



St. Eugene Catholic Elementary School Parent/Guardian Update

Week of January 29, 2024

Important Dates:

Pizza Order Due: January 31

Wellness Wednesday/Sprit Wear: January 31

Term 1 ends: February 1

Pita Orders Due: February 1

Graduation Photos: February 1

Pizza Day: February 2

Pancake Tuesday orders due: February 2

Chill Day/Snuggle Up and Read/Book Swap: February 2

Valentine's Day: February 13 (Red, White, and Pink Day)

Mardi Gras/Pancake Tuesday: February 13

Ash Wednesday: February 14: Mass @ 10:00 AM

Report Cards go home: February 16

Family Day: February 19 (no school)



Parish Connections:

[Click here for the Parish Bulletin.](#)

Upcoming Feast Days

Feast Day of St. John Bosco—January 31

Feast Day of St. Brigid—February 1

Feast Day of the Presentation of the Lord—February 2

A reminder to all parents of potential First Communicants and Confirmandi that all the registration forms and supporting documents are due on February 7. Late registrations will not be accepted. If you have questions regarding First Communion or Confirmation, please contact the parish office at 905-549-2694 or by email steugeneschurch@cogeco.net from Tuesday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Here is a link to the website: <https://steugenesparish.ca/>.



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School Updates:



I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.
1 Corinthians 1:10

Collaboration

I can...

- accept various roles in a group.
- listen to, acknowledge, and consider differing opinions.
- accept an equitable share of work in a group.
- consider effects of my actions on others.
- respect the rights, property, and opinions of others.
- share information, resources, materials, and equipment with others.
- work and play cooperatively with others.
- build positive relationships with peers and adults.
- work with others to resolve conflicts.
- work to build consensus to achieve group goals.



As part of our School Improvement and Equity plan, we are focusing on the learning skills and work habits of Responsibility, Organization, Independent Work, Collaboration, Initiative, and Self-regulation. These skills and habits enable students to perform to the best of their abilities. Each week, we will focus on a different learning skill and work habit with whole school announcements and activities in the classroom to make to ensure that each student knows what the criteria are for each of the skills and can self-assess to determine what they may need to work on to set goals for improvement. This week we will focus on Collaboration. Ask your child(ren) about what they are learning in regards to being effective collaborators.



Family Pancake Tuesday Event: As part of our Parents Reaching Out Grant, the Catholic School Council will be organizing a Pancake Tuesday event on February 13 @ 6:00 PM in our school gym. Pancakes will be for sale via SchoolCashOnline until **February 2**.



Calling home: To support students in their learning skills and work habits of responsibility and organization, and to keep phone lines open for emergencies, we do not call home for forgotten items (shoes, boots, homework, devices, etc.). If a child forgets a lunch, we will call home. As part of our Acceptable Use of Technology policy, students are not to use their cell phones to contact parents during the day. All communication should come through the office. Please don't text or call your child during the school day. Cell phones are kept in their backpacks until the end of the school day.



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Daily School Route:

Families,

This is your last call to complete our family survey about transportation to/from school.

Please complete this 5-minute survey about how you get to school (walk, bike, drive, bus, etc.) and why.

The results of the survey will inform community design and programming efforts to support the health and safety of children attending St. Eugene CES.



This survey is being conducted by the Daily School Route (DSR), which is an organization working with the HWCDSB and the City of Hamilton to support students using active transportation (walking, biking, etc.) to get to school. When kids use active transportation, they arrive at school better prepared to learn, interact with others, and deal with the challenges of the day.

A school page will be created for St. Eugene CES on <https://www.dailyschoolroute.org>, which is where survey results will be made available.

Click here to access the survey: <https://schoolwalk.planlocal.ca/hamilton/>

If you have questions, please contact info@dailyschoolroute.org.

We thank you in advance!



Book Swap/Exchange: This year at St. Eugene, we're thrilled to organize a book exchange event! We're urging every student to contribute 2-3 pre-loved books. Kindly forward the book donations to your child's teacher. On February 2nd, we'll be participating in Chill

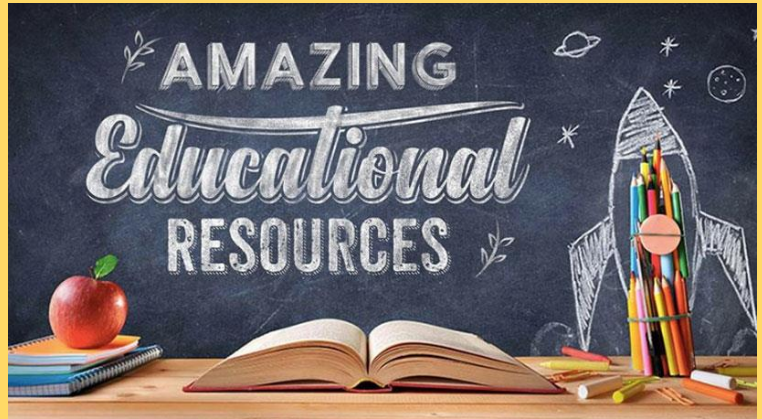
Day and Snuggle up and read. During this day, students will have the chance to visit the book exchange, allowing students to take home a new previously loved book to cherish. Let's make this event a celebration of sharing stories and fostering a love for reading!



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Supporting Student Achievement:

Many parents are inquiring about supports for their children and how they can help at home. There are a number of resources available from the school board and from the school. All Kindergarten to Grade 3 have a RAZ kids account for leveled texts in English, French, and Spanish to read. Check your child's agenda for the login information.



All Grades 1 and 2 students have a Lexia Account to assist in reading that should be used at least 20 minutes daily. Check your child's agenda for their account information.

All classes have access to Knowledgehook for assistance in mathematics. Many students have won Mathalon awards for their proficiency with this resource. Check with your child's teacher for the login information.

All Kindergarten to Grade 6 French Immersion students have access to French Reading resources: Je lis Je lis. Get account information from your child's teacher.

All students studying French, can access videos, music, and games via Idello.

<https://apprendre.tfo.org/en>.

Check your child's MySite page with their login and password to view all the resources available to them.

Homework Club is offered to those in Grades 7 and 8 on Mondays and Wednesdays for one hour after school. Ask your child's teacher for permission forms.

Check your child's Myclass LMS page for classroom resources.



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In the Midst of Winter

*Lord, in the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce
remind us of the warmth of your love.*

*In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early
remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.*

*In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth, when leaves are
off the trees, and the world can seem bleak
remind us that Easter is but a short time away.*

*And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter, reach out to us with
the power of your resurrection so that we may feel the warmth of your love and see your light
that alone can take away the darkness of our soul.*

- Cal Wick

