



## St. Louis Catholic School

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Current Enrolment:  
199

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

*When the power of love overcomes  
the love of power, the world will know  
peace. – Jimi Hendrix*

In this new month of November, the month of remembrance and peace, we celebrate the trust we place in God as He helps us to shape our school community: 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. Read on to find out more: news that has happened and events to come in the weeks ahead. Parents: Pay close attention to the LIST OF DATES attached for important information!

## 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 October 29<sup>th</sup>, a number of financial commitments were proposed to support the school for this year, including buses for school trips; as well as enrichment activity funding for school assemblies and programs. See the attached list of dates for more particular information, as well as a note written by our CSAC Chair, Mrs. V. Devine.

More news will follow at the next CSAC meeting, scheduled for November 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Please mark your calendars and try to attend!

Included in this month's Newsletter:

- Safe Schools News, including Lockdown Practices
- CSAC Chocolate Bar Fundraiser and Acorn Cards
- Extended French at St. Louis? ...read on!
- St. Leo celebrates 100 Years November 15th
- communication procedures during winter storms
- an updated Calendar of Events for parents

### Please Note:

*The St. Louis Annual Christmas Concert date has been changed to  
Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>—7:00 p.m. All are welcome!*

Remember! Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> is a PD Day. There is no school for students that day. Focus for teachers is on reporting, assessment and evaluation for the 2009-2010 academic year.

## School News...

### Hallowe'en at St. Louis

Students at St. Louis enjoyed a Hallowe'en full of fun activities. Students from the Gifted Program at Bishop Allen organized a Haunted Bus; our grade 7s and 8s enjoyed a dance in the afternoon; Mrs. Varey's class organized a Haunted House on the second floor; and the children in grades K to 6 were greeted by many parents with cameras in hand for the annual Hallowe'en Parade through the neighbourhood.

### Intermediate Volleyball Results

We are very proud of our intermediate boys and girls who will represent St. Louis in the divisional tournaments. At St. Teresa Catholic School, on November 10<sup>th</sup>, **Our Intermediate Boys** will compete with the support of their dedicated coach, Mrs. Agres. On November 12<sup>th</sup>, with the support of their dedicated coaches, Mrs. DiCarlo and Mme. Smith, will compete with area 2 teams, also in the St. Teresa gym.

### Safe Schools and Lockdown Practice

Congratulations to the students and staff for their responsible participation in the mandatory Lockdown Practice on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Students were reminded that it is the adults' job at all times to keep them safe, and that practices such as these are designed so that everyone's responses in a real emergency situation can be automatic, just as in a fire drill exercise. Parents can rest assured that policies and procedures are in place to keep the children safe. Also, a copy of the actual Lockdown practices can be found on the school website. Go to: [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) and follow the links to St. Louis.



### News Regarding Secondary Schools

The grade 7 and 8 students at St. Louis have been busily involved in receiving information about programs and services at Bishop Allen Academy and Father John Redmond School. Recently, our students visited both schools Open Houses to receive information about programs and services, and parents are invited to examine the websites carefully at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) for specific, detailed information. Information has been sent home under separate cover regarding open houses and invitations to special information evenings. Please contact me at St. Louis, or the Principals of each secondary school if you would like any assistance making a decision regarding these exemplary Catholic secondary schools.

**Josten Picture RETAKE Day:  
November 18<sup>th</sup> –Sisters and  
Brothers are welcome to have their  
photo taken together as well!**

### LUNCH LADY NEWS:

-- remember to have your orders in by Wednesday each week if you would like an order filled for the following Wednesday  
-- feel free to order conveniently online:

[www.thelunchlady.ca](http://www.thelunchlady.ca)

-- call Tanya directly at 647-436-9134 with any questions or concerns  
-- this program meets provincial nutrition guidelines for healthy school nutrition programs

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### **THE JOSHUA CIRCLE**

This small note is to let everyone in the school community know that one of our grade 7 students, Joshua O'Rourke, will be having a significant surgery on November 24<sup>th</sup>. I have permission from Joshua, and his mother Mrs. O'Rourke, to share this information with you and to ask for prayers for Joshua's speedy recovery. Before Joshua goes to the Hospital for Sick Children, I will distribute bright red wristbands (red is Josh's favourite colour!), that read "The Joshua Circle" to be worn by every student and staff member in Joshua's honour. By wearing these wristbands, Joshua will know that we are with him in spirit while he recovers in the hospital through the month of December. Best wishes, Joshua—we are "The Joshua Circle"-- and get better soon!

## Extended French at St. Louis?

As a follow-up to a recent letter sent home, and as a follow-up to our most recent meeting of the St. Louis Catholic School Advisory Council, I would like to say that a small delegation of parents is preparing a power point presentation to the board, to request the addition of an Extended French program to the roster of rich programming already in existence at St. Louis School. Extended French programming is for motivated children who are interested in developing their currently limited French language skills. Not all subjects are taught in French, and the program is geared to allow students to develop their ability to speak French. (It is NOT French immersion, which is full class instruction, completely in French.) If you are a parent who would like to participate in the presentation to the school board, please contact Ms Morris in the school office at 416-393-5331. The date of the board meeting will be shared with the whole parent community so that everyone has the information at the same time, and so that all know they are welcome to participate to make their voice heard on behalf of the whole school community.

**Toronto Catholic District School Board**

[www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)

### **Some websites of interest for parents and students:**

[www.nelson.com](http://www.nelson.com) -- for mathematics curriculum  
[www.readina-z.com](http://www.readina-z.com) -- for early reading support  
[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com) -- for early reading support  
[www.typingpal.com](http://www.typingpal.com) -- free typing lessons online  
[www.learn2type.com](http://www.learn2type.com) -- free typing lessons online

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### **Regarding Bus Cancellations due to Severe Winter Weather:**

Since all of us have seen signs of snowflakes, it is a reminder that the time to provide the following information is upon us. In the event of cancellations of school bus service or closure of schools due to inclement weather the following steps will be taken to report the information to staff and our parent community:

- the transportation department will report bus cancellations and school closures to media outlets by 6 a.m.
- the 24 hour information line is: 416-222-8282 ext 2873 to listen to a recorded message
- go to [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) for current up-to-date information

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## **St. Louis Announces it's Advent Project—**

### **"GIVE WARMTH: GIVE GIFTS FROM THE HEART"**

The **St. Louis Liturgy Team** with the **St. Louis Me to We Student Leaders** announce this year's local outreach project. From December 1<sup>st</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>, student leaders in grades 7 and 8 will organize the collection of canned food items for the Daily Bread Food Bank; make trips to the local food bank to offer service organizing collections; as well as invite families to contribute hats, mitts, and scarves to local families in need. Each classroom will receive a colourful box to collect these items, and a colourful "Mitten Tree" will adorn our front hall as a symbol of how our community cares, especially during the Advent season. Stay tuned for more information to come!

**A GENTLE REMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS**  
**ABOUT CELL PHONES**  
**AND**  
**ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AT ST. LOUIS**

- if a parent needs to speak with a child during school hours, calls must be made through the school office; thank you for your ongoing co-operation
- cell phones may be brought to school by students **ONLY** if they are kept in their back packs, turned-off
- cell phones may be used off school property, before or after school, and never on school premises
- electronic equipment is not to be brought to school
- if a cell phone or a piece of electronic equipment is seen by a staff member, the item will be taken from the student and given to the principal; parents will then be called
- thank you for your support of these important school rules