



**MAY 2018**

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## ***Message from The Vice-Principal***

Dear Parents/Guardians, and School-Community Members,

Our spring season not only brings warmer weather but new initiatives here at Foley Catholic School. First, our school, after approval from staff and Parent Council, will be moving towards a Balanced Day this upcoming September. Many Simcoe schools and for that matter, Ontario schools have chosen to change from the traditional school day to a Balanced Day. Additional information and tips will follow when the new schedule is finalized.

Second, our Parent Council has worked very hard this school year to provide additional opportunities for all of our students. We can all look forward to a brand new sign for the

front of our school very soon. This sign will provide important information for all parents/guardians. It will also serve as a means to communicate with our school community. Great work Parent Council!

With several school weeks left, I hope that you are all making plans for summertime adventures. Whether visiting a local beach or travelling far away, children always benefit from new experiences.

Sincerely,

**Marc Legault**  
Vice-Principal/Teacher

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Mon, May 21st:	Victoria Day
Tues, May 22nd:	School Photo (pm)
Wed, May 23rd:	Visit to Lakeview Manor
Mon, May 28th:	Parent Council Mtg. 4:30 p.m.
Tues, May 29th:	Track & Field Day
Wed, May 30:	Rain Date
Thurs, May 31st:	Exceptional Students Day at St. Bernard's

## **UPCOMING DATES**

Tues, June 5th:	Intermediate Track & Field as well as Exceptional Students
Wed, June 6th:	Rain Date
Thurs, June 7th:	Junior Track & Field
Fri, June 8th:	Rain Date
Sun, June 10th:	First Communion and Confirmation - 10:30 am St. Andrews Church
Fri, June 15th:	Trip to Elmvale Zoo Whole School
Mon. June 18th:	Year End Mass 10:00 a.m.
Wed, June 20th:	Visit to Lakeview Manor
Wed. June 27th:	Grade 8 Graduation
Fri, June 29th:	PA Day

## **The Month of May dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mary is our loving mother. Her maternal heart is full of **love** and **mercy** for her beloved children. She is always waiting for us to turn to her for her motherly guidance. She constantly presents all our prayers to her dear son, Jesus. Mary is known as the “**Gate of Heaven**”. We need Mary to guide us to heaven so that we may not lose our way by falling into sin.

Just like our Pastor reminded us, we need to pray the **Rosary** every single day during the month of May. If you cannot pray the entire rosary with dedication, pray at least **one decade** with all your heart, and if a decade is not possible, recite at least one **Hail Mary** with complete devotion.

When we pray the **Hail Mary**, we ask our heavenly mother to intercede for us now and at the **hour of our death**. Yes, we need her powerful intercession during that fearful hour when all Hell itself will rise against us to grab our soul. Our merciful mother will help us during that fateful hour. We only need to pray to her without ceasing.

## Eco News



Thank you to everybody who sent in plastic bags for the Plastic Bag Grab Challenge. With your assistance, we collected approximately 1770 bags that will be recycled instead of becoming garbage!

The Eco team has been working hard to go “straw-less”! Thank you to everybody who has been supporting this campaign by sending in reusable water and juice bottles. Keep up the good work.



## **Trip to Lula Lounge**



Grades 5-8 had a fantastic field trip to Lula Lounge on April 23rd, 2018. We accepted the invitation to accompany students from grade 11 and 12 classes from Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Mississauga, who helped us increase our numbers to the minimum required. We participated in an African drumming workshop under the direction of a master drummer, shared a lovely Moroccan lunch, and enjoyed a high energy African dance workshop in the afternoon. The best part is that all of this was accomplished in French!

Please see other pictures of our trip under Lula Lounge Photos.

## Mattawa French Trip

Our grade 7 and 8 students were fortunate to benefit from a grant which allowed us to go on a 3 day French trip to the Canadian Ecology Centre in Mattawa with minimal cost to families. This trip allowed us to connect with students at Notre Dame who will also be going to Patrick Fogarty. The trip was jam-packed with activities which mostly took place in French, including a wolf howl, a race to build a fire and boil water, paddle making, snowshoeing part of the route the voyageurs once used, touring downtown Mattawa, including the museum, and an art gallery, singing chansons à répondre around the campfire, and learning from a First Nations elder.



More pictures in Mattawa Trip Photos.



## **It's Kindergarten Registration Time!**

Welcome to Kindergarten.

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting and special time for parents and children. Our entire Catholic school community looks forward to welcoming our youngest students as they begin a lifelong journey of faith-filled learning. We believe there is something truly unique and special about learning that is rooted in faith and spiritual growth. By choosing a faith-filled education, we know you will share that belief with us.

## **First Rider Program**

Riding a school bus is a new experience for many children. To help your child get ready, the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium offers a First Rider program for Kindergarten students who will be taking the school bus. Students and parents will be able to participate in a one-hour session, which includes a short school bus ride to practice safe boarding and exiting as well as bus riding procedures. The sessions will take place in August and details can be found at [simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://simcoecountyschoolbus.ca)

## **English as a Second Language (ESL)**

We have resources and information available for families whose first language is not English. Please inquire about the ESL version of our Kindergarten package.

We are here to answer questions and help you prepare. Please contact us at 705-484-5940 for more information.