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From the Principal's Office

In our Interim Director of Education's message to all staff, she reminded us "that the Lenten season invites us to slow down and reflect on where we are and where we want to be" Ann Perron also reminded us that whatever role we have in children's lives "we all share that our children will and grow regardless of personal circumstance" May we all pray for one another during this the Holiest of seasons.

Madame Bodner is off for surgery and recuperation, and so in the interim we welcome Madame Sciabbarrasi.

WELCOME

We also welcome Mrs. Quinn, who joins us as a full time 1/2 time educational assistant.

We have already registered 20 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.

A very special day has been booked for our new JK students called "Welcome to Kindergarten" 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.

We are also still accepting registration for children in Sk to grade 8. Please share this information with your friends and neighbours.

Recently when the newspaper



results of the Fraser Institute come out, St James has surpassed many of our neighbouring schools and burst forward. A copy of the newspaper article is on our office counter. I thank the students for their hard work, the staff for their dedication and to you the families for your support and involvement. It truly takes a community to raise our children. What success we have at this great school.

Do continue to read our news-



letters and notes home as they keep you informed about all the wonderful events taking place at our school

In an email from our trustee Barbara Poplawski she referred to St James as "that little school that could" with our dedicated staff involved parents and of course our great students.

We will once again do a school wide event that you can celebrate at home too. On Friday, March 27th from 10 am until 11 am we will take part in "Lights Out, Toronto-TCDSB's Earth Hour Challenge. You can take part at home on Saturday, March 28th at 8.30 pm. You can sign up here:

http://wwf.ca/earthhour/earth_hour_signup_individuals/



CSAC Meeting

(Catholic School Advisory Council)

Tuesday, March 24th

@ 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.

Thanks to all our families for your donations and support of

CSAC, as through this support CSAC will be donating \$2000 toward the purchase of 2 computers for our classrooms.



KID'S SPACE Check out this Toronto Public Library website. It offers excellent resources for children to explore"
<http://kidsspace.torontopubliclibrary.ca/index.html>

More Good News!!!

Our School Library is getting over \$1500 to add to our library collection. We will share our purchases



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.

Please check out our new "Virtue Banners" for each month located on the display board right outside the gym. Monthly display will include the previous months' banner and the recipients of the monthly virtue award. Check our new banners out on interview night.

We continue to live virtues in our daily lives, via not only our programmes but by our actions in interactions that we embrace on a daily basis.

Our grade 4-8 enjoyed the Roseneath production which we saw earlier this month dealing with perseverance optimism, courage and respect for all people.

On March 24th our grade 5-8 students will be seeing a presentation regarding "Safe Web" usage This presentation will deal with internet use and misuse such as cyber-bullying. The letter has gone home regarding the \$1 donation for this event with students this Monday.

Other upcoming events in March and early April include:

- Hep B & Men. C immunization for grade 7 & 8 March 23rd
- KIWI internet Bullying presentation for grade 5-8 Tuesday, March 24th at 10.45 am
- CSAC meeting –everyone is invited-March 24th at 6:30 pm
- Boys' Junior Volleyball tournament– Wednesday, March 25th
- Father Juan visits grades 1, 2 and 3 at St James Wednesday March 25th pm
- Girls' Junior Volleyball tournament –Thursday, March 26th
- Choir Music Festival Thursday, March 26th 12.00-3.30 @ Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Mer-ton Catholic School
- Pizza Lunch-Friday, March 27th
- Science Presentations on Bees and Hornets for JK-grade 6 on Monday, April 6th
- Lenten Paraliturgya on Wednesday, April 8th at 1.10 in the gym

Oh What A Night—Girls' Night Out!!!

Well it was really Monday, February 23rd and it was a night in, enjoyed by approximately 45 of our grade 6,7 & 8 girls. Hosted by Ms Botelho and 6 of her colleagues and friends employed in personal care and hygiene careers. The girls had a wonderful night, and each girl took a gift bag home too. Thanks to Ms Botelho and her assistance and thank you to the parents who allowed our students to attend and ensured their safe pick up. Photos to come on the website.

Recipients of our Virtue Award for February 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*

Jeniffer Aguilar
Adriana Sousa
Triana Amaning
Nicole Donoso
Tyson LaCroix
Krischanda Bemister
Filiam Yonathan
Jasimine Pineda
Lisa Amaning
Brandon Sebastiao
Jackson Cadeau
Linda Czerniawski
Zoe Aurelio
Kathy Vieira
Melanie James
Lucas Pavia
Deborah Pereira
Joshua Lockhart
Gabriela Bobadilla
Jhania McInnis Pineda

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.*

*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.*



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

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

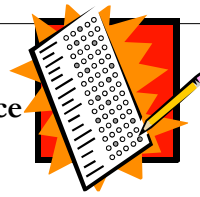
ASK YOUR CHILDREN !!!

Included in this newsletter:

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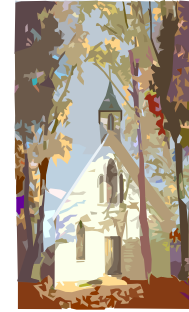
PLEASE NOTE. You should have already received
earlier this month

- Our monthly calendar
- Classroom newsletter/calendars
- Permission forms etc
- Parish letter for students grade 4 and up wishing to receive Holy Communion
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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 , suc-
cesses and dreams.



Our Parish is:
St James Catholic Church
728 Annette Street
Toronto Ontario
M6S 2E2
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



**FIRST COMMUNION and
RECONCILLIATION for
Students above grade3.**

If you did not go to the meeting
at St James Catholic Church on
Wednesday March 4th, please
contact Father Juan at the num-
ber and/or email above.

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

St JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL TCDSB

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Check our WEBSITE
<http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stjames.asp>



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

During these days of LENT:

Let us remember that it is not merely a time of punishment, nor giving up something. It is a time when we are asked to look at ourselves and at change of heart. It is a time of relationship mending and building.

At St James Catholic School our aim is to assist our young people to become responsible moral and ethical individuals in our schools and in our communities. Discipline and discipleship are related they both have their roots in the Latin word "discipulus" which means to teach. Our religion and faith are not connected to one programme but are part of the climate and culture (behaviours and values) held within the school. Classroom meetings, student assemblies/presentations, school masse, daily teachings and interactions etc. affirm our culture and climate. "Catholicism has a strong emphasis on the communal nature of our existence. We believe that human being find their identify and true selves in relationship with others." (Groome 1996)

Let us spend this Lenten season continuing our growth as disciples-teachers all—parents, staff, students and community.

Let us also our greatest teacher Jesus who spent time with people, lived amongst them, loved them, taught them and corrected them. The disciples didn't always get it right, but Jesus never gave up on them...let us follow his fine example..

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The Principal is Proud of Me

DARE (Dream ,Aspire, Rise, Empower) Congratulations to Euritce Armando and Toshada Benjamin for their involvement in this group and being representative of all woman—the Friday just before World Women's' Day. Euritce and Toshada spoke to a group of students and adults and luckily I got to hear about it. Congratulations ladies.

Bravo! Thanks Kudos to:

Mrs. Costanzo and Mr. DosSantos for their coaching effort with both our Junior Girls' and Boys' Volleyball Teams
Mrs. Botelho who organized a wonderful-"Girls' Night Out" event for our grade 6-8 girls. I thank her for her donation of time, energy, enlisting her colleagues, and professional for the evening. What a wonderful event!

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

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 a second donation of new knitting needles.

Our Confirmandi who are attending sessions monthly and on Saturdays in preparation for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation.

*What you do speaks so loud that
I cannot hear what you say.*

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