



JOHN SWEENEY CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Regrets: Sandra, Catherine

Jude led us in a land acknowledgement and prayer.

School Report

- Line painting, wall games completed – accessible for all students
- Sandboxes coming soon – waiting on sand
- Catholic Education Week May 5-9
 - Parent connection and class visits – wonderful turnout!
 - Parent connection again in the fall (no visit); purpose to connect families to build our larger school community in a positive way
- School calendar is out in the Friday Flash for 2026-2027
- Food Exemption Days – 2026-2027 – The WCDSB Nutrition Policy: Agenda insert for next year. A reminder to families that schools are not permitted to distribute birthday cakes, cupcakes, donuts, ice cream, or similar treats due to both the limited number of school-wide exemption days allowed under the policy and the allergy or dietary needs that may not be known. Each school must predetermine and report up to 10 exemption days per year, during which foods outside the maximum nutritional value guidelines may be served.
 - Exemption dates scheduled for next year are:
 - Halloween
 - Day Before Christmas
 - Valentine's Day
 - Day Before March Break
 - Bible Celebration
 - Cake Walk
 - EQAO Days
 - Year-End/Last Day of School
 - Flexible day determined by classroom teacher – a D2L will go home stating the reason for the event and a reminder that any food coming in must be nut-free and labelled.
- Grade 8 Graduation: Grade 8 parents or CSAC members – volunteers to assist in between the graduation and the dance.

Living, Learning, and Growing in the Holy Spirit

- School Driver Survey: 116 responses – 30 who say they use the kiss n drop. Will be reviewed by Student Transportation Services for any next steps (information about bussing and bus patrols; routes; Drive to 5)
- Ministry Update – Volunteer CBC for anyone who helps in any capacity including drivers, field trips, strong start. More information to come.
- End of Year Celebration: June 4th from 5:00-7:00. Music, Skippy photos, Photo booth, welcome table – possible food trucks: Maria and Dana to contact
- September Open House: Monday, September 28th 5:30-6:30

Parish Update:

- Join us for Blessed Sacrament's Annual Church Picnic for food, faith and fellowship! What better way to spend a Saturday afternoon? Join us for a day of great food, games, face painting, tug of war, and lots of outdoor fun for all ages. Hot dogs, drinks, munchies, ice cream cones and freezies provided. Registration (over the next three weeks) in the church foyer after each Mass. Please bring chairs to sit on and umbrellas for shade. NO PET ALLOWED
 - Date: Saturday, June 20th
 - Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - Location: Blessed Sacrament Church grounds
- Additionally, there is a heart template that families are invited to cut out and decorate with their name and the year they joined the parish to celebrate Blessed Sacrament's 45 years as a parish. Bring back to the church for it to be displayed for Corpus Christi (June 6/7). Template attached.

Fundraising

- Terra Cotta cookie fundraiser possibly in the Spring – not moving forward due to effort involved at this time.
- \$755.00 received from Factory Shoe. The initiative will continue into the next school year with Tanya as the contact. A newswire will be sent in the summer to inform families of this ongoing fundraising initiative.
- Current account balance is \$4431.34.
- Motion by Kim: "To spend \$250 per division (max \$1000) for recess resources. Seconded by Jessica. Motion passed

Other

It was noted that Strong Start was well organized and gains made. The presentation by Paul Davis was well attended and very informative.

Thanks for a great year!