

# Father Serra Catholic School

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## Father Serra Times

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### Principal's Message

Welcome to Spring! I cannot believe that we are already beginning the month of April. We are also in our third and final term of the school year.



During this month, the Grade 2 students are involved in Sacramental preparation. The Grade 2 students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Thursday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints' Church.**

The Sacrament of First Communion will take place on **Saturday, May 1st at 2:00 p.m.**



The Grade 8 students are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Tuesday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m.** All families are encouraged to become involved in the preparation with their children as they deepen their faith development. This includes attending mass on Saturday or Sunday.

Our next school Mass will take place **Thursday, April 8th at 9:30 a.m. at All Saints' Church.** This will be our Easter Mass and as usual all parents and guardians are most welcome to join us.

Our next CSAC meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 21st, at 7:00 p.m.** in the staff room. Be sure to come out and join our council members at our next meeting, so that you, too, may see the good work that is being done for the betterment of our children's education.

In closing, on behalf of the entire staff, we wish you and your families a joyous Easter.

God Bless,

*J. Panno*

### NEW LIFE

Lord, it is Spring, and You have performed a glorious miracle of re-birth on the earth. We thank you for the bountiful beauty that Spring brings us all.

All living creatures speak Your Name ever so gently, giving thanks to You, Lord. You are the only One Being to hear these praises.



During this rejuvenation, we are truly blessed, and we feel Your presence all around. Lord, send your rays of hope down upon us, so that we may open our eyes and see the new beginning of Spring Life. Fill our hearts and minds with joy and peace.

**AMEN**

### Junior Girls' Volleyball Team

The Junior Girls' Volleyball Team participated in a Round Robin tournament and they played very well in all of their games. The girls would like to thank Mrs. Lui for coaching.

The team members were:

Olivia Gervasi

Julia Mokren

Sarah Paparo

Samantha Nardi

Isabella Taskiran

Angelica Giansante

Camila Evangelista

Kaitlin Hawley

Christina Piccinin

Bianca Rivera

Alessandra Bellacicco

Jacqueline Colle

Daniela Bandiera

Stephanie Ancimer



### Gr. 1-8 Individual Grade Chess Tournament – Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010

On Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, our brave chess competitors from grades 1 to 8 successfully represented Father Serra School at Monsignor John Corrigan School. Each student below proudly played their best coming in fourth place except for Jaden Carr (Gr. 1) who tied in third place with another student from Monsignor John Corrigan. Congratulations to everyone and to Jaden, who will move on at the end of March to break the tie for third place. Jaden we wish you luck. Father Serra School's Chess Club will compete again in the Divisional Chess Tournament on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks goes to our dedicated supervisors Mrs. P. Zastawny, Mr. P. Olijnyk and coach Goran. Congratulations to all our March 9<sup>th</sup> chess competitors:

Gr. 1 – Jaden Carr (Mrs. Cameron)

Gr. 2 – Daniel Carbone (Mrs. Pimento)

Gr. 3 – Trevor Tung (Mrs. Simonelis)

Gr. 4 – Nicholas Bellissimo (Mrs. Troina)

Gr. 5 – Alex Olechnowicz (Mrs. Berneche)

Gr. 6 – Andrew Rossit (Ms. MacDonald)

Gr. 7 – Jeremy Zastawny (Mrs. Lui)

Gr. 8 – Anthony Olijnyk (Miss Gargano)

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

### Junior Boys' Volleyball

The Junior Boys' Volleyball Team participated at a tournament at Our Lady of Sorrows. They played very well and showed great sportsmanship. The boys would like to thank Mr. Rivera for coaching. The team members were:

Matthew Di Nicola

Adam Bottero

Jacob Pasqualoni

Sebastian Gri

Adam Mari

Massimo Buscema

Andrew Rossit

Eric Thrower

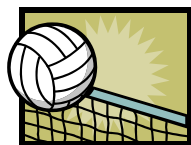
Jason Taucer

Julian Colantonio

Luca Trivisonno

Alex DiLello

Chris Dzubina



### Junior W5H

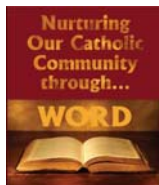
On February 22nd, the Junior W5H team participated in the Divisional Tournament, held at St. Demetrius School. The team competed against All Saints, St. Demetrius and St. Eugene. The team made a valiant effort but could not beat a strong team from St. Eugene.

Team members included Clare Zasowski (Captain), Alex Di Lello, Christina Piccinin, Anastasia Jaffray, Nicholas Carbone, Lauren Gomes and Jason Rossit.

Many thanks to Mrs. Piccinin for helping out as a Quizmaster. Thanks also to the parents who drove the team and stayed to cheer. The team was coached by Mrs. Berneche.

### Virtue of the Month: JUSTICE

April, with its celebration of Easter, has been assigned the virtue of JUSTICE. At this time, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus who is the Just One who died for the sake of the unjust, that He might lead people back to God. But justice is also an important part of Catholic teaching beyond Christ's Death and Resurrection. The need to do justice comes from the obligation to respect the dignity of every human person. This dignity comes from being created in God's image. Failing to respect human dignity, including failing to do justice, is a failure to respect the image of God in others. As in this month's quote, "*Let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry.*" Amos 5:24, at Father Serra Catholic School, we will be working towards justice in the following way: we will be discussing the various aspects of justice during our daily announcements.



### Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC)

The Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) will be holding elections in each of the Toronto Catholic District School Board's Wards in May 2010!

CPIC is made up of elected parent representatives, working with trustees and TCDSB staff. With a large city such as Toronto, this is a great opportunity for you, to become part of an important committee where parents are vital partners in their child's education. Parent representatives and alternate representatives are elected by their peers from each of the Board's 12 Trustee Wards. Meetings are held up to 6 times a year - a great way to meet new people, parents like you that are an important link between home and school; discuss and identify issues related to parent and community involvement; and contribute directly to board planning consultations and parent leadership initiatives.


If you are interested in joining the Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, contact your local school principal and CSAC for more information as dates and locations of the meetings will be coming soon! And keep up to date by visiting:

[www.tcdsb.org/parents/cpic.htm](http://www.tcdsb.org/parents/cpic.htm)



### SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR CHILDREN

#### Children should:

- always tell you where they are
  - know how to use the pay telephone, including how to call long distance by dialing direct or using operator assistance. They should always have emergency telephone money with them.
  - memorize the telephone numbers (including area code) of home and a neighbour
  - know their name, age, address, city and province
  - recognize Block Parent signs
  - go places with friends 
  - walk with one or more friends to and from school
  - never approach or enter a stranger's car
  - never open the door to a stranger
  - never say they are alone if they answer the phone or door
  - never let strangers in the house
  - never accept gifts from strangers
  - never enter anyone's home or car without permission from parents
  - know it's okay to say "no" to adults, especially if the adult wants them to do something which makes them uncomfortable or they know is wrong
  - know that it is unwise to believe stories such as a person wanting them to help find a lost pet, etc.
  - know that no one has the right to touch any part of his or her body that a bathing suit would cover
  - recognize suspicious behaviour and report it immediately
  - know to tell you if someone has asked them to keep a secret from you
  - know what to do in case of unwelcome attention e.g. walk faster, go to a neighbourhood store, head for a busy street, walk toward a group of people and wave as if they see someone they know
  - scream and keep screaming if something is wrong
  - kick and bite hard if someone grabs them
  - know that uniformed police officers are there to protect
- Parents are encouraged to give their children a "password" known only to them. This can be used when a stranger, a friend or family member approaches them and asks them to come with them.
- When necessary use the following numbers for assistance or to report suspicious people or behaviours: **Toronto Police—416-808-2222 or Emergency HELP - 911**

## STUDENT(S) OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students. The theme for **March** was **Forgiveness**.

### M. Palermo-Saraco (JK.)

Angelo Sichetti, Elisia Theodoropoulos,

Sydney Theodoropoulos, Thomas Robinson, Rosemary Staltari.

### J. Salvadori (SK.)

*Michela Giovenco, Dante Natalizio, Paolo DiNucci*

### P. Cameron (Gr. 1)

*Paula Frigo, Justin Santos*

### A. Pocklington (Gr. 1)

*Josip Hanzek, Gianluca Primerano*

### C. Traynor (Gr. 2)

*Samuel Duprey, Daniel Rego*

### A. Ferraro (Gr. 2)

Tomislav Hanzek, Gabriela Manna, Christina Ferrari

### L. Pimento (Gr. 2/3)

*Jonathan Alexandris, Alexa Udovic*

### I. Barton (Gr. 3)

*Monica Weremi, Joseph Monardo*

### A. Simonelis (Gr. 3/4)

Samantha Nocera, Marie Campisi



### B. MacRory (Gr. 4)

Benjamin Biasi, Andia Drago, Sara Mastromarini, Justin Spudic

### R. Troina (Gr. 4/5)

*Shelly Mior, Larissa Mazzocca*

### T. Ganano (Gr. 5)

Daniel Caponi, Linas Gabrys

### J. Berneche (Gr. 5/6)

*Nicholas Carbone, Jason Taucer, Eric Thrower*

### M. MacDonald (Gr. 6)

*Eli Cumbo, Carmen Staltari, Chris Di Salvo*

### S. Bellisario (Gr. 6)

*Victor DeBartolo, Bruno Primerano, Christina Piccinin, Vanessa Weremi*

### G. Lui (Gr. 7)

*David Coelho, Christopher Spudic, Will Brun-Hayne*

### M. Parzei (Gr. 7)

Sean Morgan, Julia Petro, Anca Putin

### D. Farrell (Gr. 8)

*Elise Ardizzi, Daniel Trentadue Clayton Regina*

### R. Gargano (Gr. 8)

*Stephanie Sabotig, Michelle Tiller, Steven Wolwyn*

### M. Torrieri (Gr. 8)

*Luke Rudyk, Lucas Arnini, Christian Doyle*

