



## St. Louis Catholic School

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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

# Parent Newsletter

## Principal's Message

*Arise and Shine,  
For your light has come!—Isaiah 60*



Happy New Year wishes go out to each and every member of the St. Louis Catholic School community! In this new year, readings from Sunday Mass remind us, in the words of Isaiah, that now is the time we are to shine with God's love, so that the light which is love can radiate to all we encounter. It is the great gift of God's love that lives in our hearts. It is this great gift that we are invited to share with one another as we grow in the spirit of true community at our school.

There are many good news items to share with you as this new year's newsletter goes to press. Read along for updates. Get ready to mark those calendars!

### February is Registration Month for Kindergarten at St. Louis!

Spread the word! Spread the good news!

Registrations for the junior and senior kindergarten programs at St. Louis will be welcomed throughout the month of February. Thanks go to members of the CSAC parent council who will assist the staff by distributing flyers throughout the community, flyers that celebrate the wonderful, enriched programs at St. Louis. A special Information Night for Parents new to the Kindergarten program will be held in the St. Louis School Library on: February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (See attached flyer for details!)

### A Parent Information Forum: February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

Topic: Emotional Intelligence and Your Child

Presenter: Daniela Mares, Psychology Department, TCDSB

The Next CSAC Parent Council Meeting will be held on:

February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

### CBC Metro Morning: The Andy Barrie Show celebrates St. Louis!

On January 17th at 8:20 a.m., students at St. Louis school "went to air" in a radio documentary entitled: "411 Initiative for Change". Students in Mrs. McIntyre's grade 4 class were interviewed about at special workshop they experienced on January 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Louis as they produced individual CDs dedicated to the promotion of peace and anti-violence. This "good news" story was facilitated by hip hop artists Tristan, and Patrick McCormack who were artists in our school sponsored by the Canada Council for the Arts, and the federal funding agency Heritage Canada. The message of peace was brought to life with the music of rap and hip hop, and focused specifically on the message from our students. Congratulations, students for bringing music, and a positive message of peace to our school and the wider community of the city of Toronto!  
We are proud of you.

## School News...

Read along for more information!

### Curriculum Initiatives at St. Louis

This month, teachers at St. Louis are engaged in guided conversations related to the improvement of teaching practice in the areas of math, reading and writing literacy. The professional learning community of teachers at St. Louis has been engaged in ongoing inservice at various schools across our system, and as a result, there is a direct impact on the quality of improved instruction in our classrooms for our children.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Block Early Literacy Program

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, St. Louis welcomed visitors from across our school system, to witness the rich curriculum delivery in our 5<sup>th</sup> Block Program, a program that gives children in the early years a boost toward improving skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking.

### Thanks to our CSAC Parent Council!

- \* for hand gel pumps in each classroom
- \* for buses to enrichment activities:  
Young People's Theatre and  
Pioneer Village at Christmas time
- \* for buses to sporting events
- \* for the promise of 2 DVD players
- \* for the promise of more artist in the school enrichment activities

### Sports Events—Good Luck Students!

- Jan. 25—Boys Primary Soccer  
Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. Gula
- Jan. 26—Girls Primary Soccer  
Mrs. Hirstwood and Mrs. Nocera
- Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>—Gr. 7/8/Gifted Ski Trip to Horseshoe Valley
- Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>—Boys Int. Basketball (Divisional)  
Mme. Smith and Mrs. Zimmer
- Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>—Girls Int. Basketball (Divisional)  
Mme. Smith and Mrs. Zimmer
- Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>—Boys Int. Basketball (Regional)  
Mme. Smith and Mrs. Zimmer
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>—Girls Int. Basketball (Regional)
- March 29<sup>th</sup>—Boys Junior Volleyball  
Mrs. Radi
- March 30<sup>th</sup>—Girls Junior Volleyball  
Mrs. Radi
- April 26<sup>th</sup>—Cross Country—Mrs. Di Carlo,  
Mme. Smith, Mr. Bell
- May 2<sup>nd</sup>—Regional Cross Country  
Mrs. DiCarlo, Mme. Smith, Mr. Bell
- May 30—Track and Field (Divisional)  
Mrs. DiCarlo, Mme. Smith, Mrs. Radi
- June 5—Track and Field (Regional)  
Mrs. DiCarlo, Mme. Smith, Mrs. Radi
- June 6—Boys Softball  
Mr. Bell, Mrs. Zimmer
- June 8—Girls Softball  
Mrs. McIntyre and Mme. Smith

Thanks to the many coaches at St. Louis!

## A Special Note of Thanks...

Ms. Morris would like to thank Mrs. McDonald publicly for the generous gift of her time to the parent council through the Fall and Winter season. Mrs. McDonald's presence at the CSAC table monthly meetings will be missed and we look forward to her support "behind the scenes" as this school year continues to unfold!

Also, a sincere note of thanks to the students, parents and parent organizers of the Aunt Sara Chocolate Bar Fundraiser. Considerable funds were raised for the coffers of our CSAC, and we are most grateful for all the efforts that contributed to making this fundraiser such a success. Special thanks to the co-ordinators: Mrs. Kalsi and Mrs. Piscione who spearheaded the campaign!

## Public Health News...

Dental Screening at St. Louis Catholic School will take place on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Details will be sent home under separate cover as we get closer to the date.

## Please Note:

FEbruary 3<sup>rd</sup> is a Professional Activity Day.

There is no school for children on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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*Wards*

1. Joseph Martino	5. Maria Rizzo	9. Catherine LeBlanc-Miller
2. Ann Andrachuk—Honorary Treasurer	6. Christine Nunziata	10. Barbara Poplawski
3. Sal Piccininni	7. John Del Grande	11. Angela Kennedy, Vice-Chair
4. Mary Cicogna	8. Oliver Carroll, Chair	12. Paul John Crawford Ashley Pereira, Student Trustee

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**Important Dates to Note:**

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>—Federal Election Day—Polling Station: St. Louis Catholic School Gym**  
**January 30<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.—Commissioning Ceremony for CSAC Parent Council at the CEC**  
**February 3<sup>rd</sup>—Professional Activity Day—No School for Students**  
**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>—Pizza Day at St. Louis**  
**February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>—Dental Screening for Students**  
**February 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm—Open House for Parents of New Kindergarten Registrations**  
**March 1—Ash Wednesday Paraliturgy in the School Gym, 10:30 a.m.**  
**March 7<sup>th</sup>—Lenten Mass in Gym: 9:30 a.m.**  
**March 9<sup>th</sup>, pm—Parent Teacher Interviews**  
**March 10<sup>th</sup>, am—Parent Teacher Interviews; Professional Activity Day**  
**March 13<sup>th</sup> – March 17<sup>th</sup>—March Break**  
**March 20<sup>th</sup>—School Re-opens after the March Break**  
**April 3<sup>rd</sup>—W5H Preliminaries**  
**April 4<sup>th</sup>—Sacrament of First Reconciliation at St. Leo Church, 9:45 a.m.**  
**April 7<sup>th</sup>—Lenten Food Drive—Grade 8 Confirmation Project**  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>—Holy Week begins**  
**April 13<sup>th</sup>—Holy Thursday**  
**April 14<sup>th</sup>—Good Friday—No School Today**  
**April 15<sup>th</sup>—Holy Saturday**  
**April 16<sup>th</sup>—Easter Sunday**  
**April 17<sup>th</sup>—Easter Monday—No School Today**  
**April 26<sup>th</sup>—CAT3 Tests for Grades 2, 5 and 7**  
**April 27<sup>th</sup>—Grades 7 and 8 go to York University**  
**April 28<sup>th</sup>—Grades 1 and 2 go to Lorraine Kimsa Theatre**  
**May 1<sup>st</sup>—Celebrating Catholic Education Week**  
**May 5<sup>th</sup>—Sacrament of Confirmation for Grade 8's, 7 pm at St. Leo's Church**  
**May 6<sup>th</sup>—Sacrament of First Communion for Grade 2's, 5 pm at St Leo's Church**  
**May 14<sup>th</sup>—Mother's Day**  
**May 19<sup>th</sup>—St. Louis Dance-a-thon**  
**May 22<sup>nd</sup>—Victoria Day—No School Today**  
**May 23<sup>rd</sup>—EQAO Testing begins for Grades 3 and 6**  
**June 18<sup>th</sup>—Father's Day**  
**June 23<sup>rd</sup>—Grade 8 Graduation—Noon: Luncheon and Dance at The Canadiana  
-- 7 pm Graduation Ceremony in the Gym**  
**June 27<sup>th</sup>—Year End Mass—9:45 at St. Leo Church**  
**June 29<sup>th</sup>—Last Day of School**  
**June 30<sup>th</sup>—First Day of Summer Vacation**