



St. Louis Catholic School

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224

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:
Ms Ann Perron

Parent Newsletter

Principal's Message

*I have risen: I am with
you once more, forever.
--Luke 24:34*

Each one of us, through the sacrament of Baptism, is called to be light in this world, especially in the Easter season. The students of St. Louis Catholic School will celebrate together on Holy Thursday—the day we celebrate The Last Supper—a paraliturgy that celebrates that fact—the light of children among us; the light of Jesus through his passion, death and resurrection. Students in grades 7 and 8, with our pastor Father Frank, and under the guidance and direction of Mrs. DiCarlo, Mrs. Smith and Miss Pacheco, will re-enact the Easter story, in a dramatic, prayerful, celebration. The school community will gather in the gymnasium to witness the message of Jesus' promise to each one of us—that through the gift of His resurrection, we are anointed with the gift of new life forever. It is our hope that in partnership—home, school and parish—we will, as a family, grow in love as we embrace the hope of the resurrection.

I wish each one of you—each of your family members-- a very blessed Easter season!

O, HAPPY DAY!—CELEBRATING OUR LENTEN PROJECT IN AFRICA!

Thank you to each boy and girl who participated actively in our global outreach project to support the HIV orphans in Mzuzu, Malawi, Africa at the Bental Nursery! Day by day, children at St. Louis reflected on the many privileges we enjoy by living in Toronto—examining the St. Louis Lifestyle Awareness Calendar..... We look forward to collecting the coins gathering in the jars in kitchens in our homes right after Easter when we return to school. Sister Clara, the Principal at Bental Nursery in Africa, sends her very best wishes and deepest thanks to the boys and girls and families who have contributed to making the nursery a better place for these needy children. We can be very proud of our contribution to making the world a better place!

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**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

School News...

Reasons to Celebrate!

Read along for more information!

St. Louis Gifted Program Wins Top Honours!

Three teams from Mr. Finucan's gifted program won top honours last Saturday as the students competed in the board-wide competition at St. Basil the Great High School, to determine which students from across the TCDSB will travel to Tennessee in May. The grade 6 team excelled, and won the honour to travel by bus with students across the school board, to Knoxville to compete in the global competition with students from around the world. Destination Imagination is designed as a celebration of lateral thinking and creative thought—a true opportunity for our students to bring the best of themselves to the world, with like-minded peers. We are very proud of our students—Emma Czernuszka, Vanessa Figliola and Jasmine Cabanilla-- and of our regional Gifted program facilitator, Mr. Finucan. Travel safely!

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

April 20th—Cross Country—Mrs. Di Carlo, Ms. Zimmer, and Ms. Morris—divisionals at Centennial P
April 28th —Regional Cross Country (coaches above)
At Centennial Park
May 28th —Track and Field (Divisional)—Mrs. DiCarlo, Mrs. Smith, Mlle. Mondano, Ms Pacheco, Miss Burke—at Varsity Stadium
June 3rd —Track and Field (Regional)—coaches above
At Varsity Stadium
June 11th —Girls Softball—Miss Burke—location tba
Raindate—the 15th
June 12th —Boys Softball-- tba

School Policies: A Review and Update School Safety—A St. Louis Priority!

It is wise to periodically review and update school policies. This month the reminder to all parents and students is regarding entry and exit practices at St. Louis. Students are well acquainted at this point with the statement: students exit the school from the doors they enter the school—the doors at the back.

All students are expected to enter and exit the school through doors at the back. At the end of the school day, students exit to the yard. Parents are, as always, welcome to meet their children on the back yard. If parents wish, students may go around the building to be picked up by a parent. Again, and as always, these rules are in place to ensure the safety and security of each child in our community. Your co-operation and support of this policy is appreciated as always.

TCDSB Exemplary Practice Award Goes to St. Louis School PAST Program Staff!

It is my honour to announce to the parent community that the St. Louis special program for children with Asperger Programme—

The PAST Program—will be presented with the honour of an Exemplary Practice Award, presented by the TCDSB Director of Education, Ms Ann Perron. The Program to Assist with Social Thinking—The PAST Program—is taught by Mrs. Anne Wiley, supported by our Youth Worker, Mrs. Melissa Ferreira Da Silva, and is viewed by experts in the field of Autism as a highly innovative program. Our school team will be present on the evening of the award ceremony, and will receive the award as well. We are extremely proud of this honour, and look forward to the celebration in the board room at The Catholic Education Centre, 6 pm on April 28th. Congratulations, St. Louis team!

St. Louis Catholic School 2008 – 2009

****For Parents****

April 7, 2009

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR:

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

Happy Easter, Everyone!

- April 9 **Holy Thursday Paraliturgy**—1:00 p.m. ---Paraliturgy with Father Frank in the gym
- April 10 **Good Friday**
- April 13 **Easter Monday**
- April 14 **Artist in the School for Grade 8s a.m./ Gr. 3 p.m.**—Nazreth Mebrahtu
- April 17 **Intermediate W5H Regional Competition**
Gifted Annual Reviews have been rescheduled to June 5th -- morning
- April 20 **Cross Country** at Centennial Park-- Divisional
- April 22 **Professional Secretary Day**
A Grade 2 Celebration Retreat in the Library—An Atrium Celebration for First Eucharist
- April 23rd **French Café**—Celebrating the Feast of St Louis—all parents are welcome!
CSAC Meeting at 7 p.m.—Heart and Stroke presentation
- April 27 **Intermediate W5H Finals**
- April 28th **EXEMPLARY PRACTICE AWARD**—goes to the **ST LOUIS PAST** program and school team
* presentation at 6 p.m. at **The Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Ave. E.**
- April 29 **First Reconciliation**—7 pm at St Leo Parish
Purple Day at St Louis for Meagan's Walk—change of date
- April 30th **Visit to The Royal Ontario Museum: Consellations**—with Ms Burke, Mrs Zimmer and Mrs Cousineau
- May 1 **Grade 8 Retreat for Confirmation** at Bishop Allen with Father Frank
- May 4 **Catholic Education Week** begins; Dental Screening this week
- May 8th **Destination Imagination—St. Louis Gifted Program travels to Knoxville, Tennessee this week!**
- May 9 **First Holy Communion**—individual photos at 3:30; group shot at 4:30; 5 pm Mass
- May 13 **Welcome to Kindergarten Evening**—6:30-8:00 p.m.
- May 15 **Confirmation with Bishop Boissonneau**—7:30 p.m. (not 7 pm as originally planned)
- May 18 **Victoria Day Holiday**
- May 25 **EQAO Window begins, to June 5th --- Track and Field Week begins**
St. Louis Gifted Program travels to Queen's University this week
- May 26 **Mimico Tulip Festival**—St. Louis enters 3 painted Tulips
- May 28 **CSAC Mtg, 7 p.m.**—set the fundraising timeline for next year
PAST Program ends today; Track and Field (divisional) at Varsity Stadium – south schools
- May 29 **Recognition Awards Assembly**—1:00 p.m. – Parents are welcome to attend
- June 2 **Track and Field Regionals** at Varsity Stadium—south schools
- June 5 **EQAO Window closes today**
- June 9 **Track and Field City Finals at Varsity Stadium**
- June 11 **Girls Softball**—Location TBA
- June 17 **Senior Kindergarten Graduation**—9:30 a.m. start in the St. Louis gym
- June 18 **Grade 8 Talent Show** at 1 pm in the gym
- June 19 **Grade 8 Graduation—12 noon Luncheon at The Canadiana Banquet Hall**
-- 7 p.m. Graduation Mass and Ceremony at St Leo Church
- June 22 **Play Day**
- June 23 **Reports for Term 3** go home today
- June 24 **Year End Assembly – We Are Family**—1:00 p.m. in the Gym—all are welcome
- June 25 **Last Day of Classes**
- June 26 **PD Day—No school for children—Summer Holidays Begin!**





CSAC Newsletter –April 2009

It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.
HARRY S TRUMAN

CSAC hosted a **FREE Health Seminar** on Wednesday, February 4th. This seminar which was entitled “**Let’s Stop Poisoning Ourselves.**” was led by Mr. Ward Sullivan. He spoke of items in our environment that could be harmful to our families and he told us that there are alternatives on the market that could replace these harmful items.

Please mark your calendars for a presentation called “**Holistic Nutrition Made Easy**”. This **FREE event** is made possible by funding with support from the Ministry of Education PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant 2009. Vikki King is the presenter. The event has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Louis Library.

We would like to tell you about an exciting program at St. Louis, called **PAST**. The acronym PAST stands for Program to Assist Social Thinking, a ground-breaking program tailored to students with Aspergers Syndrome that is offered by the TCDSB and which is offered only at St. Louis, for now. It started as a pilot first at St. Ambrose, then became a permanent program and was moved to St. Louis. Students in the West area who fit the criteria are bused in once a week for this program. The teacher and CYW from the program actually go to the student's schools and assist staff in those schools in dealing effectively with the PAST students. This is a quote from a parent whose child has been attending PAST at St. Louis: “Most parents I know with Aspergers kids would do almost anything to get their child into this type of program - no other board I know offers it. It is very well run and makes a huge difference for the students in it.” The PAST program has recently been nominated for an award for exemplary practice with the TCDSB, including all members of the St. Louis school team and our superintendent. The awards will be given out on April 28th at the Catholic Education Centre.

CSAC would like to thank **Mrs. Sara McDonald**, a parent whose children no longer attend St. Louis. Mrs. McDonald knows we are collecting Campbell’s labels and has twice put us in touch with individuals who have kindly donated labels toward our cause. These labels are used to buy books for the school library.

CSAC would like to congratulate **Mr. Finucan** as three of the groups from the **St. Louis Gifted program** who were entered in the recent Destination Imagination event held at St. Basil The Great Catholic School, placed in the top three for their age/category. One of these groups is moving on to the Global finals in Tennessee, in May.

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

The **next CSAC meeting** will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2009 in the St. Louis Catholic School Library. All are welcome.

A Celebration of Catholic Education
with
Archbishop Thomas Collins

On April 15th, Archbishop Collins will celebrate Catholic Education with representatives from school teams from across the Toronto Catholic District School Board. Representing St. Louis Catholic School at The Catholic Education Centre will be the Chair of the St. Louis Catholic School Advisory Council, Mrs. Valerie Devine. From the teaching staff, Miss Tessa Burke will represent the St. Louis teaching community. Our student representative will be Emma Czernuszka, a student in Miss Burke's class, Mrs. Devine's daughter. And of course, Ms Morris will represent the entire community. We look forward to hearing from Archbishop Collins regarding the future of Catholic education in our province and the need to live the gospel values in our daily life.

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS!

Victor Bazydlo, Reena Cabanilla, Emma Czernuszka, Kristine DelRosario, Adam Devine-Turriff and Kira LeBlanc,
Daniel LoFaso,
Katie Zutautas

**THE ST. LOUIS INTERMEDIATE W5H TEAM
WINS THE AREA COMPETITION**

With pleasure and pride we announce that the members of the St. Louis Intermediate W5H Team have won the area competition, held this week, April 6th, at St. Louis School. Teams from St. Mark, St. Ambrose, Christ the King and St. Louis competed in challenging sets of questions focusing on all areas of learning: mathematics, the arts, science, common knowledge, history and so much more! The judges were members of the St. Louis extended family: Miss Cozzarini, our former, celebrated staff member; and Ms Bondi, Mrs. Cousineau's sister, and a former teacher from Michael Power St. Joseph High School, And just to keep it all in the family spirit, we had the gracious assistance of Mrs. Bondi as well—Mrs. Cousineau's mother! Principals from the competing schools joined in as well, with the coaches and many parents. Great thanks go to the St. Louis coaches: Mr. Finucan, Mrs. Zimmer, Ms Schneider and Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Cousineau – the generous host of the tournament. The students will move forward to the quarter finals to be held at Our Lady of Victory School, on Tuesday, April 14 at 9:00 a.m. We wish our students and their coaches, all the best!

TCDSB School Year calendar 2009-2010

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	6
Labour Day	September 7, 2009
First Instructional Day	September 8, 2009
Thanksgiving Day	October 12, 2009
Christmas Break	December 21, 2009 to January 1, 2010
Family Day	February 15, 2010
Mid-Winter Break	March 15-19, 2010
Good Friday	April 2, 2010
Easter Monday	April 5, 2010
Victoria Day	May 24, 2010
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 29, 2010