

Father Serra Times

May, 2010



A. Perron
Director of Education

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Principal's Message

The month of May promises to be a very busy time at Father Serra Catholic School. During Catholic Education Week, May 3rd- 7th, we will have special readings over the P. A. system every morning.

We are asked to reflect on the significance of Catholic Education's presence and contributions in our church and in our society.

Catholic Education Week gives us an opportunity to celebrate the legacy of over 170 years of Catholic Education in the province of Ontario. It provides a movement of invitation for all of us involved in Catholic Education to rededicate ourselves to the task of preserving and enhancing the quality of our Catholic school system. **All parents are welcome to join us on Thursday, May 6th at 9:30 a.m. to listen to our Choir and Instrumental group perform for you in the gym.**

J. Pannozzo

Mother's Day

On Mother's Day we got up first, so full of plans we almost burst. We started breakfast right away as our surprise for Mother's Day. We picked some flowers, then hurried back to make the coffee—rather black.

We wrapped our gifts and wrote a card and boiled the eggs—a little hard.

And then we sang a serenade, which burned the toast, I'm afraid.

But Mother said, amidst our cheers, "Oh, what a big surprise, my dears. I've not had such a treat in years."

And she was smiling to her ears!

By Aileen Fisher

Happy Mother's Day!

May 9th



Earth Day Clean-up

On Friday, April 23, we cleaned up our school yard as well as the adjacent park. The members of the Eco Team and other students along with team leaders, Miss. Carlozzi and Mrs. Paladino went out at lunch recess, the entire time. The enthusiasm was phenomenal. Thank you to all who participated.

Garbage Free Day

As part of our Earth Week Celebration we held a Garbage Free Day. All the garbage cans were turned upside down Earth Day, April 22. It was a great success. Congratulations to everyone. Mr. Murphy, our night Caretaker was very happy. No garbage had to be collected that day. Maybe we will make it a weekly event in the future!

We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our children.

SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to our students in grade 2 who received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. Thanks to the teachers who prepared them, Ms. Traynor, Mrs. Pimento and Mrs. Ferraro and to Father Glaba for visiting the students and helping them prepare.

Grade 2 Communicants

Ancimer, Michael	Memme, Matthew
Barry, Madison	Miley, Jack
Biasi, Noah	Moreira, Mary
Carbone, Daniel	Nocera, Luke
Cosentino, Gianfranco	Novello, Ariana
Culmone, Kalia	Pellarin, Nicolas
De Paoli, Madeleine	Persano, Christian
DeLuca, Lauren	Peschisolido, Gabriella
Duprey, Samuel	Pinchak Andrew
Falzone, Eric	Pinnock, Adam
Fanuzzi-DelCol, Justin	Quafisi, Leo
Ferrari, Christina	Rego, Daniel
Ferraro, Michaela	Russell, Nathan
Filice, Anthony	Santini, Anthony
Franceschetti, Samuel	Spencer, Deanna
Frasca, Isabella	Szczepanowski, Hannah
Frendo, Mikkel	Taaffe, Charles
Futia, Nicolas	Taskiran, Luke
Hanzek, Tomislav	Tripodi, Ilaria
Heitz, Sabrina	Tutt, Alex
Iantria, Gianluca	Udovic, Alexa
Ierullo, Jessica	Vescio, Marcus
Litrenta, Elisa	Vincent, Isabella
Manna, Gabriela	Wuebbolt, Kayla
Marmugi, Mia	Zabrzycki, Isabell

Congratulations to the Father Serra choir students who participated in the TCDSB Music Festival on April 19th, at Don Bosco High school. Our students received very high remarks from the adjudicator listening to their performance. Thanks to all choristers for their dedication and hard work. Bravo for a job well done! Thanks to all parents and volunteers for all their help and participation. Your attendance at the Festival was very much appreciated. On these special occasions, your child is able to demonstrate his/her musical skills. One of the benefits of our program is the development of the students' self-esteem and pride. Concerts provide a great opportunity for your child to share the joy of making music. Mrs. Lewinowicz

Student Leaders at St. Francis' Table

On Thursday, April 1st, 2010, the student leaders had a great opportunity to go to serve food at St. Francis' Table for people within the GTA. We started our day by taking the TTC downtown. When we arrived at St. Francis' Table, we learned about St. Francis and what St. Francis' Table is all about. It is about giving back to your community and taking care of our neighbours like God wants us to. We got separated into two different groups, each performing a different task to prepare the day's meal.

When 12 o'clock came around, we were each assigned a table to be a waiter. We brought the patrons their lunch followed by their dessert and coffee or tea. When St. Francis' Table closed at 1 o'clock, we sat down to eat our lunch. After we ate our lunch, we helped the staff by cleaning the floors, table and chairs, as well as the kitchen.

Most importantly, we came together as a team and helped the less fortunate. When we left St. Francis' Table we all had a great sense of accomplishment. We know that this memory will stay with us forever. We are very thankful for this opportunity. We'd also like to thank Mrs. Lucia and Ms. Salgado for all their hard work in organizing the Student Leaders' meetings this year. You both have given us all memories that we will always remember and cherish as a Catholic school community that has come together known as the Student Leaders.

By: Mackenzie Sousa and Serena Marzario

Ice Cream Day

Thank you for your support towards our annual dance-a-thon. As previously mentioned, on **Tuesday, May 25, 2010**, we will be distributing ice-cream sandwiches for the entire school which were graciously given to us from The Leukemia Lymphoma Society as a thank you for all your hard work over the years. The ice-cream is from Terra Cotta Cookies and is peanut free and individually wrapped. It will arrive between 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. on that morning. Once the ice-cream arrives, it will be given out to the classes right away as we do not want the ice-cream to melt. Enjoy the ice cream!! It is well deserved.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lucia

Dear Parents and Students,

If you have pictures from any school events, such as the Welcome Barbeque, the Terry Fox Run, the grade 2's making Rosaries, or the Medieval Workshop, please send 1 or 2 of your best pictures by email to mary.parzei@tcdsb.org in .jpg format. This is so that we may be able to use them for the Father Serra 2009-2010 yearbook.

Thank you for your help,

Mrs. Parzei

Standardized Tests

Please mark these important dates on your calendar.

May 10th to May 28th- Students in Grade 2, 5 and 7 will be writing the (CAT-4) Canadian Achievement Test, third edition.

May 31st to June 4th - Grade 3 and 6 students will be writing EQAO.

Testing, Testing, Testing

During the month of May, students in all TCDSB schools will be writing various standardized tests. The following chart outlines the tests and the dates they will be administered. Parents of students in these grades

Test	Grade(s)	Dates
EQAO	3 and 6	Between May 31st to June 9th
CAT/4	2,5 and 7	Between May 10th to May 28th

will receive letters in the near future.

EQAO: EQAO assessment is based on The Ontario Curriculum, grades 1 - 8 and is, therefore, considered part of the regular class program. Remember that this is only one assessment of what your child has learned. Regular classroom assessments continue to be crucial to the learning process.

CAT/4: Students in grades 2, 5 and 7 will be writing the Canadian Achievement Test, third edition (CAT/3). The testing involves items in Language Arts and Mathematics organized into 7 subsets. It will take 3.5 hours in total over a period of days to administer the CAT/4. These results will be available Fall 2010.

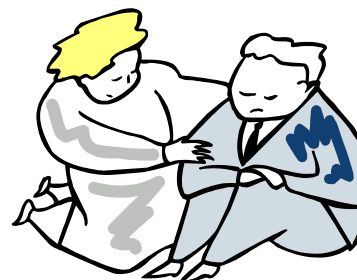
The results of this testing can provide individual student, school and system indicators of performance.

We ask for your assistance during this time. Parents, as the primary educators of your children, you are asked to ensure that your children are well rested by having them go to bed early, that they have a good breakfast and that they arrive at school on time. Thank you for your anticipated support in this matter.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH – MAY - “COMPASSION”

The virtue for the month of May is compassion. The students are asked to:

- Try to show compassion by thinking about how your words make people feel.
- Try to show compassion by thinking about how your actions make people feel.
- Try to show compassion by understanding why someone is acting the way they do.
- Try to show compassion by being considerate to other people.



Math Club News

For the last few months, a few of our Intermediate students have diligently practised and prepared for the Gauss mathematics Contest, a Canadian Math Competition, run by the centre for education in Mathematics (CEMC) at the University of Waterloo. The students, with the assistance of their coach, Mrs. Martin, one of our parents here at Father Serra, meet every Thursday after school, to reinforce math skills and to work through trial tests and tests from previous years to prepare for the contest. The contest will be held on Thursday, May 20th, 2010. Best wishes to the participants. We would like to extend a big thank you to Mrs. Martin who has dedicated her time to guide and coach the students.

Congratulations to Steven Lin and Mikahla Iuele who participated in the TEAMS MATH OLYMPICS at the Board. We are proud of you! Mrs. Torrieri

Cross Country

On April 21st , our school took over 100 students to the Divisional cross country meet and finished in third place. We had 50 runners make it to the Regional meet and we have 15 runners who will participate in the City Finals on May 5th. Congratulations to all our students for their hard work and dedication and to our coaches for their hard work. The coaches were: Mr. Farrell, Mrs. Torrieri, Ms. Gargano, Mrs. Troina, and Mrs Cameron.

Team members were:

Gr. 3 Boys

Ante Hanzek
Jonathan Alexandris
David Zivkovic
Matthew Brajuka
Marco Buttigieg
Joesph Monardo
Francesco Giordano
Thomas McConnell

Gr. 4 Boys

Benjamin Biasi
John Paul Garzon
Justin Spudic
Nicholas Bellissimo
Marc Bottero
Matthew Merton
Cameron Pinto
Benjamin Janis

Gr. 5 Boys

Luca Trivisonno
Daniel MacLellan
Daniel Carducci Rosario
Nicholas Carbone
Mateo Ruso
Linas Gabrys
Michael Franceschetti
Joseph Giovenco

Gr. 6 Boys

Antonio Terceros-Downey
John Francavilla
Joey Cosentino
Massimo Buscema
Jason Taucer
Eric Thrower
Joseph DiDomizio
Adam Bottero

Gr. 7 Boys

Dean Licul
Adrian D'Avella
Alessandro Stefenatti
Joseph Tenuta
Mario Orsini
Daniel DeLuca
Luca Martin
Sam Fata
Julian Giannone

Gr. 8 Boys

Michael Mastromarco
Adrian Stellato
Mackenzzy Kropa
Marco Bandiera
Kale Waddell
Luke Rudyk
Peter Bonanno
Ramon Frendo
Joseph Dominicis

Grade 3 Girls

Marie Campisi
Tessa Carr
Charlie Waddell
Emily Memme
Monica Weremi
Maria DiDomizio
Brianna Hawley
Laura Francavilla
Samantha Cosentino

Grade 4 Girls

Andia Drago
Daniela Bandiera
Rosalia Jaffray
Meagan Barry
Julie Shin
Ann Zasowski
Shelby Mior
Hayley Pinto

Grade 5 Girls

Jacqueline Colle
Bianca Rivera
Azora DeFilippis
Julia Stancati
Julia Pellarin
Keelin Farren
Bianca Costantino
Mary Dominicis

Grade 6 Girls

Anastasia Jaffray
Clare Zasowski
Emma Campisi
Sarah Paparo
Kaitlin Hawley
Vanesa Waremi
Daniela Garzon
Christina Piccinin

Grade 7 Girls

Sara Schiralli
Martine Magnone
Katrina Ceccarelli
Rachel Colle
Natasha Bruno
Karina Stellato
Julia Petro
Mikahla Iuele
Olivia Cosentino
Giulia Tripodi

Grade 8 Girls

Emma Duprey
Payton Colantonio
Elise Ardizzi
Alessandra Cicci
Samantha Papasodaro
Alessia Papasodaro
Lia Dominis
Tania Corbo

Father Serra Swim News

On the weekend of April 24-25 Father Serra's Swim Team competed against 23 other schools in the Toronto Catholic District Schools Swim Invitational held at the Etobicoke Olympium.

The team was made up of 38 – Grade 3 to 8 students.

The team competed against 2011 other students.

Swimming early Saturday morning against a strong competitive field we swam our hearts out and returned with 14 finalists on Sunday afternoon.

Outstanding results were attained by all the swimmers.

Finishing in the top ten were:

Girls 12yr & under – Julia Vendittelli in the 50 I.M. and the Freestyle and the
50 m Backstroke.

Boys 12 yrs – Dean Licul in the 50 m Freestyle and 50 M Breaststroke

Boys 12 yrs – Nikola Ljubicic in the 50 m Backstroke/50 Breaststroke

Adriano Rivera in the 50 m Backstroke and 50 m Breaststroke

Boys 8 yrs & under – David Zivkovic in the 25 m Breaststroke

Boys 9 yrs & under – Matthew Brajuka in the 25 m Butterfly

Boys 12 years old – Dean Licul in the 25 m Butterfly

Wesley Beck in the 25 m Butterfly

Relay Teams in the top 8 were:

Boys 12 yrs and under Freestyle Relay – 7th Place

Girls 13 yr and under Medley Relay – 8th Place

Father Serra finished in 14th place out of the 23 schools.

A special thanks goes out to the teachers who let us out early to attend the practices. Thank-you to the parents/grandparents who drove to the pool. Thank-you to the parent-council for providing funding for the team. Thank-you to the high-school students (Father Serra alumni) for their help during practices.

A final thank-you to Ms. Ardizzi for her hard work before, during and after the Swim Season. We will miss you next year.

Mr. Gonano (Swim Coach)

Elise Ardizzi	Laura Francavilla	Alexandra Mijovic
Wesley Beck	Julian Giannone	Jacob Pasqualoni
Nicolas Bellissimo	Cassandra Hartman-Hayes	Eva Rende
Massimo Buscema	Alexandra Hopkins	Adriano Rivera
Marco Buttigieg	Dean Licul	Lauren Sabotig
Matthew Brajuka	Francesca Litrenta	Stephanie Sabotig
Nicolas Carbone	Antonia Ljubicic	Mark Shietomi
Alessanda Cicci	Nikola Ljubicic	Daniel Sguazzin
Julian Colantonio	Christian Mastranezo	Julia Vendittelli
Joey Consentino	Larissa Mazzocca	David Zivkovic
Katie Duprey	Roman Mazzocca	Joseph Di Domizio
Molly Duprey	Nicole McInerney	Payton Colantonio
Emma Duprey	Sarah McInerney	Joseph Dominicis

Father Serra Hockey Team 2010

“The Champion Year”

Beginning the Hockey Year in early January, Grade 7 and 8 students tried out for the team and with the help of three high school students (former Fr. Serra Alumni) we began to build our team.

We came up with 21 players, twelve Grade 8 students and nine Grade 7 students. We began our season with an Exhibition game win over our nemesis St. Benedict School (friendly rivalry).

In the first round held at the Canlan Ice Complex, we cruised to 4 wins and no losses. After a two week wait (with no practices) we played in an Elimination Round where we came up against the top 5 teams across the school system.

Playing the first two games to a tie, we needed to win all the other games. We won two but lost to the team from St. Fidelis (who we would meet in the finals at The Ricoh Coliseum). At the end of the five games, we were tied with St. Benedict. It came down to goals for and goals against. We came out on top by 2 points and we were on to the Ricoh Coliseum.

The following day we played St. Fidelis in the Top A group finals. The game was scoreless. The game came down to a shoot-out. The only goal was scored by Michael Ragazzo in the first of three shots. The game MVP Eric Petronis made 3 spectacular saves to clinch the game and the title for Father Serra, 2010 Champions.

Thanks to the parent council for helping us attend this year's tournament. A special thanks goes to the teachers who gave us the opportunity to attend this year's tournament, and the parents who helped drive the players to the practices and games. A special thanks to Daniel Stark, Anthony Cicci and Adam DelRosso for helping coach the team, and Mr. Pannozzo for attending games and practices. A special thanks to the parents who helped with the Elimination Round and the final game at Ricoh Coliseum. The memories of this season will remain with me for many years to come.

Mr. Gonano (Coach)

Team Roster: Eric Petronis, Luke Rudyk, Sebastian Battista, Nicholas Natale, Michael Ragazzo, Adrian Stellato, Michael Mastromarco, Luke Borsella, Marco Bandiera, Kale Waddell, Lucas Noto, MacKenzy Kropa, Chris Spudic, Joseph Tenuta, Victor Ruso, Johnluca Chiaramonte, Luca Martin, Brandon Marsh, Luke DiGiulio, Samantha Papasodaro, Joseph Stark.

Father Serra Saints' Outstanding Chess Club Team

On **Tuesday, March 9th, 2010**, Father Serra Saints' Chess Club enthusiastically competed in the **Individual Open Grade Chess Tournament** at Monsignor John Corrigan C. S.. Congratulations goes to the following students who valiantly competed:

Gr.1 – Jaden Carr (won 3rd place) Gr.2 – Daniel Carbone Gr.3 – Trevor Tung Gr.4- Nicholas Bellissimo

Gr.5 – Alex Olechnowicz Gr.6 – Andrew Rossit Gr.7 – Jeremy Zastawny Gr.8 – Anthony Olijnyk

For the month of April, we'd like to congratulate every student who was in the Father Serra Saints' Chess Club. There were over 40 Father Serra students who participated eagerly every Monday and Friday morning very early at 8:00 a.m. since early February. We would like to give our sincere thanks to our dedicated supervisors **Mrs. P. Zastawny** and **Mr. P. Olijnyk**. As well, many thanks to our volunteer parent drivers: **Mrs. Zastawny, Mr. Olijnyk, Mrs. S. Persano** and **Mrs. Gri**. Last, but not least, our sincere gratitude for his sensational coaching goes to **Coach Goran Milcevic!** Our last session for everyone was on Monday April 12th, 2009. Farewell until next year!

We had many Chess Tournaments this month in which we proudly competed. Please see the following list with all candidates that competed:

Wednesday, April 7th, 2010 – Girls' City Finals Chess Tournament at St. Timothy C. School:

Haley Pinto– Gr. 4 (Mrs. Simonelis's class) came in 8th place – Congratulations!

Friday, April 9th, 2010 – Individual Grade Chess Tournament – City Finals at St. Timothy C. School:

Jaden Carr – Gr. 1 (Mrs. Cameron's class) came in 3rd Place – Congratulations!

Friday, April 16th, 2010 – Divisional Chess Tournament at Monsignor Percy Johnson C. S.S.. Congratulations to all below:

Primary Division – Jaden Carr, Adrian Gri, Christian Persano, Noah Biasi and Trevor Tung (*Won Silver Medals*)

Junior Division – Benajamin Biasi, Alex Olechnowicz, Victor De Bartolo, Andrew Rossit and Sebastian Gri (*Won Silver Medals*)

Intermediate Division – Alessandro Stefanetti, Jeremy Zastawny, William Burn Hayne, Joseph Domincis and Anthony Olijnyk

The Primary Division and the Junior Division will continue to proceed to compete in the Divisional City Chess Tournament finals (date to be announced).

- Mrs. J. Leo-DelDuca (V.P.)

Full-Day Early-Learning Program Update for Sept. 2011/2012

Dear Parents/Guardians, TCDSB Staff and Child Care Partners:

Earlier this year, the Province approved the implementation of the Full-Day Early Learning-Kindergarten Program at 28 Toronto Catholic District School Board sites for the Fall of 2010. As we move forward with this initiative, I am pleased to share with you that staff has completed the Ministry required consultations with identified partners and has considered the prescribed criteria to finalize its selection of sites for the delivery of Phase II of the Full Day Early Learning Program for September 2011 – 2012.

At the April 28th meeting of the Board, the following sites were approved for submission to the Ministry of Education for consideration for Phase II:

St. Charles Garnier	Our Lady of Lourdes
St. Norbert	Holy Rosary
St. Dominic Savio	Nativity of Our Lord
St. Teresa	St. Wilfrid
St. Rita	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

The Ministry should confirm the sites by May 21, 2010.

The site selection process for ELP Phase II reflected the revised criteria set out by the Ministry of Education:

- geographic distribution from Year 1 sites (2500m)
- all JK/SK classes in a school can accommodate the new model
- schools did not have an early French-Immersion program
- impact on Best Starts and current childcare
- impact of ELP on primary class size compliance
- impact on grades 4-8 class averages
- impact on existing child care programs

Boards consulted with their coterminous boards, local Best Start Networks, Consolidated Municipal Service Managers and District Social Services Administration Boards during the site selection process. Consideration was given to the impact on existing child care and early years programs, including those operating on school premises.

Please note that based on this revised criteria from the Ministry, additional Phase I sites which were not selected for 2010-11 could no longer be considered for Phase II implementation.

It is the Province's intention to have the Full-Day Early Learning-Kindergarten Program in all publicly-funded elementary schools across Ontario by September 2015.

Much work lies ahead in planning and preparing for the implementation of this exciting new learning initiative for both the phase 1 and phase 2 sites. We will endeavour to keep you informed as we move towards full implementation of Early Learning for all TCDSB schools by September 2015.

We are pleased to continue to make available a wide range of programs and services for young children, including: our already vibrant half-day Catholic Kindergarten program, after-school programs, Parenting and Family Literacy Centres, Ontario Early Years Centres and Child Care Centres.

I encourage you to visit the Board's website for more information about the Early Learning Program, as well as any other programs and services offered by our Board. Please visit www.tcdsb.org regularly to see the latest news and information.

Sincerely,

Ann Perron

Director of Education

STUDENT(S) OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students. The theme for APRIL was JUSTICE.

M. Palermo-Saraco (JK.)

Sarah Trasolini, Michael Tucci, Ceara Sweeny, Sofia Trimboli

J. Salvadori (SK.)

Sarah Cowan, Stefanie Giordano, Victoria Galloro

P. Cameron (Gr. 1)

Madeline Tubaro, Marco Vena

A. Pocklington (Gr. 1)

Michael Adragna, Francesco Francavilla

C. Traynor (Gr. 2)

Anthony Filice, Ilaria Tripodi

A. Ferraro (Gr. 2)

Mikkel Frendo, Noah Biasi, Adam Ciszek, Isabella Vincent

L.Pimento (Gr. 2/3)

Brianna Hawley, Noah Lauricella

I. Barton (Gr. 3)

Alex Coelho, Thomas McConnell

A. Simonelis (Gr. 3/4)

Marc Bottero, Thomas Ariganello, Elissa Palumbo

B. MacRory (Gr. 4)

Daniela Bandiera, Mathhew Martin, Andrew Rocto

R. Troina (Gr. 4/5)

Daniel Carducci Rosario, Benjamin Giannis

T. Ganano (Gr. 5)

Gabriel Bonin, Carly McGuckin, Sabrina Salmena



J. Berneche (Gr. 5/6)

Angelica Giansante, Camila Evangelista,
Alexander Olechnowicz



M. MacDonald (Gr. 6)

Michael Persano, Giancarlo Fonto, Samantha Nardi

S. Bellisario (Gr. 6)

Massimo Buscema, Victor De Bartolo, Michael LoPapa,
Antonio Terceros-Downey

G. Lui (Gr. 7)

Rachel Colle, Julian Giannone, Alexandra Hopkins,
Eric Petronis

M. Parzei (Gr. 7)

Adrian Abbruzzino, Natasha Bruno, Brandon Marsh,
Alana Sellitto

D. Farrell (Gr. 8)

Mackenzy Kropa, Michael Mastromarco

R. Gargano (Gr. 8)

Tania Carbo, Lia Domenis

M. Torrieri (Gr. 8)

Jacquelynn Borg, Erin Dreher, Elizabeth Giannantonio

Student Corner: Earth Day

On Thursday, April 22, 2010, Father Serra had an Earth Day presentation in our gym. We started off the gathering with the school's Eco team reading an Earth Day prayer. The students viewed a very moving power point presentation on the beauty of our world. We came to an awareness of our need to take care of our wonderful world. Our school choir ended the assembly with a song, "We Can Make a Difference". We do need to make a difference before it is too late.

Save our world! Keep it clean!

Julia Stancati

Mrs. Troina (Grade 5)

