



St. Louis Catholic School

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Current Enrolment:
223

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. Les Nemes

Parent Newsletter

Principal's Message

**"I will never forget you, my people.
I have carved you on the palm of
my hand."**

-- Isaiah 49

In this season of waiting, Advent, we anticipate the arrival of The Prince of Peace, baby Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. This Advent, the staff and students at St. Louis, celebrate the lighting of the Advent Wreath each Monday morning, reflecting on the light that is with us, Emmanuel, and the light that is to come on Christmas morning. With the report cards for first term, a very special newsletter will arrive, explaining our wonderful Advent project, designed by the members of the school Liturgy team. We are delighted to announce that we will be supporting our former school secretary, Ms Cidalia Sousa, and her beautiful granddaughter Megan, who has cerebral palsy. Our project, named **Megan's Journey—"Lift" the Spirit**, is designed to celebrate the strong spirit of giving in our community, by promoting raffle tickets to support fun activities for children. The activities, designed and put into action by our staff, will take place over three lunch hours over the course of the next three weeks, and include things like: Guitar Hero; Learn How to Make Sushi; a Junior Division Talent Show; Wii; A Volleyball Game Against the Staff; Be the Principal for the morning; and even (with parental permission), take the afternoon off and go to the Cineplex Odeon with Megan and a teacher, to see Megan's favourite movie-- High School Musical 3! A more detailed letter will accompany the report cards with much more information. All of this is to contribute to the Sousa family, so that they will be able to purchase a very expensive wheelchair ramp for Megan's van, so she can get from place to place in the community. Ms Sousa has asked me to express her sincere gratitude to the St. Louis staff, students, and parent community, for their generous support and kindness. This venture embodies the true meaning of Christmas: giving from the heart!

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Attention Parents of Children in Kindergarten, and Grades 1,2,3,4,5&6---

The St. Louis Christmas Concert *A Huron Christmas Story*

*begins in the school gym at 7:00 p.m. on December 11th. We hope to see you!
Doors open at 6:15 p.m.*

*Admission: One canned food item to be collected by our grade 8 classes for
The Daily Bread Food Bank. We thank our grade 8s for their gift of service.*

St. Louis Catholic School Advisory Council

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Regular parent council meetings are held throughout the school year. Our next CSAC meeting will take place on January 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the school. The agenda for the meeting is sent home the week the meeting is held.

All parents are welcome!

Read on for more information from our council chair, Ms. V. Devine.
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St. Louis celebrates the virtue of Charity for December.

St. Louis Catholic School
2008 – 2009

*****For Parents*****

Updated December 1st, 2008

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR:

Number of School Days	194
Labour Day	September 1, 2008
First Day of School	September 2, 2008
Thanksgiving Day	October 13, 2008
PD Day	October 24, 2008—no school for students
PD Day	December 5, 2008-- Interviews/Reporting Day —no school for students
Christmas Break	December 22 to January 2, 2009
PD Day	February 13, 2009—no school for students
Family Day	February 16, 2009—no school for students
PD Day	March 13-- Interviews/Reporting Day —no school for students
Mid-Winter Break	March 16-20, 2009
Good Friday	April 10, 2009
Easter Monday	April 13, 2009
Victoria Day	May 18, 2009
Last day of school	June 25, 2009
PD Day	June 26, 2009

- Nov. 30 First Sunday of Advent
- Nov. 30 ADVENT PROJECT BEGINS
- Dec. 2 Reports for term 1 go home today
- Dec. 4 Parent-Teacher Interviews from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- Dec. 5 PD Day—Parent-Teacher Interviews-- No School For Children
- Dec. 8 School-Wide Reconciliation, 9:30 in the Gym with Father Frank and community priests
- Dec. 9 Earth Rangers Science Presentations in the Gym
10:40-11:30 Gr. 1,2,3
12:55-1:45 Gr. 4/5, 5/6
1:55-2:45 Gr. 7, 7/8, 8
- Dec. 10 Safe Schools Lockdown Practice (External Threat)—1:45 p.m.
- Dec. 11 Principal Meeting
Christmas Pageant (gr. K-6) at St. Louis & CSAC Silent Auction—7 p.m. start; doors open 6 p.m.
- Dec. 12 Acorn Cards are sent home today.
- Dec. 16 Premier Dance Theatre Christmas Excursion—Wintersong
-- gr. 4/5 and 5/6—noon bus pick-up
- Dec. 18 Christmas Mass at St. Louis 9:30 a.m.—Gr. 5/6 hosts this Mass
- Dec. 22 Christmas Break Begins—Merry Christmas Everyone!
- Jan. 4 Feast of the Epiphany

Jan. 5 Classes Resume—Happy New Year 2009!

Jan. 7 Safe Schools Fire Drill today.

Jan. 12 Guidance Program Begins—Friends for Life—10 weeks, 1 hr. on Mondays, Gr. 5/6

Jan. 15 Principal Meeting
CSAC meets at 7 p.m.

Jan. 22 New Year's Mass at St. Louis—Grade 4/5 hosts this Mass.
Secondary School Verification Forms are due at the Admissions office.

Jan. 26 Secondary School Placement Reports are available today.

Jan. 29 Principal Mtg

Feb. 2 Tour of the Ontario Legislature—Gr. 5/6—The Discovery Tour

Feb. 13 PD Day—Provincial Priorities—No School for Children today
Reading for the Love of It Conference

Feb. 16 Provincial Holiday—Family Day

Feb. 18 Gregg La Rock—French Concert at Bathurst St. Theatre—En Spectacle
-- noon bus pick up for gr. 4/5 and 5/6

Feb. 19 IPRC Annual Gifted Reviews at St Louis
CSAC Meeting at 7 pm

Feb. 19 Gifted Annual Review Meetings at St. Louis

Feb. 25 ASH WEDNESDAY—Father will distribute ashes class to class.

Feb. 26 Principal Meeting

March 10 Term 2 Reports go home today

March 12 Principal Meeting
Parent-Teacher Interviews: 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

March 13 PD Day: Parent Teacher Interviews—No School for Students

March 16 March Break begins—No School on the 16th

March 23 School resumes

March 26 Principal Meeting

March 27 Science Presentations—Mammals-- in the Gym—special schedule with Jim Chappelle—
9 – 10 JK/SK with grade 1
10:30-11:30 Gr. 3 and Gr. 4/5
1-2 pm JK/SK with Gr. 2
2-3 pm Gr. 5/6

April 3 Safe Schools Lockdown practice (internal threat)

April 6 W5H Preliminaries this week
EASTER WEEK begins

April 7 Shrove Tuesday

April 9 Holy Thursday Paralyturgy—9:30 start with Father—Grade 7s and 8s are our hosts

April 10 Good Friday—No School today

April 13 Easter Monday—No School today

April 14 to 20 Artist in the School: a.m. full week with grade 8s; pm full week with grade 3s—Nazareth Mebrahtu

April 16 Principal Mtg
April 17 Intermediate W5H Regional Competition

April 22 Professional Secretaries Day

April 23rd CSAC Meeting at 7 p.m.—Heart and Stroke presentation

April 27 Intermediate W5H Finals—location tba

April 29 **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** for Grade 2s— Mass at 7 pm followed by Reconciliation

April 30 Principal Meeting

May 1 **Grade 8 Confirmation Retreat** at Bishop Allen—with Father Frank

May 4 Catholic Education Week begins

May 9 **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**—4:30 group photo; 5:00 pm Mass

May 13 Welcome to Kindergarten Night at St Louis—6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

May 15 **Confirmation** at St. Leo with Bishop Boissoneau and St. Leo grade 8s—7:00 p.m.

May 18 Victoria Day Holiday—No School Today

May 20 Principal Retreat to May 22nd inclusive

May 25 EQAO Window begins, to June 5th for grades 3 and 6

May 28 CSAC Mtg, 7 p.m.—set the fundraising timeline for next year
PAST Program ends today

May 11 Principal meeting

June 9 Safe Schools Fire Drill

June 11 Principal meeting

June 14 St. Leo Parish—Feast of Corpus Christi—Procession of the Grade 2s

June 16 Safe Schools Lockdown Practice 1:45 pm

June 17 Senior Kindergarten Graduation—begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Gym

June 18 Grade 8 Talent Show at 1 pm in the Gym

June 19 Grade 8 Graduation—12 noon Luncheon at The Canadiana
-- 7 p.m. Graduation Mass and Ceremony at St Leo Church

June 22 Play Day

June 23 Reports for term 3 go home today—10am Year End Mass at St Leo with St Leo School

June 24 Year End Assembly – We Are Family DVD Presentation

June 25 Last Day of Classes

June 26 System Wide PD Day—No school for children

St. Louis Fundraiser Timeline for 2008 – 2009

We have planned for 6 Fundraising Projects this year, approved by the CSAC in Spring, 2008

1. **Fall Fundraiser—Acorn Cards—CSAC Guided**
2. **Advent: Local Community Service Outreach Project—Staff Guided
Celebrating Megan’s Journey—“Lift” the Spirit!**
3. **Christmas—A Silent Auction at the Christmas Pageant—CSAC Guided**
4. **Lent: Global Community Service Outreach Project—Staff Guided**
5. **Spring Fundraiser: Valentine’s Day Dance-a-thon—CSAC Guided**
6. **Spring Fundraiser: Purple Day at St. Louis to support Meaghan’s Walk—Staff Guided**

Thank you for your generous support of St. Louis Catholic School !