



April Newsletter 2025

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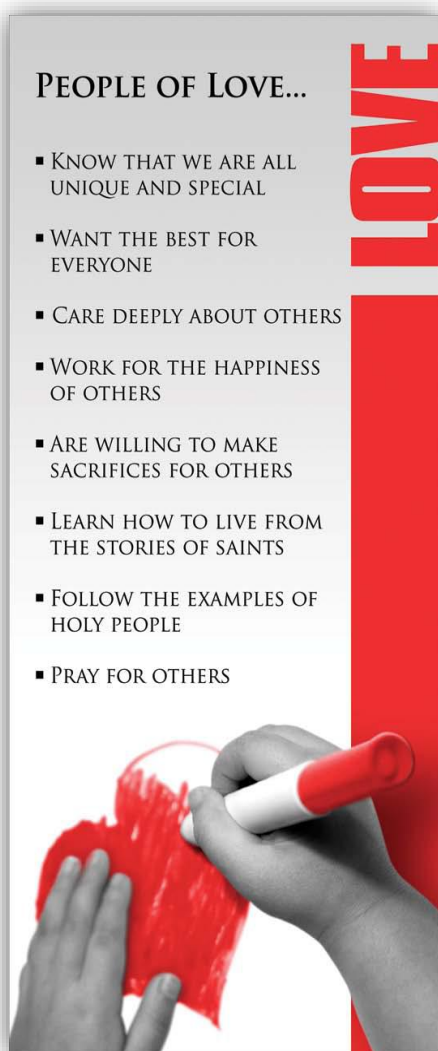
*Good and Gracious God,
You call your people to You this
Lent*

*May this sacred season
renew our desire
to live fully the promises
of our baptism
and to love You with a whole heart.*

*Through more frequent prayer,
acts of charity and fasting,
may we remember that
loving You
and one another
is the most important thing we can do.*

*In confidence, we ask these things through
Jesus Christ
Our Risen Lord and Savior.
Amen*

Virtue of the Month – LOVE



Catholic School Council Meeting

Our next Catholic School Council parent meeting will take place on **Thursday, April 24, at 5:30pm**, in the school library. Parents are invited to attend virtually or in person. A zoom link will be provided to parents who wish to attend!

School Organization for Sept. 2025

The staff of St. John of the Cross School will be meeting to discuss class placements for September 2025. When determining placement, some of the criteria we consider are: Special Education or English Language Learner needs, academic ability, learning skills, social, emotional, and physical factors, and placement history. If your child has any special needs/considerations you have not communicated to the school yet, we request that you send a letter to the school information mailbox JcrossInfo@dpcdsb.org, by **April 25th at 9:00am**, indicating their learning style, including the type of learning environment that would provide your child with the most success.

Please do not make requests for a specific teacher. These requests will not be considered as all teaching grade assignments are tentative.

When the staff meet to create tentative class lists for September 2025, we will take into consideration the overall needs of the students in relation to the make-up of the class. We will also take into consideration parental input regarding a student's special needs.

Please note: Few if any schools in Ontario today are without combined grades. Combined Grade Classes can be beneficial to the students by allowing for appropriate class organization and a balanced number of students in each class. Our professional staff carefully construct these combined classes.

Celebrating Earth Week At SJC!



Tuesday, April 22nd – Earth Day / Pledge Day/Trash Free Tuesday- only reusable containers for lunch and snack

WEAR GREEN & BLUE TODAY FOR EARTH DAY!

We will sign a school pledge today to protect the environment

Wednesday, April 23rd – Walk/ Bike to School today!

Replacing car trips with walking or bicycling can reduce congestion and air-polluting emissions.

Thursday, April 24th– Eco-Friendly snacks/GOOS Paper Day

Students are asked to bring in snacks that leave a smaller Eco-impact on our world. Choose local fruits and veggies and snacks with little or no packaging

Friday, April 25th – Let's Enjoy the Outdoors!

Extra Outdoor time today!

Collect pieces of nature to create a work of art.
Take pictures of nature to share with our community.

Graduation Photo & Ceremony



The grade 8 graduation photos will take place on **Thursday, April 10th**. The graduation ceremony will be held on **Tuesday, June 24th at 4:30 pm**, in our school gymnasium. The students will have their luncheon and dance that day at Le Treport Banquet Hall. Thank you to our Catholic School Parent Council for their financial support of this important event. More details to follow.

Kindergarten Registration 2025-2026

Children born in 2020 or 2021 can start Kindergarten in September 2025. A reminder to please register children online at dpcdsb.org

Pizza Day Cycle # 3 Reminder

Due to the school closure on Feb. 13th, the last day for Pizza in this cycle is now Thursday May 1st.

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

April 7th - Intermediate Girls Basketball Tournament @ St. Simon Stock
April 9th - Intermediate Boys Basketball Tournament @ St. Sebastian
April 13th - Palm Sunday
April 17th - Holy Thursday
April 18th - Good Friday
April 20th - Easter Sunday
April 21st - Easter Monday
April 24th - Catholic School Council Meeting
April 25th - Dance (rescheduled from Feb. 13th)

Attachments:

1. Thrive in Community – April 2025

Attachments Continued:

2. ILElem. Flyer
3. Parent Engagement Evening