

## CSAC Newsletter – June 2007



**“The Parent’s Prayer”** by Dr. Garry Cleveland Myers

**O Master, make me a better parent.** Teach me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they say, and to answer all their questions kindly. Keep me from interrupting them, talking back to them, and contradicting them. Make me as courteous to them as I want them to be to me. Give me the courage to confess my sins against my children and to ask their forgiveness when I know that I have wronged them.

**May I not hurt the feelings of my children.** Forbid that I should laugh at their mistakes or ridicule them in an attempt to punish. Let me not tempt them to lie and steal. Guide me hour by hour that I may demonstrate by all I say and do that honesty produces happiness.

**Blind me to the little errors of my children,** and help me to see the good things they do. Give me a ready word for honest praise when they do right.

**Help me to grow up with my children,** to treat them as children and not as adults. Let me not judge them according to the standards of adult behaviour. Do not allow me to rob them of the opportunity to wait on themselves, to think, to choose, and to make decisions. Forbid that I should ever punish them for my own selfish satisfaction. May I grant them all their wishes that are reasonable and have the courage always to withhold a privilege that I know would be harmful.

**Lord, make me so fair and just,** so considerate and compassionate to my children, that they will have a genuine esteem for me. Make me worthy of being loved and imitated by my children.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

On May 31<sup>st</sup>, St. Louis held a Caravan Night at Holy Angels Church Hall. The evening was sponsored by monies from a Parent Outreach Grant, meant to increase parental involvement in CSAC activities. Everyone who attended seemed to enjoy themselves. Although Italian food was featured, we had Ukrainian desserts, Polish desserts, Italian desserts and Canadian desserts. Also, we had exhibits from Croatia, Slovenia, Ukraine, the Philippines, Poland, Canada, China, Vietnam, Uruguay, Hawaii, Italy and Portugal. These were kindly lent to us by St. Louis parents. We were also entertained by the ‘Purple Cows’, our own St. Louis choir and Mr. Javier, who also sang for us and, by Jessica, who did a Hawaiian dance for us. This was an excellent celebration of our multi-culturalism.

Once again, here are a few reminders about ongoing activities in the school:

- We still collect Campbell’s labels, so please remember to remove the labels from the Campbell’s soup cans and drop them off at the school
- We still collect Canadian Tire money, which is used to buy supplies for the school garden – so please remember to drop off unwanted Canadian Tire money at the school
- We still collect tabs from pop cans, which we give to St. Louis Girl Guides – so please remember to drop off pop can tabs at the school

Other school news can be found at our school web-site: <http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stlouis.asp>

St. Louis CSAC wishes you and your families a wonderful summer.