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Lighting the Way – Rejoicing in Our Journey

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ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE IN BULLYING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK

The third week of November has been designated *Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week*, to help promote safe schools and a positive learning environment. This annual event helps to raise awareness in our school communities about bullying and the impact it has on each of us.

“Our schools engage in bullying awareness and prevention programs every week of the school year,” says Deb Crawford, Superintendent of Education. “However, during this week we also reach out to the broader community because we all have a role to play in bullying prevention – students, parents, teachers and school staff.”

Each school in the St. Clair district has received a kit that includes a number of resources to help principals and staff plan school community events. It also includes a copy of a pledge, which encourages all community members to stand up against bullying.

“Throughout this special week, our schools will continue to build on the work they do throughout the year to effect ongoing and positive change,” says Mrs. Crawford.

During *Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week* schools across the district have planned a number of activities, some of which are listed following this release.

Members of the media are invited to contact principals for interviews and photo opportunities with students in support of *Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week*.



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Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week

November 17 – 21, 2014

School Activities

School	Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week Activities
Christ The King, Wallaceburg <i>Shirley Churchill, Principal</i> 519-627-6745	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 17 at 2:45 p.m. – Kick-off assembly for Bullying Awareness Week – all students and staff to sign a banner, which will be displayed in the hall throughout the week • November 20 – Wear 'blue' day. Photo of students in the gym in the formation of the peace symbol.
Gregory A. Hogan, Sarnia <i>Elena Pagotto, Principal</i> 519-542-8190	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Parliament is organizing a "wear pink" day. • November 20 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:10 p.m. – Saidat, a hip-hop performer brings the message "one person can make a difference" to the school.
Holy Family, Wallaceburg <i>Gloria Grieve, Principal</i> 519-627-6003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entire school will take <i>The Pledge</i> together on November 20 at 11:20 a.m. • Throughout the week teachers will read a variety of picture books in their classrooms, as students develop a list of strategies to use when dealing with a bully.
Our Lady of Fatima, Chatham <i>Tom Baker, Principal</i> 519-351-4040	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 17 – Wear pink day • November 19 at 2:30 p.m. – <i>I'll Stand Up For You Assembly</i> – students will create a "brick" to make a wall of peace in the hallway. Students will also take <i>The Pledge</i> together.
Sacred Heart, Sarnia <i>Anita Cairns, Principal</i> 519-344-1601	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday – Wear 'blue' day to support anti-bullying. • Throughout the month of November, the school will highlight empathy building, in support of bullying awareness.
St. Elizabeth, Wallaceburg <i>Luana Sfalcin, Principal</i> 519-627-6331	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 17 at 9:05 a.m. – Assembly at which all students will take <i>The Pledge</i> together. • November 20 – students will wear 'blue' as a show of solidarity to stand up to bullying. Students will also invite their parents to take <i>The Pledge</i>.
St. Joseph, Corunna <i>Brendan Deery, Principal</i> 519-862-1479	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All classes will be asked to take <i>The Pledge</i>. • Daily announcements by members of the Student Council. • School newspaper makes its debut. The paper will include regular columns dedicated to bullying prevention. In the first issue, the focus will be on how to prevent bullying and what to do when it happens.
St. Michael, Ridgetown <i>Julie Knight, Principal</i> 519-674-3475	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 17 at 11:15 a.m. – school assembly introducing <i>The Pledge</i> and illustrating the various ways that students prevent bullying. • November 20 – Grade 7 and 8 students attending <i>WE Day</i> in Waterloo.
St. Philip, Petrolia <i>Mark Renaud, Principal</i> 519-882-1520	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 18 – Justin Fazio and Taylor Dupuis, two goalies from the <i>Sarnia Sting</i>, will be reading books to students on respect and making proper choices.

<p>St. Vincent, Chatham <i>Nicole Stevens, Principal</i> 519-354-4066</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 19 at 1:45 p.m. – <i>Respect Tour with Brooklyn</i>. In cooperation with Community Living Chatham-Kent, she has performed for over 40 schools and thousands of students as part of a campaign to end bullying.
<p>St. Patrick's Catholic High School, Sarnia <i>Rob Cicchelli, Principal</i> 519-332-3976</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 17 – Chaplain Joseph Palko leads a reflection that will introduce the week with the theme <i>Words are Powerful – Think Before You Speak</i>. • November 19 – 8:25 a.m. & 9:45 a.m. – Concerts by Sara Westbrook, UPower. Concerts focus on building respect and taking responsibility for choices. Giving students skills to make positive change within themselves. • November 20 – Pink Day and a focus on words that heal; rather than hurt. During lunch, students will sign an anti-bullying banner.
<p>Ursuline College, Chatham <i>Ray Power, Principal</i> 519-351-2987</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 18 during lunch, students will be creating a handprint anti-bullying sign. • November 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Theatre – Classes will hold a fashion show entitled <i>Born This Way</i> to encourage students to be comfortable in their own skin – No one can be you better than you! • Pink Day.