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## St. Victor School Students Participate in Canada-wide Valentine Swap

Students at St. Victor School took part in a Canada-wide Valentine swap in February. Mrs. Binda’s Kindergarten/Grade 1 class connected with other classes from across the country, including the Yukon, Northwest Territory, Alberta, and Southern Ontario, and learned about their communities.

“The swap gave our students an authentic experience of letter writing. Once we started receiving letters from other classes, the students became eager to learn more about each town and school, the number of students in their class, and specifically, what mascot they had!”, said Mrs. Binda.

The class created 20 unique valentine cards and sent them to 20 different schools in Canada. Each card was sent along with a letter describing St. Victor School and interesting facts about the class. The Great Canadian Valentine Swap was a great way to promote a love of Canada!

## A Prayer for Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank you for summer.

Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.

Thank you for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank you for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your word and counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

Amen.

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## Experiential Learning Is Happening At NPSC Schools

This spring, the Grade 4/5 class of St. Alexander School began an inquiry around the question “*Why is water important to us?*”. Within the process of developing a true understanding of the big idea that “every living thing relies on water”, these students are connecting with various community partners in locations around North Bay, travelling by foot and bus. Students have participated in learning opportunities around the Trout Lake area, where they toured the North Bay Water Treatment Plant and engaged in hands-on experiences, facilitated by university students at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Joining over 100 classes around the world in the ‘**Junior Water Walkers**’ initiative, they have ‘adopted’ Lake Nipissing, following the work of Nokomis Josephine Mandamine, who wanted to help bring awareness to the importance and sacredness of water. As they continue to work on their inquiry, this class is preparing for a tour of the North Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant as well as a very important awareness walk along their adopted Lake Nipissing. We support you, St. Alexander, as you walk for the protection and love of water!







## *This Is Us Our Lady of Fatima Project*

Our Lady of Fatima School celebrated Catholic Education week with over 250 family members and friends. The school, in partnership with the Parent Council, planned the event to celebrate this year's Catholic Education Week theme, *Living as Joyful Disciples*, and celebrated the diversity and uniqueness of all of their students. Parents and students were invited to have family pictures taken in the beautifully decorated photo booths. The highlight of the evening was a movie premiere entitled "This Is Us Our Lady of Fatima", promoting all of the students and their stories. A gallery walk of student work, games, and activities highlighting social identity themes supported further learning. Parents and students were also given resources to support continuing the conversation in the students' homes.

The school took this project on to help support the students develop and validate their personal and social identities. Through the "This is Us Our Lady of Fatima" project, the school learned that they are always growing and still have much to learn about themselves and one another; and they continue walking as joyful disciples of God on this path together as a school community.

Thanks and appreciation are extended to all of the families who attended the event in support of their children and the school, to Mr. Paul Gagne and Ms. Lynn Sreeland of Carry All Builders for their generous donation of popcorn and use of their popcorn maker.

This event was also supported by a PRO Grant from the Ministry of Education.





## Mother St. Bride School 19th Annual “Gift of Reading” Recipient

In March, Mrs. Doucette’s kindergarten class at Mother St. Bride School was presented with the 19th Annual “Gift of Reading” by The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) North Bay branch. Each Senior Kindergarten student was presented with a “keeper book” to take home to promote literacy in their lives.

Thank you to the women of the CFUW North Bay branch, for your donation of the new books along with others for the class library!

## Together In Faith

*Together in Faith* is a campaign launched by the Ontario Catholic School Trustee’s Association (OCSTA) to strengthen support for Catholic Education in Ontario. NPSC invites you to learn more about this campaign at [www.togetherinfaith.ca](http://www.togetherinfaith.ca) and consider signing your name to show your support.



Celebrating the Lenten season, students from Holy Cross School read Bible readings together.

# EVENTS July

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**Summer Hoop Basketball Camp**  
Two camps between July 1-12, 2019  
More information at [summerhoopcamp.com](http://summerhoopcamp.com)

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**Bear’s Summer Hockey School**  
July 2-26, 2019  
Pete Palangio Arena & St. Joseph Scollard Hall  
More information at [www.npsc.ca](http://www.npsc.ca)

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**Grade 7 and 8 Summer School Begins**  
July 2-19, 2019

This program is for students currently in Grade 7 or 8 who wish to improve their skills in Media Literacy and Mathematics.  
More information at [www.npsc.ca](http://www.npsc.ca)

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**Summer Challenge Presents Disney’s “Newsies—The Broadway Musical”**

July 18-20, 2019  
7:00pm  
Bishop Carter Auditorium  
More information at:  
[www.npsc.ca/programs/summer\\_challenge](http://www.npsc.ca/programs/summer_challenge)

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