

# CSM Update for Families - April 20 to 24



## APRIL 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	30	31	1 <i>Weekly wellness break 2:20-3:00</i> <i>4pm Spring Run Club</i> <i>Autism Society Parent Café 5:30-8:30pm</i>	2 <i>Kindergarten Play Day 9:15</i> <i>Holy Thursday Liturgy Last day before Easter break</i>	3 <i>No School</i> 	4
5 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	6 <i>Easter Holidays Begin</i>	7 <i>Easter Holidays</i>	8 <i>Easter Holidays</i>	9 <i>Easter Holidays</i>	10 <i>Easter Holidays</i>	11 <i>Easter Holidays</i>
12 <i>Last Day of Easter Holidays</i>	13 <i>First Day Back School Council Meeting in library 6pm</i> <i>2week bottle drive for school wide activities</i>	14 <i>4/5 swimming @ Nicholas Sheran 12:45-3:00pm</i>	15 <i>Student Faith Retreat Weekly wellness break 2:20-3:00</i> <i>4pm Spring Run Club</i>	16 9:15 <i>Gospel 9:15 am Dental fluoride For kindergarten to grade 2</i> <i>12:45 Gr-SW Swimming @ Nicholas Sheran</i>	17 <i>Steam &amp; Dream Friday 11:45am Spring Run Club</i>	18
19	20 <i>Kindergarten Family Play Day 2:30 gr5 scientists in school</i>	21 <i>1pm 6H Swimming at Nicholas Sheran pool</i>	22 9am 2/3 SP & 4/5 F to Mass <i>NEON dress up DAY</i> <i>4pm Spring Run Club</i>	23 <i>Communion Retreat 9:00am -3:00 pm</i>	24 <i>Steam &amp; Dream Friday Color team day</i> <i>9:45 Grow and Glow assembly 12pm Staff Meeting</i>	25
26	27 <i>Gr3s&amp; 2C Troyanda Ukrainian Dance show Leaving @ 8:50-11:35 am</i>	28 <i>12:45 4s Swimming Nicholas Sheran Pool</i>	29 <i>Weekly wellness break 2:20-3:00</i> <i>4pm Spring Run Club</i> <i>Division Board Meeting</i>	30 <i>9am whole School Mass at the church</i>	<i>May 1st CSM Assembly Team Color day</i>	



# BELONG. GROW. SHINE.

As we continue in this joyful Easter season, we are reminded through **Psalm 33** to “**give thanks to the Lord... for His faithful love fills the earth.**” We are grateful for the many ways God’s love is present in our school community each day.

At Children of St. Martha School, we remain *Rooted in faith and guided by love, celebrating each child. We honour connection, foster growth, and inspire every learner to be kind, courageous, and full of hope.*

Last week was filled with meaningful learning and connection. Thank you to all families who supported our school bottle drive—your generosity helps provide opportunities for our students. Our school clothing order has now closed, and items are expected to arrive next week. We will plan another opportunity for ordering in the fall.

We were proud to celebrate some of our Grade 6 students at the *Ordinary Heroes* event on Monday evening. This special event reminds us of the importance of positive, caring relationships in the lives of children.

Our Neon Dress-Up Day brought joy and school spirit to our community—thank you for helping make these moments fun and memorable. Our Grade 2 students also attended their First Communion retreat as they prepare for this important sacrament next month. We keep them in our prayers during this special time.

We have now completed our final round of STEAM & DREAM clubs. These Fridays have provided students with opportunities to explore interests, build skills, and experience the joy of learning in new ways.

Looking ahead to this week - On Thursday our grades 1 to 4 students will have the opportunity to spend time with students at SPFA and FLVT as we endeavour to continue building relationships across the westside. On Friday, we will gather as a school community to recognize our Grade 4/5 students and spend time building connections through our colour teams.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We are grateful to walk alongside you in your child’s learning journey.



## Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for your faithful love that fills our world. Help us to trust in you, to be kind and just in all we do, and to care for one another each day.

Watch over our families and keep us strong in hope.

Amen. ✝

# CSM Update for Families - April 27 to May 1

## CSM Weekly Events

### Weekly Events

Wednesday Wellness Break - Every Wednesday 2:20 pm to 3:00 pm

Thursday Gospel Time - Every Thursday 8:50 am to 9:20 am

Friday STEAM and DREAM - Every Friday 9:15 am to 10:55 am

### Monthly Events

Mass - Last Thursday of every month - 9:00 am

Colour Team Activity - Last Friday of every month - 9:15 am

Grow and Glow Assembly - Last Friday of every month - 9:45 am

- Thursday April 30 - Monthly School Wide Mass 9:00 am
- Thursday April 30 - Westside School Gathering
- Friday May 1 - April Glow and Grow Recognition Assembly - Gr 4:5F
- Friday May 1 - Colour Team Dress Up Day
- Monday May 4 - Villain or Hero Dress Up Day
- Monday May 4 - School Council Meeting 6:00 pm
- Wednesday May 6 - 1 to 6 go to FLVT/Shrek Performance
- Thursday May 7 - 2:3S/3S Head Smashed and 4S Zoo
- **Monday May 18 - Victoria Day - No School for Students**
- **Tuesday May 19 - School PD Day - No School for Students**
- Wednesday May 27 to Friday May 30 - Grade 6 Camp
- Thursday May 18 - Monthly School Wide Mass
- Friday May 29 - April Glow and Grow Recognition Assembly

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## **THIS WEEK AT CSM**

*April 27 to May 1*

**MON  
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- UKRAINIAN DANCE SHOW (2C AND 3S)

**TUES  
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- 4S SWIMMING AT NS

**WED  
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- WELLNESS BREAK - 2:20 TO 3:00PM
- RUN CLUB 4:00 TO 4:45

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- SCHOOL WIDE MASS

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1**

- GROW AND GLOW RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY
- COLOUR TEAM ACTIVITY
- NO RUN CLUB TODAY

## Information and Updates

- **School Wide Bottle Drive:** Please bring your bottle recycling to the school from April 13 to April 24 - we will have a trailer at the school to collect bottles. This fundraising will support grade six camp and school wide activities. Please support activities for our students.
- **School Fees:** As we get close to the end of year we will be monitoring school fees. If classes do not have enough fees collected to cover the cost of field trips. The field trips will be cancelled.
- School fees play an essential role in bridging the gap between the funding provided by the province and the actual cost of delivering enriching programs and activities. We strive to keep fees to a minimum by calculating expected costs and dividing them across our student population. When fees remain unpaid, it becomes challenging to offer these experiences for all students.

### Total Fees for 2025/26

- **Total for Kindergarten:**  $\$70.00 + \$50.00 = \$120.00$
- **Total for Grade 1:**  $\$70.00 + \$50.00 = \$120.00$
- **Total for Grade 2:**  $\$70.00 + \$50.00 = \$120.00$
- **Total for Grade 3:**  $\$70.00 + \$80.00 = \$150.00$
- **Total for Grade 4:**  $\$70.00 + \$80.00 = \$150.00$
- **Total for Grade 5:**  $\$70.00 + \$80.00 = \$150.00$
- **Total for Grade 6 :**  $\$70.00 + \$50.00 = \$120.00$

## Information and Updates

- **Shoes**

- Please make sure that **all students have indoor and outdoor footwear at all times**. It's easy to feel when there is no snow or rain that this is not necessary - but what happens is then we are unprepared for wet weather but also in dry weather - grass, rocks and dirt get brought in and spread throughout the school - the time it takes to clear these extra messes takes away time from other tasks being accomplished.

- **Morning Routine**

- Students who wish to join us for breakfast may come into the school starting at 8:15. Breakfast is not grab and go and students will be expected to sit a table to eat.
- Any students not coming in for breakfast should go directly to the playground via the north side of the school.
- Students attending Boys and Girls Club or th It's a Blast Program should enter through the south doors.
- If you do not want your student to attend breakfast or play outside then please plan your arrival

- **Parking Lot and Bus Loop**

- There are moments of the day when are parking lot is becoming very full. Please follow the following requests:
  - Always park in the parking lot. Do not drop off in driving lanes.
  - Do not park in the Accessible Parking Spots.
  - If you are dropping off and do not want to park - please use the loop on McMaster Blvd.
  - There is also parking available on Columbia Blvd and at St. Martha Parish.

- **Winter Weather**

- Indoor recess will be determined with a combination of temperature, wind and judgement. We will use -20 celsius as our guideline - however we will use our judgement if weather seems extreme. We will also do our best to avoid having students inside for the entire day and students can expect to have outside recess at least once during the day. In the new year we will be sending home permission forms for properly dressed children to go out for short periods of time when temperatures drop below -20. Please pay attention for a permission slip for CSM FROST FIGHTERS.
- Please ensure that all students are prepared for outdoor play and learning at all times. Proper winter jackets, snow pants, tuques or ear covering, mittens or gloves, scarf or face covering and boots - waterproof mittens and gloves will increase warmth and enjoyment of the snow.

## Information and Updates

- **Food**

- Our school is truly blessed to receive both food and funding that allow us to provide a universal (for everyone) breakfast, snacks, and limited (for those in need) lunches for students. We are grateful for this support and want to work closely with families to ensure these resources are used wisely and reach students who need them most.
- We also don't want your home packed lunches to go to waste. Staff always encourage students to eat the food brought from home first. You can support this by reminding your child that the lunches packed from home are prepared with care and effort, and that it is their responsibility to eat this food before accessing additional items.
- While breakfast and snacks are often plentiful, the number of full lunches we receive is limited. Students are sometimes most interested in the drinks or snack items that come with these lunches; however, these items need to be reserved for students who require an entire meal.
- If a student has a lunch but no drink, they are encouraged to use their water bottle or the water fountain. If a student has finished their food and is still hungry, they are always welcome to check in with staff for additional food or snacks.
- Thank you for partnering with us to reduce food waste, model responsibility, and ensure that all students are cared for. We appreciate your support and ongoing conversations at home.



## **Mission | Vision | Motto**

*Rooted in faith and guided by love, The Children of St. Martha School celebrates each child. We honour connection, foster growth, and inspire every learner to be kind, courageous, and full of hope.*

*Our vision is to be a community where faith, learning, and connection guide every child to reach their full potential — growing together in strength, identity, and compassion.*

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