

St James Journal

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From the Principal's Office

Thanksgiving –what a wonderful time of the year, not merely a day without work or school, but a day to say thanks for our families, friends and all the wonderful gifts that we have to enjoy, share and celebrate. We are already 6 weeks into the new academic year. In this short time, we have had one **CSAC (Catholic School Advisory Council) meeting**, a **great Community BBQ**, and an **informational and well attended Curriculum Night**. We are very happy that so many of you crammed into our gym to meet and greet as well as to hear about your childrens programmes.

Some classes have already travelled to Chudleigh's and to the fire department. Our intermediate soccer teams have proudly represented us at their divisional tournaments. I was fortunate enough to see our soccer teams play and join the grade 3 class on a trip to the fire department.

Our students success and celebration in all areas is shared by the home, church and school, and clear communication between all of us continues to be very important.

I have met with **Father Juan** our new pastor and we have chosen dates for our school liturgical calendar including masses and preparation for the sacraments. I will be including a full year liturgical calendar in our next newsletter, please

keep it for your reference. A letter will be sent home with students who will receive the sacraments this year

Safety and Security

To maintain safety in the school building we will be locking all exterior doors while classes are in session. We also have a sign in and sign out programme in effect. The front door will be accessible by buzzer. If picking up your child we will call them to the office to meet you. The safety of all in our building is our priority and with this and other measures in place we can further ensure security.

We will be having 3 fire drills this term, as well as a lock-down practice. The students were made aware of the first fire drill practice and showed that they have prepared well for these drills. We are also having our school "mock" lockdown next week. Ask your children to share these events with you, it is important that they review this practices and feel safe. We will be hosting a community night with our liaison Officer Claudio, who will do a presentation for us one evening in November. Check the November calendar, and watch for notes sharing the details. **Absences-** please call the school if your child is going to be away. We have a safe arrival programme in effect



and call all homes of children who are away. **Call 416-393-5275** and leave a message anytime from 4:30 pm to 8:30 am to leave a message with your child's name, grade and teacher name, and reason for absence.

We ask you to always make sure that we have:

- 2 phone numbers that you can be contacted at,
 - and an emergency call number for your child
- Officer Claudio**, our school liaison officer, has been in contact with me and he will be visiting all classrooms to discuss items such as: traffic, personal and internet safety, bullying, substance abuse and awareness and youth violence and gangs. Stay tuned for further information.

Administration of Medicine and student illness

Please remember that principals, teachers, support staff and all staff employed by the TCDSB, are NOT permitted to administer any medication, unless we have signed authorization by the parent/guardian, and the prescribing doctor. We ask that you not send a child to school with a note to stay



Our Family BBQ- Oh what a night!

Thanks to our CSAC for a great evening of sharing and getting to know one another. Curriculum Night Congratulations staff on a great night of sharing via presentations and handouts

CSAC Meeting

Tuesday, October 21
@ 6.30 in the staffroom
All parents/guardians and staff are welcome!

indoors at lunch and recess. Recesses and lunch are part of the school day, and the school is organized and we are staffed accordingly. In the event of injury (broken leg, asthmatic condition, or other long term illness for which a doctor's letter is provided) special accommodations will be made.

We received an extra 0.5 staff member and so have also had to reorganize our classes. All the students 43 received letters home about these moves. We continue to thank everyone, students, families and staff for their support. We have finally got our **After - School bussing resolved.** It did take much cooperation and effort among many sources. All rescheduled students have been notified via note and schedule sent home.

We welcome 2 evening parenting programmes via Yorktown Family Services. These programmes are offered free of charge on Tuesday evening from 6.30 to 8.30. The pro-

grammes are called "Finding Solutions" and "COPE" both are free 9 week programmes.

Every month we will be having a **Spirit Day.** Last month was Crazy Hat day. We also will be having a monthly assembly in celebration of our Virtue recipients and to acknowledge other successes and good deeds.

Our teachers continue to work together meeting to plan, taking courses, attending in-services, and working on SMART goals for our school. S(Specific) M(Measurable) A (Attainable) R (Results Orientated) and T(Timeline) targets for our children to meet their academic, social, physical and spiritual goals.

Please always check your students back-packs and agendas for information/handouts and forms. Don't forget to check our website (see p4) I try to update it at the beginning of each month. I include our latest newsletter and photos. Please note if you have not given us permission to

show pictures of your child, they will not appear on the website. If you have not as yet completed the pink forms and returned them to the school with updated information and signatures, your child may miss out on local walking excursions including the public library, the local park and skating rink and the fire department.

It is through your support, our relationship with our parish and a fine teaching staff that our students achieve success.

Check out our **EQAO results** on our website. We celebrate the success of each and every student who wrote this assessment. We gained about 30% in each subject level and each grade level. Congratulations to our students and to the staff for their fine efforts.

Please look for EQAO or CAT3 results coming home with each child in grades 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8. Ask your children for their results coming home on Tuesday.

Boys' & Girls' Intermediate Soccer

Thanks



We as a community thank Ms. DeCarvalho for her dedication and time at St James this academic year. She touched many lives with her kindness especially some of our JKs, and grade 5,6 and 7. We are sure we will see her at school as a supply teacher soon.

Recipients Soccer Award

OUR INTERMEDIATE BOYS

Joshua Calafato
Julian Palumbo
Gregory Hatzikirou
Niko Melo
Carmen Tortorelli
Brandon Sebastio
Brandon Hastings
Andre Anglin
Antonio Sousa
Omar Nana
Joseph Ngo
Austin Bonilla
David Versailles Bedard

and

OUR INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

Michelle Soares
Sinara Salazar
Jamila Zoubi
Daniela Bustos
Vivian Patrino
Euritce Armando
Filiam Yonathan
Stephanie Seguna
Lisa Amaning
Tracy Tran
Shannon Vella
Falana Carimbocas
Olivia Sadowy
Silvana Pereira
Afua Oteng

Sydney Moxam

Check our website for some action shots.



Recipients of our Virtue Award for September- HOSPITALITY

Pamela Aguilar
 Joni Bendi
 Abigail Bonilla
 Jamara Brennan
 Cindy Campoverde
 Sandy Da Cunha
 Jennifer De Moura
 Nicole Donoso
 Sarah Eves
 Trevor Eves
 Cameron Fenech
 Tayler Harrison
 Anna Huynh
 Niko Melo
 Michael Moreno
 Jessica Nguyen
 Vincent Pham
 Aldo Roblero
 Kimberly Rosas Ibarra
 Alyson Salazar Moreno
 Lucas Vuco
 Antonio Sousa
 Edmond Yeboah

These students will be recognized with a certificate at our upcoming assembly for displaying Hospitality during the month of September.

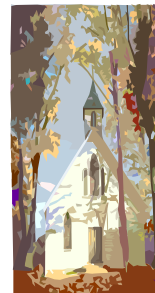
Pope Paul II is quoted: "Only those who have opened their hearts to Christ can offer a hospitality that is never formal or superficial but identified by gentleness and reverence."

Congratulations to our September recipients.



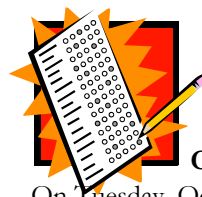
CSAC NEWS

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.



Our Parish is:
 St James Catholic Church
 728 Annette Street
 Toronto Ontario
 M6S 2E2
 416-767-6451

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



PLEASE NOTE! & EXPECT EQAO & CAT3 results.

On Tuesday, October 21st. I will be sending results home to:
Grade 4 & 7 students -EQAO
 (Education Quality & Accountability Office)
Grade 3 & 6 & 8 CAT3
 (Canadian Achievement Test)

ASK YOUR CHILDREN !!!

Upcoming Events this Month

Please ask your children for the monthly calendar at the first of the month.

- October 20th Mock Lockdown
- Friday, October 24th-PA Day Ministry Initiatives
- Friday, October 31st Halloween Day-Community Parade. Teachers will be sending notes home regarding the day. No violent clothing, or pretend weapons. Please look for further notes on the day from the office as well.

Included in this newsletter:

- Understanding Progressive Discipline brochure
- Bullying Awareness & Prevention for Catholic Elementary School-brochure
- Use Your Voice flyer from Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto
- Photos—"We have only just begun!!!" (depending on our photocopy status)

PLEASE NOTE. You should have already received earlier this month

- Our monthly calendar
- 2 invites 1-purple (COPE) and 1 lime green (Finding Solutions) from Yorktown Family Services
- Updated Bus Schedules with times and bus stops

Don't forget to check our website for photos of the grade 3 Fire Station visit during "Fire Prevention Week" Please make sure you check the batteries in your smoke detectors!



WELCOME

To:

- Mrs. Aurelio our new lunchtime supervisor .
- &
- Mr. Edge who joins our staff 1/2 days beginning Monday, October 20th.

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

LOOK FOR THESE 2 SECTIONS ON Page 4 of EVERY NEWSLETTER

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.

Where we celebrate all our successes within the St James school community. Please see our 2 articles inside the newsletter regarding our Soccer Teams and September's Virtue Hospitality awards.



GRATITUDE-October's Virtue

It's Natural to TEACH

When a baby elephant is born, its mother teaches it how to get up using her trunk and one foot.

The elders in the herd assume the duty of guiding it to adulthood.



Parenting is a communal commitment.
Let's make a promise to our children:
To Teach, Guide, and Protect

www.boostforkids.org

Quote of the month – “This is the day, the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.” Psalm 118:24

- Give thanks to God for what we have.
- Show appreciation
- God is good
- Remember to say “Thank You!”

We often hear people say “It takes a community to raise a child”.

At our first school mass I noted that not only were there students and teachers in the pews, but we were joined by parents and members of the extended community.

How wonderful that at our mass of “Gratitude” just after Thanksgiving weekend All the people who share in our students growth were together. Just like the elephant community. Parenting is a communal commitment-teaching, guiding and protecting all in our Catholic faith community.

I personally invite and encourage any parent/guardian who has spare time even if it is just an hour a week to give

us a call. Our parent council (CSAC) too welcomes new members and volunteers.

I see the smiles on students' faces when someone they respect and love from home is at the school. They celebrate you, as you celebrate them.

We are “herd members guiding our young.” Do remember too, that elephants are always together, circling the young— “to teach, guide and protect.”

Please consider actively joining our herd!

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

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