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St. Edward News

Small in size, but big in spirit!

Kids Helping Kids

Once again, this year, our fund-raising event for the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre is a **Staff/Student Hockey Game** on **Friday, March 12th** from **1:00-2:00 p.m.** Any student (**\$3.00**) or parent can attend for a **\$5.00** donation to **Kids Helping Kids**.

Junior Handball

Mr. Lukacs and Mr. Zack will be busy preparing our Junior boys & girls handball teams for their tournaments which are being held on **Wed. March 24th girls** and **Thurs., March 25th for the boys**, at St. Mark School in Beamsville.

All practices are listed on the March Calendar. **Good Luck!**

Weekly Hot Lunches

Friday, March 5 Gr 4/5	Friday, March 12 Gr 8	Friday, March 26 Council
\$ 3.00 2 Slices Pizza 1 fruit 1 drink	\$ 3.00 2 Slices Pizza 1 fruit 1 drink	\$ 3.00 2 Slices Pizza 1 Rice Krispy Sq 1 drink
\$ 5.00 3 Slices Pizza 1 Rice Krispy Sq 1 fruit 1 drink	\$ 5.00 3 Slices Pizza 1 Rice Krispy Sq 1 fruit 1 drink	\$ 5.00 3 Slices Pizza 1 Rice Krispy Sq 1 Apple 1 drink

Report Cards/Interviews



On **Friday, March 5th**, your child's report card will be sent home. If you would like an interview with your child's teacher, or if your child's teacher has requested an interview, please come to the school between **4:30 and 7:00 p.m. (first come, first served, sign up)** on **Monday, March 8th**. If you require an interview at a different time, please contact your child's teacher to make arrangements.

Interview Time:
Monday, March 8th, 2010
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

No School
March Break
March 15-19

March 2010

Rankin Cancer Run

St. Edward will again be participating in the Rankin Cancer Run on Saturday May 29th at the Grantham Lions Park in St. Catharines. The run responds to a tremendous need in our community for assistance in many cancer related areas by giving the funds raised directly to cancer care in Niagara. Last year we raised \$1,070.00. Mr. Lukacs will provide further details shortly. The cost of registration will be \$10.00 for students and \$20.00 for adults and this will include a t-shirt. We will be holding 3 hot lunches prior in support of the run. The dates of these lunches will be on the April calendar. **Anyone willing to help out with the lunches please contact Mr. Lukacs at school 905-562-5531.**

MARCH MASS

Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23rd in the gym. Parents are welcome, as always to join in the mass.

BT Corner

Registration for the 2010/2011 school year is drawing to a close. Once all options sheets have been handed in, our Student Services Dept. will begin the scheduling process from which student's timetable is generated. If you have not yet handed in your Option Sheet with the \$55 Activity fee, please do so as soon as possible to ensure that your son/daughter is placed in the courses of their choice. We encourage parents to consider the Grade 8 teacher's recommendation very seriously, as we feel that this will ensure success for every child in grade 9. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Moretuzzo @ (905)945-6706 ext. 2312.

If your son/daughter is considering summer school, applications will be available in the office of each Elementary School in May. A Summer School information flyer was included in your Open House package, however if you require any further information please contact Continuing Education @ (905) 682-3360 or <http://alc.niagaracatholic.ca/summerschool.asp>

Multiple Sclerosis Read-a-thon

Our M. S. Read-a-thon has once again been a great success! Thanks to your generosity we raised \$1,136.00. Thank you to everyone who read and sponsored readers! If you haven't sent in your money yet please do so right away. Thank You.

The Niagara Catholic Regional School Council is pleased to announce Chris D'Souza as the Keynote Speaker at the Annual Catholic School Council Spring Convention on Saturday, March 27th, 2010 at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School in St. Catharines. The theme for this year's Convention is "Year for Priests".

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The Ontario Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy, launched in April 2009 by the Ministry of Education helps educators across the province better identify and remove discriminatory biases and systemic barriers to student achievement. These barriers related to racism, sexism, homophobia and other forms of discrimination may prevent some students from reaching their full potential. This strategy supports the government's key education priorities of high student achievement, reduced gaps in student achievement and increased accountability and public confidence.

All students regardless of their background or personal circumstances must be given every opportunity to reach their full potential. Research shows that when students feel welcomed and accepted in their school, they are more likely to succeed academically.

March Break Eco-Adventure Camp Ball's Falls Conservation Area

Children ages 6-10 join us for a fun-packed week at Ball's Falls! Activities include nature hikes, relay races, scavenger hunts, and crafts! Register for the whole week or for just one day!

Daily Themes Include:

**All About Animals, Go Green!, Time Travelers,
Outdoor Adventureland**

Monday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm (bring own lunch)

\$100.00 for five day session

\$30.00 for single day

Family discount rate available

New! Increased Extended Hours 8:00 am—4:30 pm

Must pre-Register by March 5 – Call 905-562-5235 ext.26

Important Information

1. **Please note that any student arriving after the bell has rung must stop at the office for a late slip before going to class.**
2. **The Kiss & Ride zone is a drop off zone only and is not to be blocked or used to park your car while you enter the school.**
3. **The front of the school is for BUS drop off only, no one should be parking in this area.**

Education Week Career Day

We are looking for volunteers to do 30-minute career presentations to our students in all grades on **Wednesday, April 30th - in the afternoon**

Interested?

Please contact the school 905-562-5531

Earth Hour

Remember to turn off your lights! On Friday, March 26th, St. Edward will join schools across the world in observing Earth Hour. Earth Hour began in Australia in 2007 and quickly became a global event aimed at raising environmental awareness. To find out more about Earth Hour, visit the official website at www.earthhour.org. Sign up and join millions of people in more than 1500 cities and 80 countries throughout the world by turning off the lights for one hour between 8:30pm and 9:30 pm on Saturday, March 27th.

News from Catholic School Council

Hello Everyone;

February flew by as fast as it came and looking at all of the activities that took place at St. Edward last month, the students and teachers were very busy! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Family Day.

The Fund Raising Committee of the Parent Council has been very busy planning for a special upcoming spring event. The evening will be a "TRIVIA NIGHT" with special musical entertainment and is a fundraiser for our "School Grounds Greening Project".

We hope to have a great turn out to what is shaping up to be a great night of fun and entertainment!

Stay tuned for more details. If you are interested in volunteering or donating raffle and silent auction items, please contact Connie Hockey at 905-687-6835. The next Parent Council meeting will be Wed. Mar. 3 at 7:15 pm.

The Greening Committee will meet at 6:30 pm. Everyone is always welcome to attend.

Hope to see you there!

Leslie Foster

**Next Catholic School
Council meeting:
Wed., March.3rd
@ 7:00 p.m.**

School Chess Tournament – A Great Success!

St. Edward's annual Chess Tournament was held on Thursday, February 25th in the school gym. There were a total of 12 teams of 13/14 members per team competing for the school championship. All the teams were very evenly matched.

Congratulations to all the students that participated in this exciting chess tournament. They showed great concentration, determination, skill and sportsmanship. Everyone had a great day and all the players were extremely well behaved.

The following is a list of the members of the gold, silver and bronze medallions. The teams were presented with their medallions that day.

Again we must recognize our principal, Mr. Cipro for his untiring efforts in teaching the classes and for all his time and organization to make it a successful tournament.

GOLD	GR	SILVER	GR	BRONZE	GR
Christian Balanowski	6	Karly Kudrinko	8	Matt McDougall	8
Jacob Kingdon-Kramer	8	Chantel Cole	8	Nick Mencfeld	8
Andrew Loffredo	7	Allysa Ciancio	7	Chantel McKenna	8
Katie Mooradian	7	Sam Schenck	6	Steven Frick	7
Madison Mikolic	6	Matteo Pennacchietti	6	Theo Rendall	6
Jack Dewar	5	Emma Tawil	4	Austin Holierhoek	6
Jennifer Laforme	4	Evelyn Lauritzen	4	Thomas Scott	4
Gianluca Ianiri	3	Logan Ciancio	3	Ethan Haroutunian	5
Josh Haroutunian	3	Anna Emond	2	Reilly Marcantonio	4
David Mikolic	3	David Smith	2	Victor Herner	2
Mack Muir	3	Ryan Catterall	2	Prairie Gillis	4
Jeffrey Laforme	2	Kate Petrovsky	1	Tie Foster	2
Lina Bananowski	SK	Sydney Snihur	SK	William Tann	2
Alexis Alderson	SK			William McLean	SK

February - AWARD WINNERS

grade	MERIT	CHRISTIAN LIVING	FRENCH
SK	William McLean	Benjamin Kelly	
1/2	Emmett Mills	Ally Hildreth	Evan Bucsis Jeffrey Laforme
2/3	William Tann	Gianluca Ianiri	David Mikolic
3/4	Joshua Haroutunian	Sophia Warkentin	Abbey Dyck
4/5	Emma Tawil	Carly Schwenker	Emma Tawil Tyler Lopez Mills
6	Adam Van Wyngaarden Matteo Pennacchietti	Rachel Brunton	Madison Mikolic
7	Michelle Peters	Josh Di Tomasso	Kristen Anderson
8	Jacob Kingdon-Kramer	Kylie Catterall	Emily Kaczmarski Annie Dewar