

# ST. LUKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

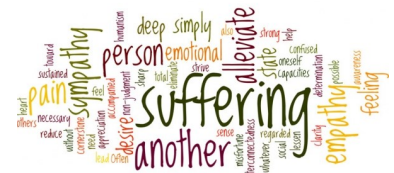
SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY 2017

## COMPASSION

During the month of February we celebrate the virtue of COMPASSION. In Luke's Gospel we read, "Be compassionate as God is compassionate." We understand compassion not only as the ability to empathize with another but also to act on behalf of that other person. It is evident when we care deeply and want to help others, even if we do not know them. It is being kind and forgiving to someone who has hurt you. We practice COMPASSION when we:

- are helpful to a person or animal in need
  - notice when someone is hurt or needs a friend
  - imagine how another person might be feeling
  - take time to show how you care
  - forgive others when they make mistakes
  - reach out in the broader community to share our resources and skills
- The more we talk, teach and learn about compassion, the closer our students come to dedicating themselves to the common good and to doing God's work.



## Junior & Senior Kindergarten Registrations

If you or any friends, neighbours or relatives have a child ready to begin Junior Kindergarten this September, we can be contacted at the school (705-472-6690) for registration information. Kindergarten students must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2017 and Senior Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2017. Children who are already in school need not re-register for Senior Kindergarten. Help us keep your **Catholic Early French Immersion School** growing in your community.



## Shrove Tuesday

We will again begin the season of Lent with a Pancake lunch for all of the staff and students at St. Luke Catholic School on Tuesday, February 28th. Traditionally Catholics give up treats and sweets during the season of Lent and that is why we celebrate with a feast the day before. Please remember to send a protein, snacks and drinks as usual. **Please let us know if your child is unable to eat pancakes due to milk or egg allergies.** We will need volunteers to help us with this event. Please send a note with your child's teacher or call the school if you can help.

## Ash Wednesday

Our School will be celebrating Ash Wednesday on March 1 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Peter's Church. We invite all families to come and join us as we start our Lenten journey together.!

## Valentine's Day Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> with a **Spirit Day**. All students and staff are invited to wear red, white and/or



## Term 1 - Report Cards

You received your child's progress report in November and on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> we will send out the Term 1 report cards. Please complete the Student Comment section with your child and return it with your signed comment section (Pg. 4) for Grades 1 - 8. Thank You.

## Graduation Photos

Grade 8 Graduation photographs will be taken on Tuesday, February 21st, 2017

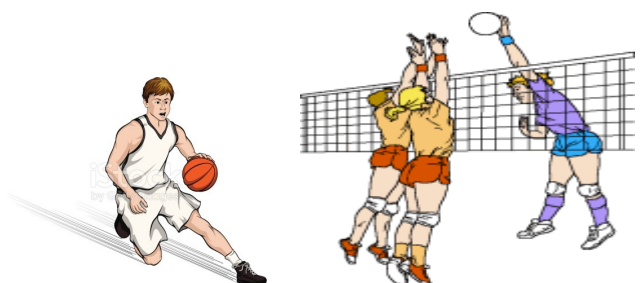


## Family Day

Several years ago, the Government of Ontario announced the creation of a new province-wide statutory holiday, Family Day, to emphasize and celebrate family. This day is celebrated on the third Monday in February every year. Please note: All schools and administration offices in the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board **will be closed on Monday, February 20th, 2017.**

## Intermediate Basketball and Junior Volleyball

Good luck to both the intermediate basketball and junior volleyball teams who have been training hard to proudly represent St. Luke throughout their sporting season. Go Toros!





# Regional Confirmation Preparation 2017

Preparation Sessions begin with Registration Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 PM

at St. Peter the Apostle Church and will once again involve candidates from the entire North Bay region.

Confirmation  
Celebration  
Saturday

In requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation it is presumed that you are in Grade 7 or 8 (or older) and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. If you are missing one or more of these sacraments, please call the church you are registered and practising at - they can help!



## Important Reminder

Morning yard supervision starts at 8:30 a.m. If you are not able to stay with your child(ren) we ask that you please only drop them off on or after this time when a teacher is present to supervise .

## Visitor Sign-In

To ensure the safety and security of our students, we ask all visitors to adhere to the sign-in protocol. Please stop by the office upon arrival and sign yourself into our **Visitor Registry Book**, don't forget to sign out on your departure.

## Catholic School Advisory Council

Our next Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) will be held on February 8th, at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

## Allergies

A friendly reminder, that there are children in our school with severe, life threatening allergies to peanuts and nuts. We maintain a peanut and nut aware school community, **peanut and nut products are not permitted.**

## Medication

We cannot dispense medication to a student unless it is prescribed by a physician. If your child requires medication during the school year, please have your physician complete the "Request for Administration of Oral Medication" form that has been sent home with your child and you can obtain one at the office any time. All medication must be kept at the office with written instructions.

## Contact Us














Safe Arrival:  
705-472-6690



School  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## FEBRUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 	2 	3 PA Day 	4
5	6	7	8 	9 	10 † Liturgical celebration in the gym @ 1:45 p.m.	11
12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day 	15 	16 Report cards 	17	18
19	20 Family Day No School	21 Grade 8 Grad Pictures	22 	23 	24  HEART & STROKE FOUNDATION	25
26	27 PA Day 	28  SHROVE TUESDAY	1 † ASH WEDNESDAY	2	3	4