

**St. Gerald
Catholic School**



Rejoicing in Hope!

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236

Hours of operation:
9:00-3:30

June 2010

Catholic School News

Principal's Message

Dear St. Gerald Families,

Once again we look back and wonder how time has passed so quickly. We are now down to the final stretch of the year.

We have a fun filled month to look forward to: our Spring Fair on the seventeenth, Grade 8 graduation, SK celebration, Track and Field tournaments, class trips and outdoor learning activities. We thank all those parents and grandparents who volunteer regularly. Invitations to join us for a "Strawberry Social" on June 15th at 1:30 p.m. will be forthcoming.

We would like to wish our grade 8 students much success and happiness as they approach their new endeavors in high school. We hope that they take with them a sense of community and friendship that they have gained while here at St. Gerald School.

We would also like to wish all fathers, and father-figures a very special day on June 20th! We would also like to thank all our families for their support throughout the year.

Have a safe and happy summer. May God bless you and your family. It has been a pleasure serving the St. Gerald School Community! Thank you!
Sincerely,

S. DaCosta
Principal

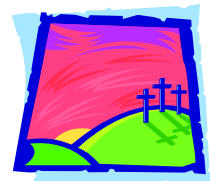


Prayer at the End of the School Year

*Joyfully following Jesus the Lord
And trusting His lead everyday
Makes us examples that others can see
To follow when trials come their way.*

*May we walk with Jesus
and follow His path, as we look toward
A long summer vacation.*

Amen.



Dress Code: Code of Conduct



In light of the summer weather:

All students are expected to be neatly and appropriately dressed for school in the uniform.

- Primary children may wear shorts. Junior and intermediate students should wear knee to mid thigh length shorts.
- Bare midriff, halter-tops, muscle shirts, tank tops, and shorts or pants that have holes or rips in them are not allowed.
- As the year comes to a close, please review the Code of Conduct in the school agenda.
- We expect that students continue to act in a respectful way, honouring our Gospel Values.

Parish Connection:

Please join us on **June 15th**, for our end of the year school mass. It will begin at 9:30a.m. We will honour our grade 8 graduates and pray for their continued success.

Graduation : June 25, 2010.

Thank you Father Moore for all your support and spiritual guidance!



Sunday June 20th, is Father's Day.

Thank you to all those who care for our young ones. Your love and devotion touches the lives of not only your children, but also to all who meet them.

After School Reminders

If a bus student must walk home for various reasons, a note **must** be sent to the office prior to the end of the day or they will be placed on the bus.

All change of plans must be made prior to coming to school and a phone call or note from home is necessary to ensure safety.

CSAC News

Fund Raising and Expenditures Report to be reported by our Catholic School Advisory Council in the September newsletter.

Agendas: In September, student agendas will be sold for **\$8.00 each**.

First day back to school : is **September 7th 2010**

Looking Ahead:

June 2: Track at York University

June 14: Gr 1/2/3 Green Acres

June 15: Mass at 9:30am/ Strawberry Social 1:30pm

June 17: Spring Fair @ 5pm

June 22: Gr. 6 go to Wonderland/ Gr.4/5 go bowling

June 23: SK "Moving on" Celebration pm

June 24: Grades 1/2/3 go bowling/Rain date for Spring Fair, Grade 8 graduation rehearsal

June 25: Grade 8 Graduation Evening

June 29 : Last day of classes (dismissal at 3:30p.mm)

HAPPY ARE THOSE
WHO HAVE NOT SEEN,
YET STILL BELIEVE.

- JOHN 20:29 -

• BEING A CATHOLIC IS FOUNDED
IN FAITH - FAITH IN THE LORD.

• REMEMBER THAT IT IS THROUGH
OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS THAT
OUR FAITH BECOMES EVIDENT.

• LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY
THE CENTURION'S WORDS TO
JESUS, "LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY
TO RECEIVE YOU, BUT ONLY SAY
THE WORD AND I SHALL BE
HEALED."

• IT IS OUR FAITH IN GOD THAT
BRINGS COMFORT TO OUR LIVES.



FATHFULNESS

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2009-2010

Wards

1. Joseph Martino	416-512-3401
2. Ann Andrachuk, Vice-Chair	416-512-3402
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11. Angela Kennedy, Chair	416-512-3411
12. Paul John Crawford, Honorary Treasurer	416-512-3412
Connor Rollit, Student Trustee	416-512-3413

TCDSB School Year calendar 2010-2011

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	6
Labour Day	September 6, 2010
First Instructional Day	September 7, 2010
Thanksgiving Day	October 11, 2010
Christmas Break	December 20 – January 3, 2011
Family Day	February 21, 2011
Mid-Winter Break	March 14–18, 2011
Good Friday	April 22, 2011
Easter Monday	April 25, 2011
Victoria day	May 23, 2011

Last day of classes for elementary students June 29, 2011



June 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Swim to Survive Gr.4	2 Track Regional	3 EQAO/CAT4	4 EQAO/CAT4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Pizza Lunch	12
13	14 Gr. 1/2, 2/3 Green Acres	15 Mass 9:30am Strawberry Tea	16	17 Spring Fair 5-8pm	18	19
20 Father's Day	21	22 Wonderland Gr. 6/ Bowling Gr.4/5	23 SK Movin'On	24 Rain Date Spring Fair Gr.1/2/3 Bowling	25 Gr. 8 Graduation	26
27	28	29 Last Day of Classes	30			

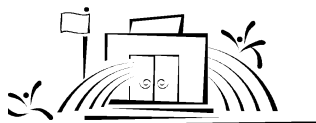


Be Sun Safe

With the warmer weather here, many of us enjoy spending time outside. However, the sun can be damaging. We all need protection but children are at an increased risk. To be sun safe you can:

- Limit the time spent in the sun, especially between 11 am and 4 pm.
- Look for shaded areas or create your own.
- Wear a hat with a wide brim
- Wear clothing to protect as much skin as possible
- Wear sunglasses that are UV protective
- Use a waterproof sunscreen with SPF (sun protection factor) 15 or higher. Don't forget lips, ears and nose.

For more information call Toronto Health Connection at 416-338-7600 or visit www.city.toronto.on.ca/health/sun/index.htm



◦ Healthy Schools Toronto ◦

TORONTO Public Health

What myths are children learning about the sun?



Myth #1: Are your children learning that a suntan is a sign of health?

Fact: A suntan is a sign that your skin is trying to protect itself against the sun's damaging rays. The tan will fade but damage to your skin cells remains and adds up over the years.

Myth #2: Are your children learning that you can't get sunburn on a cloudy days?

Fact: Up to 80% of the sun's rays can pass through light cloud, mist and fog. You can get a sunburn even on cloudy days. Sunburns increase your risk for skin cancer.

Myth #3: Are your children learning that only fair skinned people are at risk from too much exposure to sunlight?

Fact: Too much sunlight can damage eyes leading to cataracts. Too much sunlight can also damage the skin leading to sunburn, premature skin aging, and skin cancer. Everyone, regardless of skin colour, needs protection from the sun.

BE SUN SMART this year. Teach your children to be sun safe by:

- Limiting time spent in the sun
- Wearing a long sleeved shirt
- Wearing a wide brimmed hat
- Applying sunscreen with SPF 15+ frequently
- Wearing UV protective sunglasses
- Drinking lots of water

Safety Tips - Children should:

- always tell you where they are
- know how to use the pay telephone, including how to call long distance by dialing direct or using operator assistance. They should always have emergency telephone money with them.
- memorize the telephone numbers (including area code) of home and a neighbour
- know their name, age, address, city and province
- recognize Block Parent signs
- go places with friends
- walk with one or more friends to and from school
- never approach or enter a stranger's car
- never open the door to a stranger
- never say they are alone if they answer the phone or door
- never let strangers in the house
- never accept gifts from strangers
- never enter anyone's home or car without permission from parents
- know it's okay to say "no" to adults, especially if the adult wants them to do something which makes them uncomfortable or they know is wrong
- know that it is unwise to believe stories such as a person wanting them to help find a lost pet, etc.
- know that no one has the right to touch any part of his or her body that a bathing suit would cover
- recognize suspicious behaviour and report it immediately
- know to tell you if someone has asked them to keep a secret from you
- know what to do in case of unwelcome attention e.g. walk faster, go to a neighbourhood store, head for a busy street, walk toward a group of people and wave as if they see someone they know
- scream and keep screaming if something is wrong
- kick and bite hard if someone grabs them
- know that uniformed police officers are there to protect
- parents are encouraged to give their children a "password" known only to them.



When necessary use the following numbers for assistance or to report suspicious people or behaviours:

- Metropolitan Toronto Police Radio Room - 416-808-2222
- Emergency Help - 911

We need to continue working together to protect our children from harm and to give them the confidence to deal with situations that they may encounter at home, at school, at play, within families and when out socially.

