



St. Louis Catholic School

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258

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. K. Kobus

Parent Newsletter

Principal's Message

*Put your hope and courage in
The Lord. Take courage and
Be strong. – Psalm 26*

During the Lenten season students and staff of the St. Louis Catholic School community are invited to focus on the spirit of "Giving" by reflecting on daily actions: deeds, words, choices and decisions. By following the example of Jesus, through our acts of giving to those around us, including every member of our family, classmates, and staff—we are calling Jesus into our hearts. As a sign of our commitment to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, each student throughout Lent, is creating a "Giving" bracelet. Every week, for 6 weeks, the students will be working on a Lenten theme that promotes gestures of "giving". At the end of each week, a bead is placed on a bracelet as an outward sign that we are trying to make a difference in our lives, and in the lives of those around us.

Our Lenten themes are:

- * **Give your family an extra dose of love.** Remember: the way we treat each other, is the way we treat Jesus.
- * **Give forgiveness and make peace with those around you.** There is no limit to God's forgiveness.
- * **Give patience and understanding.** Remember: God's love guides us in how to treat others with care and respect.
- * **Give to those in need.** Remember: God asks us to open our eyes to those who may be in need and share what we have.
- * **Give acceptance and encouragement.** Remember: God wants us to open our hearts and minds to those around us so that we can see their gifts and abilities.
- * **Give gratitude for what you have.** Remember: pay attention to the blessings that God has given and show appreciation for what you have.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

- March 8th - Parent-Teacher Interviews from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- March 9th - NO SCHOOL for students! PA Day
- March 9th - Parent- Teacher Interviews from 8:45 - 11:00 a.m.
- March 12th - 16th: March Break - Have a wonderful vacation everyone!
- March 19th - Return to school: Term 3 Begins!
- March 22nd - YOU ARE INVITED TO AN IMPORTANT CSAC MEETING-7pm REGARDING THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION - all are invited!

You are invited to view the St. Louis Catholic School Website for copies of past newsletters and minutes of past CSAC meetings:

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Please review the dates attached to the newsletter for important upcoming events at St. Louis. Note in particular changes in the activities for the last week of June, 2007!

School News...

Read along for more information!

Congratulations! Go To Our Students Intermediate Basketball Winners!

We are proud to announce that our Intermediate Girls brought a penant home to St. Louis from the recent Divisional Basketball tournament. Congratulations, Girls and Boys! You make us proud! Thanks go to the coaches for the girls: Mrs. Zimmer and Ms. Pacheco; and for the boys: Mrs. Smith and Mrs. MacLean.

And, Not to Be Outdone. Primary Soccer Winners!

Congratulations also go to our Girls Primary Soccer team—Champions one and all! A penant now hangs in our hallway! Congratulations too to our boys who played well in the tournament! Thanks go to our coaches: Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. Varey for the boys; Mrs. Hirstwood and Mrs. Nocera for the girls.

Upcoming Sports Events— Good Luck Students and Thank You Coaches!

March 28th—Boys Junior Volleyball

Ms. Sardina, Mme. Mondano

March 29th—Girls Junior Volleyball

Ms. Micucci

April 25th—Cross Country—Mrs. Di Carlo, Ms. Pacheco

Mme. Smith, Mr. Bell, Ms. Micucci

May 2nd—Regional Cross Country (coaches above)

May 30th —Track and Field (Divisional)—Mrs. DiCarlo,

Mme. Smith, Ms. Micucci, Ms. Mondano,
Ms. Pacheco

June 6th —Track and Field (Regional)—coaches above

June 14th —Boys Softball-- Mr. Bell, Mrs. Zimmer

June 19th —Girls Softball—coaches Mrs. McIntyre
and Mrs. Smith

School Policies: A Review and Update

As always, parental support of school policies is crucial to the successful operation of our school. School policies and practices are always created with the best interests of the students in mind. Below, you will find a list of policies and practices which should be reviewed with the students at home. Increased awareness by parents will serve to enhance the likelihood of successful execution of those policies on a daily basis at the school.

PUNCTUALITY and ATTENDANCE

We continue to set our goal as having every single student in class, on time for the beginning of the school day—every day! Opening exercises and announcements are scheduled to begin each day at 8:45 a.m. Therefore 8:45 a.m. is the magic time when students are considered to be late. Developing good habits to be at school on time reflects good organizational skills.

PARENTS IN THE SCHOOL

We welcome and encourage parents to be an active part of our school life, to be sure! There are, however, certain fundamental parent practices that are expected in the interests of safety for our students.

Every visit should begin at the school office.

a) Picking up students during school hours:

Parents are asked to stop at the office to have the student called to the office. Parents should not go to classroom doors during teaching time. Students are called to the office and then the student and the parent are required to sign the "sign out" book which is kept in the office.

b) Parents returning to school with a student from an appointment:

Again, parents are asked to come with their child to the office to sign back in to school following an appointment. This practice is, of course, to ensure safety of all children within our community.

An Important Note about Personal Electronic Equipment at St. Louis Catholic School:

Parents, in the interest of safety and community building, our school policy prohibits the use of personal electronic equipment. This includes:

- * no Ipods
- * no headsets
- * no cell phones
- * no camera phones

Your support of this policy is much appreciated!

CELEBRATING OUR TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN – Our Lenten Global Outreach Project

Some ideas take on a life of their own, and that is most certainly what happened when Christmas rolled around at St. Louis Catholic School! Having received many boxes of chocolates as a Christmas gift from so many parents, Mrs. Senatore, our school secretary, wrote a letter of thanks to families, stating that she had sent a number of the gifts overseas to a family friend in Afghanistan. Receiving that letter of thanks, Mrs. Kalsi, a dedicated CSAC parent, approached Ms. Morris and Mrs. Senatore to ask if perhaps we could consider a Valentine’s project: have our students create Valentine’s cards, and collect Tim Horton gift certificates to send to the troops overseas. Ms. Morris took the idea to the staff on the St. Louis Liturgical Planning Team, and they embraced the **Lenten Global Outreach Project** wholeheartedly. Once the children were engaged. the project took shape in a form that was even bigger than expected! Our troops most recently sent us a photograph with the Valentine’s included, and that photo and others have appeared in the Etobicoke Guardian and the TCDSB Director’s Bulletin, celebrating the generosity of our children, and their families as \$510.00 was raised to purchase gift certificates. It is our hope that Sargeant McColeman, and his family, will visit us at St. Louis so that we can gather as a community in an assembly to say thank you for the opportunity to share this way with the soldiers who give so much on behalf of all Canadians. Not only will we remember Sargeant McColeman in an assembly, but he will be remembered in a beautiful **Wall Mural Project** that will commemorate the **60th Anniversary of St. Louis Catholic School**. Renowned **Canadian Artist John Leonard** will guide selected students from St. Louis in the creation of an art mural in our gymnasium beginning April 16th. Thanks to Mrs. Kalsi for the creative creation of the beautiful images that grace the CSAC Parent Bulletin Board outside the main office!

W5H Regional Competition at St. Louis Catholic School—February 13th

Thanks to the organizational skills of Mrs. Cousineau, St. Louis Catholic School was once again the proud host of the W5H Regional competition for this year. Teams from St. Leo, St. Mark, and Christ the King joined in the competition in our school library. Thanks to the coaching support of Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Varey, Mr. Bell, Mrs. Marentic and Mrs. Cousineau, the following students represented St. Louis in terrific form:

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Grade 8 Student Leadership at St. Louis—The Daily Bread Food Bank

At the end of February, grade 8 students from St. Louis packaged together 10 big cardboard boxes of donations en route to people in need. The Daily Bread Food bank is very grateful for the support from our community and for the work done by our student leaders to support others.

Our next collection day of non-perishable, canned food items is April 5th-- Holy Thursday, the feast of The Last Supper. A special word of thanks to **Mr. and Mrs. Campese** for their ongoing generous donations to St. Louis Catholic School, and most recently to our canned food drive!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION AT ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- * our grade 2 parent evening for **First Communion** preparation went very well
- * thanks to all families that attended with John Zurakowski, Mrs. Nocera and Mrs. MacLean
- * **March 27th at 7 pm** is the meeting night for grade 8 parents and students in the library in preparation for the sacrament of **Confirmation**
- * the **Confirmation retreat for grade 8 students** with Mr. Zurakowski is set to take place on **April 27th** at Bishop Allen Academy. Thanks to **Ms. Sillery, Principal at Bishop Allen** for welcoming our students to the school that day!

CHILLING OUT AT THE ARCTIC GAMES!

Thanks to Mrs. Varey, the children in grade 5 from St. Louis Catholic School joined students from across the city, and from Nunavut for Arctic Games at Michael Power St. Joseph Secondary School. The events included traditional Inuit games: snowshoeing, backpacking relays, a tug of war, a ball toss and a challenging skip rope competition. About 400 children from across Toronto, from various Catholic schools, joined in the fun and learning! A terrific photo of St. Louis was highlighted on the front page of **The Etobicoke Guardian** on March 2nd featuring **Tyler Grymek, Shane Faria, Michael DePetrillo, Jean Claude Acuna and Nicholas Fitzsimmons**. We are proud of you!

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<u>March 7th</u>	<u>Term 2 Reports Go Home Today</u>
March 8 th	Parent Teacher Interviews, 5-8 pm
March 9 th	PD Day: Parent Teacher Interviews, 8:45 to 11 a.m.—NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN
March 12th – 16th	March Break
March 19 th	Term 3 Begins
March 19 th , 20 th	Dental Screening at St. Louis
March 21 st	Pizza Day
March 22 nd	CSAC Parent Council Meeting at 7 pm—IMPORTANT DISCUSSION FORUM REGARDING: <u>THE FUTURE OF OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN ONTARIO</u>
March 27 th	Confirmation Evening for Parents and Grade 8s at St. Louis—7 p.m.
March 28 th	Jr. Boys Volleyball Tournament
March 29 th	Jr. Girls Volleyball Tournament
April 2 nd	Holy Week Begins
April 5 th	Holy Thursday—Paraliturgy at 1:00 p.m.
April 6 th	Good Friday—no school
April 8 th	Easter Sunday—Christ is Risen, Allelulia!
April 9 th	Easter Monday—no school
April 11 th	Grade 7/8 Trip to Ottawa—return on April 13 th
April 18 th	Pizza Day
April 19 th	Sacrament of First Reconciliation—Gr. 2 at 9:45 a.m.
April 19 th	CSAC Parent Council Meeting
April 23 rd	CAT-3 Begins to June 1st (end date)—gr. 2, 5 and 7
April 24 th	Celebration of the Feast of St. Louis
April 25 th	Cross Country Divisional Meet
April 28 th	Grade 2 First Holy Communion, 5 pm at St. Leo Catholic Church
April 30 – May 4 th	Catholic Education Week
May 2	Cross Country Regionals
May 3 rd	Spring Concert at 7 pm for grades 5,6,7,6/7 and 8
May 2, 16, 30	Pizza Days
May 9 th	Scientist in the School—J. Chapel: Pollinators vs. Predators gr. K-6
May 11 th	Grade 8 Sacrament of Confirmation, 7 pm at St. Leo Catholic Church
May 13 th	Mother's Day
May 21 st	Victoria Day, no school
May 22 nd	EQAO testing begins for students in grades 3 and 6 to June 8 th

May 23 rd	Kindergarten Open House with the Learning Partnership 5:45 – 7:00 p.m. Welcome to Kindergarten Celebration in the Gym with Dolores Cascone, Parents, Children and Primary Staff at St. Louis
May 29 th	CSAC Parent Meeting
May 30 th	Track and Field Divisional Meet at Centennial
May 31 st	CSAC Community Celebration: Caravan Night (details tba)
June 5 th	Volunteer Appreciation Tea
June 6 th	Regional Track and Field at Centennial Park
June 8 th	EQAO End Date
June 14 th	Boys Softball CSAC Parent Council Meeting at 7 p.m.
June 17 th	Father's Day
June 19 th	Girls Softball
June 21 st	Senior Kindergarten Graduation at 9:30 a.m.
June 22 nd	Grade 8 Graduation Noon—Lunch and Dance at <i>The Canadiana</i> 7:00 p.m.—Graduation Mass and Ceremony

PLEASE NOTE THE IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATES FOR THE LAST WEEK OF CLASSES:

June 25 th	Year End Mass, 9:45 am.
June 26 th	Play Day (27 th Raindate) REPORTS GO HOME TODAY (26 th)
June 27 th	Last Day of School 9:30 a.m. Year End Assembly – We are Family!
June 28 th	Professional Activity Day—no school for children
June 29 th	Board designated Holiday

And a final comment...

Regarding Preparations for the Grade 7-8 Trip to Ottawa

As our grade 7s and 8s prepare to head to Ottawa for the very exciting, end of year enrichment excursion to our nation's capitol with Mrs. DiCarlo, Ms. Pacheco, Mrs. Smith and Ms. Morris, a number of fundraising ventures have been taking place, including a bake sale and raffles. A special word of thanks to

Mr. and Mrs. Wojtasik who very generously donated a pair of **\$84 tickets to a Miami vs. Raptors NBA game**. The lucky prize went to **Emmanuel Santos in Mr. Bell's class**. Well done, everyone!