

As we begin May, we're reminded of the importance of Gentleness, God's Presence and Lifelong Learning in our daily lives.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a nurturing and faith-filled environment for our students. Together, we are building a strong foundation of learning, service, and love for one another.

Fruit of the Holy Spirit	Gift of the Holy Spirit	Catholic Graduate Expectations
<i>Gentleness</i>	<i>Wonder and Awe in God's Presence</i>	<i>Becoming a Self-Directed Responsible Lifelong Learner</i>

### **Principal's Message**

Dear Families,

As we enter the beautiful month of May, we give thanks for the warmer days, and a very special time in our Catholic schools as we celebrate **Catholic Education Week** (May 5–10).

May is a very busy month, with many school activities, events, and celebrations taking place. We encourage all families to visit our school website regularly to stay up to date with our **school calendar**, **code of conduct**, and **dress code** policies. A reminder to parents to sign in at the office and wait at the office for your child when picking them up. Your support in these areas helps ensure a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment for all.









We would also like to remind families of the **importance of daily attendance and punctuality**. When students arrive at school **on time, ready to learn, and fully engaged**, it sets a positive tone for their entire day and greatly impacts their academic success and overall well-being. We are here to work alongside you—our parents and guardians—as partners in your child's education, and we thank you for your continued support.

Let us continue to walk in faith together, guided by the example of Mary, our Blessed Mother, during this month dedicated to her. May her love and strength inspire us all.

Wishing you a joyful and grace-filled month ahead!

Yours in Catholic education,

Wayne Clark  
Principal

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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			Pizza Day 	Fun Squad @ 1:05 Retreat Day for First Communion @ 10:30 Square Dancing in Gym (Alternate gr 5/6 & gr 7/8) 2:40-3:15
5	6	7	8	9
Tim Holland: French Ventriloquist  Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Day	 Hot Dog and Mac & Cheese Lunch  9am-3pm Book Fair	Gr 8s at Skills/Trades Expo  9am-3pm Book Fair	Pizza Day  Student Talent Show for Parents and Grandparents As Audience 2 - 3:15 pm  3:15-7pm Book Fair + Art Displayed	Fun Squad @1pm  9am School Mass at Parish
12	13	14	15	16
	 Hot Dog and Mac & Cheese Lunch  Deadline for Parents to update Public Health on Vaccinations	Fun Squad @ 1:05	Pizza Day 	Fun Squad @1pm  2:40-3:15 Square Dancing in Gym (Alternate gr 5/6 & gr 7/8)
19	20	21	22	23
Victoria Day	 Hot Dog and Mac & Cheese Lunch		Pizza Day 	Fun Squad 1pm  2:40-3:15 Square Dancing in Gym (Alternate gr 5/6 & gr 7/8)
26	27	28	29	30
CSC Meeting 5:30 pm Learning Commons	 Hot Dog and Mac & Cheese Lunch Gr 3 EQAO 9am-Noon	Fun Squad 1pm  Gr 3 EQAO 9am-Noon	Pizza Day  Gr 3 EQAO 9am-Noon	School Track & Field event AM only

**Please look for events on our school calendar which is available on the [school website](#) !!**



**feeding hungry minds**

Once again, we would like to thank **President's Choice Children's Charity** for their generous donation which supports our **Nutrition Program** here at **St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Douro.**

Available to all students through our **Nutrition Program**:

- ★ **Daily Grab & Go Breakfast** when students arrive at school each day
- ★ **Daily Snack Bin** delivered to classrooms containing healthy snack choices

We are grateful to **PC Children's Charity** for the generous grant we receive each school year to help our program provide healthy food options for all our students here at **St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Douro.**

As well a huge shout out to all of our **amazing volunteers** that keep our program running smoothly each and every day! Thank you volunteers!



## **Upcoming Events**

- May 4th - 1st Communion at Parish
- June 2nd - Alternate Track and Field Day
- June 3rd - FOS Softball Tournament
- June 4th - 6th - Gr 6 EQAO
- June 9 PA Day
- June 10 FOS Track & Field Day