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Dear St. Bernadette's Families,

May is here and some hopefully warmer weather.

April was a very busy month and I wanted to thank you for your support with all of our environmental initiatives. Ontario Eco Schools is a province wide organization that supports environmental initiatives in schools. St. Bernadette's has established an ECO team and students from Grades 1-6 participate over the lunch hour. This past month, we welcomed Michelle Rich from the Region of York. She shared an excellent presentation on waste management. Our students are encouraged to continue bringing lunches in reusable containers and boomeranging organic waste back home where it can be composted.

With your help, we collected 2108 plastic bags to be recycled through the Plastic Grab Bag Challenge.



We also collected used textiles for the Bag-2-School program. These textiles will be re-used and distributed. On Saturday April 21st, we hosted our first ECO Fair. Special thank you to the vendors and families that supported the event. Rain barrels are still for sale for \$55.



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On May 18th, we welcome the ECO School Auditors where they will meet with our ECO team and determine the level of our certification.



During the week of May 7th-11th, St. Bernadette's will be celebrating Catholic Education. This year's theme is entitled Renewing the Promise. We have planned several exciting learning opportunities for our students. Throughout the course of the week, we begin our day as a school community engaging in Well Being and Daily Physical Activities. On Tuesday May 8th, we welcome Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Oloya to visit our classrooms. On Wednesday May 9th, St. Bernadette's hosts the Junior Girls Volleyball Tournament. On Thursday May 9th, classes will showcase special achievements including the Love of Dance Team and the Grade 5 music ensemble. At 1:30 pm on Thursday, we welcome Christine Way Skinner, Children's Catechist at St. John Chrysostom Parish. Christine will speak to the students about living out our Baptismal promise. On Friday May 11th, students are invited to partake in a faith based art activity. In

addition, throughout the week, classes will be learning about the themes of themes of reconciliation, solidarity, love, justice and ecology. For more information about Catholic Education Week, please visit <http://www.ocsta.on.ca/resources/catholic-education-week-resources/>



Congratulations to all of the St. Bernadette students who made their First Holy Communion in April and May.



Over the next two months, we will create our class lists for September 2018. We make every attempt to create balanced classes which consider aspects such as learning styles, academic ability, social groupings, special education needs, gender balance and behavioural needs. This task requires much thought and careful planning by teachers.

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Accepting parental requests for specific teachers is not possible and would prove to be restrictive. Should there be an extenuating circumstance, please inform the office in writing. Thank you for your ongoing support.

UPcoming EVENTS

May 2- York Region Police Safety Visit @ 2:30 Gr. 1/2
Area Final Oral Communication -
Congratulations Cassandra

May 4- Spring Dance for MS

May 7-11- Catholic Education Week

May 8 - Junior Boys Basketball Tournament
- POP

May 9 - Junior Girls Basketball Tournament
-SBE

May 10 - Class Showcase 9:30 am

May 14- Welcome to Kindergarten
Information Night @ 6:30

May 15-Ed Tech Day at the Catholic
Education Centre
Evacuation Drill #4 @ 9:30 am

May 18 - Ripley's Excursion - FDK, Grade 2
Ontario Eco Schools Site Visit

May 22- FDK YRP Safety Visit @ 11:30 am

May 22- June 3 EQAO - Grades 3 and 6

May 23 - York Region Police Grades ½ @
2:45

May 25 - Welcome to Kindergarten @ 1:30
pm

May 28 - Georgina North Robotics Event

Catholic School Council Meeting @ 7 pm
Maryholme

May 28 - June 1 - Bike to School Week

June 4- PA Day

June 6 - Evacuation Drill #5 @ 9:30 am

June 11 - Rescheduled Pizza Lunch

June 14 - Talent Show

June 20 - Track and Field Event

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Integration of Our
Catholic Faith

Continuous
Improvement of
Student Achievement

Effective Use of
Our Resources

Engaging Our
Communities

\$2800 in chocolate bar sales. Monies are due to the office by May 11th in order to qualify

for the May 14th draw. The last day of the fundraiser is May 16th. All proceeds will be directed to technology in the classroom.

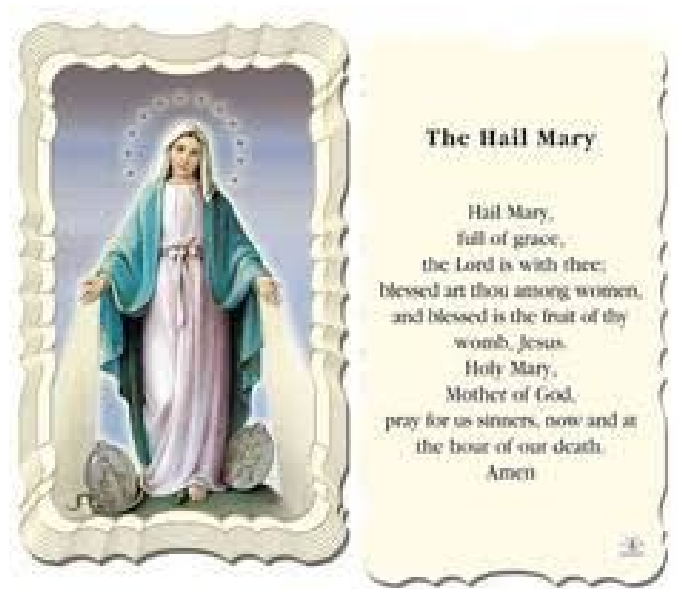
June 22 - Year End Mass and Volunteer Tea @ 9:20

June 25 - Grade 6 Farewell Celebration

June 27 - Senior Kindergarten Celebration @ 1:30

June 28 - Last Day of School

May - The Month Devoted to Mary



Thank you so much for your generosity over the last few weeks.

We will continue to sell the Ice Dawg sandwiches for \$2.00 until May 4th. All proceeds will be directed to ShareLife.

Also, the annual school fundraiser is off to a great start. So far, students have sold over

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