



St. Louis Catholic School

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Current Enrolment:
260

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

John came to bear witness to the light.

-John 1

Since the last newsletter, there have been many ways in which the community of St. Louis Catholic School has been a beacon of light and hope to our world.

As St. John says in the Gospel passage, he came to bear witness to the light, and in saying this, he challenges each of us to do the same. Rabbi Harold Kushner writes, "When your life is filled with the desire to see the holiness in every day life, something magical happens: ordinary life becomes extraordinary, and the very process of life begins to nourish your soul!" Read on to discover the rich experiences that have unfolded at St. Louis since last printing, as we look forward to the last, hectic and busy, few weeks of this school year!

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The Next CSAC Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 29th

7:00 p.m.

St. Louis Catholic School Library

All are welcome.

Agenda topics:

- Fundraising Timelines for 2007-2008
 - Plans for *Caravan Night*, May 31st at Holy Angels
 - Plans for the Celebration of Our 60th Anniversary—Oct. 20th
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Celebrating the Month of Mary at St. Louis Catholic School

Traditionally within the Catholic Church, May is the month dedicated to celebrating Mary, the mother of Jesus. At St. Louis, guided by the support of Ms. Ryan, Mrs. Zawadzki and Mrs. Marentic, we will be celebrating "The Living Rosary" in our school gym on June 8th at 1:00 p.m. Students will present themselves as living "rosary beads" and will pray the rosary prayers in a symbolic, prayerful fashion that day, while members of the school community witness and pray together. Parents are most welcome to join in.

Also, throughout this month, Ms. Ryan has gathered children and staff in the library for 5 consecutive Wednesdays to pray the rosary together. Those who have participated have developed a deeper appreciation for this prayer of ritual and dedication to our Holy Mother!

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Summer Dress Code is now in effect at St. Louis!

- * respectable dress for all—e.g. no backless halter tops
- * skirts and shorts need to be respectful length
- * T-shirts follow the "three finger rule" for straps
- * no "spaghetti straps" for girls or "muscle shirts" for boys
- * remember sunscreen, hats and sunglasses for UV protection

Sacramental News at St. Louis

With the support of their teachers and parents as well as with the prayerful witness of Father Joe Fenech of St. Leo Parish, the boys and girls in grade 2 and grade 8 celebrated the sacraments of First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation respectively. Our prayers and support go out to these children as they move forward in their spiritual journey.

Educational Assessment at St. Louis

May is also the month of testing at St. Louis. Students in grades 2, 5 and 7 have completed the CAT-3 testing; and students in grades 3 and 6 have completed EQAO testing. Results of these assessments will be available to parents in the early Fall.

Purple Day at St. Louis

Thanks to the leadership of Christopher and his mother Mrs. Piscione, St. Louis students and staff wore the colour purple on May 9th, in honour of Meaghan's Walk. Purple was Meaghan's favourite colour. Through raffles, draws and a bake sale, Christopher raised over \$300 in support of brain research at the Hospital for Sick Children. Well done, Chris!

Cross Country and Track and Field News

Congratulations to our cross country athletes—Melissa (4th), Ivan (11th), Thomas (15th) and Taylor (18th) who did so well at the City Finals. Stay tuned for news updates regarding Track and Field in the June newsletter.

Thanks to our dedicated coaches!

Welcome to Kindergarten Night—May 23rd

Thanks to the many parents who have contacted the school to say thank you for what was an extraordinary evening of welcome to the children in our incoming and current kindergarten classes and their parents. Special Guests included Dolores Cascone from the TCDSB, Edie Cade from the Public Health Department, Neil Marlow-Branch Manager of the Mimico Library, and Panthene Campbell from the Early Years Centre. Children enjoyed the evening, moving from activity station to activity station—meeting the teachers with their parents. Special thanks to the planning team: Mrs. Sestito, Mrs. Marentic, Mrs. Cousineau as well as Mrs. Senatore, our school secretary, and all of the teachers in the primary division: Mlle. Mondano, Mrs. Hirstwood, Mrs. Nocera and Miss Micucci. As Mrs. Cascone from the school board commented: The evening was A+!

The Mural of Love, Hope and Remembrance

This month we are delighted to report that the wall mural, commissioned by Mrs. Ida Foisy in honour of her late husband Leonard, has been installed in the St. Louis gymnasium. John Leonard and Karen Morgan, the two mainstay artists behind the project with our students, will be in the school in the near future to view the finished product. The process of creating this beautiful work of art was magic itself. The wall will be dedicated on October 20th, 2007 when St. Louis celebrates its 60th anniversary. Thanks to Mr. Leo, Mr. Deighan and all of the men from the facilities department at the TCDSB who took great care with the installation.

Creating Film at St. Louis with The Director's Cut

Mrs. Johnson reports that CBC Television will be presenting some of the animated films that were recently created by students at St. Louis through an enrichment activity sponsored by our CSAC: Director's Cut Film. Students in Mrs. Johnson and Miss Sardina's class spent days preparing sets so that the film crew could come in to assist students in creating action, sound, graphics and titles for scripts the students had written.

The films are outstanding!

Go to www.thedirectorscut.ca to view:

Skateboard Dog by Josh O., Jean-Claude, Dorian
House of Mystery by Stephanie, Vanessa, Tyler
Space Boy Productions by Khadijah, Clinton, Alex
Ice Cream by Andrew, Diego and Natalie
Love by the Bench by Nicholas P., Emma, Jocelyn, Josh

The St. Louis Welcome Garden

Many thanks to Mr. Leo and Mrs. Kalsi and other parents who contribute through hours of hard work and landscaping talent to the beauty of our front garden. Everyone who steps foot in our school is struck with the care and beauty of our garden. Thanks as well to Mr. and Mrs. Campese who once again recently donated numerous plants and flowers to enhance the work already done by our dedicated volunteers!

Scientist in the School visits

Mrs. McIntyre's Grade 4 Class!

On May 22nd the grade 4's experienced a hands-on lesson "Gears and Pulleys" tied to provincial curriculum. Good fun was had by all and learning took place at 5 centres!

TRUSTEES 2006-2007

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

St. Louis Catholic School **2006 - 2007**

May 29 th	CSAC Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Louis Catholic School Library
May 29 th	Mimico Tulip Festival 5 – 7 p.m.—Thanks to Miss Sardina and her students for our lovely Tulips!
May 31 st	CSAC CARAVAN NIGHT – 6 p.m.- at Holy Angels Parish Hall sponsored by the Parent Outreach Grant
May 31 st	Track and Field Divisional Meet at Centennial Park—thanks to CSAC for 2 buses!
June 5 th	St. Louis Band Concert at 2:20 p.m. in the Gym—all are welcome! Volunteer Appreciation Tea —begins at 2:45 p.m. in the Library
June 6 th	Track and Field Regional Meet at Centennial Park
June 6 th , 13 th , 20 th	Pizza Days for June
June 8 th	The Living Rosary —1:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium—all are welcome!
June 11 th – 14 th	Artist in the School —Landscape Painting—Mr. Bell and Mrs. Smith's classes with Rod Prouse, Artist
June 13 th	Track and Field City Finals
June 14 th	Boys Softball
June 15 th	Excursion to Ontario Place: Grades 6, 7 and 8—thanks to CSAC for buses!
June 17 th	Father's Day
June 19 th	Girls Softball
June 21 st	Senior Kindergarten Graduation —9:30 a.m.
June 22 nd	Grade 8 Graduation Noon— Lunch and Dance at <i>The Canadiana</i> 7:00 p.m.— Graduation Mass and Ceremony
June 25 th	Year End Assembly —9:30 a.m.—We Are Family!
June 26 th	Play Day—Third Term Reports Go Home Today
June 27 th	Last Day of School —Year End Mass with St. Leo School at St. Leo Church
June 28 th	Professional Development Day —No School for Students
June 29 th	Board designated Holiday