Staff Bulletin Week 35 of 43
April 27 to April May 1, 2026

The virtue for April is **Justice**

Catholic Graduate Expectation:

A Reflective, Creative, Holistic Thinker



Week at a Glance

Monday, April 27	Scholastic Book Fair to May 1 Scientist in Schools – Grade 2
Tuesday, April 28 	Ms. Di Trani and team at Safe School Symposium at Monte Cassino
Wednesday, April 29	Garde 8 Teachers Transition meetings Principal's Lunch with Virtuous 7 Grade 5 Book Buffet
Thursday, April 30 	Vic Dinner @ Monte Cassino Gym closed from 12 noon onward in preparation of May Celebrations Badminton Tournament @ St Tims Mr. Ongaro and Ms. Chaggaris
Friday, May 1 	May Celebration gym 9 am start Loretto Abbey Full Moon
Sunday May 3	Deadline to order Subway, California, Patties for May



Dates of Note for the next 4 weeks:

May 4 – 8 – Education Week

May 4 – CSPC Meeting 7 pm Library

May 5 – EQAO Starts

May 5 – Welcome to Kindergarten 5 pm

May 6 – Divisional Track and Field Meet

May 7 – Lockdown Drill 10:45 am

May 7 – Dance Workshop gym

May 8 – SIEP Reporting Day same as last time sign up on Google drive

May 10 – Mothers Day

May 12 – Ms. D'Amario and Mr. Speer at 1st aid training all day

May 12 – Mr. Demain here today

May 13 – Bus Safety presentation

May 13 – Ms. D'Amario and Mr. Speer at 1st aid training all day

May 13 – SIS Grade 1s

May 14 – Mr. Demian not here today

May 15 – September 2026 Class lists due

May 15 – Regional Track and Field

May 15 – SBSLT AM

May 18 – Victoria Day

May 19 – Fire Drill (6 of 6) 10 am

May 19 – SIS Ms. Oliverio's class

May 20 – Bus Presentation

May 20 – City T & F Varsity Stadium

May 21 – Grade 4 FT to Medieval Times

May 22 – *Possible* Spring Fling School dance

May 24 – Confirmation at St Norbert 3 pm

May 25 – 2nd vaccination Gr. 7's

May 25 – Boys Soccer Divisional

May 26 – Skills Ontario Presentation

May 27 –Grade 5's FT to Crawford Lake

May 28 - Girls Soccer Divisional

May 29 - Deadline to submit receipts for CSPC Class allotment funds

St. Robert Blank Letterhead

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Staff Notes:

CSPC REQUEST - Repeat





Staff, the St. Robert CSPC has 22 more cases that we have left over. I told them that I would ask you if you would sell one case to get ride of them. They do a lot for us, and I think it is a reasonable request. I will sell 2 cases to help…anyone else? They are an easy sell. 20 boxes in a case at $5 each. Let me or Ashely know if you will help.

SIEP Cycle 2 Reporting Meeting – May 8th - Repeat

Please sign up to meet with administrators results of Cycle 2. Use this link. 2 teachers per time.

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Class Recipients – Virtue of April - JUSTICE – 2026 Repeat

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CSPC - Repeat

Teacher Aid Supplement

$150

Deadline is May 29.

Submit an envoloupe to myself or Ms. Byczko. The envoloupe should have;

- **Receipts inside**
- **Your name and Class on outside of the envoloupe**
- **To whom the cheques should be made on the outside of the envoloupe**
- **The total of the receipts (not to exceed $150) on the outside of the envoloupe**

Field Trip Subsidy

$500

For buses or other field trip costs in or out of school

St. Robert Reunion

I received this interesting email from a former student. Use it as you will.

Greetings Mr. Gagliardi and Ms. Byczko,

Many years ago--forty-seven to be exact! --I graduated from St Robert Catholic Elementary School. The year was 1979. At that time, the school had been partitioned into North and South campuses due to overpopulation. The principal was Paul Ryan. Mrs Flynn still held the fort as head secretary, and there were numerous excellent teachers, young and old, inspiring and supporting their students: teachers such as Edward Palombi, Phil Riddell, Joan Jewers, Les Witkowsky, Angela Waugh, Mrs. Faba, Cheryl Budde, Kathy Mele, Ms. Gri, Mr. Lysaght, and a host of others. It was a wonderful time to be a child, free from the technological encumbrances of smartphones, chromebooks and the internet, we roamed the neighbourhood on our bikes and on foot, enjoying one another's company.

To celebrate those days, and the wonderful community we were part of, a group of alumni is organizing a St. Robert 1970's Reunion this summer. We have built a website to promote the event. I invite you to have a look at it, at your leisure.

I want to let you know that, in the event that our ticket sales exceed expectations, we will donate any surplus to St. Robert C.S. through the School Cash Online portal.

I also wanted to ask if you might be able to assist us in the following ways:

1) As you can see from the Who's Coming? page on the website, we are already in possession of quite a few photographs from the era, shared by alumni. However, we do not have any photos of the school grounds from those days, not even a shot of the building. Is it possible that there is a photo archive that we may be given permission to access? We would like to have a video montage playing on the day of the reunion, and this would help to enrich it a great deal.

2) While we have been able to locate and reach out to a number of former teachers, there are still a few whom we are unable to find. Is there a possibility that you may have some of the personal emails of past teachers, and if so, would you be able to forward an email that I compose to them? I know it's a long shot, but I thought I would ask, as we are exploring all possibilities to make this reunion a huge success.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message. I look forward to hearing back from you at your convenience.

Regards,

Pino Esposito (Class of '79)

St Robert Reunion Committee

Book Buffet Cafe

It's that time of year again! On Wednesday, April 29, Ms. LaPierre's, Ms. Carubia's and Ms. Gernon's Grade 5 students will be hosting our annual *Book Buffet Cafe*. We welcome you and your students to come and visit our classrooms to "sample" the books. Our doors open at 9:15 am. If you are interested in viewing our projects, just click on the link below to sign-up.

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Exclusion?

Article: What about the other kids in the room? - Alex Venet

https://www.unconditionallearning.org/blog/the-other-kids-in-the-room

Something to think about…

"It isn't the behaviour of the children that threatens community; it is the response to that behaviour, the use of exclusion, that threatens community. When a child is excluded, it teaches the other children that belonging to the classroom community is conditional, not absolute, contingent upon their willingness and ability to be a certain kind of person. In this paradigm, belonging is a privilege to be earned by docility, not a basic human right that is ensured for every child."

-Carla Shalaby in her book, Troublemakers: Lessons in Freedom from Young Children at School (2017)

Days End



It is critical that we do not dismiss students before 3 pm. That includes lingering in the hallway. The expectation is that curriculum is being delivered until 3 pm. Students, at this point in the school year, do not need much time to prepare their exit strategies, especially the older students. If you are outside last period, and this should not be every day, be vigilant with students and know where they are as they have a tendency to migrate from your view and grant themselves an early dismissal. Be aware that we are being watched and parents have no qualms making judgements and sharing with the office their perspective. We are responsible for our students until 3 pm. If something happens, no one will care that you didn't know they left early…you will be asked to defend yourself and no reason will be satisfactory to a parent of an injured child. Everything is OK until it is not.

Scholastic Book Fair Winning Bookmarks and Prize Winners!



(Each bookmark winner receives a $10.00 gift certificate for the Book Fair)

Bookmark Winners (Left To Right:)
Top Row: (Grade JK: Kamila R, Grade SK: Allegra M, Grade 1: Anna K, Grade 2: Samantha M, Grade 3: Yeva S)
Bottom Row: (Grade 4: Vincent S, Grade 5: Ree P, Grade 6: Kaytlyn W, Grade 7: Amen A, Grade 8: No entries)





Honeycomb Guessing Game Winner: Nicholas C. (Mr. Bengiovanni) Grade 7 class. ($15.00 cert.)

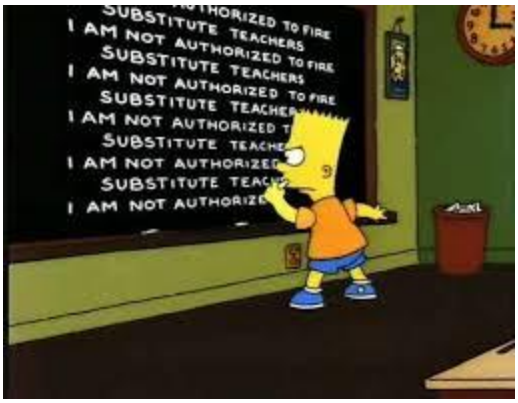
Grand Prize Winner: _Hailey W. (Ms. Oliverio) Grade 1 class ($25.00 cert.)

Congratulations to all our winners!!
Ms. Landolfi 🙂

All 100+ student bookmarks will be displayed during our Book Fair and returned afterwards.
Congratulations to everyone who participated!

Reminder: St. Robert Scholastic Book Fair is Monday April 27th to Friday May 1st

OT's



With due respect and consideration to our Occasional Teaching staff when they are here at St. Robert in your classrooms, please,

1) Ensure that you have provided the Occasional Teacher actions required for lockdown, hold and secure and fire procedures.

2) All appropriate information related to medical conditions, behavioural or social/emotional concerns of students for class(es) is left in your plans or a separate folder(Supply/Emergency Folder).

3) **Ensure lessons plans are provided and if that is not possible due to an emergency …… that emergency plans are available and easily accessible in your classrooms.**

4) Ensure that schedules are provided in your plans or posted in your classroom i.e. – bus schedule, yard duty and especially landing duties , timetables etc.

5) Ensure that they have all the appropriate updated class list and seating plans.

6) Provide a list of bus students for the end of the day.

Instagram



If you would like something posted on our school Instagram site;

1. Send me no more than 10 images or videos or a combination of those to my cell phone. I have some issues opening shared files in email so text message is best. 416-996-9883
2. A script to use to descript the post.
3. Be sure anyone in the image has permission to have their image shared. There are a few students who have parents who do not want their child's image shared.