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Mother of Unity Prayer

Virgin Mary,
our Mother of renewed
faith, hope and love,
instill in us your call to unity,
so that we may be one in heart with you
and the most Holy Trinity.

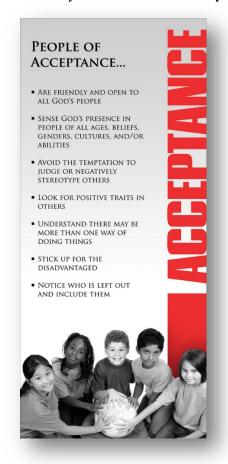
Show us your way to peace and bring us to oneness in spirit and mind.

All for the glory of God we pray.

Amen.



Virtue of the Month: Acceptance



Catholic Education Week May 4-10

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "Pilgrims of Hope."



Crowning of Mary Celebration

Parents are invited to join us on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>May 8th</u> for our Crowning of Mary Celebration, presented by our Rosary Apostolate. The first celebration will occur at <u>9:15-10:15am for students in Grades 4-8</u> and from <u>10:45-11:30am for students in Grades Kindergarten-3.</u>

Sacraments

Congratulations to our Grade 2 students who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.



Congratulations also to our Grade 7 students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

May God bless them always!

Journey into Learning Evening

We are pleased to welcome our new youngest Mustangs to St. John of the Cross CES at our 'Journey into Learning' (Welcome to Kindergarten) evening, here at the school, on <u>Thursday, May 8th, 6:00 pm</u>.





Safety Reminders Protecting the Skin

Overexposure to the sun can cause skin damage. We remind students regularly to take



precautions to protect their skin during recess times. The following are some suggestions to help protect the skin:

- Wear protective clothing to cover the skin
- Wear a hat to protect both the eyes and the skin.
- ➤ When possible, stay out of direct sunlight.
- ➤ Wear sun block; the higher the protection factor number, the greater the protection.

Parents are encouraged to reinforce these strategies with their children regularly.

Dress Code Reminders

- Students are expected to come to school dressed for learning.
- Students will ensure that <u>the top</u> of the shoulders to the mid-thigh are not exposed.
- Students will not be permitted to wear clothing that promotes: hate, discrimination, illegal activity, profanity, violence political language, threats to health & safety or content that contravenes the Ontario Human Rights Code



The grade 3 and 6 students at St. John of the Cross CES continue to prepare for the EQAO assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

REVISED DATES

The **grade 3 students** will write the test *Tuesday, May* 20th, *Thursday, May* 22nd and *Friday May* 23rd.

The **grade 6 students** will write the test Monday, May 26th, Tuesday, May 27th and Wednesday, May 28th

We ask that you please not schedule any appointments within those weeks. The results of these tests will be received in the fall of 2025.

REMINDERS:

Friday, May 16th- PA Day No school for students

Monday, May 19th - Victoria Day is a Canadian statutory holiday in every province and territory. It honours Queen Victoria's birthday.

Happy Mother's Day!

To all of our wonderful moms at SJC! We wish you a very Happy Mother's Day.



Changes to Information

Please ensure that the school **always** has current home, work, and cell phone numbers. If there have been any recent changes to your contact information, we kindly ask that you notify the school as soon as possible. It is also important that you have a network of support contacts for your children in case you are not available. Our first concern is always for the well-being and safety of our students.

Also, if you have moved, or changed your email address, please contact the office to update this information.

Attachments:

- 1. Trustee Corbet's May Newsletter
- **2.** Thrive in Community May 2025
- 3. SNL Program for Gr. 6-8 students
- **4.** Focus on Youth Summer Camp Registration Information

- **5.** STEAM Parent Engagement Flyer
- 6. 2025-2026 School Year Calendar

