



**St. Louis
Catholic School**
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Current Enrolment:
278

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

May- June, 2006

Parent Newsletter

Principal's Message

All things are possible with God. – Gospel of St. Matthew



With joy, commitment and enthusiasm, the St. Louis Catholic School community works together as we approach the month of June, the last month of the school year. When I speak of our community, I refer to our dedicated staff, our committed parents, our talented students, our senior staff and our trustee. We know that "together we are better!" The month of May brought with it challenges and many reasons to celebrate. I am personally honoured to lead, as Principal, the St. Louis Catholic school community. Read along for news fo the past month, and of activities planned for the month of June.

St. Louis CSAC Parent Council
invites you
to a

FREE Spaghetti Dinner
June 27th
6:00 p.m.
at

St. Louis Catholic School

**All families are invited to join in the festivities!
See details inside the newsletter...
Come and Celebrate our
Community!**

Attention All Volunteers at St. Louis:

You are most cordially invited to a
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION TEA
in the Library at St. Louis on Wednesday, June 7th at 2:45 p.m.
All Volunteers who have contributed to our school community in any way
this year are invited to come and celebrate with the staff at St. Louis.
Come, and let us say a big thank you!

**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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TRUSTEES 2005 – 2006

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

NEWS AND UPDATES ...

Curriculum Initiatives at St. Louis Catholic School since April 2006:

Mathematics:

- Ongoing inservice is taking place for teachers across all divisions: primary, junior and intermediate regarding the Nelson Mathematics program for grades kindergarten to grade 8
- Our Parent Forum on May 24th for Nelson Mathematics was a great success; 25 families from St. Louis and St. Leo came to our library to attend an experiential workshop lead by Loredana Sposato, TCDSB Mathematics Resource teacher; feedback was very positive!

Literacy Initiatives in the Primary and Junior Divisions:

- Teachers are having ongoing divisional meetings with Ministry Funded supply teachers have taken place both in and out of school.
- Topics discussed by teachers include: Grade 2 Differentiated Learning; Grade 5 Share Reading
- Our target is to improve literacy scores through EQAO by the end of 2007 by focussing on what is called identified “high yield” strategies for decoding and comprehension.

Success For All in the Intermediate Division:

- Mrs. Di Carlo and Ms. Morris have attended a number of Ministry sponsored workshops with elementary and secondary teams from across our region to identify supports and practices to help “At Risk” students who do not fit the normal educational pathways.
- We are enhancing the current supports at St. Louis by identifying and implementing what we know to be best practices to help students achieve ultimate success.
- Our grade 7 and 8 teachers will shadow grade 9 teachers at BA in the coming school year; our grade 9 teachers from BA will shadow our grade 7 and 8 teachers.

Resource Services Expansion for the Intermediate Division:

- Mrs. Johnson now has the support of Ms. Sardina to develop support services for children with special needs in the intermediate division
- We now have an Intermediate Resource Room that parallels the services at secondary school
- An information afternoon will be held at St. Louis in June with the staff from BA and students from BA who use resource support services; current BA students will share their stories of success, as will graduates from BA with learning disabilities who have moved on successfully to colleges and universities.
- A similar evening will be planned for the Fall for parents and their children in the intermediate division.
- TESTING at St. Louis: CAT-3 is now complete for gr. 2/5/and 7. EQAO for gr.3 and 6 will finish on June 9th for 2006.

Congratulations to Kira LeBlanc, who has received the
Father Cushieri Award for Christian Leadership.
Kira, who was nominated by Mrs. McIntyre, received this
esteemed award at the Toronto Catholic District School Board
on May 29, 2006.

Enrichment Activities at St. Louis Catholic School

- The Acorn Art Cards were delivered May 2nd to the children and their families; the project was a stellar success; much thanks again to Mrs. Belair and Mr. Robins for their efforts.
- Fort York History Fair was held May 4th; our students did very well!
- Destination Imagination: Mr. Finucan is in Tennessee with 3 teams from St. Louis Gifted Centre
- Queen's University SEED program is the next destination of students in the Gifted Program with Mr. Finucan.
- Harlem Slam motivational team came in on May 8th to visit grades 4 – 8 thanks to the CSAC.
- "It's A Girl's World" special presentation series was offered this month to our grade 4s in a series of 4 workshops by our school social worker and guidance counselor.
- Father Garcia, from the Missions, will present to our students on Monday at 9:30 a.m.
- Finally, our Dance-a-thon was a huge success: Thank you to the dedicated and hard working parents involved and to the grade 8's who decorated the gym for us!

Liturgies and The Holy Sacraments at St. Louis

- First Holy Communion was celebrated on May 6th at 5 p.m. at St. Leo's Church.
- Confirmation for Grade 8s was celebrated at 7 p.m. on May 5th at St. Leo's Church.
- Confirmation Retreat took place on April 28th at Bishop Allen, facilitated by Ursula Cybylko, Chaplain at Father Gates Secondary School and OISE.
- Many thanks to the teachers—Mrs. Gula, Mrs. DiCarlo, Ms. Pacheco, Mme Smith, Mrs. Cousineau.
- Thanks to Mrs. Zimmer who, with the children and Mrs. Gula, made the beautiful banner: "We Come To Your Table" for the church.

St. Louis Athletics...

- Thanks to our dedicated teacher coaches and our talented athletes!
- Upcoming sports events:
 - May 30th Track and Field at Centennial Park: Coaches—Mrs. DiCarlo and Mme. Smith
 - June 5th Track and Field Regionals at Centennial Park
 - June 8th Girls Softball: Coaches—Mrs. McIntyre and Mr. Bell
 - June 9th Boys Softball: Coaches—Mr. Bell and Mrs. Zimmer
 - June 13th Track and Field Cities—Mrs. DiCarlo and Mrs. Radi
- Play Day will be held on June 26th at St. Louis

Public Health News

- There is a current outbreak of chicken pox at St. Louis; 11 cases have been reported
- Letters have gone home to families

Graduation Exercises at St. Louis

Mark your calendars now for these important celebrations at St. Louis Catholic School:

- June 22nd, 9:30 a.m.—Senior Kindergarten Graduation with Mrs. Hamelin
- June 23rd, 12 noon—Graduation Luncheon and Dance for the Gr. 8s at The Canadiana

- June 23rd, 7:00 p.m.—Graduation Ceremony for Gr. 8s in the Gymnasium

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Important Dates to Note:

May 30th—Divisional Track and Field meet at Centennial Park

June 1st- CSAC Parent Council planning meeting for the Spaghetti Dinner on June 27th

June 5th—Regional Track and Field at York University

June 8th—Softball tournament for the girls at The Valley

June 9th—Softball tournament for the boys at The Valley

June 13th—City Track and Field meet at York University

June 14th—Pizza Lunch sponsored by St. Louis CSAC

June 15th—CSAC Parent Council meeting: 7:00 p.m. in the school library

June 18th—Father's Day

June 21st—Year End Mass at St. Leo at 9:45 a.m.—Children say goodbye to Father Sultana!

June 22nd—Senior Kindergarten Graduation begins at 9:30 a.m.

June 23rd—Grade 8 Graduation—Noon: Luncheon and Dance at The Canadiana

-- 7 pm Graduation Ceremony in the Gym

June 25th—Farewell to Father Sultana sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at St. Leo

11:30 a.m. Mass; 12:30 noon reception in the Parish Hall

June 26th—Play Day at St. Louis (Rain Date: June 27th)

June 27th—FREE Family Spaghetti Dinner at 6:00 p.m. at St. Louis: Sponsored by CSAC

June 28th—Report Cards go home

June 29th—Last Day of School

-- End of the Year Assembly: We Are Family DVD presentation begins at 9:30 a.m.

June 30th—First Day of Summer Vacation!