

April 2017

St. John Bosco's Monthly Newsletter



Special points of interest:

- Diploma Exams are coming up!
- Important Dates
- Benefits of Bosco!

Principal's Message

Lent is an amazing time to be in a Catholic High School. We continue our Lenten journey and learn more about our faith and what it means to be Roman Catholic. St. John Bosco students will join St. Joe's to celebrate a Holy Week Mass on Wednesday April 12 at 9:35 am. Please join us and encourage your student to come to the celebration.

The last month has been busy, busy, busy. Our graduates are working hard to make sure that they are able to participate in the graduation ceremonies. Our students are creating an artistic version of their faith journey. We are participating in a "Get Out, Get Active" challenge. The goal is to be active and increase our physical activity. Each staff member is planning an activity for Thursday during Focus Block. We have walked, skated, created artwork, had a mini-concert and we are thinking of more ideas to engage your student. Finally and most importantly, students are working diligently on their studies.

We appreciate your contact. Please ask your student where they are in their studies. If you do not see anything entered in PowerSchool, please find out why. We typically do not enroll a student into a course until they have one module complete. Contact the teacher or myself, Mrs. Germann, if you feel something is amiss.

"Get Fit, Get Active" Challenge. Please join us. Sign up and help us compete with other school. Ms. Bessette has created a St. John Bosco Catholic High School Team. If you are interested in joining please follow the link below: <https://www.getoutgetactivepcn.com/invite/4079483116> This can be for students, staff, and anyone else involved in our school community. Please consider signing up for this event.

Graduates are required to meet diploma requirements in order to participate in the graduation ceremonies. Students have the opportunity to participate with St. Joseph Catholic High School ceremonies. I have been speaking with students about their coursework and what they have to do to be able to 'walk' the stage. If you are concerned about your student, please contact Mrs. Germann for more information. If your student is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards, you will receive a call from me in May (or sooner).

As Easter break approaches, please take time to enjoy the warmer weather and more sunshine. During the break, take time to pause and reflect. Happy Easter!

SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW PAST DUE. PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH MRS. GERMANN OR CARRIE TO TAKE CARE OF THEM. Thanks

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**April 24 –
June 4, 2017**
**Get Out, Get Active
Challenge is back!**
www.GetOutGetActivePCN.com

Get Out, Get Active Challenge is back!

Fight back against "sitting disease" with GOGA!

GOGA is only two weeks away. Have you registered, created a team, joined a team? What are you waiting for? Help us reach our goal of 10,000 participants by April 24th!!

Your journey to health awaits!



Did you know about the dangers of sitting?

We all know by now that physical activity is good for us, but do you know what happens to our bodies when we are not active?

What are the effects of physical inactivity on your body systems and are you at risk for illnesses or disease?

Explore our interactive [BODY MAP](#) to learn exactly what dangers lurk when we sit all day and how GOGA is your best defense!

[Register NOW!](#)



Draw Prize Winners:

Week four early registration draw prize winner of a GOGA t-shirt & a pedometer:

- **Marc Gervais**

Winner of our first early registration **FITBIT** draw is:

- **Lynn Schwerdt**

Please email us at info@getoutgetactivepcn.com to arrange your draw prize package pick up.

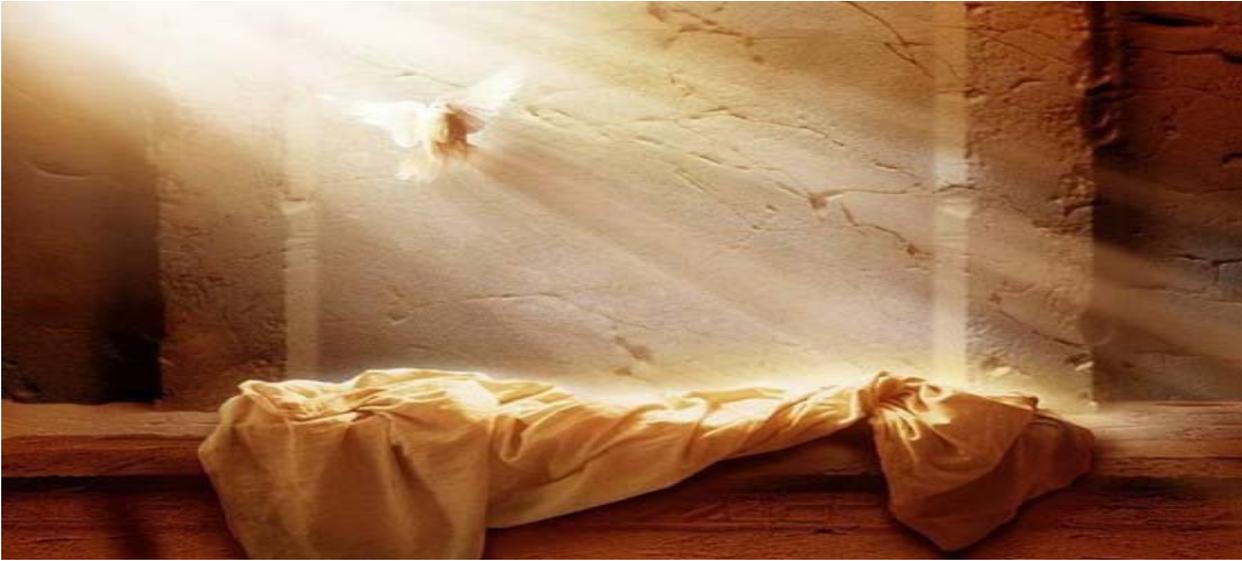
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Thanks,

Emma Bessette



***Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe
to put all your eggs in one basket***

~ Evan Esar

Many have heard the expression, *put all your eggs in one basket*, and recognize its meaning, which is having all of your resources in one place; money, hopes, future. In the quote above, Even Esar, an American humorist, applies this well-known quote to Easter, and he is completely accurate in doing so.

Easter is the Christian celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, it is the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. For Catholics, Easter isn't just a day, it's a whole season, lasting for 50 days, concluding with the Feast of Pentecost. At Masses, during this season, we hear readings from the Acts of the Apostles, which tell the stories of the church's earliest days and reinforce for us Christ's constant presence in our lives.

Easter is the epitome of Christians putting all their eggs in one basket, as we put all our hopes in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. St. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15.14, "if Christ has not been raised, then our ... faith has been in vain." It is because of our belief in the resurrection that Pope Francis refers to the Church as a house of joy. There is joy to be found in the resurrection for, just as with the Apostles it meant Jesus was once again with them, it proclaims that Jesus is with us. He brings for us the gift of eternal life, our salvation.

So this Easter, as you and your family collect eggs and place them in baskets, remember the eggs of hope we put in our Christian basket, and experience the feeling of joy and peace in knowing the true Resurrected Christ.

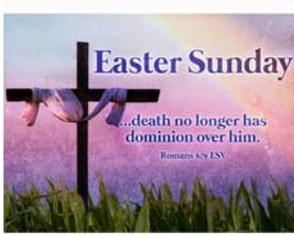
****NEW Diploma Exams Schedule: June 2017***

Diploma exams **must** be administered according to the scheduled dates and times.

All diploma exams, **except** those that are **asterisked**, remain secured after administration.

Thursday, June 15	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part A* English Language Arts 30–2 Part A*
Friday, June 16	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) A* Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) A*
Monday, June 19	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Français 30–1 Partie A French Language Arts 30–1 Part A*
Tuesday, June 20	9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Français 30–1 Partie B French Language Arts 30–1 Part B
Wednesday, June 21	National Aboriginal Day – No Exams Scheduled	
Thursday, June 22	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part B English Language Arts 30–2 Part B
Friday, June 23	9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) B Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) B
Monday, June 26	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Mathematics 30–1 Mathematics 30–2
Tuesday, June 27	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Chemistry 30
Wednesday, June 28	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Biology 30
Thursday, June 29	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.	Physics 30 Science 30* (French version is digital only)

Note: Wednesday, June 21, 2016 is Aboriginal Day—no diploma exams are scheduled



APRIL, 2017



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2	3	4	5 ELA Part A	6 SS Part A	7 ELA Part B	8
9 PALM SUNDAY	10 SS Part B	11 Math Chem	12 Bio Science Holy Thurs Mass	13 Physics	14 GOOD FRIDAY	15
16 HAPPY EASTER	17 EASTER BREAK	18 EASTER BREAK	19 EASTERBREAK	20 EASTER BREAK	21 EASTER BREAK	22
23	24 Class Resumes	25	26 Parent Grad Meeting	27	28	29
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St. Joe's Graduation June 2 & 3, 2017

Thursday, June 1

Decorating Revolution Arena

8:30-3:20 Decorating (all grads welcome to help, attendance will be adjusted)

Friday, June 2

Cap & Gown Day

8:00-8:30 Free Breakfast for Grads at St. Joe's

8:30-9:00 Grads pickup Cap & Gown from school library

9:00-10:30 Grads get a large group photo in the gymnasium

11:15 Grads must be at Revolution Arena to line up

12:00 Cap & Gown Begins (grads parade from Bowes Family Gardens)

General Seating (no ticket required) (unlimited seating)

Mass, Exercises, Speeches, Presentation of Certificates

Photos and Snacks

Green Gown & White Stoll **MUST** be returned to Terry Lock Room prior to leaving Revolution Arena

Saturday, June 3

Grand March at Revolution Arena

5:30 Photos of Grads & Escorts in formal wear at Bowes Family Gardens (must pre-book)

5:30 Doors Open at Revolution Arena

Tickets required (\$20 in advance / \$25 at door) (general seating)

12 years and under get in free

6:15 Grads **MUST** be at Bowes Family Gardens to lineup for Grand March

7:00 Grand March

Grads / Escorts announced in alphabetical order

Speeches

9:00-11:30 Dance for Grads and families

** If you require special seating, please email James Palmer at: jamespalmer@gpcsd.ca



MAY 2, 2017 MIGHTY PEACE DAY

What: A gathering of 3500 Peace Country Youth who are passionate about creating positive change! MPD is an opportunity to be inspired by talented speakers and performers who are striving to make a difference in the world.

Why: We believe in empowering this generation to promote local, national, and global change.

When: May 02, 2017 – 9:00 am to 2:15 pm

Where: Revolution Place – Grande Prairie, AB

Who: Students in Grades 5-12 in 2016-2017 school year.

How: Students cannot buy a seat, they earn it through involvement in One Local OR One Global or National Action Project in the 18 months prior to May 02, 2017

Then: Students are registered through their school's principal
*We all have the **Courage to Create Change!***

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A huge thank you to all of our MPD Sponsors.

Impact Student Lives Become a sponsor Contact us at mightypeaceday.ca





Célébration Eucharistique en français

Le samedi 13 mai, 2017 16h30
Saturday, May 13, 2017 4:30 pm

Venez célébrer la messe en français, suivie d'un souper-partage.
Come celebrate Mass in French, followed by a potluck supper.

Msgr Charles Lavoie Chorale de l'école St. Gerard School's Choir

10404-102 Street, Grande Prairie
Information: 780 532-6335



Why St. John Bosco?

St. John Bosco is an alternative to the traditional classroom or an Outreach School. The main goal of this school (South Campus) is to provide students with 21st Century learning skills through *flexible* course pacing and offerings, *flexible* time and a *flexible* environment for learning opportunities.

Students are encouraged to develop the skills they will require in the highly competitive world of work; Entrepreneurial spirit, engaged thinking and ethical citizenship.

It is important to understand that because St. John Bosco South Campus is based upon the personalized learning model that students will have different goals and different ways to achieve their goals. What seems fair to some students may not be fair to other students... "Fair is not always equal." Each student will work on the plan that they have developed under the guidance of their course advisor.

The Foundation for Students at St. John Bosco South Campus:

1) Flexible Course Pacing and Offering

- Study one course at a time
- Blend into St. John Bosco and another school
- One-on-One instruction
- Full course load
- Credit Recovery
- Correspondence courses
- Credits to earn scholarships

2) Flexible Time

- St. John Bosco South is able to work with students who have life commitments and struggle to attend a traditional school

3) Flexible Environment

- Students may work in a learning environment that works for them. For example, students who work better listening to music with their headphones in or those who prefer to work online

There are many scenarios and parents, students and teachers should meet to determine if St. John Bosco is the right fit. Getting to know the student is an important step to this type of learning environment.

Who Can Be Successful?

- Students who want to take responsibility for their learning
- Students who want to accelerate or take their time in their course work
- Blended students—students who would like to take courses elsewhere as well as at St. John Bosco
- Students who have commitments that interfere with the traditional school system
- Students who work best with adult supervision and tracking
- Students who want multiple learning opportunities

St. John Bosco South Campus revolves around what the student requires. Developing a close relationship between Course Advisors, Teachers, Parents and Students is key to the success of the student. The development of an educational plan will be student-centered, based upon learning outcomes and goal orientation.