PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

“MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES”

As we journey through the season of Advent, may we pray for patience and for hope as we await the celebration of the birth of Christ. We continue to pray for those in our community who are ill and in need of prayers. May they find the Advent season a time of solace and peace.

At St. Elizabeth Catholic School, we continue to celebrate the efforts of all of our students and parents and we have some activities happening during the Advent Season. Please check the insert on this page about “What’s Happening”. Please make a special note of our School Advent Family Mass at St. Mary of the Visitation Church on December 16 at 5:00 pm. Please make an effort to attend our Christmas Concert, “The Presence of Christmas” on December 21 at 1:15 pm. Our St. Elizabeth Spirit Wear Webstore is open for business till Dec 11. Check out the flyer enclosed in order to log in.

Be generous in donating to the Christmas Red Stocking Campaign of St. Mary of the Visitation Church. All it takes is a trip to the “Dollar Store” to purchase nominal school supplies to fill our stocking which in turn will be sent overseas through our school parish.

We are well into the planning stage of our February Family Valentine Silent Auction and Dance. Please review our School Council Annual Report for 2016-17 which is posted on our website. On behalf of the Staff and School Council of St. Elizabeth Catholic School, we extend best wishes to all of our valued community members this Christmas season. May it be a time of peace and joy.

We also extend our best wishes to your families in the upcoming New Year. We look forward to having our students back, safe and sound to St. Elizabeth Catholic School on January 8, 2018.

Best Wishes,

Mr. L. Pellizzari, Principal
FAREWELL/Congratulations/WELCOME

- Congratulations to our Girls Basketball and Boys volleyball Teams for their play this year. Our teams enjoyed a great season and personal bests and gave a valiant effort in season play. Thanks for their time and efforts to Mrs. Deignan for coaching our girls and Mr. Mireault for preparing our boys.

- Thanks to Mr. Nicholls and Mrs. Stere and their classes for organizing and presenting a wonderful Remembrance Day Service.

Join us for our St. Elizabeth School Community Advent Mass at St. Mary of the Visitation Church on Saturday, December 16 at 5:00 pm. All are invited to enjoy a Liturgy and Mass of the Advent Season.

Come and enjoy the fellowship of the Advent Season with your School Community members.

**Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations of the Month**

This year we will be concentrating on a specific “Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectation” of the Month for us to reflect upon.

The O.C.G.E for the month of December is “A Caring Family Member: A caring family member who attends to family, school, parish and wider community”

I Care

I love God, myself and my family

I care about and respect my “family “ at school, at Church, in the community, and the world

I care about and respect God’s creation and everything in it

Because I care, I pray for all my families, and I will live my life like Jesus.”
Dear Parents/Guardians:

On Thursday, December 22 at 1:15 pm, our JK-8 students will be celebrating the Christmas and Advent season with the presentation, “The Presence of Christmas”. Each classroom will be performing a dance, song or skit for our families and the entire school. All parents and visitors are invited to attend for the presentation at 1:15 pm. We will be having a dress rehearsal in the morning of December 21 for all our students only.

The presentation is about 90 minutes and we ask that you attend the full presentation. Our Primary, Junior and Intermediate students will perform to a variety of seasonal songs.

We are respectfully requesting that you observe the following guidelines during these performances:

- No food or drinks are allowed in the gymnasium during the performances.
- Attend and stay for the whole performance as not to create unnecessary “traffic flow” in and out of the gymnasium during the performances.
- Keep your children, who are attending with you, near with you at all times. All children are to be accompanied by adults.

We look forward to seeing you at our presentation on Thursday, December 21 @ 1:15 pm in our Gymnasium.

Sincerely,

Mr. L. Pellizzari
**Christmas Red Stocking Campaign of St. Mary of the Visitation Church: Message from Father Freitas**

In 2006 our parish community began to partner with Canadian Food for Children and the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Our goal in this partnership was to aid mission schools in Kenya, Africa. After researching needs we created the **Red Stocking Campaign**, a unique appeal which gives individuals the opportunity to fill a Christmas Red Stocking with school supplies.

Why school supplies you might ask? Many schools in Africa receive limited funding, and like our own schools, any funding is put into classroom needs. But in Kenya, Africa, school supplies are not the greatest need. The greatest need is a meal. The majority of children arrive at school without any meal, and some come to school hoping to be fed for that day. By collecting school supplies in a single red stocking we are able to ensure that each child receives the supplies they need for the entire year, but then, here is the bonus. Since the school supplies are provided by you, the school in Africa can take the funds they would have put toward supplies and provide a daily hot meal for students. The Red Stocking gives twice - in fact - it gives three times! First, by providing the school supplies, second by offering the freed up financial resources to give a lunch program, third by putting a smile on the face of a child who will receive this Red Stocking!

During the weeks of December 3-11, 2017, our parish schools of Our Lady of Fatima, St Elizabeth, St Gabriel and St Benedict will be collecting school supplies. Thank you for permitting your child to be a part of this. If you have any further questions about this appeal please contact the parish office and we can give you details. Our hope is to ship all that is collected shortly after December 11th so that it may arrive in time for Christmas. Types of supplies needed: pencils, crayons, book marks, candy,
St. Elizabeth School Council Minutes: from Monday, November 13th, 2017 @ 6:30pm

In Attendance
Alison Wills (Chair)  
Colleen MacDonald (Secretary)  
Tina Cassidy (Spirit & Fundraising)  
Taryn Marchant (Teacher Rep)  
Leo Pellizzari (Principal)  
Denise Tordoroff (N4L)

Welcome and Prayer
Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Leo led us in prayer to open the meeting.

General Updates
Treasurer – Michelle
Current balance = $4,200.67

Nutrition for Learning – Denise
- Toonie sale $279.00
- Sheri volunteered to do dairy on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons until birth of baby. Help will be required for this task after baby is born for a month or two.
- 6 bags of popcorn and 16 ring pops left after dance.
- 2 pizza days designated for N4L

Léo to submit formal request to Lisa to have School Cash Online updated to include permanent placement of donation availability to N4L.

Fundraising – Tina
214 Treasure Cards sold
Put on School Cash Online. Countdown as purchased until sold out.
Lisa will print a weekly report
Friday mornings check for orders
Email blast to be sent out to include testimonials.

Valentine’s Dance & Silent Auction – Alison
$1412 worth of silent auction items received to date. More items are required.
Mark offered 3 stuffed ride on animals to use
Photo booth will be back
Pizza again as it’s the easiest to manage
Pace painting/nail polish ideas for next year? Willing to give up silent auction if viable ideas could replace it. Perhaps Movie night? Gym after school, PJ’s and blanket, well supervised. Pay copyright fee.

Principal Report – Leo
- Annual Report 2016-17: Inclusion in December Newsletter: Leo and Michelle to finalize
- School Improvement Plan:
  - Math is the focus. Divisions working on Math during P/A Days
  - Spatial reasoning and numeracy. Exposed to activities to build special reasoning.
  - Numeracy 90-85%, grade 3. Projections 76% in grade 6
  - School culture & caring
  - Student wellness and mental wellbeing
  - School is the healthiest school in the board
  - Strategies for building capacity and collaboration
  - Live document
  - Kids targeted for improvements
  - What’s Happening during the Advent Season included in the December newsletter
  - -PRO Grant: Kate Jones and Associates Parenting Series: “GPS: Navigating Your Child’s Personality” 6:00pm-7:30pm November 22nd. Refreshments to be provided.
  - -Presentations throughout the school year
  - -2 junior presentations gr 5 & 6 Wellness & Resiliency
  - -Author later in January re: children’s resiliency
  - -Foundations for a Healthy School Updates – deferred to next meeting
  - -Action Plan for next year
  - Comprehensive list of all things happening in our school
  - Asked by public health to be a mentor school
  - Concentration on school wellness and mental wellbeing
  - Analysis at the end of the year to determine if we met objectives
  - -Swimming grant approved for grade 3’s (4 lessons + bussing)
  - -Learning Commons Furniture Upgrades
  - -Transformation 3 year phase
  - -We are year 5 major capital funding
  - -Tackle furniture year 1 - $8000 budget
  - -Balance reading with technology
  - -Grade 8 grad earmark $250.00. Michelle motioned, Denise seconded
  - -Leo to contact Lifetouch to get cost of composite plus folder together
BACK IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!

SPIRIT WEAR STORE

EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO EAGLES SHIRTS, HATS, SCHOOL SPIRIT AND MORE........
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https://store.limssoft.com/st_elizabeth_spirit_wear_store

ORDER DEADLINE IN DECEMBER 11TH
The Blessings of Advent

*It is Christmas, every time you let God Love others through you.*

Yes, it is Christmas, every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand."

-St. Teresa of Calcutta
Home Alone Safety for Kids - PD Day (Catholic)

From December 08, 2017 8:30 am until December 08, 2017 3:30 pm
At Cambridge - St. Luke's United Church
Posted by Stephanie
Categories: Home Alone Safety for Kids
Tags: Cambridge, Ontario, PD Day
Hits: 119

Things to bring:
Nut free snacks and lunch
Water bottle
Parents can use the consultation to get support with:

- Child’s behaviour
- Accessing Community Resources (Mental Health/ Counselling/ Financial/ Recreational)
- Home routines and structure
- Child’s social/ emotional struggles
- Understanding Mental Health Issues/diagnosis and strategies to manage.
- Monthly parent workshops are also offered to address topics that are meaningful to you.

Your Community Resource Worker is:
Peggy Humphries

phumphries@carizon.ca

CONSULTATION SUPPORT SERVICES

Consultation Support Services are now being offered at your child’s school.

During a 60 minute Consultation you will have the opportunity to speak with a Community Resource Worker in person, regarding specific concerns you may have about yourself, child or family situation.

Consultations are offered at: St. Elizabeth’s School

Date: Every Other Wednesday (Oct. 25, Nov. 8, 22, Dec. 6, 20, 2017 and beginning again January 17, 2018)

Time: Mornings

Sign up by contacting: Your School Principal
Make Healthy Eating a Priority in your Home!

Take time to make a weekly meal plan

Making a weekly meal and snack plan is an important first step for healthy eating. Having a plan can prevent extra trips to the store and can reduce the amount of food you eat from restaurants. Involve the whole family in planning meals and snacks. For helpful information on meal planning, visit My Meal Planner at: www.eatrightontario.ca

Healthy eating starts with what you put into your cart

Plan meals and snacks and make a list of the food you need to buy before you go shopping. For ideas on healthy meals and snacks, visit Eat Right Ontario at www.eatrightontario.ca

Make time to eat together

Have regular meal times together as often as possible. At each meal serve a food choice from each of the four food groups from Eating Well with Canada’s Food Guide.

Remember, it’s your role to provide the food to eat and to decide when and where to eat it. It’s your child’s role to decide if they are going to eat, and how much.

Offer healthy snacks

Eating small amounts of healthy food between meals helps keep your child energized throughout the day.

Did you know that children who eat supper with their families three or more times per week have eating habits that support good health?