



Catholic Education Week

May 2– 7, 2021

“*Nurturing Hope*”



Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year’s celebration is entitled, “**Catholic Education: *Nurturing Hope***” and will be celebrated during the week of May 2nd – May 7th, 2021.

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2021 was inspired by the following considerations:

- Recognition of the special Year of Laudato Si’ which will run through May 24, 2021, announced by Pope Francis on May 24, 2020, the fifth anniversary of his papal encyclical, “On Caring for Our Common Home.”
- In the face of the ongoing reality of the COVID-19 pandemic, a strong desire by the planning committee, along with those consulted, and supported by feedback from the survey, for continuity with the theme for Catholic Education Week 2020, *Igniting Hope*, which has served so well during the spring recess from in-school instruction.
- The challenges to personal and spiritual well-being posed by the uncertainty and physical isolation of the current global crisis makes the timing and the concerns of Mental Health Week, which takes place during the same week as Catholic Education Week, all the more relevant.
- Ongoing recognition of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission and the relevance of Indigenous culture and spirituality to the spirit of Laudato Si.

The five sub-themes for Catholic Education: *Nurturing Hope* are:

Monday: *Preparing the Earth*

Tuesday: *Sowing Seeds of Gratitude*

Wednesday: *Cultivating Relationships*

Thursday: *Harvesting New Fruit*

Friday: *Marvelling in Wonder*

As seen in following schedule, our school community will be celebrating in many different ways. We invite you to participate in any of the activities that have been planned as your personal time and/or work schedule may permit.



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TIME	ACTIVITY	TEACHERS
MONDAY MAY 3, 2021 CEW Daily Theme: Preparing the Earth Mental Health Theme: Naming Our Emotions and Keeping It Real		
9:00am	Morning Liturgies & Announcements This week, staff and students will view a daily, pre-recorded liturgy along with a mental health announcement aligned with the daily themes.	Administration
9:00am	“Nurturing Hope Liturgy and Nature Cross Art Piece” Families are invited to join the Kindergarten Teams for a short liturgy and as a family, create a cross using loose parts found in nature.	Mrs. Estey, Kindergarten Mrs. Martone & Mrs. Chusan, Kindergarten Mrs. Cuomo-Riddell & Mrs. Zasiewski, Kindergarten Ms. McDermott & Mrs. Prevost, Kindergarten
9:35am	Comics of Hope Students will share their messages of hope in comic form.	Mr. Putnins, Gr. 4
TUESDAY MAY 4, 2021 CEW Daily Theme: Sowing Seeds of Gratitude Mental Health Theme: Compassion for Self & Others		
9:00am	Morning Liturgies & Announcements	Administration
10:30am	Hummingbirds of Hope Students will listen to two short stories about how we can make the world a better place with small acts in our daily lives. We are called to be Christ for one another, even in difficult times. Students and parents will create an art piece of a hummingbird as a symbol of how a simple gesture of goodwill is sometimes the very thing that can help somebody most.	Mrs. Bilaver, Gr. 5FE
11:10am	Seeing Hope in God’s Creations Students will share a song about hope and create a flower artwork sharing their hopes for the future.	Mrs. Cerisano, Gr. 1 Mrs. D’Alfonso, Gr. 1
1:00pm	Hummingbirds of Hope Students will listen to two short stories about how we can make the world a better place with small acts in our daily lives. We are called to be Christ for one another, even in difficult times. Students and	Mrs. Evangelista, Gr. 5 Mrs. Berardi, Gr. 5/6 Mrs. Bilaver, Gr. 6FE



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WEDNESDAY MAY 5, 2021 CEW Daily Theme: Cultivating Relationships Mental Health Theme: Positive Mindset		
9:00am	Morning Liturgies & Announcements	Administration
9:45am	<p style="text-align: center;">The Best Part of Me</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“To acquire wisdom is to love oneself.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Proverbs 19:8</i></p> <p>Join us in cultivating a positive classroom community as we share, “The Best Part of Me”; a digital show highlighting each student’s reflection of God’s image.</p>	Ms. DaSliva, Gr. 8 Mrs. Iannace, Gr. 8FE
2:45pm	<p style="text-align: center;">The Best Part of Me</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“To acquire wisdom is to love oneself.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Proverbs 19:8</i></p> <p>Join us in cultivating a positive classroom community as we share, “The Best Part of Me”; a digital show highlighting each student’s reflection of God’s image.</p>	Mrs. Iannace, Gr. 7FE
THURSDAY MAY 6, 2021 CEW Daily Theme: Harvesting New Fruit Mental Health Theme: Kindness is Contagious		
9:00am	Morning Liturgies & Announcements	Administration
9:30am	<p style="text-align: center;">Public Speaking</p> <p>Social Justice with visual representation</p>	Mme. Magill, Gr. 6FE
10:00am	<p style="text-align: center;">  </p> <p style="text-align: center;">HCDSB Annual Walk With Jesus</p> <p>A live stream welcome and liturgy will be available via the HCDSB YouTube channel for classes and parents to view. All members of the HCDSB community are invited to walk at a time that works for them and with family members/caregivers as appropriate. Students are encouraged to carry a homemade or personal cross</p>	Teacher and Parent Directed



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	with them. Families can share their participation in the Walk with Jesus by taking pictures along the way and posting on Twitter using the hashtag #HCWWJ.	
10:30am	<p style="text-align: center;">The Best Part of Me</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“To acquire wisdom is to love oneself.” <i>Proverbs 19:8</i></p> <p>Join us in cultivating a positive classroom community as we share, “The Best Part of Me”; a digital show highlighting each student’s reflection of God’s image.</p>	Mrs. Kotsopoulos, Gr. 8
12:50pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Nurturing Hope by Healing the Environment</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Video will be emailed to families)</i></p> <p>The future of humanity and the planet depends on how we produce energy. The need for reliable, affordable and decarbonized energy systems is essential to protecting all of God’s creations for future generations. The grade 8 FE students have created informative and persuasive digital posters about various renewable energy sources. These digital works will be presented together in a video collage to highlight all of their amazing research and work.</p>	Mme. Koritko, Gr. 8 FE
1:00pm	<p style="text-align: center;">The Best Part of Me</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“To acquire wisdom is to love oneself.” <i>Proverbs 19:8</i></p> <p>Join us in cultivating a positive classroom community as we share, “The Best Part of Me”; a digital show highlighting each student’s reflection of God’s image.</p>	Ms. Famiglietti, Gr. 7
1:05pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Public Speaking</p> <p>Poetry creation with visual representation</p>	Mme. Magill, Gr. 5FE
<p>FRIDAY MAY 7, 2021</p> <p>CEW Daily Theme: Marveling in Wonder</p> <p>Mental Health Theme: Reaching Out</p>		
9:00am	Morning Liturgies & Announcements	Administration
9:35am	Marveling in Wonder	Ms. Kent, Gr. 3



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	Through Reader’s Theatre, students will celebrate messages of hope reflected in the novel <i>Wonder</i> by R.J. Palacio.	
10:30am	<p>Art, Science and Poetry: Celebrating New Life and God’s Creations</p> <p>Through the mediums of Art and Poetry, Students will apply their scientific knowledge of natural structures to depict new life in God’s creation.</p>	Mrs. Sutton and Ms. Szczepanek, Gr. 1
10:30am	<p>Symbols of Hope</p> <p>Following a read aloud from the book, "Espoir, où est-tu?", students will reflect on symbols of hope in their own lives. Students will be creating a digital photo representing this symbol of hope.</p>	Mlle. Huffman, Gr. 7FE
10:35am	<p>The Hope Among Us</p> <p>Students will listen to a story about how the smallest ordinary deed can go on to help so many people. Students and parents will create a poster that displays the ideas of hope, kindness, and community.</p>	Mr. Fucarelli, Gr. 4
10:35am	<p>Harvesting New Fruit</p> <p>Students will listen to Wangari’s Trees of Peace. They will choose from a selection of issues facing the planet today and visual represent the challenges posed and a potential solution</p>	Mr. Lucibello, Gr. 6/7
1:00pm	<p>Showing and Sharing Our Signs of Hope</p> <p>Students will present an item from home or nature. They will explain how it is a symbol of hope in their lives.</p>	Mrs. Lynch, Gr. 2 Mrs. Hecimovic, Gr. 2
1:00pm	<p>Cultivating Relationships</p> <p>Through Reader’s Theatre, students will reveal the growing friendship of a fearless girl and a lonesome giant, reflected in the novel, <i>The BFG</i> by Roald Dahl.</p>	Ms. Paiement, Gr. 3
1:30pm	<p>Showing and Sharing Our Signs of Hope</p> <p>Students will present an item from home or nature. They will explain how it is a symbol of hope in their lives.</p>	Mrs. Simpkins, Gr. 2/3