



St. Louis Catholic School

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Current Enrolment:
200

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

To love our neighbour in charity is to
love God in the human person.

-- St. Francis de Sales

It's hard to believe that the Christmas season is upon us, and that we begin this week the second week of Advent! This is the season of waiting—and the spirit of anticipation is already palpable in the classrooms and halls at St. Louis! The grade 7 and 8 **Me to We** team, under the direction of Ms Pacheco, has proudly begun our annual Advent local outreach project. This year, the students have named the project "**Giving Warmth: Gifts from the Heart**". Thank you to all families who have already contributed much needed hats, mitts, gloves and scarves to those in our community who are in need. The front hall is adorned with a sparkling Christmas tree, adorned with winter clothing, to honour this much celebrated outreach project. We are very proud of our children, indeed!

And, in the front hall as well you will notice a **brand new wood cross** that was handcrafted by Mr. Marek, father of Christopher and Serena. It is a beautiful cross and will grace our hall for many years to come. Thank you, Mr. Marek, for your hard work and skilled efforts to create such a beautiful symbol of our faith for all to see!

As well, we thank Mr. and Mrs. Campese once again, parents of Christina and Stephanie, for the **lovely poinsettia plants** that add a note of festivity in our front foyer. We appreciate your kind generosity, once again and thank you very much!

Attention Parents of Children in Kindergarten, and Grades 1,2,3,4,5&6---

The St. Louis Christmas Concert *A Festival of Light, Music and Song*

*begins in the school gym at 7:00 p.m. on December 16th. We hope to see you!
Doors open at 6:15 p.m.*

*Admission: One canned food item will be collected by our grade 8 classes for
The Daily Bread Food Bank. We thank our grade 8s for their gift of service.*

St. Louis Catholic School Advisory Council

A sincere thank you to Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. DiBiasio for co-ordinating this year's chocolate drive in addition to organizing pizza days for our children. We appreciate your hard work and highly organized efforts greatly! And a sincere thank you as well to all members of our council for their active presence and support of our school. This week, **thanks to our parents**, we host dance workshops for each one of our classes—compliments of the CSAC council.

What a lovely Christmas gift!

On **December 9th at 7 pm**, our CSAC chair Mrs. Devine will make a formal presentation to the TCDSB board of trustees to request a full day kindergarten program and extended French program at St. Louis effective September 2010.

All parents are welcome to attend at the Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East. RSVP to Mrs. Devine or Ms Morris if you plan to attend!

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2009 – 2010

****For Parents****

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR:

Number of School Days	194
Christmas Break	December 21 to January 1, 2009
Family Day	February 15, 2010—no school for students
Mid-Winter Break	March 15-19, 2010
Good Friday	April 2, 2010
Easter Monday	April 5, 2010
Victoria Day	May 24, 2010
Last day of school	June 29, 2010

There will be Six Professional Development Days for Elementary Schools:

(There is no school for students on these dates.)

March 5th, 2010—Parent-Teacher conferences

June 30th, 2010—Provincial education priorities

December 7-9	Dance Workshops for Children, sponsored by the St. Louis CSAC—thank you, parents!
December 16	Christmas Concert at 7:00 p.m.; Doors open at 6:15 p.m.
December 17	Christmas Mass at 9:30 a.m.—all are welcome to attend—PIZZA LUNCH today
December 18	Last Day of classes before the Christmas holidays begin
January 4	First Day of classes after the Christmas holidays; Kindergarten Registration Begins!
January 7	St. Louis Celebrates an Olympic Torch carrier—Mrs. Domingo! Assembly today
January 13	Kindergarten Registration Night
January 14	New Year Mass at the School—9:30 in the gym; LSSAC Meeting at 3:30
January 19	Annual Gifted Ski Trip to Horseshoe Valley
January 21	CSAC Meeting at 7 pm
January 28	Principal Meeting
February 4	Grade 8 and Senior Kindergarten Graduation Photos —New Date
February 8	Secondary Admission Notices available today
February 10	Principal Meeting
February 15	Provincial Holiday—Family Day
February 17	Father Frank visits classes today
February 25	Principal Meeting; CSAC meeting at 7 pm in the library
March 2	Reports go home today
March 4	Parent Teacher conferences, 5:30 to 8 p.m.
March 5	PD Day: Parent Teacher conferences, 8:45 to 11:00 a.m.
March 9	PC Detective Scott Mills—addresses St. Louis on Cyberbullying and Internet Safety—10 a.m. (gr. 4-8) -new date
March 11	Lenten Mass at the school
March 15-19	March Break
March 23	Mandatory Anaphalaxis Protocol Inservice at lunch hour in the library
March 25	Staff Meeting; LSSAC meeting
March 29	Principal Meeting; Father Frank visits classes
April 1	Principal Meeting; Easter Paraliturgy at 1:30
April 2 – 5	Easter Weekend
April 7—9	Intermediate Trip to Montreal
April 12	Intermediate W5H Preliminary Round
April 13	Easter Potluck
April 15	Principal Meeting; LSSAC Meeting
April 19	Intermediate W5H—Divisionals
April 21	Professional Secretaries Day
April 22	Easter Mass at School--- 9:30 in the Gym
April 26	Intermediate W5H—Regionals; Joint Team Meetings
April 28,29	Journey of Discovery Conference—at OISE, Gifted Program
May 3	Intermediate W5H Finals at the CEC, 7 p.m.
May 12	Welcome to Kindergarten Night, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
May 13	Principal Meeting; Lorraine Kimsa Theatre, Gifted Program
May 20	Confirmation Retreat at Bishop Allen for Grade 8s
May 21	First Reconciliation at St. Leo—9:30 a.m.
May 24	Provincial Holiday—Victoria Day
May 27	Principal Meeting; CSAC Meeting at 7 pm
May 28	Sacrament of Confirmation—7 pm at St Leo
May 30	Sacrament of First Holy Communion—11:30 a.m. at St Leo
June 10	Principal Meeting
June 16	Senior Kindergarten Graduation, 9:30 a.m. in the gym
June 18	Grade 8 Graduation—12 noon at The Canadiana, 7 p.m. Mass and ceremony at St. Leo Church
June 23	End of the Year Mass at St Leo at 9:30 a.m.
June 24	Play Day—Grade 5/6 Team Captains; Grade 7 Games Organizers
June 25	Reports go home today
June 28	Year End Assembly—We Are Family, 11:00 a.m.—all parents are welcome!
June 29	Last Day of School
June 30	PD Day—Provincial Priorities

PREPARING FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

A BRIEF NOTE OF APPRECIATION

- to Mrs. Young, who volunteers every single morning with our kindergarten children
- to Father Frank Carpinelli, for being our much loved parish priest and spiritual guide
- to our grade 8 student teacher, Ms Wasic, for her professional, active presence in our school
- to Mrs. Winstanley, who is our dedicated and faithful lunch lady every single day
- to Brenna Robins, our kindergarten Co-op student from Bishop Allen Academy
- to Chantal Faria, our York University volunteer in our primary division
- to Mr. and Mrs. Fitzsimmons, for supporting us when we need an extra hand on the yard
- to our CSAC parent council, for their active presence in our school community and for their financial support of our programs and enrichment activities at St. Louis
- to Mrs. Devine, our CSAC Chair, who will present to the TCDSB board of trustees this week, asking for Extended French and Full Day Kindergarten programs for September 2010
- to Mrs. Devine for organizing the CSAC Acorn Card fundraiser, in time for Christmas!
- to Mrs. Foisy, for keeping our CSAC records so carefully as our valued secretary
- to Ms Gemma, for keeping such professionally recorded financial books for our CSAC
- to Mrs. DiBiasio and Mrs. Brooks for organizing Pizza Days
- to Mrs. DiBiasio and Mrs. Brooks for organizing the CSAC Chocolate Fundraiser
- to all other members of CSAC council, for their faithful, ongoing commitment to our school: Mr. and Mrs. Lofaso, Ms Aman, Mrs. Piscione, Mrs. Kozibroda, Mrs. Razowski, Mrs. Lamond, Mrs. Yano, Mr. and Mrs. Flores, Mrs. Bono and Mrs. Calzada
- to Mrs. Senatore, for being the hub of our school, welcoming parents, family and friends with an open heart and a professional spirit of welcome—day by day by day!
- to Mr. Leo and Mr. Estoy, for their hard work keeping our school fresh, clean and bright!
- to the Me to We team of students for working on the Advent project on behalf of needy children and families: Giving Warmth: Gifts from the Heart!
- to our grade 8 student leaders: for organizing the Daily Bread Food Bank drive throughout our school year and for their leadership on many other projects and initiatives as well
- to our dedicated staff for their tireless efforts on behalf of our children: meeting the mark of excellence in curriculum instruction, day by day; for “going beyond the call of duty” by offering support to one another when needed; for a spirit of kindness and caring, centred on the needs of the children in front of them in their classrooms; for coaching; for organizing special events such as the Christmas concert; for organizing enrichment activities such as the intermediate trip to Montreal, trips to the Humber Arboretum, and so much more
- to the extended team at the board: curriculum consultants, interdisciplinary team members
- to our superintendent, Mrs. Colleen Tovey-Shackleton, for her unwavering support of our school and tireless dedication to the goals of Catholic education across Area 2 TCDSB

*Merry Christmas
and
Blessings to You and Your Family for 2010*

