



**APRIL 25, 2025**

Gracious and loving God,

We come before you in gratitude for the life and ministry of Pope Francis. Through his example and teachings, he showed us the power of humility, compassion, and service. He called us to care for our neighbours, to be stewards of creation, and to build a Church that opens the doors of welcome.



May the Spirit of love and service that guided him take root in our hearts, so that we, too, may bring your mercy to others through acts of compassion, service, and care for one another.

Amen

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## Catholic Education Week

Spring is definitely here, we welcome the warmth and longer days. The beginning of May is a celebration across the Ottawa Catholic School Board as we are celebrating [Catholic Education Week](#) and [Mental Health Awareness Week](#). For those looking for mental health and well-being support, please consider these [Parent/Guardian resources](#) from the School Mental Health Ontario to be of additional support.

Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education. We will be partaking in a week filled with activities, reflection, and learning.

The Theme for the week is "Pilgrims of Hope." Please join us for our Muffin Breakfast and Open House on Wednesday, May 7th from 8:15–9:00 a.m. School Council will be providing coffee and muffins. Special thanks to them for all of their support.

Father Kevin Beach will preside over our CEW / Easter Mass on **Friday, May 9th @ 10:00 a.m. at St. Isidore Church**. All are welcome to attend!

Special thank you to our amazing School Council (with assistance from the PRO Grant) for providing an outdoor school-wide family 'St. Isabel Moves' Zumba class at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 9th. Come and get your groove on!

Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm.

*“We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us.”*  
*“Nous devons garder allumée la flamme de l’espérance qui nous a été donnée.”*  
- Pope Francis



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## Summer 2025 International Languages Program

Continuing & Community Education offers language classes and summer camps for children. Our Summer language classes are available to all students from JK to grade 8, regardless of their heritage or the school board they attend and they are FREE for Ontario residents. Classes are held from July 2 to August 1, Monday to Friday, in several locations in Ottawa. For more information and to register, visit [Summer 2025 ILE program](#).

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## Volunteers

A Vulnerable Sector Check is required for anyone who volunteers in a school or on a trip, including parents. [Please see this link](#) for information on how to apply to volunteer for any school within the OCSB. When applying, please specify that you want to volunteer with St. Isabel. If you have questions not answered by the link, please email [volunteers@ocsb.ca](mailto:volunteers@ocsb.ca).

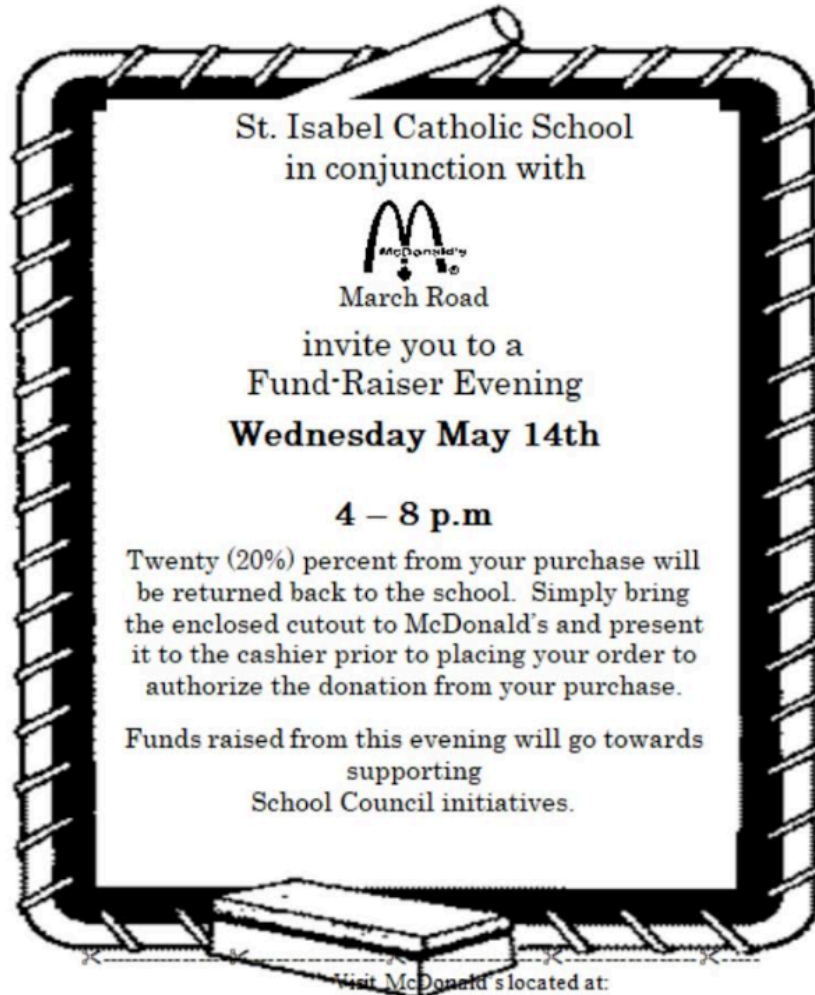
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## Ottawa Student Transportation (OSTA)

Ottawa Student Transportation (OSTA) has implemented an opt-out process to enhance bus routing and transportation planning for the 2025–2026 school year.

If your child(ren) will not require school bus transportation next school year, please complete the electronic opt-out form to inform OSTA that a seat is not needed. This will help optimize services and minimize disruptions. Requests for reinstated service can be made anytime through OSTA's Transportation Issues Form, and is subject to availability and eligibility. The opt-out form is now available on [OSTA's website](#). The deadline to apply is June 1, 2025.





**Gr. 6 Leaving Ceremony  
Friday, June 20th @ 1:00 p.m.**

Please mark your calendars! Further details will be coming in the near future.

**ATTN:**  
**GR. SIX**  
**families**

**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!**

Parent Council wants to immortalize our growing preteens as the sweet little babies they were, in their final elementary yearbook!

Please send a baby picture of your grad to [isabelcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:isabelcouncil@gmail.com) at your earliest convenience.

Please include their full name and homeroom teacher so we can recognize them too!

If you do not wish to have your child included, please email to let us know and we will not follow up.



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## How-To YOUTUBE Channel

Did you know the Learning Technologies department at the OCSB has an amazing "How-To" Channel on YouTube? Parents and students can watch short, detailed videos on a vast number of topics, including how to use the various apps available to students in Hapara, a Google Drive overview, how to use the Parent Portal to sign and submit form, view reports and your student's progress, and so much more.

Check out the [How-To YouTube site here](#), or jump right to the [playlist for parents by clicking here](#).



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## Parent Engagement Opportunities

### School Council News

Participating in our School Council is a great way to stay connected to our school and our school community. Be as involved as much or as little as you would like. Meetings are

### FREE FRENCH TUTORING AND PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

Webinar: EQAO Math Night for Parents and Guardians

[Tuesday, June 3, 2025 @ 12:00 PM](#)

once a month and all are welcome.

Next Council meeting is  
May 15th @ 7: 00 p.m.  
in the Learning Commons.

## School Mental Health

Due to overwhelming demand, more seats have been opened for the free parent/caregiver webinar series focused on substance use, addictive behaviours and youth mental health! Please register at [Supporting Your Child's Well-Being](#).

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## St. Isidore Parish Sacrament News

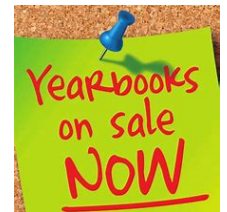
[Sunday Bulletin](#)  
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## 2024-2025 Yearbook

Order your yearbook now on School Cash Online for \$40 until the end of the month!



## St. Isabel Spirit Wear

Please visit today and place your orders! All branded items are now available in the web store. 'Class of 2025' sweatshirts are available for purchase now!

<https://st-isabel.secure-decoration.com/>

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## Attendance

**Absences** If your child will be absent, please contact the school at [isabel@ocsb.ca](mailto:isabel@ocsb.ca) (preferred method) or **613-271-9542**. Please include a brief message with your child's full name and the name of your child's teacher indicating the day and reason for the absence.

**Arriving Late / Leaving Early** If your child is late or leaving early, you must sign them in/out using the Chromebook Form at the front door or in person at the office.

**Kinder parents:** If you are dropping off your child late (via the kindergarten gate outside) please also stop by the office to sign them in.

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## Upcoming Dates

Monday, April 28  
Grade 6 Students to Visit All Saints High School (morning)



Friday, May 2nd

Girls Basketball Tournament

Monday, May 5th - Friday, May 9th

EDUCATION WEEK

Wednesday, May 7th

Open House / Muffin Breakfast

8:15-9:00 a.m.

All are welcome!

Friday, May 9th

Easter / CEW Mass @ St. Isidore Church

10:00 a.m.

All are welcome!

St. Isabel Moves - Family Zumba - Main Yard

Primary - 2:30 p.m.

Junior - 3:00 p.m.

All are welcome!

Monday, May 19th

Victoria Day - No School

Monday, May 26th - Friday, May 30th

EQAO Assessments of Reading, Writing & Mathematics

Gr. 3 - Mornings

Gr. 6 - Afternoons