



## St. Louis Catholic School

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Current Enrolment:  
253

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. Kevin Kobus

# Parent Newsletter

## Principal's Message

**"And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. Mary gave birth to her child, a son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in the manger, because there was no room for him at the village inn." -- Gospel of Luke 2:6**

How tender and heart wrenching is this story of the simple birth of Jesus? We can only imagine the fear that surrounded Mary and Joseph that cold night in Bethlehem. Where would Mary and Joseph find their next night's lodging? Where would they find food? It was the angel of the Lord that appeared to the shepherds that announced "Do not be afraid. I bring good news of great joy for everyone! Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth!"

This is the simple, yet deeply profound, message of Christmas. Peace is here for us to replace fear, if we choose it. Joy is ever available. And Love is the way of our path. Jesus' birth reminds us that these simple charisms guide our life, as we co-create Christian community here at St. Louis.

On behalf of the entire St. Louis school staff, I wish you and your children—our shared extended family—a truly blessed Christmas. May you experience peace, joy and good health at this special time and throughout the new year of 2008!

Please read on for news from St. Louis school.

## Christmas Poinsettias Adorn Our Festive Front Foyer

Somehow once again this year, beautiful poinsettias magically appeared on parent- teacher interview night! Everyone who enters our school comments on how beautiful our front hall is decorated, in honour of the Advent and Christmas season. Once again, a very special mention of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Campese for donating such beautiful flowers to our school. Your very generous gift is most sincerely appreciated!

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

## **The St. Louis Christmas Concert**

*begins in the school gym at 7:00 p.m. on December 13<sup>th</sup>! We hope to see you.*

## Building Faith and Character— St. Louis Celebrates Catholic Education at the Metro Convention Centre

A special thank you to Miss Pacheco, Ms Margaret Kalsi and Natasha Kalsi who represented St. Louis at a gala luncheon at the Metro Convention Centre on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Archbishop Collins greeted teams from over 300 schools across the city, with Avis Glaze, the Deputy Minister of Education.

## The Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC)

Regular parent council meetings are held throughout the school year. Our next CSAC meeting will take place on January 17<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Brick by Brick for Kenya—St. Louis Students Guide Our Global Outreach Project—Dominique, Michael, Klaus, Katie, Kira and Kyle

-- read more news enclosed!!!

## **School News**

### **Entrance and Exit Times**

On the front page of this newsletter you will find daily instructional times for St. Louis Catholic School. Parents are requested to help the school in developing good *punctuality and preparation skills* in the students by ensuring that the students arrive at school on time and that they are prepared for the school day, homework completed.

At assembly times, all students from Grades 1 to 8 are expected to line up in their designated areas in the school yard. Upon entry into the building, students are expected to proceed to their classes in a quiet, orderly manner.

Kindergarten students assemble in their own play area on the west side (Morgan Ave.) of the building.

Note: All students are expected to enter and exit the building through their designated doors. Students should not use the front doors of the school for assembly purposes.

After morning assembly times, the custom of the school is to begin the day with the playing of the national Anthem, a reading of prayers (on Mondays), and announcements for the day.

*Once the students are invited to stand for the anthem, it is expected that there is no movement at all in the school. Parents/visitors who may be arriving during that time will be expected to honour this custom as well as the students.* This rule is to honour the importance of communication within our school community!

### **Supervision of Students**

Yard duty supervision by staff members occurs every day. Supervision is in place in the mornings from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., during all recesses, at lunch hours, and after school from 3:15 to 3:30 p.m. for students who take the bus. Parents are reminded that students should not be dropped off at the school before 8:15 a.m. in the mornings. The school cannot assume responsibility for the safety of the children before that time. Equally, after school each day, students should be picked up by 3:30 p.m. After that time, there is no teacher supervision in the school yard.



## **Safe Arrival Policy/Verification**

Parents are asked to contact the school (416-393-5331) if your child will be absent from school. Your assistance and thoughtfulness in this regard can save 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.

### **Visitor Tags**

At St. Louis, we welcome visitors to our school. As you enter the school, you will notice signs that ask all visitors to report to the main office before proceeding anywhere in the school.

**All visitors**, including parents, are asked to sign in our visitor book in the main office, and to wear a tag for the duration of the appointment. This request is to ensure the safety of our children. Co-operation and respect for this policy is greatly appreciated.

### **Parents in the School Yard**

During the times indicated above when teachers are on supervision duty in the school yard, parents are asked to refrain from being in the school yard. Teachers will deal with any issues that occur. The intention of this request is not to suggest that parents are not welcome in the school. Rather, this request is to protect all parents and students. Any correction of inappropriate behaviour should come from a teacher, not from a parent. If, of course, a parent observes inappropriate behaviour, please discuss your concern with a teacher on supervision duty, or with me in the office.

### **Emergency Telephone Numbers**

All students are required to have an accurate up-to-date telephone number on the student data card for someone other than the parent. These numbers are extremely important in the event the parent cannot be reached. All data cards will be checked carefully at the end of September and any child without an accurate emergency number will be required to provide one.

### **Mandatory Immunization**

The Public Health unit requires all schools to gather immunization records when registering new students. Children who are not appropriately immunized may be suspended from school by the *Office of the Medical Health Officer*.

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### Wards

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**Please review our standard school practices:**

### **Lunch Hour Procedures**

Parents are asked to support school policy regarding lunch procedures. There are basically two options for lunch.

#### **a) Staying for Lunch**

All students who indicate that they will be staying for lunch are expected to be in their classroom every day for lunch. Any student who stays for lunch must follow the basic expectations in the classroom. Any student who cannot follow those expectations will forfeit the privilege of staying for lunch. **Note:** Students who stay for lunch do not have permission to leave school grounds to purchase lunch and then return to the school to eat.

#### **b) Going Home for Lunch**

Students who go home for lunch are expected to do so all year. Students who go home for lunch should not return to school before 12:05 because there is no yard supervision until that time.

Parents are asked to make a decision regarding lunch (staying or going home) and to adhere to that decision for the year. It is virtually impossible to monitor students who stay occasionally and go home occasionally. Parents are encouraged to select one of the two options. If there are extenuating circumstances, it is the responsibility of the parent to speak to me directly. Your co-operation in this regard is appreciated greatly.

#### **c) Grade 7 and 8 Privileges**

Students in grade 7 and 8 continue to have the privilege of leaving school property at lunch hour, with written permission from a parent. For safety reasons, students must sign out in the sign-out book in the main office and leave the note in the envelope in the main office. Any student who leaves school property with out permission will be asked to meet with parents with the principal to review the loss of privilege.

### **Students Coming To School When Ill/Staying in at Recess**

As a general guideline, if a child is not well enough to go outside at recess, she/he is not well enough to be at school. Although it may be an inconvenience, a child in this condition should be kept home. Children should not be put in the position of seeking permission to remain indoors during recesses. Such permission will not normally be granted.



**Be the Change-- Brick by Brick for Kenya**  
**Our Global Outreach Advent Project**

As we enter the season of Advent we are reminded that God sent his only Son to show His love for everyone in the world. Making a difference in the lives of our global family is one way in which we can be living examples of God's love. In this spirit, the student leaders in Mrs. Mior's grade 6 class invite us to move from inspiration to action by responding to the call of the youth-driven charity group, Free the Children, to build a school in Africa. At the fundraiser assembly, the students of St. Louis heard from the grade 6 leaders as they shared their vision for global change. Also, Mark Cousineau, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Cousineau, eloquently shared his plans, hopes and dreams on behalf of the Michael Power students who will travel to Kenya in the summer to build a school. If you have not yet purchased a brick, please feel free to do so. Recommended donation for one brick is ten dollars.

**"God you have blessed us with faith, hope and love,  
May our foundation of faith and our attitude of hope  
help us put our love into action every day.  
May the work of our hands always be the work  
of Your Love." – taken from the project newsletter.**

**St. Louis Christmas Choir Ushers in Christmas at Cloverdale Mall!**

Under the direction of their choirmaster Mrs. Johnson, the St. Louis Christmas Choir not only performed at Cloverdale Mall on November 27<sup>th</sup>, but were invited back to the mall by the concert organizers for participation in the creation of a CD which will be released sometime in the new year. The students sang beautifully, and announced to the crowd that Mrs. Johnson is the best concert director in North America! Special thanks to parents as well who attended showing their support for this exciting venture.



**Intramurals Soon to Begin at St. Louis in 2008**

Thanks to the leadership of students being supported and trained by Mrs. DiCarlo, St. Louis will be hosting intramural sports activities during recesses and lunches in the New year. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available! See the January Newsletter for details!

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## **2007- 2008**

### **School Year Calendar— Important Dates to Note!**

December 12	Pizza Day
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Movie Excursion to Cineplex—gr. 6, 7 and 8
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Mass in the St. Louis Gym with Father Carpinelli
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Classes before Christmas—Regular Dismissal time
December 25	Christmas Day— <i>Joyeux Noel!</i>
Dec. 22 – Jan. 4	Christmas Holidays
January 7	School Re-opens—First Day back to school
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	CSAC Parent Council Meeting—7 p.m.
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pizza Days
February 6	Ash Wednesday—Season of Lent begins
February 7	Kindergarten Open House—6 – 8:30 pm
February 13 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup>	Pizza Days
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Day
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Provincial Holiday—Family Day
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	CSAC Meeting in the Library, 7 pm
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Grade 8 Graduation Photos
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Reports for Term 2 Go Home to Parents
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Gym, 9:30 a.m.
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parent-Teacher Interviews 5 – 8 p.m.
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	PD Day—Parent Teacher Interviews 8:45 – 11:00 a.m.
March 10 – 14 <sup>th</sup>	March Break
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Return to School—St. Patrick's Day
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Thursday
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Good Friday – No School
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Holy Saturday
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Sunday
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Monday—No School
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pizza Days
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Photos—Individual and Sibling
April 9 <sup>th</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pizza Days
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sacrament of First Reconciliation for Our Gr. 2s—7 pm at St. Leo Church
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation Retreat for Our Grade 8s—with Father Frank at Bishop Allen
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sacrament of First Holy Communion for Our Gr. 2s—5 pm at St. Leo Church
April 28-May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Catholic Education Week—We Are Called to Serve
May 7 <sup>th</sup> , and 21 <sup>st</sup>	Pizza Days
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria Day Holiday—No School
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Welcome to Kindergarten Night 6:30-8:00 pm
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Track and Field Week
June 4 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pizza Days
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 8 Graduation—12:00 Luncheon at The Canadiana 7:00 Graduation Mass and Ceremony at St. Leo Church
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Play Day at St. Louis Guided by Student Leaders
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Final Report Cards Go Home End of Year Mass at St. Leo at 9:30 a.m.
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Development Day

