

# St. Charles Catholic School



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## SCHOOL HOURS

8:30 am	Supervision
8:45 am	Entry Bell
10:45 - 11:05	Nutrition Break
11:05 - 11:25	AM Recess
1:05 - 1:25	Lunch
1:25 - 1:45	PM Recess
3:05 pm	Dismissal

## Easter Prayer

Let us praise God who awakens the world in the glorious springtime.  
All the earth is alive with the wonders of God's creation.  
We gather in praise and thanksgiving during this Easter time.  
We thank you God for the new life that surrounds us.  
May we all be awakened by the wonder of creation and the joy of the resurrection.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.  
~ Amen.

## Principal's Message:



It's hard to believe that Spring has officially sprung! We have settled back into routine following the March break. Students are busy learning and growing daily.

Every day we see a community of which we can all be proud to be a part of. We look forward to spring and new life promised by the warmer season. In April we will be celebrating Earth Day! Students and staff will be busy putting in some extra time doing various activities to ensure that we show our spirit and enthusiasm about being environmentally conscious. Together we can make a difference and help keep our planet healthy and clean.

We also celebrate Easter and the risen Lord. Holy Week commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem; his gift of the Eucharist; and his Passion and his Death. Easter is when we rejoice that Christ our Saviour has risen. Together we celebrate this reflective and joyous time in the Church year.

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 and be your loving guide.

I'd like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome Mr. Cal Lukan to the St. Charles community; Mr. Lukan is our new Chief Custodian. Our families and students may recognize Mr. Lukan, as he was our evening custodian in May and June, 2015. Welcome Mr. Lukan!

Yours in Christ,  
Ms. Cassandra Medve-Racine

## Important Dates & Events:

Mar 26	QSP Spring Fundraiser Kick-off
Mar 26 - 30	Holy Week
Mar 27	Choir Singing at the Danube Centre
Mar 28	Ms. Boccia's Class Trip to the Dentist
Mar 29	Holy Thursday
Mar 30	Good Friday - No School
April 5	Easter School Liturgy @ 9:30am - School Gym
April 5	School Bus Safety Week - Bus Evacuation Practice
April 9	QSP Orders Due
April 11	Chess Tournament
April 12	Chess Tournament Snow Date
April 12	Spring Photos: Graduation, Siblings, Clubs, Teams
April 12	Catholic School Community Council Meeting @ 6pm
April 13	Light It Up Blue for Autism! (Wear blue today!)
April 20	Healthy Heart Presentation - Gr. 3-6
April 25	Gr. 5, 6, 7 Trip to the Toronto Zoo
May 1	Yearbook orders and payments due
May 3	Kindergarten Information Night - 6pm School Library
May 7- 11	Catholic Education Week

## Electronic Communication Tools:

There are different ways to stay informed about the exciting events happening in and around SCH:

### 1. Sign up for eNewsletter

If you are not currently receiving our eNewsletters please sign up by visiting our website <http://sch.schools.smcdsb.on.ca/>



and clicking on then clicking the "Subscribe" button.

### 2. Follow us on Twitter

Follow us @SMCDSB\_SCH to stay informed about upcoming events and interesting information about teaching and learning.

### 3. Sign up for Remind

Remind is a free, safe, and simple messaging tool that helps schools and classes share quick, important updates and reminders with students & parents. All personal information is kept private.

To receive messages via text:

**Enter this number:**  
(705)243-4392

**Text this message:**  
@stchar

Thanks to all families for participating in our Spring QSP Fundraiser! Monies raised will go toward updating technology and accessories, for example, iPads, cases, and storage carts, Chromebooks, data projectors, .

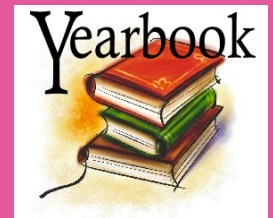


**We ask that all orders are returned to the school by April 9th.** Thank you so much for your ongoing support!

Our next CSCC Meeting will take place on Thursday April 12 @ 6pm in the school library. All are welcomed to attend.

## SCH Yearbook:

We will be selling yearbooks at St. Charles again this year! Within each yearbook you will find students' individual photos and photos from special events in each class and in the school. You will also find team and club photos. The cover art for the yearbook is created by portraits of all of our students! Order forms have been sent home and orders are due by May 1. The cost of a yearbook is \$25. Come by the office if you would like to see a copy of the 2016-2017 yearbook.



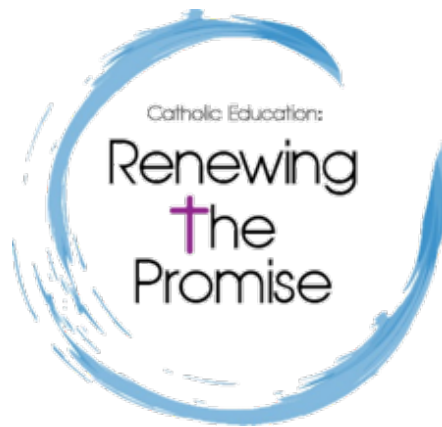
Students in grades 3 & 6 will participate in the provincial assessment of reading, writing and mathematics. If your child is in grade 3 or 6 please do not plan any appointments or absences from May 22 - June 4, as this is the assessment writing window.

## Kindergarten Registration:

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting and special time for parents and children. Our entire Catholic school community looks forward to welcoming our youngest students as they begin a lifelong journey of faith-filled learning. We believe there is something truly unique and special about learning that is rooted in faith and spiritual growth. By choosing a faith-filled education, we know you will share that belief with us.



If your family or a family you know have children who will be 4 years old by December 31st 2018, these children are eligible to register for junior kindergarten. Simply contact the school office or stop by anytime to pick up a registration package. A **kindergarten parent information session** has been scheduled for **6pm on Thursday May 3rd** in the school gym. Please note this is an information session for parents only. Students will have an opportunity to visit the classroom prior to starting school in September.



**APRIL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ARTICLE**  
**Catholic Education: *Renewing the Promise***

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "*Renewing the Promise.*"

The theme for CEW 2018 draws upon previous documents on Ontario Catholic education, namely, "This Moment of Promise" (1989), "Fulfilling the Promise" (1993) and "Our Catholic Schools" (2006-2007). These three documents, while several years apart from each other, all speak of the unique mission of Ontario Catholic education, the importance of its shared leadership by all those involved in Catholic education and the critical role of Catholic education in contemporary society.

Catholic Education Week 2018 combines the themes of reconciliation, solidarity, love, justice and ecology.

There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week:

- 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

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) provides our Catholic schools with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week. Using these resources as well as our own developed activities, we have prepared a series of activities which will highlight how our school is *Renewing the Promise*.

Stay tuned for more information about what will be happening in and around the school during Catholic Education Week.