

Our Lenten Journey

To begin our Lenten journey, we will be gathering as a school community for an Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, March 1. The Service will be held in the gym at 11:15 a.m.

Ashes have long been used to symbolize penance and humility. In Genesis 18:27, we read the prayer of Abraham: "I am bold to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes." The use of ashes as a Christian symbol was first noted around the 4th century. At this time, sinners would be marked with ashes, and temporarily expelled from the community for wrongs.

By the 7th century, this practice had evolved into a public Ash Wednesday ritual. Sinners were made to wear sackcloth and ashes, and made to live apart from their families for all of Lent. They could not enter the church, and were kept from speaking to others. They did penance, prayer, slept on the ground or a straw tick, and could not bathe or cut their hair. On Holy Thursday, they would be absolved from their sins and allowed to return home.

The parish ritual we now practice became the norm around the time of Pope Urban II (11th century). Today a sign of the cross is traced on our foreheads with ashes made from last year's palms. The ashes symbolize the beginning of a holy season, a time for reflection and renewal.

This year we will again be supporting the OK Clean Water Project as our school Lenten project. There will be a special presentation by representatives of this organization on Monday, March 6.



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Board 2006 Capital Plan Includes Proposal for Boundary Change for St. Anne Students Going to High School

As reported in the February newsletter, on Tuesday, January 24, the Ottawa Carleton Catholic School Board presented its 2006 Capital Plan to the Board of Trustees. Final recommendations on the Capital Plan will be presented to the Board for approval on March 28, 2006.

One of the proposals is that St. Anne students be redirected to Holy Trinity High School effective September 2006. The proposal calls for a 24-room addition at Holy Trinity. This

proposal certainly has advantages for our students. Holy Trinity currently has a student population of approximately 1145, for September 2006. Presently St. Anne students attend Sacred Heart High School for grades 7-12. The 2005-2006 population of Sacred Heart High School is approximately 1985 students.

The proposal would mean that our students would be attending high school with graduates of St. James School, Holy Redeemer School and St. Martin de Porres School. These schools are affiliated with Holy Redeemer Parish, as is St. Anne School.

The proposed building of a 24 room (552 pupil places) permanent addition at Holy Trinity for September 2007, would mean no portables. Sacred Heart presently has 27 portables. In the proposal, siblings who presently attend Sacred Heart will have the option of transferring to Holy Trinity or staying at Sacred Heart.

On February 7, Lucy Miller, school superintendent, and Martha Comerford-Townend, a Holy Trinity School Council representative, attended our Catholic School Council meeting. At the meeting, Ms. Miller and Mrs. Comerford-Townend were able to address many questions from those in attendance.

A Public Consultation on the Boundary change for St. Anne was held on Wednesday, February 15, at Holy Trinity High School. Those in attendance were invited to communicate their concerns to the Planning Department. As well, those wishing to make a presentation at the March 7 or March 28 Board meeting were advised to call the Board at 224-2222 to get on the agenda for the meeting.

For more information on the 2006 Capital Plan, please visit the Board's website at <http://www2.occdsb.on.ca/content.php?doc=43> and refer to page 107 of the plan, or to the St. Anne website at <http://www2.occdsb.on.ca/ann/contentphp?sec=4>

ATTENTION BLUEGRASS GRADUATES

“Are you a Bluegrass Graduate? If so, Bluegrass Co-Operative Nursery School is inviting you to help celebrate its 25th Anniversary. A party is planned for Saturday March 25th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the school. Marnie and Katherine are still the teachers and they will be on hand to meet all their former students and families who they have taught and worked with over the last 18 years! IT will be a fun filled day with our anniversary cake and group photo at 12:00 along with our 6th annual Silent Auction/Family Fun Day. Hope you can make it!

Girls' and Boys' Basketball at St. Anne

On Thursday, February 23, St. Anne School was the site of a Catholic School Board basketball tournament. The girls' Ottawa-Carleton team was the tournament convener and he kept everything running smoothly throughout the day. Our girls basketball team played with skill and determination. They displayed excellent sportsmanship. Congratulations to the team, coached by Joanne Cooke: Emily Brady,



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Nicole Adriano, Courteney Ross, Isabela Murillo, Lindsay Kuntz, Andrea Mallory, Cristin Shanahan, Julia Gatto, Sarah Nichols, Tara Moloney, Saxon House, Colleen Mahoney.



The boys basketball team tournament on Thursday March 2. tournament, with will be held here boys' team, coached by Kevin Carey, for all their hard work and dedication at their practices. Team members included: Christian Orzel, Jeremy Camposarcone, Lucas, Hailu, Jesse Renaud, Brendan Maloney, Colin Davies, Kody Keller, Jean Claude Peters, Brandon Kironde, Alex

will be participating in the OCCSB Joanne Cooke will be convening the at St. Anne. Congratulations to the

Pipierni-Leonarduzzi, Matthew Roberts and Jesse Lambe.



Did you know that...

An idling vehicle emits nearly 20 times more pollution than one travelling at 50 km/h. and that ten seconds of idling uses more gas than restarting an engine and that children are particularly vulnerable to air pollution because they inhale more air per pound of body weight?

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The Canadian Tire money box is ready on the desk at the entrance. It's so well decorated you can't miss it! Donations will be used to purchase sports equipment for the school.

The third term of the violin program begins right after the March Break. Concert dates are being set and you will be called for the date in your school.

Awesome Students at St. Anne



At the St. Anne News Show on February 28, Awesome Student Awards were presented to students in three categories: believing, discovering and achieving.

Believing: Sabrina Bashaw, Meghan Hull-Hindle, Caitlin Shanahan, Shaylah Mahoney, Sask Peloso, Jenny Bui, Emma Arseneault, Grace Bourgeois, Alanna Grossutti, Stephan Tzolov, Nicholas Dumont, Darren O'Neill, Emma Scott, Hannah Crepeault, Janelle DeCastro.

Discovering: Talia Dixon, Tanner Chaput, Jaya Valentino, Braedon Kirk, Shelley Lambert, Michael Kazarian, Ryan Kane, Emma Brennan, Mitchell Wilkie, Samantha - Jo Meijer, Brandon Kironde, Hannah Gilmour, Natalie Popielski, Kieran O'Boyle, Julien He, Ben Angus.

Achieving: Graeme Gemin, Wade Brennan, Tami-Lyn Poirer, Michaela Martel, Gary Hicks, April Long, Dimitri Palombo, Marissa Baggio, Justiin Chau, Mykayla Jackson, Harry Lyster, Rebecca Hall, Keenan McPhail, Kennedy Kay, Christian Orzel, Shane Newrallah, Matthew Caudle, Sierra Vieirra, Emily St. Michael, Liz Tong, Marina Pineda-MacIntosh, Jessica Chen, Audrey Joynt, Eric Rosu, Erin Oostram, Adrianna Niles.

Who was caught being kind?

In February, students received Caught your Caring Bracelets for acts of kindness.

Congratulations to: Candice Trzmiel, Nicole Andriano, Madison Lyon, Aiden MacRae, Christian Orzel, Mikaela Gallinger, Morgan Asquini, Mandy Newel, Cody Catinus, Sammy Lngill, Ethan Saucier, Julia Pshiramis, Alex Levesque, Michael McLean, Emma Jackson, Brandon McGuiness, Paolo Guerrero-Acero and Samantha OosatInder.

The Caught you Caring skill for March will be Using Self Control

Sign Language Course

Fifty-two enthusiastic students from grades one to three participated in the Sign Language Club this year at St. Anne.

The students became familiar with signing the alphabet, foods, animals and simple greetings and response. They very quickly mastered the signs.

The Sign Language Club was organized and led by Carolyn Roberts. Mrs. Roberts wants to encourage all 52 students to "Keep on Signing!"



Emily St. Michael Receives Award

At a special ceremony at Ottawa City Hall on Wednesday, February 22nd, gr. 5 student Emily St. Michael received an award for heroism. Emily is credited with saving the life of her young cousin.

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26	27	28 4:45 p.m. First reconciliation Gr. 2 Bus Safety Presentation	29 Bus Safety Presentatio ns	30 Report Cards go home	31 9:30 a.m. Wake up St. Anne News Show Wear school colours	