

ST JUDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL – APRIL 2018 MEETING – Tuesday April 24, 2018, 7 pm

Mission statement of DCDSB: we are called to celebrate and nurture the God-given talents of each student as we serve with excellence in the light of Christ. Excellence/Equity/New Evangelization

Faith reflection

Review and approval of minutes from March 27, 2018 Council Meeting

Principal Message

Living and Learning In Our Catholic Learning Community

- March 29th - Gr 7s led school in Holy Thursday Liturgy
- April 3rd – Gr 2s attended a Retreat at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church (new initiative)
- April 19th – Nancy honoured at DPIC
- April 20th – Gr 7s received Confirmation with Bishop Nguyen
- May 5th – Gr 2s receiving First Holy Communion
- Catholic Education Week – May 6-11th – theme: renewing the Promise
- May 3rd – Durham Children’s Foundation Dinner – Paula , Denise, Nancy and Norma will represent St Jude’s. St Jude’s name will appear in the program as we donated a Golf-theme basket to the foundation
- Saturday May 26th – we are hosting the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge – pilot project for schools in St Francis de Sales Parish
- Year-end Mass led by our Gr 8 students: Wed June 13th, 10 am, St Francis de Sales Church

Activities during Catholic Education Week – a number still being finalized!

Monday May 7th – 4:30 – System-wide Mass – Holy Family Parish

Tuesday May 8th – we will be honouring Paula Papagni, our Distinguished Catholic Educator and St Jude presentation from “PickWaste” – eco initiative from DCDSB alumni

Wed May 9th – Student Walk for Hope in support of Durham Children’s Foundation

Thursday May 10th – Carol Burke – empathy presentation with her kindness dog for all students

Friday May 11th – students attending Coding Symposium at St. Bernard’s

Other news

- Tchoukball Tournaments
- Folk Dance
- Today our Choir participated in Festivals Canada – thank you Mr. Thompson

- April 12th – we hosted a Chess Tournament for 4 schools, five of our students qualified for Board-level finals on April 19th
- Gr 3 and 6 teachers meeting tomorrow after school to finalize schedule for EQAO 2018 assessment
- May 16th – incoming JKs spending an hour in the classrooms with Parent Night occurring May 24th
- Primary Numeracy Centres – extending beyond Gr 3 to our primary classes
- Grade 8 Closing Ceremonies/Gr 8 Luncheon and upcoming Gr 8 Parent Committee
- Update from March 27th Council meeting – question of curbs and crumbling sidewalk at front of school
- By May 18th – Community Use of Schools for the 2018-2019 School Year needs to be finalized. Thoughts on Council meetings for next year?
- Parent Survey – Norma will be sending questions to Council members for input
- Date for Volunteer Luncheon will be finalized in next week
- Note going home May 1st – parents given opportunity for formal input re: student placement, review of Dress Code expectations, Use of technology, Remaining on School Property

Fundraising Update – Expenditures

- Company installing the triple hoop and basketball net have met with Principal and determined location – will have installation date
- Challenge of student bench
- Electronic Scoreboard – something students have been asking for many years – ordered

Year-end Fun Fair and Outdoor Movie

Thursday June 14th

Our May 29th Council Meeting will be the final one for the year

