



ST LEO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Good Afternoon St. Leo School Families!

It is wonderful to feel the lift in our spirits as the sun shines and the temperatures warm! Our staff and students look to harness this energy for continued learning and development. We have so much learning to do before June and with our focus being student success. Our Grade 3 and 6 students will begin to write their EQAO assessment of learning during May and we are excited for them to show what they know!

As we enter into Catholic Education Week, May 6-10, I encourage you to join us when you are able, to celebrate and witness that which makes St. Leo School a caring faith community. Check your child's Brightspace or follow us on Twitter to see the activities and special events we are offering, like Chalk the Walk, Perennial Garden planting, Faith Fair, Kinder Orientation, Jump Rope for Heart, the Book Fair and our Drum Clinic! It's going to be an amazing week!!

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. May, like spring is considered the season for the beginning of new life. During this month, we honour Mary for her devotion and strength. We will celebrate our Marian/Year End Mass with Father Steve here at the school on May 21, 2024.

We wish a restful and relaxing Victoria Day long weekend for all our families as we begin our sprint for the finish line in June.

As always, please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

*May God give you peace and fill your hearts with love for one another,
~ Mrs. Margi Szoke*

BELL TIMES

Morning Bell 8:45am Dismissal 3:05pm

First Nutrition Break 10:25am-11:05am

Second Nutrition Break 12:45pm-1:25pm

If your child will be absent from school please
[Email](#) or Phone: 519-759-3314.

QUICK LINKS

• [Bussing Updates](#)

• Inclement Weather Announcements

Twitter: [@stleocatholic](https://twitter.com/stleocatholic)

Board Website: www.bhncdsb.ca

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ST LEO EVENTS CALENDAR

Opening Liturgy / Catholic Student Leadership Awards / Chalk the Walk | May 6
Perennial Garden Planting Day | May 7
Faith Fair 3-4 PM Families welcome / Kindergarten Orientation 4:30—5:30 | May 8
Jump Rope For Heart | May 9
ANNIE Evening Performance 6:15pm | May 13
ANNIE Performances 1:45pm & 6:15pm | May 14
Grade 7 & 8 Immunizations | May 15
Year End Mass | May 21
K-5 Talent Show | May 22
K-5 Talent Show PM Performance @ 6PM | May 23
On the Horizon: EQAO for Grades 3 & 6

Catholic Education Week May 6th-10th

As People Of Hope

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.". Romans 15:13

As People of Faith

"For in Christ Jesus... the only thing that counts is faith working through love." Galatians 5:6

As People of Mercy

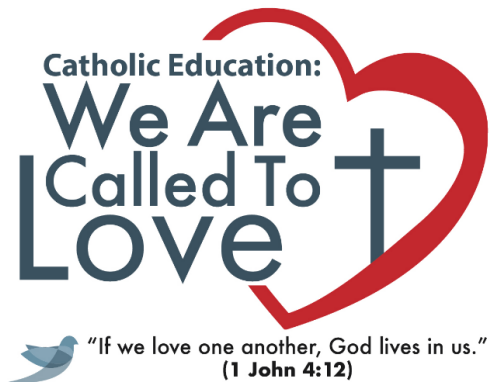
"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Luke 6:36

As People of Justice.

"Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God." Micah 6:8

As People of Joy.

"Our heart is glad in the Lord, because we trust in his holy name." Psalm 33:21





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A Note from Student Transportation Services:

Moving over the summer? Let transportation know so that your new address is ready to receive services for September! The form is available at: https://transinfobhn.ca/Workflow/Forms/CA_ON_STSBHN/TransportationRequest.aspx?FormVersionId=5fe370df-de79-4771-bcb0-9bb7e60b9bc4

Looking to accessing transportation details for September? Access to the transportation portal, available at: <https://transinfobhn.ca/Login>, will be opened to the public on August 14th, 2024. Transportation can be reached by emailing transportation@stsbhn.ca or by calling 519-751-7532. Updates received and processed before August 28th at noon will be in effect for the first day of school.

Don't forget to check out the Chipmunk app this school year. The app is free and allows families to track the path of their bus and to be given notification when the bus is getting close to your assigned bus stop. More information on the app is available by visiting: <https://stsbhn.ca/faqs>



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Good Morning All,

Please see below some announcements from St Pius that we would love to have included in your May newsletter, if possible.

Staffing Changes

As many of you have heard over the past few months, there are some substantial staffing changes happening at St Pius right now. Andrew Beach, who has been with the Parish since December of 2011, moved from full-time to part-time work in October. He has accepted a new job in London, Ontario, and will be moving to a new house much closer to his new job at the end of the month. His final day of work will be May 29th.

There will be a potluck lunch following the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, June 2nd to bid him farewell. All are welcome to participate and wish him the best in his new adventures.

Fr Steve Murrin, our Pastor since 2022, has also been asked by Bishop Crosby to move to a new Parish this summer. On June 26th he will be moving to Our Lady of Lourdes in Kitchener. We look forward to welcoming Fr Rafal Tomon as our new Pastor starting this summer.

First Reconciliation/First Communion & Confirmation Dates

With the arrival of a new Pastor, we are unable to release sacramental preparation dates for the next school year at this time. Fr Tomon will need some time to settle in, and we hope to distribute information on our sacramental preparation timelines in the fall via our bulletin, website, social media, and through the schools. Stay tuned for the schedule this fall!

Vacation Bible School on Hiatus This Summer

Over the past 15 years, St Pius has been thrilled to offer a wonderful summer camp experience for young children and leadership opportunities for older elementary aged children and high school students. Unfortunately, with all the staffing changes it was deemed impossible to run a camp this year. We hope that this very popular camp will return in the summer of 2025!

First Communions - Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to the roughly 80 children who celebrated First Communion with us at St Pius this past weekend or who will be joining us this coming weekend. It has been an honour working with you and your families, and we wish you many blessings in the years ahead!