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# Father Serra Times

June 1st , 2010



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Director of Education

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A more comprehensive newsletter will be sent out on Friday, June 25th, 2010 along with the third term report cards. Please review the June calendar for the many activities occurring during the last month of school.

J. Panno

### CSAC News

Thank you to all the families who took the time to fill out the CSAC survey and provide us with feedback on school initiatives and the allocation of funds. We received many excellent suggestions and insights, which were shared at the May meeting for discussion. Your comments and input will inform our budgeting process in June and September.

We wanted to address a few of the questions that people raised in the survey.

Some parents had questions about funding for curriculum materials. To clarify, CSAC funds supplementary items that our school administration and teachers recommend would particularly benefit and support the learning needs of our students. The board funds the essentials. However, if Mr. Panno and the primary teachers see a need to improve our students' proficiency in computation, for example, and they find educational materials that target this area, they make a request of CSAC to fund such a need. So curriculum support helps our school better respond to the learning needs of our student body at this point in time. As the students change, so do those needs.

Reducing childhood obesity has become a top health priority for the Canadian government and non-government agencies that work with children and youth. We are fortunate at Father Serra to have enthusiastic teachers who are willing to devote the time and energy to coach many extra-curricular sports that help our children grow up strong and healthy. School jerseys help instill team pride and foster school spirit among our students when they represent Father Serra at tournaments and meets. Students are accountable for the care and return of their uniforms and the school monitors the situation. A trend that we have noticed is that our senior students are outgrowing some of the uniforms that were purchased in the past, so we need to purchase more to keep up with their growth spurts. Some of the equipment needs we have funded in the past included basketballs, soccer balls, skipping ropes and gym benches.

We welcome your questions at anytime and we encourage you to attend our monthly CSAC meetings to stay up-to-date on all our initiatives.

Congratulations to the grade 2 students who celebrated their First Reconciliation and First Communion and to the grade 8 students who celebrated their Confirmation. Special thanks to Father Glaba and the teachers who helped and guided our children in preparing to receive these holy sacraments. Lastly, our sincere thanks to the Communion Committee Parents and the Confirmation Committee Parents who volunteered their time and helped with the celebrations.

Finally, we invite you to attend our **last CSAC meeting** for this academic year **on Wednesday June 16** at 7:00 p.m. in the school staff room. We will be discussing the Budget Plan for 2010/11.

We hope to see you there,

Sincerely,

Karen Lorenowicz and Shereen Persano  
CSAC Co-chairs

**Intermediate W5H— City Champions**

On Monday, May 3rd, the Intermediate W5H Team competed in the City Championships which were held at the Catholic Education Centre. Over 130 teams had competed in the various stages of competition, with the ultimate goal of representing their school at the City Finals.

Our team won the divisional tournament at Our Lady of Peace and then the elimination round at Our Lady of Peace. We went on to win the Etobicoke Championships in a sudden death final at Our Lady of Victory School. We were victorious over St. Matthew and St. Demetrius.

At the City Finals, we won our first game 39-33 against St. Vincent de Paul. We then played St. Maria Goretti. We edged this strong team from the east by a score of 42-35 to win our **third straight City Championship!!!**

Team members include co-captains Steven Lin and Maria Locke, Joseph Dominicis, Peter Dominicis, Nikola Ljubicic, Victor Ruso and Jeremy Zastawny.

Many thanks to the parents who were able to drive team members to and from the competitions, as well as those who cheered us on at the various tournaments.

The team is coached by Mrs. Berneche.

**Messages From Student Leaders:**

**1. Gently Used Clothes Donations**

Student Leaders are asking families to donate any used uniforms that your children no longer need. A donation box will be placed in front of the office, where parents and students may drop any uniforms that they no longer need in that box. All used uniforms will be sold in September on Curriculum Night and all proceeds will be donated to Free the Children through our Student Leaders.

**2. Dress Down Day**

Our student leaders will be hosting a World Cup Soccer theme dress down day on June 11th, 2010. We are asking that all students bring in \$2.00 to dress down and wear any soccer jersey, or dress in colours that represents our nationality. We look forward to the beginning of the 2010 World Cup Soccer games. All proceeds will be donated to Free The Children as we continue to try to meet our goal.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Student Leaders

**Math Contest**

Mrs. Emma Martin would like to congratulate all the students who prepared for, and participated in, the 2010 Gauss Math Contest. Special recognition goes to Brandon Marsh in grade 7 and Nick Stasiw in grade 8. They scored the top marks for their respective grade levels. We would like to congratulate all the students from Father Serra who worked very hard for several months preparing for this contest. The participants were:

**Grade 5**

Alex Olechnowicz

**Grade 6**

Sebastian Gri

**Grade 7**

Luca Martin

Jeremy Zastawny

Dean Licul

Joseph Tenuta

Peter Dominicis

Brandon Marsh

Alessandro Steffenatti

**Grade 8**

Matthew Sguazzin

Mackenzky Kropa

Sierra Gri

Joseph Dominicis

Alyssa Francavilla

Marco Bandiera

Nick Stasiw

We would like to thank Mrs. Martin for volunteering her time throughout the year to work with the Math Club.

### 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 will receive letters in the near future.

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

**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.

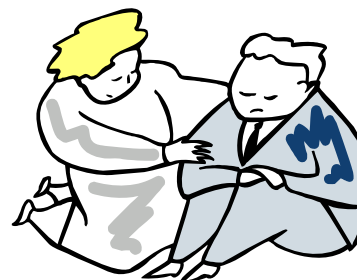
The results of this testing can provide individual student, school and system indicators of performance.

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 Stefanatti  
Joseph Tenuta  
Mario Orsini  
Daniel DeLuca  
Luca Martin  
Sam Fata  
Julian Giannone

### Gr. 8 Boys

Michael Mastromarco  
Adrian Stellato  
Mackenzey 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 – 7<sup>th</sup> Place

Girls 13 yr and under Medley Relay – 8<sup>th</sup> Place

Father Serra finished in 14<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010** – Girls’ City Finals Chess Tournament at St. Timothy C. School:

**Haley Pinto**– Gr. 4 (Mrs. Simonelis’s class) came in 8<sup>th</sup> place – Congratulations!

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

**Jaden Carr** – Gr. 1 (Mrs. Cameron’s class) came in 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Congratulations!

**Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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, Mathew 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)

