



St. Francis de Sales School

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Prayer for May

Loving God, in Mary you have given your church a sign of the glory to come.

May those who honour this image of Mary look to her as a model of holiness for all your people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Catholic Education Week 2009

Catholic Education Week this year takes place from May 3 – May 9, 2009. During this week the Catholic community celebrates the unique and distinctive contribution that Catholic Schools make to our students, our community and our Province. Catholic Education Week is a welcome opportunity to celebrate the Mission of our Catholic schools as they strive to integrate the Gospel values of Jesus Christ in every aspect of the school's life and curriculum.

FROM THE OFFICE

Library Books Due May 29th

The School Library will be closing on June 1st in order to get books sorted and catalogued for next year. Each book will need to be looked at individually to determine if it will stay at St. Francis or be moved to St. James. This will be done with the help of a Library Technician, from the School Board, who has been helping at our school over the past few months. The process will take some time and therefore we will need to close the library and take the month of June to sort through the books. Please keep an eye open for library books around your house and send them to school by the end May.

Personal Electronics Reminder

Please remember that Personal Electronics (cell phones, iPods & MP3 players, gamesboys...) are not to be used at school. Students have been reminded that if they bring these items, they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. If students continue to bring these items, they will need to be picked up by their parent/guardian in the office.

Personal Laptops

Some students have been bringing their personal laptops to school to use in class. Students who wish to do this **MUST** have their teacher's permission and **MUST** take all responsibility for them. They are to be used a Word Processors and any attempt to access the internet on them will result in loss of the privilege to use them in class. All School Board policies regarding the Use of Electronics in school are to be followed and they are not to be shared with other students. There is no access to a printer for personal laptops but the file may be saved to a USB drive and printed on one of the school's computers.

Laptop Donations?

St. Francis students have demonstrated a need for laptops that can be used in various classes. Many students write much better when they do not have to worry about the fine motor skills used in handwriting. Some classes have had the opportunity to use a laptop with various students and the difference in the finished product is quite dramatic. If you are aware of any individual or business that has recently upgrade their laptops(s) or will be in the near future, and would like to help students become more independent in their classwork by donating the old laptop to the school, please contact Mr. Lesser. We are looking for any laptop that would be able to run Windows XP, has a CD drive, has at least one USB port and is in working order.

Dress Code

The weather has been getting warmer and summer clothes are being worn. Please take time to read the dress code in the front of the student agendas. "Clothing should be modest and should not draw undue attention to the wearer". The general rule for shirts is at least a 5 cm width shoulder and completely cover the midsection and skirts/dresses should go to just over the knees.

Breakfast Program

Our Breakfast Program operates 5 days of the week and is available to students at 8:30 a.m. Students who arrive at school at 8:30 **must** either go to the Homework Club or to the Breakfast Program.

St. John High Track and Field

