



St. Louis Catholic School

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Current Enrolment:
196

School Hours:
Morning Session 8:45-11:45 a.m.
Recess 10:05-10:20 a.m.
Lunch 11:45-12:45 p.m.
Afternoon Session 12:45-3:15 p.m.
Recess 1:55-2:10 p.m.
Dismissal 3:15 p.m.

Catch the spirit!

Director of Education:
Ann Perron

Parent Newsletter

Principal's Message

**That they may have abundant Life...
Life to the full. – Gospel of St. John**

In this new month of October, the month of thanksgiving and hope, we celebrate the trust we place in God as He helps us to shape our school community together: staff, students and parents together. Life at St. Louis is just that: Life to the Full! The past month has taken us in many directions, and the path before us leads to new and exciting adventure for all members of the school community.

The Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC)

Integrated into this newsletter each month is an update from our parent council: The Catholic School Advisory Council. At this time, and most publicly, I would like to thank the parents of the St. Louis Catholic School community for the generous support of programs at our school. This thanks comes from me as principal; but also from each and every staff member as well. At the last school council meeting on September 24th, a new CSAC Council was formed.

Thank you to the following parents who will serve our school community this year as CSAC members:

Chair: Mrs. Devine

Treasurer: Miss Gemma

Secretaries: Mrs. Foisy and Mrs. Aman

**Members: Mrs. DiBiasio, Mrs. Bono, Mrs. Brooks
Ms Calazada, Mr. and Mrs. Flores,
Mr. and Mrs. LoFaso, Mrs. Piscione, Mrs. Yano**

More news will follow at the next CSAC meeting, scheduled for October 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. All are welcome!

**Happy Thanksgiving
to
Each and Every
Family!**

Update News at St. Louis School

Athletic Update—Intermediate Volleyball!

Our Girls and Boys Volleyball teams did very well at the Intermediate Divisional games this month at Centennial Park with their coaches: Ms Pacheco, Mrs. Zimmer, and Mrs. Varey. Thanks to the many boys and girls who made their way to tryouts and practices—at 7:45 a.m.!!! We are especially proud of our Intermediate Girls team who made it to the regional tournament, moving forward proudly from divisionals! Fresh new pennants now hang on the wall, directly across from our school gymnasium for all to see!

Me to We Day at the Air Canada Centre

On October 5th, Ms Pacheco and Ms Morris traveled by Go Transit to the ACC with 13 student leaders from our grade 7 and 8 classes. Sixteen thousand students from across the megalopolis of Toronto joined Marc and Craig Kielburger to listen to speakers such as David Onley—the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario; Robert Kennedy, Jr.—a strong grass roots organizer for environmental reform; the directors of the TDSB and the TCDSB; Jeff Skol, a famous film director of social change movies such as “An Inconvenient Truth” with Al Gore. The students were thrilled by the performances of the band Hedley; a solo performance by Justin Beaver; and even a live, surprise concert from none other than the Jonas Brothers! Needless to say, the students were mesmerized as they were invited to use their personal gifts and talents to make personal decisions to effect change on the planet—both locally and globally! Stay tuned for project plans from our intermediate students as they move into their futures to BE THE CHANGE!

A MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM MALAWI, AFRICA!

Dear Families of St. Louis,

It is with deep gratitude that I write this note of thanks for your recent donation of **\$1771.21** for the needs of the children at the Bendal Nursery School in Malawi, Africa. I know Sister Clara and the other sisters are most grateful for the sacrifices each of you made to raise this money for the children they teach each day. On behalf of the Holy Spirit Sisters and the children of the Bendal Nursery School, a heartfelt thank you.

Sincerely,
Sister Ann

Safe Schools Policy and St. Louis School

Our Number One Priority: The Safety of Each and Every Child

St. Louis School has already formed a School Leadership team for the 2009 – 2010 school year. This team will meet on October 14th to begin to set plans to be included in the board template: Board Learning and Improvement Plan, which addresses issues of school safety, progressive discipline, bullying prevention, as well as the Teaching Learning Cycles—addressing the curricular needs of children, while enhancing best instructional practices for teachers in the classroom.

Go to www.tcdsb.org for more information!

Guidance Class Instruction at St. Louis: A Bullying Prevention Program Begins!

We would like to say thank you to Mrs. Campagnone, our new Guidance counselor, for beginning a positive relationship building series in the classroom—for all students in grades four, five and six at St. Louis! Thanks to Mrs. O'Rourke, for the idea of “circling the wagon” early in the school year—to encourage and invite positive friendships, and only positive behaviour on the school yard.

We look forward to a continuing conversation in the classrooms that will promote and model excellence throughout our school.

Focus on Excellence ~ ~ Instruction at St. Louis School

As your principal, I am proud to report that your children are in the hands of very fine teachers and support staff at St. Louis.

Our teachers are highly invested in promoting best possible instructional practices so that your children benefit from quality classroom experience. Remember always, that the partnership between home and school is very important. Feel free to contact the school at any time with a question or concern. Communication between home and school is highly valued-- and is very important-- to the success of each and every child.

Children's Fitness TAX CREDIT

The Government of Canada allows a non –refundable tax credit on eligible amounts of up to \$500 paid by parents to register a child in an eligible program of physical activity.

Information regarding this opportunity can be found at
www.cra-arc.gc.ca/whatsnew/fitness-e.html

The St. Louis Garden

As we move from summer to autumn, it is important to make mention of the special efforts that have contributed to make the St. Louis Garden such a beautiful neighbourhood sanctuary. Thanks goes to Mr. Leo, our Head Custodian who nurtures and cares for our lovely garden!

Parent Volunteers Welcome!

Parent volunteers are always welcome at St. Louis Catholic School. If any parent is interested in becoming a parent volunteer, please contact either your child's teacher, or speak to Ms. Morris personally. Frequently, the greatest area of parental volunteer involvement occurs when classes go on excursions outside the school. These are definitely situations which require additional supervision. When volunteering at the school *in classroom situations in an ongoing situation*, it is recommended that a parent will not work in the classroom of her/his own child. (Kindergarten classes are an exception to this rule). Such direct involvement places unnecessary pressure on both the parent and the child. For out of classroom excursions the same policy does not apply. Parents are most welcome to assist on excursions with the class of their own child. If there are any questions about volunteering at St. Louis, please feel free to contact the school.

Some websites of interest for parents and students:

www.nelson.com -- for mathematics curriculum
www.readina-z.com -- for early reading support
www.starfall.com -- for early reading support
www.typingpal.com -- free typing lessons online
www.learn2type.com -- free typing lessons online

**Whatever you can do or dream, begin it.
Boldness has genius, power and magic in it!
-- Goethe**