



St. Louis Catholic School

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Current Enrolment:
250

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

**That they may have abundant Life...
Life to the full. – Gospel of St. John**

In this new month of October, the month of thanksgiving and hope, we celebrate the trust we place in God as He helps us to shape our school community together: staff, students and parents together. Life at St. Louis is just that: Life to the Full! The past month has taken us in many directions, and the path before us leads to new and exciting adventure for all members of the school community.

The Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC)

Integrated into this newsletter each month is an update from our parent council: The Catholic School Advisory Council. At this time, and most publicly, I would like to thank the parents of the St. Louis Catholic School community for the generous support of programs at our school. This thanks comes from me as principal; but also from each and every staff member as well. At the last school council meeting on September 20th, a new CSAC Council was formed.

Thank you to the following parents who will serve our school community this year as CSAC members:

Chair: Mrs. Devine

Treasurer: Miss Gemma

Secretaries: Mrs. Dower, Mrs. Foisy, Mrs. Tonon

**Members: Mrs. Aman, Mrs. Bono, Mrs. Kalsi,
Mrs. Piscione and Mrs. Yano**

More news will follow at the next CSAC meeting, scheduled for October 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. All are welcome!

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ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Celebrating 60 Years
1947 – 2007

We hope you will join us
on
Saturday, October 20th

Mass at St. Leo at 3:00 p.m.

A Reception will follow in the Gymnasium.
This will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with old friends.

Meet Sargeant McColeman and his family!

Help us dedicate

The Wall Mural of Hope, Love and Remembrance

dedicated

to the Memory of Mr. L. Foisy in honour of our 60th Anniversary.

School News...

Hallowe'en at St. Louis

Children are invited to come to school in costume on Hallowe'en Day. This year, families are also invited to decorate a pumpkin at home with their children and send the pumpkin to school. Decorated pumpkins can be displayed outside in the halls of each classroom as a lovely decoration. Weather permitting, we will have a whole school Hallowe'en parade through the neighbourhood! Classroom teachers may have additional information to share under separate cover! Happy Hallowe'en everyone!

Lockdown Practice and School Safety

On October 22nd, St. Louis will be participating in the first of two practices for Lockdown. In the event of an emergency, students are reminded that it is the adults' job at all times to keep them safe, and that practices such as these are designed so that everyone's responses in a real emergency situation can be automatic, just as in a fire drill exercise. Parents can rest assured that policies and procedures are in place to keep the children safe.

Student Update Information Forms

Parents are asked to please update the attached forms and return them to the school at their earliest convenience. It is important for the records in the office to be as complete and up to date as possible. Thank you for your attention to this important request.



News Regarding Secondary Schools

Students in grades 7 and 8 will be receiving a new, hot off the press document from the TCDSB entitled

Transition Guide for Students.

Accompanying this document, which provides important information regarding transition to secondary school is a new document entitled Transition Guide for Parents. You are invited to read these carefully and also to visit the TCDSB website for more information regarding secondary schools in our neighbourhood: Bishop Allen Academy, and Father John Redmond. The board website can be found at:

www.tcdsb.org

Mansfield Outdoor Education for Grade 8s

This past Monday we welcomed back our Grade 8 students and their teachers—Mrs. DiCarlo, Ms Pacheco and Mrs. Smith—from what was a wonderful week of outdoor education experience. Reports from all is that the week was awesome, and we thank all parents for giving us the opportunity to spend time with students in this way. Also, special mention goes to The Angel Foundation, and to the St. Louis CSAC who contributed funds to families in need so all students could attend!

St. Louis Picture Day—October 18th

Pizza Days—October 24th, and November 7th and 21st

Did You Know?

- * the **ACORN Artcard** fundraiser is upcoming?
- * our boys and girls did very well in the **divisional soccer tournaments**; the St. Louis girls team brought home the divisional pennant!!! Congratulations to all!!
- * **Our Lady of Sorrows School** will host our boys volleyball team in an invitational tournament on October 23rd; the girls will be hosted at OLS on October 30th; both tournaments begin at 3:30 p.m. in the OLS gym; parents are welcome to be spectators!
- * our grade 2s in Mrs. Hirstwood's class, are writing a **Hallowe'en book**, co-authored with students from the enrichment program at Bishop Allen Academy
- * six of our grade 6 children will participate in the city wide **Me to We conference** at the Ricoh Coliseum with Mrs. Mior; we look forward to news from that very exciting, special event
- * our grades 4, 5 and 6 children will travel to the **Metro zoo** with their teachers this Wednesday
- * our primary children had a wonderful trip to **Chudleigh farm** on October 1st
- * stayed tuned for more information regarding theatre excursions to **Lorraine Kimsa Theatre**

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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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Children's Fitness TAX CREDIT

The Government of Canada allows a non –refundable tax credit on eligible amounts of up to \$500 paid by parents to register a child in an eligible program of physical activity.

Information regarding this opportunity can be found at

www.cra-arc.gc.ca/whatsnew/fitness-e.html

The St. Louis Garden

As we move from summer to autumn, it is important to make mention of the special efforts that have contributed to make the St. Louis Garden such a beautiful neighbourhood sanctuary. Thanks go to Mr. Leo, our custodian, and Mrs. Kalsi, a member of our Catholic School Advisory Council.

Thanks as well to Mr. and Mrs. Campese who have donated beautiful plants and shrubs to decorate both the garden and the halls of our school.

Your efforts and gifts are sincerely appreciated!

Parent Volunteers Welcome!

Parent volunteers are always welcome at St. Louis Catholic School. If any parent is interested in becoming a parent volunteer, please contact either your child's teacher, or speak to Ms. Morris personally. Frequently, the greatest area of parental volunteer involvement occurs when classes go on excursions outside the school. These are definitely situations which require additional supervision. When volunteering at the school *in classroom situations in an ongoing situation*, it is recommended that a parent will not work in the classroom of her/his own child. (Kindergarten classes are an exception to this rule). Such direct involvement places unnecessary pressure on both the parent and the child. For out of classroom excursions the same policy does not apply. Parents are most welcome to assist on excursions with the class of their own child. If there are any questions about volunteering at St. Louis, please feel free to contact the school.

Some websites of interest for parents and students:

- www.nelson.com -- for mathematics curriculum
- www.readina-z.com -- for early reading support
- www.starfall.com -- for early reading support
- www.typingpal.com -- free typing lessons online
- www.learn2type.com -- free typing lessons online

**Whatever you can do or dream, begin it.
Boldness has genius, power and magic in it!
-- Goethe**