



St. Louis Catholic School

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Current Enrolment:
245

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

*The Virtue for the Month of May
at St. Louis
is
Compassion*

This month, we invite the children and staff in our school to reflect upon the virtue of Compassion—and what better way than to reflect on the parable of the Good Samaritan in the Gospel of Luke. As we read the story, many people pass an injured man on their journey on the road up to Jerusalem, but only one stops to help—a man from Samaria. The man more than lends a hand: he takes personal care of the man; he listens to his story; and he reaches deep into his own pocket and pays for the medical expenses incurred along the way. In many ways, the parable reflects what we witness daily within our school community. Giving, in the spirit of love, is the hallmark of our community's character. At St. Louis, we truly are a family dedicated to the virtues espoused in this particular Gospel story.

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

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Celebrating the Feast of St. Louis on His Birthday—April 25th!

The St. Louis community gathered throughout the day on April 25th to celebrate the feast of our patron saint. In the morning, we gathered in prayer with a formal paraliturgy. After morning recess, each class, under the thoroughly creative direction of Mademoiselle Mondano, students shared a presentation in the French language—full of drama, music, dance, and beautiful costumes! After lunch, the gym was transformed into a lovely French café, hosted by students, complete with white linen table service, fresh croissants, wine-coloured juice and cabaret music! The day was purely delightful and a true example of team effort!

A Lovely New Photo-Gallery Adorns Our Front Hallway!

In keeping with the spirit of celebration of our patron Saint Louis, some of the boys and girls in each class in our school are honoured in lovely framed photos in our front hallway. The photos, which represent unique virtues important to St. Louis, were taken by our own resident photographer Mrs. Cousineau, and were then carefully reproduced by one of our parents, Ms Kalsi. St. Louis, who was King of France in the 13th century, was known by his people to promote the virtues of Jesus: Peace, Justice, Service, Love, Loyalty and Faith. Next time you are in the school, please take time to stop and take a close look. Perhaps you can identify the virtues represented in each image by our beautiful children!

*Thank You to Our Parents for Supporting
The Many Projects in Our School*

The following is a list of some of the activities to which parents have generously contributed over the course of the past few weeks in honour of our school and various fundraisers. Read on for more specific details!

*Purple Day at St. Louis
for Meagan's Walk*

Well, it was a wonderful thing to witness! Our gymnasium was transformed once again into a place of celebration on April 16th, when thanks to all of the hard work and effort of Chris Piscione and his grade 6 classmates in Mrs. Mior's class, we welcomed Meagan's mother Denise Bebenek and *Stu and Colleen from 97.3 EZ Rock !!*

The Me to We Grade 6 Leadership Team spoke to the whole student body, remembering all of the giving projects we have dedicated ourselves to this year, including **Project Harambee** and building our school in Kenya . Then, the students welcomed Mrs. Bebenek who spoke about Meagan's journey, and her great spirit which continues to support the work done by brain researchers at the Hospital for Sick Children. Parents are invited to visit the website: www.meaganswalk.com if you would like to join in on Meagan's Walk, which takes place on Mother's Day each year. The goal is to create a Hug around the hospital, to say thank you for all of the work done to support children and families in need. Thank you as well for supporting Christopher's Purple Bake Sale. We are proud to report that with the support of his classmates, **\$468.25** was raised this year!!!! Well done, boys and girls and thank you parents!

And, Speaking of Project Harambee—

A very special thank you to **Mrs. Cocomello** for sourcing out fabric for us for the school bags for Project Harambee and for creating the beautiful bags which will be carried to Kenya by the students from Michael Power and Bishop Allen who will travel to Kenya to build a school this summer. Mrs. Cocomello has also created some eco-friendly snack bags from Kool Aid Jammer packages for children in our Kindergarten program. Just ask Mrs. Sestito if you would like to see one of the snack bags. They are beautiful and we are so grateful for the spirit of service demonstrated in these projects!

The Scholastic Book Fair

Since last reporting, I am delighted to say that thanks to the hard work and efforts of Mrs. Ryan, the St. Louis library and classrooms will see an infusion of new books and resources for students. This year our total sales topped two thousand dollars at **\$2334.15**. Of this total amount \$1305.26 was profit for our classes and library. Once again, thank you to Mrs. Ryan, who makes sure that the book fair is an exciting and enriching for both students and parents each year.

*News of the Holy Sacraments
at St. Louis School*

We are proud to announce that the children in Grade 2 in Mrs. Hirstwood's class received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this month at St. Leo Parish. Congratulations, children on this very special Occasion. Thanks to Mrs. Hirstwood, and to Mrs. MacLean for her lovely singing. A special Note of thanks to Mrs. Senatore for the lovely pamphlet she creates each year for this Important celebration.

We also congratulate our Grade 8s who also with Father Frank receive the sacrament of Confirmation this week. Thanks to Father Frank, Ms Pacheco and Mrs. DiCarlo for the efforts to prepare these lovely young people. Also a special note of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Dodds who provide liturgical music to support the celebration of the sacraments, as well as Graduation.

Our Beach Day Dance-a-thon

Our gymnasium is certainly well-used!!! Last Friday, **thanks to our CSAC members**, children were invited to come to school in Beach gear to spend scheduled time in the gym for a dance-a-thon. Our grade 8s served as excellent hosts and DJs and a great time was had by all. Stay tuned for reports on this particular fundraiser in the minutes of future CSAC meetings. Sincere thanks to Ms Devine and all members of CSAC for planning the event. For Ms Devine this meant an early morning delivery of water for the students! Thanks as well to **Mrs. Piscione** and **Ms Kalsi** who donated prizes for draws at the end of the day. And, to **Ms Doucette** who donated many lovely library books as well as a twenty dollar gift certificate from Tom's Dairy Freeze for a lucky winner in our primary division—a great big Thank You as well!

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Wards

1. Joseph Martino	5. Maria Rizzo	9. Catherine LeBlanc-Miller, Vice-Chair
2. Ann Andrachuk	6. Christine Nunziata	10. Barbara Poplawski
3. Sal Piccininni	7. John Del Grande-Honourary Treasurer	11. Angela Kennedy
4. Mary Cicogna	8. Oliver Carroll, Chair	12. Paul John Crawford Ashley Pereira, Student Trustee

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Kindergarten Registration Continues 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.

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!
- Please contact our school secretary, Mrs. Senatore, for more information

A very special thank you to **Mr. and Mrs. Campese** who donated beautiful ceramic bunnies to the children in our Kindergarten program. This Easter, thanks to Mrs. Sestito's creative efforts, the little ones in her classes took home beautifully painted gifts for their parents for Easter. And, rumour has it, there are some little plants, also donated by the Campese's, that will find their way home sometime soon as well!

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Bishop Allen Academy Hosts Science and Technology Olympics

We are delighted to announce that a good number of the students in the grade six and seven programs will be participating in a day of fun and scientific exploration at Bishop Allen, on Saturday, May 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required, but if you would still like your son or daughter to participate, please contact Mrs. Smith for more information. Students from neighbourhood elementary school will get a taste of high school life, while exploring fun activities related to science curriculum!

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Cross Country News at St. Louis!

Thanks to the support of their dedicated coaches, the children at St. Louis have experienced a very full cross country season. The season ends on May 8th, when three of our students travel to Earl Bales Park for the City Finals. Congratulations to all who ran, and most specifically to the students who will represent us this week: Vanessa D. in grade 8; Taylor M. in grade 7, and Thomas B. in grade 4. We are proud of you. And thank you coaches: Mrs. Mior, Miss Micucci, Mrs. DiCarlo, Mrs. Smith --and Mrs. Zimmer for accompanying the athletes to Earl Bales!

Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart

At St. Louis we have the opportunity to experience many wonderful events for our boys and girls. But, I must say, the experience of witnessing the student leaders guide the play day on May 1st, was a pure pleasure. One of the co-ordinators for

The Heart and Stroke Foundation, Ian, spoke in exemplary terms when he described the quality of organization that went in to planning the day, and the level of readiness on the part of the grade 6 student leaders in Mrs. Mior's class. Ian is planning to describe the event in a newsletter to be published by the foundation in the near future, so when that happens you will be sure to get a copy. Once again thanks to all of the staff, students and parents who contributed to making this day a pure success.

Our Grade 8's Make Us Proud—Tree Planting Near Kleinburg!

On April 28th, just last week, our grade 8s boarded a bus in the rain, with their teachers Ms Pacheco and Mrs. DiCarlo, ready to get dirty doing the hard work of tree planting. In teams of two, our grade 8s proudly planted more that **ONE THOUSAND** trees! Representatives from the **Toronto and Region Conservation Authority** commented on the focus, diligence and spirit of co-operation and fun our students and staff brought to the activity. Well done, Intermediates! We are once again very proud of you!

And, speaking of planting...

A very big thank you to **Mr. Leo** for the hours of work he puts into creating a beautiful garden for us at St. Louis! We look forward to witnessing the fruits of your labour as the tulips and crocuses start to come into full bloom. Thank you Mr. Leo!

The Economics of Staying in School – Another Grade 8 Success Story!

And, while we are on the subject of our grade eights, I would like to make special mention of two of our parents who volunteered a full day away from their busy lives as managers with The Royal Bank of Canada. **Ms Devine, our CSAC Chair**, and her sister **—Ms Devine-Turiff—**spent a full day with our grade 8s educating them about the economics of staying in school. The day was very well received by the students and staff alike, and has now become an annual event the students look forward to! A heartfelt thank you to the presenters once again!

St. Louis Students Shine at the TCDSB Music Festival

Under the direction of Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Caliman, the choir members of the St. Louis Choir performed brilliantly at the TCDSB Music Festival at Bishop Marocco- Thomas Merton High School. The adjudicators were extremely positive in their comments: excellent vocals; good sense of rhythm; and positive display of performance etiquette. Well done students, and thanks to our choir masters as always, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Caliman!

A Prayer for Parents, Especially for Mother's Day

Loving God, you give us life and you feed us. Just as a mother give life
To her children and gives them good things to eat.
Bless your mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, Aunts, friends,
And other women who have helped to mother us.
Teach us to respect and honour them always.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
AMEN.