

CSM Update for Families - April 13 to April 17



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</i> 9:15 <i>Holy Thursday Liturgy</i> <i>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</i> <i>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</i> <i>Weekly wellness break 2:20-3:00</i> <i>4pm Spring Run Club</i>	16 9:15 <i>Gospel 9:15 am</i> <i>Dental fluoride For kindergartens to grade 2</i> <i>12:45 Gr-SW Swimming @ Nicholas Sheran</i>	17 <i>Steam & Dream Friday</i> <i>11:45am Spring Run Club</i>	18
19	20 <i>Kindergarten Family Play Day</i> <i>2:30 gr5 scientists in school</i>	21 <i>1pm 6H Swimming at Nicholas Sheran pool</i>	22 9am 2/3 <i>SP & 4/5 F to Mass</i> <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 & Dream Friday</i> <i>Color team day</i> <i>9:45 Grow and Glow assembly</i> <i>12pm Staff Meeting</i>	25
26	27 <i>Gr3s & 2C Troyanda Ukrainian Dance show</i> <i>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</i> <i>CSM Assembly</i> <i>Team Color day</i>	



BELONG. GROW. SHINE.



Loving God,

Thank You for the joy of Easter and the gift of time together.

As we return to school and daily routines, fill our hearts with hope and gratitude.

Help our families to grow in kindness, love, and faith each day.






May we remember that this is the day You have made, and we rejoice in it.

Amen.

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.” – Psalm 118:24

As we return from Holy Week and celebrate the joy of Easter, we are reminded of the gift of the Resurrection—new life, hope, and the promise that God’s love is always with us. In Psalm 118, we hear again and again, “*His faithful love endures forever.*” What a beautiful reminder as we begin this final stretch of the school year together. We hope that all of our students and families had a restful and joyful break. We are so excited to welcome everyone back and look forward to finishing the year strong—continuing to learn, grow, and celebrate as a community.

Here are a few important updates for the week:

-  **School-Wide Bottle Drive (April 13–24)**
Our bottle drive begins this week! Families are invited to collect bottles and bring them to the school, where a trailer will be available for drop-off. Funds raised will support Grade 6 camp and school-wide year-end activities. Thank you for your support!
-  **Faith Retreat – Wednesday, April 15**
All students will participate in a special school-wide retreat focused on *Living the Gospel of Luke through Catholic Social Teaching*. It will be a day of reflection, learning, and community, and lunch will be provided.
-  **STEAM & DREAM Clubs – Friday**
Students will have the opportunity to participate in another round of exciting STEAM and DREAM clubs. We look forward to seeing their creativity and passions shine!
-  **Division Two Swimming (Upcoming Weeks)**
Our Division Two classes will soon begin swimming sessions at Nicholas Sheran Pool. Please watch for communication from your child’s teacher regarding specific dates and times. We are always grateful for parent volunteers who can support supervision in the pool and change rooms.
-  **School Fees Reminder**
Our teachers work hard to provide a wide variety of meaningful learning opportunities for students, and these experiences are supported through school fees. If you have not yet paid your fees, please log into School Cash Online to complete payment or contact the office to arrange a plan. Thank you for your prompt attention to this.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership, your support, and for trusting us to be part of your child’s story. We are grateful for each of you and look forward to all the wonderful learning and opportunities ahead.

May this Easter season continue to bring peace, joy, and hope to your homes. 

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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

April

- Thursday April 2 - Holy Thursday (Liturgy - Grade 6)
- **Thursday April 2 - Last Day of School for Students before Easter Break**
- Friday April 3 - Good Friday
- **Monday April 13 - First Day of School for Students after Easter Break**
- Monday April 13th to Friday April 24th - School Wide Bottle Drive Fundraiser
- Wednesday April 15 - School Wide Faith Retreat
- Wednesday April 22 - Neon Day
- Thursday April 23 - First Communion Retreat
- Thursday April 30 - Monthly School Wide Mass 9:00 am
- Friday May 1 - April Glow and Grow Recognition Assembly
- Friday May 1 - Colour Team Dress Up Day

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THIS WEEK AT CSM

April 13 to 17

**MON
13**

- SCHOOL WIDE BOTTLE DRIVE BEGINS

**TUES
14**

- 4:5F SWIMMING AT NS

**WED
15**

- WELLNESS BREAK - 2:20 TO 3:00PM
- STUDENT FAITH RETREAT
- RUN CLUB 4:00 TO 4:45
- SCIENCE SIZZLE
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**TH
16**

- GOSPEL 8:50 AM
- GRADE 5W SWIMMING AT NS

**FR
17**

- STEAM AND DREAM - CLUBS
- RUN CLUB - 11:45 TO 12:30

Information and Updates

- **Easter Break** - April 3 to April 12. First day back to school is Monday April 13th.
- **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 :** $\$70.00 + \$50.00 = \$120.00$

Please share with families. Thank you!



CSM BOTTLE DRIVE

- **BRING YOUR OWN**
- **COLLECT FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY**
- **DROP OFF AT CSM - TRAILER IN PARKING LOT**

*All funds will support grade
six camp, and school wide
year end initiatives.*

*Trailer will be parked
at the school from
April 13th to April 24th.*



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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