This year's theme is "Walking Forward Together". Our school community will celebrate Catholic Education Week 2017 in many ways, both in the classrooms and as a larger community. We invite you to participate in these activities as your personal time and work schedule may permit. When you arrive at the school, please be sure to sign in at the office.

On April 23rd, our Grade 2 students celebrated their First Communion at St. Agnes Church. We congratulate each of them, and thank their teachers, Mrs. Ropp and Mrs. Moser, for preparing the children for this very special sacrament. Our Grade 7 students will be confirmed on Saturday, June 3rd. We thank Ms. Earle and Mr. Beesley for preparing the Grade 7 students.

At the end of May, we will begin this year's EQAO assessments. Students in Grades 3 and 6 will complete assessments to demonstrate their understanding of the Primary and Junior Literacy and Numeracy expectations. The results of these assessments help us to plan for all of our students so they may continue to grow academically and reach their potential.

May our Lord bless us all on this journey ahead.

Kendra Duench and Jo Goossens



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From the Office...

Standardized Test Dates: The following dates have been reserved in our school for students to complete standardized tests. The information collected from these tests assists the school in planning and preparing instruction that meets the needs of all students. It is important that all students attend on these days and complete the assessments. Please mark your calendars accordingly, and avoid booking appointments on these dates.

May 8—May 12, 2017

CAT-4 for Grade 7 students

May 23- June 5, 2017

EQAO for Grade 3 & 6 students

Families are encouraged to visit the EQAO site <http://www.eqao.com/Parents/parents.aspx?Lang=E> for more information and resources to assist children in preparing for the Grade 3 and 6 tests, or click on the links on the school website.

Kindergarten Registration: We continue to offer full day every day Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten in September 2017. You are welcome to contact the office (519-884-4912) for more information or to book an appointment.

~We are happy to register ALL students new to St. Luke as well at any time, regardless of age/grade.~

JK Orientation Night for Families of Children starting Junior Kindergarten in September 2017:

Please mark your calendars: Tuesday May 9th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend this information and activity session with your child.

School Starts at 8:20 a.m. - Students are expected to enter the doors assigned to their classrooms. All students who arrive after 8:20 a.m. must come in the main doors and pick up a late slip from the office.

Walk to School—Now that the weather is starting to warm up, we encourage students to walk to school whenever possible. Studies have shown that even a brief period of exercise before learning can have profound effects on an individual's ability to learn!

Bikes and Scooters—students are encouraged to ride their bikes and scooters to school but must remember to wear helmets, to obey all traffic and safety rules, and to 'walk their wheels' while on school property.

VISITOR/VOLUNTEER POLICY

All individuals, including all visitors, volunteers, parents, guests, delivery persons, and school board personnel must enter by the main door. All visitors **MUST** come to the office where you will wait to be greeted by one of our office staff, sign in if you need to enter the hallways, and get an authorized pass to wear while in the school.

If you are picking up your child for an appointment or early dismissal, parents are asked to call the office to inform the staff and remain in the school office upon arrival. Our administrative assistant will call your child to the office. Please remember to sign your child out in the appropriate book in the office.

If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please call the school or check in at the office. We will assist you by contacting your child's teacher to see if he/she is available to meet with you. If the teacher is not available, a meeting can be arranged by you and the teacher at a mutually convenient time. Our teachers are often occupied before and after school and may not be available for an impromptu meeting.

At no time are visitors permitted in the school's hallways and rooms without official permission. We must insist on your strict compliance with these procedures at all times. Although these precautions may cause some minor inconvenience, it will ensure that only authorized individuals will be in the school at all times. This will assist us in ensuring the safety of the students. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



St Agnes Vacation Bible School

July 10-14, 2017

9am - 12pm daily

Entering JK to grade 5

Registration online: saintagnescatholicchurch.org

\$30/child (paid at parish office)

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May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Catholic Education Week May 1—5</p>	<p>1 Living Art Museum in Library - 12:30 - 2:30 pm</p>	<p>2 Family Math Night in Gym - 6:00-7:00 pm</p>	<p>3 Kindergarten Catholic Education Week Liturgy in Gym - 12:30 pm</p>	<p>4 Folk Dance Presentation in Gym - 12:05-12:45 pm Folk Dance Festival - 7-8 pm, Rec Centre</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8 CAT-4</p>	<p>9 CAT-4 Welcome to Kindergarten Night: 6-7 pm</p>	<p>10 CAT-4</p>	<p>11 CAT-4 Int. Soccer Tournament - RIM Park</p>	<p>12 Grade 4-8 Track and Field at St. David</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 Mother's Day</p>	<p>15 School Council 6:30 pm</p>	<p>16 Immunizations Grade 7 & 8</p>	<p>Grade 7 to Ottawa</p>		<p>19 Wacky Hair Day!</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22 Victoria Day</p>	<p>23 Confirmation Reconciliation - 1:30 pm</p>	<p>24 Kindergarten Trip to Museum</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Grade 4 to Medieval Times</p>	<p>27</p>
		<p>Grade 3 EQAO</p>				
<p>28</p>	<p>29 Grade 6 EQAO</p>	<p>30 Grade 6 EQAO Confirmation Rehearsal - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>31 Cross Country - Bechtel Park</p>	<p>June 1 Grade 6 EQAO</p>	<p>2 PA Day</p>	<p>3 Confirmation @ 2 pm</p>

Fit Bit May 2017 - Grow it to Eat it!

Gardening has so many benefits. Not only does it allow your family to spend time together, it is a form of physical activity and has been found to put people in a better mood. Gardening can also help teach children about where their vegetables and fruit come from, and be a low-cost way to bring more fresh produce into your home. The best part is that children who get involved in gardening are more likely to try the different vegetables and fruit that they grow. They have also been found to eat **more** vegetables and fruit overall!

Having an herb, vegetable or fruit garden doesn't have to be expensive or complicated. It just takes a bit of dirt, water, sunlight and seeds (or seedlings). Small plants (seedlings) can be purchased, but it may be more fun to start plants from seeds. All plants need water and sunlight but each plant is different, so make sure to follow the instructions on the package or tag. You can use painted rocks, clothes pins or Popsicle sticks to label the seeds or plants.

Children can help at all stages of the process by choosing what to grow, planting seeds and plants, watering and harvesting. If you have limited outdoor gardening space, you can still grow plants like tomatoes or peppers in large pots on patios or herbs in small pots on windowsills. Carrots, squash, zucchini, onions and leafy greens are easy vegetables to start with. Complete the gardening experience by involving kids in the kitchen. Let them help prepare the vegetables and fruit that they have grown!

Supplies:

- Old newspaper torn in strips
- Empty, clean yogurt container or paper egg carton (or a small garden pot)
- Potting soil
- Hand trowel (or large spoon)
- Scissors
- Seeds



Instructions:

1. Using a pair of scissors, poke small holes in the bottom of the yogurt container or egg carton for drainage.
2. Take a strip of newspaper and wrap it around the inside of the container, lining the sides and the bottom to completely cover the plastic. You do not need to do this with the egg carton.
3. Using the hand trowel, fill the lined seed cup (or pot) with potting soil. Poke a hole in the middle, place the seeds in the hole, and cover the seed with potting soil. Check the seed packet for instructions on how many seeds to plant and how deep to plant them.
4. Place a dish underneath the container (or pot) to catch any extra water.
5. Soak the soil with water.
6. Place the planter in a warm spot, out of direct sunlight, and continue to water it every couple of days when the soil starts to become dry.
7. A few days after the seeds spout, place the planter in direct sunlight.
8. When the weather becomes warmer you can take out the newspaper planter and plant it directly into the ground. If you are using an egg carton, cut each egg holder and place directly into the ground. The newspaper and egg carton will decompose naturally.

Adapted from <http://californiafoodliteracy.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Planting-Seeds-toolkit-for-parents.pdf>





**FAMILY MATH
NIGHT**
St. Luke
Catholic School
TUESDAY
MAY 2ND
6:00-7:00PM



Games

Prizes

Learning

Fun

Family

We would like to take the time to thank all of the people who donated prizes for our Family Math Night which we are sure will be a great success. Please check June's newsletter for a list of all the donors.



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Cross Country:

Cross country training will run throughout the month of May. It will be at lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The meet is at Bechtel Park on Wednesday, May 31st. Let's run for fun and do the Lightning proud.



Track and Field:

The junior and intermediate students have begun circuit training in preparation of our school track and field meet at St. David on Friday, May 12th. The Lightning school team will be chosen from this event to represent the school on Thursday, June 8th at the AAAA Area Track and Field Meet. The Lightning are the four-time defending AAAA champions and look forward to putting their best foot forward again this year. Go Lightning!



Tree Planting 2017 Success!

The Grade 3 classes enjoyed a misty Earth Day outside with the crew from Tri-City Tree Service on Friday, April 21st. Together, the crew and students planted four new maple trees around the perimeter of the creative playground. Thank you to [Tri-City Tree Service](#) for their generous donation of two trees, their time with us, and especially their patience with our "young arborists" in Grade 3.

Thank you also to the [School Council Greening Committee](#) who purchased the additional trees and helped with the organizing of this Earth Day celebration!



News from The Library Learning Commons

The Blue Spruce Reading Program for the primary students has ended for this year. Votes have been counted and the winner for St. Luke School is Stanley at School by Linda Bailey.



Thank you to Mr. Beesley's class who read the books to classes and made posters and dioramas for voting day.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you have moved or changed phone numbers please call the office so we can update your information. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



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