

**St. Gerald  
Catholic School**



*Rejoicing in Hope!*

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236

**Hours of operation:**  
9:00-3:30

**May 2010**

# Catholic School News

## Principal's Message



Dear St. Gerald Families,

We hope that Easter filled your home with much more of God's unconditional love. Now that we are almost back in Ordinary time, we try our best to honour the profound message that we learned through Christ's death and resurrection.

This month is Asian heritage month. We'd like to invite families to share their artifacts, or interesting stories with us. Also, Catholic Education week will be from May third to seventh. We will continue to celebrate our shared faith as we always do; through prayer, assemblies and living our gospel values. We thank all educators for their commitment to our treasured system!

This month we will focus on the virtue of compassion. We hope to act in ways that will demonstrate empathy, kindness and humility.

Wishing all mothers, and mother-figures, a very special Mother's Day!

S. DaCosta  
Principal



## The Prayer of St. Teresa of Avilia

*Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands but yours,  
No feet but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which  
Christ's compassion must look out on the world.  
Yours are the feet with which  
He is to go about doing good.  
Yours are the hands with which  
He is to bless us now.  
Amen.*



## **CSAC Information:**

The next CSAC meeting is Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.  
All are welcome!

## **School News**

### **Cross Country**



This year students from our school participated in the regional cross country tournament. Students behaved beautifully, and demonstrated a strong sense of sportsmanship. The date of the meet was on Monday, April 19th. We had eleven of our athletes qualify for the Regional Meet on April 26th! We would like to thank the coaches and all the people who volunteered on that day and helped prepare the students.

### **Ottawa**

Grade eight students are invited to participate in an overnight trip again this year. Students will have the opportunity to 'live' the history and geography curriculum. The supervising staff are to be thanked for giving up so much personal time to provide this excellent opportunity!

### **Catholic Education Week**

This year we honour our opportunity to celebrate the great work that transpires in our Catholic schools from May 3rd to 7th. On May 6th our intermediate band will showcase their talent and dedication by performing in our gym at 1:30pm. We will host our pizza lunch and dress down day on the 7th.

### **Sunday May 9th, is Mother's Day.**

Thank you to all those who care for our young ones. Your love and devotion touches the lives of not only your children, but also to all who meet them.



### **Testing**

This year our grade 7 students will be writing the CAT3 test during the week of May 24th. EQAO testing and CAT3 for grades 2 and 5 will occur from May 31st, to June 4th. This test will involve the grades 3 and 6 classes and 2 and 5 grades respectively.

### **Earth Day**

On April 22nd, our school celebrated Earth Day by creating a Litter-less lunch. Our intermediate students picked up garbage in our yard as well as will plant flowers in our garden. We thank all our students and staff for their commitment in maintaining a clean, eco-friendly school environment.

### **Healthy Lunches/Snacks**

By September 2011 all schools in Ontario will be required to comply with Ontario's new 'School Food and Beverage Policy'. The new policy encourages all schools to sell food and beverages that meet the nutrition standards set out by the policy. All schools are encouraged to promote healthy food and drinks in daily snacks and lunches as well.

### **Swim to Survive**

This month our grade four students will have an opportunity to have a swimming assessment. This program has been designed by the government to provide parents with the necessary information to ensure water safety for their children.

### **Welcome to Kindergarten**

We are thrilled to welcome our new JK students! Parents, staff and children will participate in our annual evening that helps prepare our youngest children for their new role as 'learner'. We will meet at 6:00p.m. on May 6th in the library.

## Angel Foundation for Learning

St. Gerald Catholic Elementary School is pleased to announce that **The Angel Foundation for Learning**, the charitable organization devoted to assisting needy students within TCDSB schools, has approved our school's funding request in support of our Ottawa Trip.

Serving TCDSB students and making a positive difference, we congratulate The Angel Foundation for Learning for helping over **300,000** students since its inception in 1987. Currently they continue to serve over 25,000 students annually.

Donations to the Foundation are welcome and can be sent to: The Angel Foundation for Learning, 80 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto, ON M2N 6E8. Tax receipts for donations of \$10.00 or more will be issued. For more information about the Foundation visit

[www.angelfoundationforlearning.org](http://www.angelfoundationforlearning.org)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Gr.7/8 Art Show CSAC 6:30pm	<b>5</b> X Country City Finals	<b>6</b> Lockdown Welcome to Kindergarten	<b>7</b> Pizza	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Mother's Day	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Gr. 4 Swim to Survive	<b>19</b> Ottawa	<b>20</b> Ottawa	<b>21</b> Ottawa	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Mass @ 9:30 Gr. 4 Swim to Survive	<b>26</b> CAT 3	<b>27</b> CAT 3	<b>28</b> Track and Field @ York University	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> CAT 3 EQAO Gr. 3/6					