



St. Louis Catholic School

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Current Enrolment:
225

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

"Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." ([Matthew 22:36-40](#))

The Virtue for the Month of February is Love

Across the Toronto Catholic District School Board this month, at the urging of Archbishop Collins, we celebrate the virtue of Love in each of our schools. Each day, the boys and girls of St. Louis will be invited to be mindful of the gospel message from St. Matthew's Gospel: to love your neighbour as yourself. This month coincides with the beginning of the Lenten season as well with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on February 25th. As a school community this month we will gather often to celebrate our heritage as children of Jesus, as we dedicate ourselves to love and service of those in need.

Read on-- for updates on the many activities at St. Louis!

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Sacramental Preparation at St. Louis

The children in grade two are busily preparing with Father Frank, Mrs. Hirstwood and Ms Morris for the sacraments of Reconciliation (April 29th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Leo Church) and First Holy Communion (May 9th at 5:00 p.m. at St. Leo Church). Father Carpinelli will be sending a letter to parents that will outline the parish preparation that will take place after Masses at St. Leo for children in grade two.

Our grade eights, with Mrs. DiCarlo, Mrs. Smith and Ms Morris, will be traveling to Bishop Allen Academy on May 1st, to participate in a Confirmation retreat facilitated by Father Frank Carpinelli. We will pray for the grade 8s as they take this significant step forward in their faith life, as they commit themselves to God as young adults. We will celebrate with the grade 8s on May 15th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Leo Church as they are blessed in the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Boissonneau.

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Parents are asked to review carefully the special page in this month's newsletter dedicated to the sacramental preparation of the children at St. Louis. We are most grateful to our pastor, Father Frank Carpinelli, for his dedicated commitment to our children and school.

Thank You to all Families for the Generous Support of The Daily Bread Food Bank

Our grade 8 student leaders report that they collected a grand total of

5,317 pounds of food

to support families in need in the Etobicoke area. Each time the grade 8 students collect and pack the food that is collected, they help load the van that transports the goods to the DBFB warehouse. There the goods are weighed in and sorted by our grade 8s with their teachers. Congratulations, grade 8s, once again, for your tremendous spirit of leadership and community service. We are very proud of you.

Safe Arrival Policy

Please contact the school at 416-393-5331 if your child will be late or absent from school. Your assistance and thoughtfulness in this regard can save Mrs. Senatore significant time each day by reducing the number of telephone calls which must be made to check on attendance. It is both school and school board policy to ensure the safe arrival of students by checking on any student who may be absent.

Bus Safety at St. Louis

A very big thank you to the staff at St. Louis who diligently ensure the safety of children coming to and from school each day—whether by large school bus, mini bus, or special taxi. Parents can rest assured that the safety of their children is the number one priority of all staff here at the school. Safety protocols are tightly respected and safe arrival and safe dismissal is ensured. Parents are asked to meet children at the back of the school at the end of the day if walking. If driving, parents are asked to meet children at a routinely defined spot, either at the back or the front of the building. All children, however, exit to the school yard—at the back of the building. Again, this is to ensure safety—day by day.

Security Camera at the Front Door of the School

Our school secretary, Mrs. Senatore, will use a highly sophisticated security camera -- that is linked by video monitor to her computer-- to allow parents and visitors to our school to enter the building. The front door of our school is locked each day immediately following morning announcements, and as with all doors to the school, remains locked throughout the day.

Parents and Visitors, as always are asked to report at all times through the front door to the main office; to sign in; and to wear a visitor tag.

Upon leaving the building, visitors are asked to sign out and leave the tag at the front desk in the main office.

As always, children from grades 1 to 8 report to their lines in the back yard, and enter and exit through the same back doors.

Kindergarten children gather in the front yard, and enter the classroom from the front yard door at all times.

We are grateful to the school board for the video security enhancement on behalf of our children and families.

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Lunch Lady News!

It is never too late to order from the Lunch Lady. No more worrying about missing the menu deadline. The Lunch Lady on-line ordering system is safe and secure and convenient for busy parents. You can order anytime with just 2 school days' notice and pay on-line by Mastercard or Visa.

Visit: www.thelunchlady.ca and see what it is all about or contact Taunya at 647-436-9134.

Thanks for supporting our healthy lunch program.

Together we can make a difference—
One lunch at a time!

Celebrating Megan's Journey: Lift the Spirit Campaign

A heartfelt thankyou is extended to every member of the St. Louis School community, for the way in which the invitation was accepted and celebrated to support little Megan in her campaign to support the purchase of a wheelchair lift for the family van.

We are thrilled to announce that we were able to raise a grand total of:

\$3095 dollars

Each penny that was raised has been counted and a cheque has been issued to Megan's family to help them purchase a much needed wheelchair ramp and total van retrofit. Included in this newsletter is a tender letter from Megan's family, thanking each person involved in the project. A special mention goes to the staff of St Louis who individually and in teams provided opportunities in the Advent season for children to take part in exciting lunch hour activities! The spirit of enthusiasm and play was tangible in our school for the two weeks prior to Christmas when the creative, fun activities took place! The spirit that infused the project is a testimony to the action of the Holy Spirit among us; as well as to the dedication and generosity of parents, students and staff alike. Please read the letter from Megan and her family very carefully! You will experience in reading it, what I mean.

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Kindergarten Registration for September 2009 Begins at St. Louis!

Once again, this year, we warmly welcome all children in the neighbourhood to come with their parents to register for the new school year, 2009 – 2010!

Kindergarten Open House is this month –February 12th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

- come and have refreshments with neighbours and friends
- meet Mrs. Sestito, Mrs. Senatore, Ms Morris and visit the classrooms
- pick up curriculum resources and ideas to get your child ready!

Mark Your Calendar for Welcome to Kindergarten Night—May 13th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

- enjoy an interactive evening event with staff from St. Louis
- meet children who will register at St. Louis for September
- experience lessons as taught daily in kindergarten
- experience activity based centres in the gym
- meet community liasons: the public health nurse, the local librarian and more!

*Valentine's Day
Kiss-a-Grams
Are On Sale Now at St. Louis*

****25 cents each****

*Thanks to Danna, Taylor, Natalia and Amanda
Our Grade 8 Student Leaders for Co-ordinating this effort.
Proceeds go to The Daily Bread Food Bank
and
Graduation 2009!*

A Winter Dance

It is night and high in the dark sky, large clouds are filling up with snow.
The snowflakes are moving around in the clouds.
Soon they start to fall.
The wind blows them this way and that way—
Twirling and whirling, they scatter in all directions.
All of a sudden, the wind stops
And the snowflakes, tired from their play,
Slowly, slowly
Drift to the ground, landing everywhere.
Thick and deep, they cover the ground and the bushes,
The fences and rooftops.
The world is a quiet, magic wonderland
As the moonlight makes the little flakes sparkle in the dark.

-- Anonymous, with thanks to Mrs. Sestito and her children

Add the list of dates for parents
Article from Etobicoke Guardian
CSAC Newsletter
Father John Redmond Flyer
Educational Websites
Sacramental Preparation