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All Saints Church

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. English
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. English
11:00 a.m. English
7:30 p.m. English



DAILY MASSES

Morning 8:30 a.m. Monday to Saturday

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact Elsa @ 416-244-3066

FIRST FRIDAY/LAST FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. Mass

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Wednesday, November 11th we will be commemorating Remembrance Day. We will observe a minute of silence at 11:00 a.m. along with a ceremony in the gym.

We remember the many who died in the hopes of maintaining a free and democratic nation that we call "Canada". Let us remember and honour those lives and those that continue to give their lives even today, to ensure that as Canadians we enjoy the peace and blessings of living in our great country. Poppies will be distributed and students will be encouraged to make a donation in support of Canada's War Veterans.



High School Open House and Curriculum Nights

November 4, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

Bishop Allen Academy Catholic School
721 Royal York Road, Etobicoke
416-393-5549

November 5, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

Michael Power/St. Joseph Catholic School
105 Eringate Drive, Etobicoke, Ontario
416-393-5529

November 10, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

Chaminade College School (Boys)
490 Queen's Drive, North York, Ontario
416-393-5509

November 10, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

Father John Redmond and Regional Arts Centre

28 Colonel Samuel Smith Parkway,
Etobicoke, Ont.
416-393-5540



CSAC NEWS

Many thanks to all the parents who have already handed in this year's Activity Fee. If you haven't submitted your forms yet, we encourage you to return them to the teachers as soon as possible. There's been a terrific response from parents interested in volunteering at Father Serra and committee chairs will be contacting people in the weeks ahead to begin preparations for upcoming events. Should you need to contact CSAC with a suggestion or concern, our email is csac.fatherserra@tcdsb.org.

Lastly, the CSAC meeting dates were published incorrectly in the online version of the September 2009 newsletter. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused. The dates of the remaining CSAC meetings for 2009-2010 are:

November 18, 2009

December 16, 2009

January 20, 2010

February 17, 2010

March 24, 2010

April 21, 2010

May 19, 2010

June 16, 2010

We hope to see you there.

It's flu season again!

We encourage parents to consider getting a flu shot for their children and we ask that they are kept at home when they do get the flu. Children are highly infectious and contagious longer than adults and sick children at school put the other children and staff at risk.

**** Please note that the Public Health Nurse will attend our next CSAC meeting on November 18th to discuss any questions you may have regarding school programs and any questions you may have regarding H1N1.**

Home/School Connection

Good questions and equally important, good listening can help children make sense of mathematics, build their confidence and encourage mathematical thinking and communication. A good question opens up a problem and supports different ways of thinking about it. Note that none of the questions below can be answered with a simple "yes" or "no".

- What do you already know about this?
- What do you need to find out?
- How might you begin?
- How can you organize information?
- Can you draw a picture to explain your thinking?
- Are there other possibilities?
- What would happen if...?
- Can you describe the approach or strategy you are using to solve this?
- What do you need to do next?
- Do you see any patterns?
- Is your solution reasonable? Does it make sense?
- How did you arrive at your answer?
- Can you convince me that your solution makes sense?
- What did you try that didn't work?

Parents should avoid stopping as soon as they hear the "right" answer. Carefully worded responses, such as the following, give children a chance to clarify and extend their thinking.

- Why do you think that?
- Tell me more.
- Can you explain it a different way?
- Is there another possibility?

National Me to We Day

STUDENT LEADERS REPORT

On Monday, October 5th, the student leaders attended Me to We at the Air Canada Centre. There were many people there performing and giving speeches, it was very inspiring. Craig and Mark Kielburger, the founders of Free the Children were there with the son of Robert F. Kennedy Junior, Spencer West, Jessi Cruickshank and special performances by the Jonas Brothers, Justin Bieber and Hedley.

Me to We was very inspirational and it helped the student leaders to decide what fundraisers we will do this year. One of the fundraisers we are going to do is 10 by ten, a program in which you give ten dollars, do ten hours of community service, and spread the word to ten people. You can learn more about these fundraisers and more on www.freethechildren.com, www.metowe.com/leadership, www.giveyourten.com.

Remember, children are the leaders of tomorrow, leading today. YOU are the agent of change because children have the passion and courage to do what needs to be done.

By: Alyssa Francavilla and Sierra Gri



MONTHLY VIRTUE

November Virtue is "Peacemaking"

Quote of the Month - "Peace I leave to you, my peace I give to you" - John 14:27

1. By opening ourselves to God, we will feel peace within us.
2. Every person can work for peace by carefully considering how their words and actions make others feel.
3. Be guided by the words of Paul to the Colossians—"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts".
4. Peace among nations starts with peace among us.



Testing, Testing

EQAO 2008/2009 Results

All Grade 4 and Grade 7 students who wrote the EQAO assessment last June brought home an ***Individual Student Information sheet***. Please refer to this sheet to see how your child scored in the Reading, Writing and Math components. The overall school results will be discussed at an upcoming CSAC meeting. To view the school and school board results visit the board website at www.tcdsb.org and follow these steps:

- Parents
- Assessment/Testing
- Gr. 3 and Gr. 6 Math & Literacy Tests
- Select 2008/2009 for most recent results



STUDENT(S) OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students.
They displayed the Virtue of Gratitude for the month of October.

M. Palermo-Saraco (JK)

Alex Delves, Zack Frigo

J. Salvadori (SK)

Michael Quinn, Franco Sichetti, David DiDomizio, Gianluca Mastrangelo

P. Cameron (Gr. 1)

Paul Bellissimo, Charles Giannis

A. Pocklington (Gr. 1)

Cristian Pereira, Adrian Pereira

C. Traynor (Gr. 2)

Gabriella Peschisolido, Adam Pinnock

L. Pesegi-Galluzzo (Gr. 2)

Christian Persano, Kayla Wuebbolt, Mara Putin

L. Pimento (Gr. 2/3)

Daniel Carbone, Michaela Ferraro

I. Barton (Gr. 3)

Sarah Tiller, Michael Mior

A. Simonelis (Gr. 3/4)

Maria DiDomizio, Anthony Paparo

B. MacRory (Gr. 4)

Marco Peschisolido, Meagan Barry, Julia Frasca



STUDENT(S) OF THE MONTH

R. Troina (Gr. 4/5)

Tyler Stange, Keelin Farren, Jason Rossit,

Serena Stefenatti

T. Ganano (Gr. 5)

Micheline Magnone

J. Berneche (Gr. 5/6)

Stephanie Clark, Daniel Maclellan

M. MacDonald (Gr. 6)

Joseph DiDomizio, Nicole McInerney

S. Bellisario (Gr. 6)

Adam Ralph, John Francavilla

G. Lui (Gr. 7)

Melanie Ariganello, Martine Magnone, Cristina Urso

M. Parzei (Gr. 7)

Jakob Savona, Sara Schiralli

D. Farrell (Gr. 8)

Elise Ardizzi, Nicholas Martino

R. Gargano (Gr. 8)

David DiPaolo, Alexis Rance

M. Torrieri (Gr. 8)

Kale Waddell, Antonio DeCaria

