



St. Louis Catholic School

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Current Enrolment:
255

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:
Mr. Kevin Kobus

Parent Newsletter

Principal's Message

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." -- Gospel of Luke 10:25

The Virtue for the Month of February is "Love"

Across the Toronto Catholic District School Board this month, at the urging of Archbishop Collins, we celebrate the virtue of Love in each of our schools. Each day, the boys and girls of St. Louis will be invited to be mindful of the gospel message from St. Luke's Gospel: to love your neighbour as yourself. This month coincides with the beginning of the Lenten season as well with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on February 6th. As a school community this month we will gather often to celebrate our heritage as children of Jesus, as we dedicate ourselves to love and service of those in need.

Read on-- for updates on the many activities at St. Louis!

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Sacramental Preparation at St. Louis

The children in grade two are busily preparing with Father Frank, Mrs. Hirstwood and Ms Morris for the sacraments of Reconciliation (April 10th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Leo Church) and First Holy Communion (April 26th at 5:00 p.m. at St. Leo Church). Father Carpinelli will be sending a letter to parents that will outline the parish preparation that will take place after Masses at St. Leo for children in grade two. We are excited to announce that, on March 5th, the grade twos welcome local artist Toni Calderone to their classroom to work on a special art project in honour of their First Holy Communion!

Our grade eights, with Mrs. DiCarlo, Ms Pacheco and Ms Morris, will be travelling to Bishop Allen Academy on April 18th, to participate in a Confirmation retreat facilitated by Father Frank Carpinelli. We will pray for the grade 8s as they take this significant step forward in their faith life, as they commit themselves to God as young adults. We will celebrate with the grade 8s on May 9th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Leo Church as they are blessed in the Sacrament of Confirmation!

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The St. Louis Regional Gifted Program Travels to Ontario Ski Hills!

Once again, the grade 7s and 8s at St. Louis, and their teachers, will join Mr. Finucan and his students from across the city on the ski slopes at Horseshoe Valley on February 5th! We wish you a bon voyage and a safe and happy return from ski country!

LENTEN PROJECTS AT ST. LOUIS

Ash Wednesday, February 6th, marks the beginning of the Lenten season, which ends on Easter Sunday. This year, Father Frank will be visiting students and staff in class to distribute ashes, thereby making the experience quite personal. Prior to the distribution of ashes, the whole community will gather in the gym at 9:30 a.m. for a paraliturgy celebrating the Virtue of Love, as well as a two week project entitled, Catchya! Doing Something Good! Children from St. Louis, when they do a good deed, will be rewarded with a ballot for a draw, and have their photo taken to be posted in the front foyer. At the end of the two week period, 30 names will be drawn from the ballot box, and 30 students will win a BE the CHANGE T-shirt in St. Louis royal blue! We are proud of our students, especially when they choose to act kindly to one another, and embody the gospel values in their day to day interactions with each other!

Our Local Lenten Outreach Project

The St. Louis Liturgical Team is in process of shaping the local Lenten Outreach Project for this year, which will be promoted at a school assembly on February 22nd, the day the Catchya! project ends. Stay tuned for specific details!

Safe Arrival Policy

Please contact the school at 416-393-5331 if your child will be late or absent from school. Your assistance and thoughtfulness in this regard can save Mrs. Senatore significant time each day by reducing the number of telephone calls which must be made to check on attendance. It is both school and school board policy to ensure the safe arrival of students by checking on any student who may be absent.

Safe School Policy at St. Louis

I invite parents to read an attached letter from our school board director, Mr. Kevin Kobus, which outlines specifics regarding the newly approved policies regarding the code of conduct for Toronto Catholic District Schools. The St. Louis School Safe School Leadership team is currently collating survey results from staff, students and parents at St. Louis, and will meet in the spring to revise the current code of conduct policy in the student agenda book. More information can be found at www.tcdsb.org.

New Security Camera at the Front Door of the School

Beginning February 4th, our school secretary, Mrs. Senatore, will be using a highly sophisticated security camera -- that is linked by video monitor to her computer-- to allow parents and visitors to our school to enter the building. The front door of our school will be locked each day immediately following morning announcements, and as with all doors to the school, will remain locked throughout the day. Parents and Visitors, as always are asked to report at all times through the front door to the main office; to sign in; and to wear a visitor tag. Upon leaving the building, visitors are asked to sign out and leave the tag at the front desk in the main office.

As always, children from grades 1 to 8 report to their lines in the back yard, and enter and exit through the same back doors.

Kindergarten children gather in the front yard, and enter the classroom from the front yard door at all times.

We are grateful to the school board for the new video security enhancement on behalf of our children and families.

TRUSTEES 2007 - 2008

Wards

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Food Allergies at St. Louis

Although St. Louis Catholic School does promote safe food/allergy awareness and practices, the entire school is not an allergy-free school. However, in those classrooms where there is a known severe allergy to specific foods (e.g. peanuts, etc.) we anticipate the co-operation of families associated with that room to eliminate the food types which could cause very severe problems for the allergic student. Individual classroom teachers will make those concerns known to the families of that class. Your understanding and support in these situations is greatly appreciated. As much as possible, all peanut products are discouraged at St. Louis.

Our School Newspaper Soon to be Revamped!

First Edition to be published on Valentine's Day!!!!

This just in! Mrs. Ryan, the Staff Advisor for our school newspaper this year, reports that the grade 7 students in Ms Pacheco and Mrs. Smith's classes are keenly preparing the first 2008 edition of the St. Louis News. I am told that the newspaper's name will be a surprise and that besides promoting literacy across the grades, the newspaper will be a vehicle for sharing more good news about our school. Thanks goes to the following students who are busily preparing the next edition of the school newspaper: Natasha, Marianne, Taylor, Danna, Weronika, Diana, Leandra and Paris. Congratulation, journalists!

The Scholastic Book Fair at St. Louis

Mrs. Ryan reports yet again, this time regarding the upcoming book fair at St. Louis! Mark your calendars now! Students will be welcome to preview the great selections of books on March 5th. The book sale begins Thursday during school hours and continues during Parent-Teacher Interviews: March 6th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.---and March 7th from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. We thank Mrs. Ryan, and all parents and students for their support of this wonderful event at the St. Louis Library!

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Kindergarten Registration Begins at St. Louis!

Once again, this year, we warmly welcome all children in the neighbourhood to come with their parents to register for the new school year, 2008 – 2009.

Kindergarten Open House is this week—February 7th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

- come and have refreshments with neighbours and friends
- meet Mrs. Sestito, Mrs. Senatore, Ms Morris and visit the classrooms
- pick up curriculum resources and ideas to get your child ready!

Mark Your Calendar for Welcome to Kindergarten Night—May 21st from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

- enjoy an interactive evening event with staff from St. Louis
- meet children who will register at St. Louis for September
- experience lessons as taught daily in kindergarten
- experience activity based centres in the gym
- meet community liasons: the public health nurse, the local librarian and more!

Grade 8 Student Leaders Organize Primary Soccer Intramurals at St. Louis

With the support of their teacher, Mrs. DiCarlo, students in grade 8 had the opportunity to guide children in the primary division at morning recess during the month of January in intramural soccer games. The children had a wonderful time and were enthusiastic each step of the way! What a pleasure it was to witness the teams guided by the grade 8 student leaders. Congratulations to the following teams: Maple Leafs, Canadians, Devils, Rangers, Lightning, and the Canucks. Also, a big congratulations to the grade 8 student leaders: Melissa, David, Kyle, Stephanie, Vanessa, Arthur, Amanda, James, Ardel, Nicole, Katrina and Lucas. Way to go, Grade 8's!

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See the St. Louis Athletic Calendar attached for more information regarding upcoming athletic team events in our region!

Eco Leadership at St. Louis

One Friday each month, the students at St. Louis will go to the school yard at lunch recess to gather bits of litter, in an effort to model good practices. Congratulations to the two grade five student "Eco-leaders": Vanessa and Joshua O., who will guide the students in this effort once monthly. Vanessa and Joshua will distribute plastic safety gloves and green garbage bags to all students who pitch in, to ensure a thorough clean-up. Thanks from all of us at St. Louis for this wonderful community service!

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Family Literacy Day at St. Louis— Congratulations, Prize Winners!

The following prize winners from the Family Literacy Day Contest were announced on January 28th by Mrs. Ryan, organizer of this wonderful event: William (gr. 1), Christian (gr. 2), Isabella (gr. 3), Brett (gr.4), Ricardo (gr. 5), Rachel (gr. 6), Aldrin (gr. 8). Each child took home a wonderful book to add to their own personal library at home!

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*Valentine's Day
Kiss-a-Grams
Are On Sale Now at St. Louis*
25 cents each
*Thanks to Katrina, Patricia and Vanessa in Grade 8
Support Street Kids at Covenant House
A Share Life Community*

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Updated February 1/08

School Year Calendar— Important Dates to Note!

February 5	Shrove Tuesday—Pancake Tuesday Gifted Ski Trip with Grades 7s and 8s
February 6	Ash Wednesday—Season of Lent begins
February 7	Kindergarten Open House—6 – 8:30 pm
February 12	Safe Schools Lockdown Practice Divisional Boys Basketball—MM, TMaL
February 13	Divisional Girls Basketball—DZ, SP
February 13 th and 27 th	Pizza Days
February 14 th	Valentine's Day Principal Meeting 100 th Day Celebration
February 15	PD Day—Provincial Priorities—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
February 18 th	Provincial Holiday—Family Day—NO SCHOOL FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS
February 20 th	University of Waterloo Data Collection for Heart and Stroke Foundation
February 21	St. Louis Hosts W5H Competition in the Library
February 21 st	CSAC Meeting in the Library, 7 pm
February 22 nd	Grade 8 and SK Graduation Photos
February 22 nd	Afternoon Assembly—Lenten Project Kickoff
February 26 th	RAD Moderated Marking with Kathleen Henderson (code 83 full day)
February 27 th	Lorraine Kimsa balance is due today Pizza Day Staff Meeting
February 28 th	Principal Meeting
March 4 th	Reports for Term 2 Go Home to Parents
March 5 th	Scholastic Bookfair Set up in the Library today First Holy Communion Workshop with Toni Calderone, artist
March 6 th	Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Gym, 9:30 a.m.
March 6 th	Parent-Teacher Interviews 5 – 8 p.m. Scholastic Book Fair in the Library End Date of the Lenten Project
March 7 th	PD Day—Parent Teacher Interviews 8:45 – 11:00 a.m. Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
March 10 – 14 th	March Break
March 17 th	Return to School—St. Patrick's Day Holy Week Begins
March 19 th	Welcome to Kindergarten Planning Meeting at Lunch
March 20 th	Holy Thursday Paraliturgy
March 21 st	Good Friday – School is closed
March 22 nd	Holy Saturday
March 23 rd	Easter Sunday
March 24 th	Easter Monday— School is closed
March 26 th	Pizza Day Welcome to Kindergarten Lunch Planning Meeting Math Rep Meeting at All Saints
March 27 th	Lorraine Kimsa Theatre—Love You Forever, grades 1 and 2
March 27 th	Divisional Girls Volleyball—LM, AMM

March 28 th	Divisional Boys Volleyball—LM, AMM
April 4 th	Spring Photos—Individual and Sibling
April 7 th	W5H Intermediate Preliminary
April 9 th and 23 rd	Pizza Days
April 10 th	Sacrament of First Reconciliation for Our Gr. 2s—7 pm at St. Leo Church
April 18 th	Confirmation Retreat for Our Grade 8s—with Father Frank at Bishop Allen
April 21 st	Divisional Cross Country Meet 1—LM, MM, GD, CS
April 25 th	St. Louis Day Celebrations—Paraliturgy and Parisian Café
April 26 th	Sacrament of First Holy Communion for Our Gr. 2s—5 pm at St. Leo Church
April 28-May 2 nd	Catholic Education Week—We Are Called to Serve
April 29 th	Regional Cross Country at Centennial Park
May 6 th	Safe Schools Lockdown Practice
May 7 th , and 21 st	Pizza Days
May 8 th	Annual Review IPRC Meetings-- PJ
May 9 th	LSA Principal Symposium
May 9 th	Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Leo Church at 7:30 p.m.
May 14 th -16 th	Principal Retreat for Areas 1 and 2
May 19 th	Victoria Day Holiday—School is closed
May 21 st	Pizza Day
May 21 st	Welcome to Kindergarten Night 6:30-8:00 pm
May 22 nd	Annual Review IPRC Meetings-- GP
May 25 th	Track and Field Week
May 27 th	Annual Review IPRC Meetings for the Gifted Program
May 29 th	Principal Meeting
May 29 th	Divisional Track and Field—LM, MM, AMM, GDi, CS
June 3 rd	Regional Track and Field
June 4 th and 18 th	Pizza Days
June 16 th	Boys Softball—DZ, SP, LM
June 17 th	Girls Softball—CS, NMc
June 19 th	Grade 8 Graduation—12:00 Luncheon at The Canadiana 7:00 Graduation Mass and Ceremony at St. Leo Church
June 23 rd	Play Day at St. Louis Guided by Student Leaders
June 24 th	Final Report Cards Go Home End of Year Mass at St. Leo at 9:30 a.m.
June 25 th	Last Day of School
June 26 th	Professional Development Day—no school for students