



## CSAC Newsletter – January 2010

Joy is not in things; it is in us.

RICHARD WAGNER

### Happy New Year!

CSAC would like to thank everyone who supported our **Aunt Sarah's Chocolate** fund-raiser. All the chocolate bars were sold and CSAC made a profit of \$3,918.00. CSAC would like to take this opportunity to send a very special thank you to the Mistic family who sold 21 boxes. CSAC would also like to recognize the following families who sold between 5 and 7 boxes: Brooks, Lamond, Caputi, Barbour, Segade, Bourque, Stewart, Caldwell, Cocomello, Narciso, Piscione and Lo Faso. CSAC would also like to thank Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. DiBiasio for all the work they did in making this fund-raiser a success. These two ladies also run our Pizza Days and they do a fantastic job.

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Acorn Cards** fund-raiser. We raised approximately \$560.00 for the school.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) will be implementing a **Dress Code policy**, known as an "Appropriate Dress Code". This policy will be effective September 2011. The TCDSB has sent a letter home with students to outline this policy and this item was discussed at the CSAC meeting on January 21. At the CSAC meeting on February 25, CSAC will decide what the dress code should be for St. Louis. If you wish to help CSAC to make this decision, please join us at the next meeting (see meeting details below).

The **Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC)** has asked us to include the following in our newsletter:

"CPIC had a busy fall term, including its CSAC Conference held on November 14th. We had an overwhelming number of dedicated parents from across the TCDSB, gather at the CEC to share and learn about effective parent involvement. Topics included *Running Effective School Councils*, *CSAC By-laws*, *Budget Consultation Process*, *Parent Leadership*, *Governance*, *Safe Schools*, *Family Literacy and Student Success*, with Betty Boulton as the keynote speaker. After being welcomed by our Director of Education, and MPP Laura Albanese, York South-Weston, speaking on behalf of the Minister of Education, Ms. Boulton's keynote address had the group captivated. Ask your CSAC about the materials they received for your school. CPIC purchased a copy of Ms. Boulton's book, *"176 Ways to Involve Parents"*, for each school's parent library." ... "In February, your CPIC reps will begin hosting meetings with parents in their wards. Where possible they will be held in conjunction with the Trustee's ward meeting. Each meeting will provide you with a local opportunity to be updated and contribute your voice to such topics as the 2010-11 budget and the TCDSB Strategic Plan." Should you require further information, please contact CSAC at the following e-mail address: [csac.stlouis@tcdsb.org](mailto:csac.stlouis@tcdsb.org).

CSAC made a presentation was made to the Board on December 9, 2009 to ask the Board to consider adding two programs at St. Louis: **All-day Kindergarten** and **Extended French**. We are still waiting for the Board's decision.

Other **school news** can be found at our school web-site:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stlouis.asp>

The **next CSAC meeting** will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2010, in the St. Louis Catholic School Library. The meetings are not long and all are welcome.