

St James Journal

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From the Principal's Office

I am writing this on the first day that I have not had to go outside and cover my face with my scarf. It was been quite a cold winter and often our students have had to stay in for part or all of their recesses.

We are now in February, and the groundhog has just seen his shadow—can we endure 6 more weeks of winter. At St James the answer is yes as students, staff, parents and our parish continue to work together by providing “a safe and welcoming environment which promotes learning for each and every one of our students.

We had a very successful World Literacy Day last month having 282 people being read to by an adult, our numbers were added to the Guinness Book of Records in hopes to set a new record.

We have already registered _____ students for our JK next year and invite you all to share the good news about St James with your friends and neighbours.

We are still taking registrations for all classes for next year. If you have not registered your child for Kindergarten, please call the school at 416-393-5275 and make an appointment with Mrs. Sabetti. We have a special Registration Night on February 12, please see if you can get a booking then.

A very special day has been booked for our new JK students called “Welcome to Kindergar-

ten” On the evening of Wednesday, May 6th all new registrants and their parents will be invited to a special evening of fun including readings, math, and language activities, as well as other activities to share with you. We have many dedicated staff who are volunteering to be part of this special evening. After going through various activities, each JK child will also go home with a special bag of activities to use in preparation for their coming to school.

St James students continue to be involved in many activities. Just in January alone we have been involved in:

- World Literacy Day
- Primary Girls' Soccer
- Primary Boys' Soccer
- Junior Boys' Basketball
- Junior Girls' Basketball
- Craft club
- Knitting club
- Etc

We could not do all these things if it was not for the generous donation of time by our staff. I applaud them for their efforts.

Coming up in the next 4 weeks:

- JK registration
- Registration for other grades
- Our Fifth Block programme begins
- In-services and PD



training for all staff
 Reptilia visits all our classes

- Ash Wednesday mass
- Special Confirmation classes
- First Reconciliation and First Communion classes
- “Girls’ Night Out” special night for our grade 6 and up girls
- Roseneath Theatre play on site-cost \$3 per student- “The Incredible Speediness of Jamie Cavanaugh
- Class trips-you will get individual letters
- Continued craft and knitting club
- The Artic Games

This Virtue of this Month of February is:
LOVE

For God so loved the world,
 He gave it
 His only
 Son. John
 3:16



We will remember that Love is not to be kept in our Heart but it is to be given away.

CSAC Meeting

(Catholic School Advisory Council)

Tuesday, February 17th

@ 6.30 in the staffroom

All parents/guardians and staff are welcome!

Come and hear about all the wonderful things being done at St James.

I wish to thank you and on the school's behalf-the 4 dedicated members who are always there at all meetings.

Mrs. MacKinnon

Mrs. Riccardi

Mrs. Radecki-Miller

Mrs. Beckles.

Thank you also to all our families who support CSAC's fundraising efforts such as:

- Pizza lunches
- Avon sales
- Chocolate sales

Being, Becoming, Belonging

Our monthly virtues give us the opportunity to highlight such themes as love, charity, courage, etc. These virtues are part of our daily life at St James. By providing extra experiences we hope to highlight and add understanding via differentiating instruction through the arts.

In the next few months we will be bring in various groups and presentations.

Grades 3-6 will be visited by a Scientist in their own classroom to work on special units in the individual grade curriculum. The grade JK-2 had a special presentation in the gym entitled The Alphabet Show.

On February 24th we will have to "heat up" the gym for our special guests, the reptiles from Reptilia



"Reptilia" All grades JK to grade 8 will get to interact with our reptilian friends.

.Please send a \$1 donation with all students for a "meal donation for the animals"

On March 3rd our grade 4-8 students will see a play entitled "

The Incredible Speediness of Jamie Cavanaugh, a Roseneath Theatre production. This play uses humour, insight and compassion to delve into the day to day realities and experiences of an 11-year-old girl with ADHD as she encounters the hard realities of life at home, at school, with friends... and of course, with people who pick on her because she is "different". Themes such as perseverance, optimism, courage and respect will be part of this play. The cost per student is \$2

Our grade 5-8 students will be seeing a presentation regarding "Safe Web" usage on March 24th. This presentation will deal with internet use and misuse such as cyber-bullying.

Boys' & Girls' Primary Soccer

OUR PRIMARY BOYS' TEAM

Victor Alvarez
Zachary Bonello
Mark David
Kallon Edwards
Samuel Grossman
Bryan Gonzalez
Ryan James
D'Andre Nicely
D'Shawn Nicely
Lucas Paiva
Nicholas Riccardi
Justin Sousa
Noel Yonathan

OUR PRIMARY GIRLS' TEAM

Samantha Beckles
Gabriella Bobadilla
Monica Borg
Sylvia Czerniawski
Sierra Gies
Taylor Harrison
Alba Martinez
Jessica Morales Sanchez
Martina Mrazovac
Feven Negassi
Kayla Reid
Adriana Sousa
Eva Vieira

Thanks to our coaches Mrs. Bugeja and Mrs Costanzo.

Check the website for team photos!

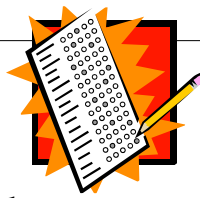


Thanks



Thank you to Mrs. Radecki-Miller for her kind donation of brand new knitting needles to add to the wool. Not only are the students knitting in the craft club, but many students are knitting on their recess breaks.

Recipients of our Virtue Award for January-COURAGE



It's not too late
to **REGISTER**
your child for attendance
at St James Catholic
School

*Please call the office at
416-393-5275 to make an
appointment.*

*The evening of Thurs-
day, February 12th is
dedicated to JK regis-
tration.*

*Please remember to tell
your friends and
neighbours about our
special "little gem" (St
.James) and encourage
them to join in and cele-
brate our successes.*

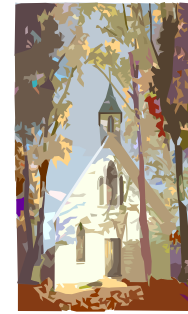


CSAC NEWS

A great way to volunteer to make St James a great place for your children. - hear about our parent council (Catholic School Advisory Council) and about our school events, goals , successes and dreams.



Please review safety rules for the bus with your children at home as well



Our Parish is:
St James Catholic Church
728 Annette Street
Toronto Ontario
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416-767-6451

We have a close relation-
ship with our parish, St
James. Our pastor Father
Juan can be contacted at
the church via phone or
email @
St.james@sympatico.ca

Coming soon:
A Bus Safety Present-
ation for all our stud-
ents.

Please encourage your
children to share all
items sent home, and
kindly take time to read
these items for valuable
information.

Our P.D. day topics include:

- Special Education-
Future Directions
- Differentiated Instruc-
tion
- Investigating Various
Learning Styles-in a Data
Rich Environment

*With courage you will dare to
take risks, have the strength
to be compassionate, and
the wisdom to be humble.
Courage is the foundation of
integrity.*
K. Nair

Congratulations to our
January recipients.

Vivian Patruno
David Versailles-Bedard
Julianno Palumbo
Jordan Nguyen
Diego Bocanegra Orozco
Tomas Omar
Beige Blum
Rhea Xinxo
Erick Donoso
Luis Mendoza
Sinara Salazar
Susana Frade
Jessica Morales Sanchez
Sean Dre Anglin
Wendy Sanchez
Joseph Sacco
Eva Vieira
Victor Alvarez
Julie Sadowy
Eduardo Luna Montano

Included in this newsletter:

- Psychology Month article-Helping Students Cope in Un-
settling Times
- Toronto Hydro-Contact Voltage flyer
- TCDSB Career Fair flyer and reverse side
- Letter regarding the Career Fair

PLEASE NOTE. You should have already received earlier this month

- Our monthly calendar
- Classroom newsletter/calendars
- Permission forms etc
- First Reconciliation & First Communion information and registration forms
- Confirmation Registration forms

ASK YOUR CHILDREN !!!

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Check our WEBSITE
[http://www.tcdsb.org/
schools/stjames.asp](http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stjames.asp)



*Let us continue to celebrate all we
do:
academically , spiritually, socially,
emotionally, and physically!*



SK and Grade 8 Graduation Photos
Wednesday February 18th

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, February 10th-

- Boys Intermediate Basketball Tournament

Wednesday, February 11th

- Winter Walk Day– Get rid of the winter blahs-
- Valentine Dance for all classes

Thursday, February 12th

- Girls' Intermediate Basketball Tournament
- JK Registration Night

Friday, February 13th

- P. D. Day-No school for students

Monday, February 16th

- Family Day –no school

Tuesday, February 24th

- REPTILIA visits St James-Bring a Loonie to feed the animals

Wednesday, February 25th

- Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.45 at St James Parish

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The Principal is Proud of Me

This is a special section to celebrate accomplishments, and successes that happen outside of school . I ask parents, staff and students to fill me in on this one. There will also be a bulletin board in the main hallway where I acknowledge students successes. (karate, soccer, piano, drawing, etc. etc.)

Bravo! Thanks Kudos to:

Mrs. Costanzo and Mrs. Bugeja for their coaching effort with both our Primary Girls' and Boys' Indoor Soccer Teams

Mrs. Wagner and Mr. DosSantos for the hours dedicated to the Intermediate Girls' Basketball Team

Mr. Peters for the time and expertise given to the Boys' Intermediate Basketball Team

Staff for their continued attendance and support of :HUBS, Differentiated Instruction, coaching, mentoring, working together to support student learning and success.

Our student council for provided a great spirit week the last week of January, The week included a mini Winter Carnival– complete with tobaggon rides and hot chocolate. A special thank you to Mrs. Wagner and her class for their tireless efforts.

We are also looking forward to our school dance for all our community on February 11th

Mr. DosSantos and Mrs. DeMonte-Bahr for teaching the After School Literacy Programme for our grade 7 & 8 students

Mrs. Radecki-Miller for her kind donation of knitting needles

Mrs. Biondolillo for her considerate donation of varied craft items.

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2009

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