

October 1

NEWSLETTER

2009


October Virtue

**THIS IS THE DAY,
THE LORD HAS MADE.
LET US REJOICE AND
BE GLAD.**

- PSALM 118:24 -

- GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR EVERY DAY HE GIVES US.
- IF WE EXPECT OTHERS TO BE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT WE DO, WE SHOULD SHOW APPRECIATION TO OTHERS.
- EVERYTHING WE HAVE TO BE THANKFUL FOR COMES FROM GOD.
- REMEMBER THE STORY OF THE LEPERS WHO JESUS HEALED AND THINK OF HOW MANY RETURNED TO SHOW THEIR GRATITUDE.

GRATITUDE



Important Numbers

Important Contact Numbers

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Change to MORNING Bus Routes

Effective **MONDAY, OCTOBER 5**, there will be a change to the morning bus - **ROUTE C0516** and an additional bus will be added - **ROUTE C0657**. Both bus routes have been attached for your review. Thank you.

Happy Thanksgiving

During the month of October we celebrate the Virtue of Gratitude. As a community of faith, we need to be thankful. In less than 2 weeks, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. On behalf of the Staff and Students of St. John The Evangelist, we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving. Please take some special time to thank Our Lord for all our blessings.



School Class Organization

Mr. Femia	-Principal
Ms. Martin	-VicePrincipal
Mrs. Pietrangelo-Porco	-JKam
Mrs. Dell'Angelo Green	-JKpm
Mrs. Tanga	-SKam-SKpm
Mrs. Carbone Silva	-Grade 1
Mrs. Waslenko	-Grade 1
Ms. Devlin	-Grade 1
Mrs. Del Vasto	-Grade 2
Mrs. Roe-Doiron	-Grade 2
Ms. Perruzza	-Grade 3
Ms. Del Zotto	-Grade 3
Mrs. Buccitti	-Grade 3
Mrs. Amaral-Nunes	-Grade 4
Mr. Veleno	-Grade 4
Mrs. Iannozzi	-Grade 5
Mrs. Dias	-Grade 5
Mr. Scully	-Grade 5/6
Mrs. Galati	-Grade 6
Mr. Ludlow	-Grade 7
Mr. Fusaro	-Grade 7
Mrs. DiMatteo	-Grade 8
Mrs. Manuel	-Grade 8
Mrs. Pecile	-5th Block (am)
Mrs. Giovenco	-JLI/Librarian
Mrs. Pol-Bodetto	-French
Mrs. Wolk	-French
Mrs. Sciarretta	-Italian
Mrs. Di Prizio	-Italian
Mrs. Palermo	-Vocal Music
Ms. Lantos	-Vocal Music
Mrs. Del Zotto	-Special Education
Mr. Perri	-Special Education

Mrs. Trouse	-ESL
Mrs. Castelli	-Secretary
Mrs. Venere	-Clerk Typist
Mrs. Mudie	-Educational Assistant
Mrs. Battaglino	-Educational Assistant
Mrs. Rizzardo	-Educational Assistant
Mrs. Rubino	-Educational Assistant
Mr. Silva	-Child Youth Worker
Mrs. Guppy	-Child Youth Worker
Mrs. Torre	-Lunch Supervisor
Mr. Murphy	-Head Custodian
Mr. MacLellan	-Assistant Custodian
Mr. Cieslak	-Assistant Custodian

Catholic School Advisory Council

Thanks to the parents who have volunteered their time and effort to serve on this year's CSAC. The 2009-2010 CSAC elctions were held and announced on Curriculum Night and our first meeting was September 28th. Our voting members this year are the following:

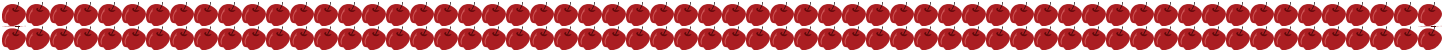
Dave Bennett—Co-Chair
Nathalie DeSousa—Co-Chair
Maggie Blasioli-Secretary
Anna Cohen-Treasurer
Loretta Conte-Faith Representative
Joseph Russo-Fund Raising Director
Teresa Cortese-Volunteer Director
Maureen McGuire-Communication Director
Cathy Clark-Voting Member
Lucy Ignoto-Voting Member
Laura Del Zotto-Grant Director
Jhordine Frasier-Voting Member
Antonietta Ribeiro-Non-Voting Member
Michael Femia-Principal
Arlene Martin-Vice-Principal
Josie Rizzardo-Teacher Rep.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5th at 6:00 PM on the second floor in the Staff Room. All parents, guardians and friends are welcome to attend. If you wish to contact a member of the CSAC, please leave your name at the Office and it will be forwarded to the appropriate person.



EQAO Results

See page four for school report or complete results are available at www.eqao.com



Terry Fox Walk



Our annual Terry Fox Walk Run took place on September 25th, with students and staff walking around our community. A substantial amount of pledges were collected for the Terry Fox Foundation.

We thank all the students and their families for their generosity towards this worthy cause. We especially want to thank the many staff members who organized this event.



Parish News

Students in grades two and eight receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation, in the Archdiocese of Toronto. It is imperative that students and their parents register for these sacraments at the St. John The Evangelist Church Office.

Pizza Days

Pizza Fridays continue to be a popular tradition at St. John The Evangelist. We are extremely grateful to the dedicated team of individuals who make these days possible. Every Friday, bring your toonie in for a delicious and BIG slice of pizza!



School Safety

Many thanks to the visitors who have checked in at the office upon their visit to the school. It is extremely important that we be able to identify any visitors to the school. Parents who would like to speak to their child's teacher are asked to make an appointment to do so. It is not possible to speak to a teacher once class is in session. This will eliminate trespassers, reduce the traffic in the corridors and prevent unnecessary interruptions in the classrooms. Hall passes are available in the main office for those who have permission to be in the building.



To maintain order in the hallways during the recess and lunch breaks we ask that our door monitors be stationed at doors at the primary and intermediate doors. Students are monitored as they use the washroom or drinking fountain facilities by using the school's traditional clothespin passes, which are returned to the staff once students return to the yard.

Lunch Time

Parents are discouraged from leaving lunches at the main office for their children for a number of reasons. With a large population of over 500 students in the building, our school secretaries cannot be asked to call students to the office. It simply causes too much disruption. Most parents have now stopped bringing lunches, including junk food to their children—well done! However, in an emergency, please be sure to notify your child that their lunch is going to be dropped off. Please be sure your child's name and teacher is clearly written on his/her lunch and it can be left on the lunch table outside of the office.

Sports News

The boys' and girls' soccer teams recently participated in their respective tournaments. Both teams put forth a fine effort. The boys came in fourth place and the girls came in third place. We will continue to stress the importance of sportsmanship and excellent behaviour when it applies to student-athletes at

St. John The Evangelist. Students who fail to demonstrate these requirements will be dismissed from the team. Many thanks to all the students and their coaches. 3 on 3 Soccer House League for all students will be starting soon during the lunch hour.

Classroom Activities

Mrs. Waslenko's Grade 1's are busy learning the sounds needed to put words together and are using them to write short sentences. We are looking forward to visiting the Apple Orchard on Oct. 8th. Our first project with our families will be to decorate paper turkeys for Thanksgiving. We are learning to make connections during our Read Alouds.

This month in **Miss Devlin's** grade one class the students were busy practicing the virtue of hospitality. We played name games and sang welcome songs to celebrate each unique person in our classroom. We've been identifying and creating patterns and learning about our local school community.

Mrs. Del Vasto's grade 2's have been busy getting to know one another and learning about what makes a good friend. We will be celebrating friendship in the class!

This month, the students in **Mrs. Doiron's** class have been learning about their place in the world: their continent, their country, their province, and their city. In the next few months they will be researching the country they or their parents came from. They have also been discussing the fact that God made this world, and it is good!

Welcome to **Ms. Del Zotto's** Wonderful World of Plants. This term we will explore how as we grow and change, so do the plants and trees that help us stay alive. We will learn about life cycles and how plants provide more for us than we realize. Come and join us on this journey and maybe you will learn how to appreciate what God has provided for us.

Mr. Veleno's class is eager to explore the history and richness of our country.

In **Mrs. Dias'** class, this month was full of welcoming—people welcoming us and us doing the same for them. We read stories, brain stormed and made welcoming wheels with stories and pictures sharing what we learned. We also talked about our wishes for the year.

In **Mrs. Galati's** class the grade five and six students will participate in a variety of exciting activities during the month of October. We will continue our intensive study of Pilates as well as continue with our cardio vascular endurance training workshops. The main event this month is our over night trip to Mansfield Outdoor Centre where the students will study living things as outlined in the Science curriculum as well as participate in Wilderness Survival games. We are looking forward to a very adventurous month.

Mr. Fusaro's grade 7 class is excited to be learning the techniques of sketching in Art Class. All the students have been creatively working on various comic heroes and Still Life photos.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair at the end of September was a great success! Thank you to all of the students, parents and teachers who made purchases at the book fair and a special thank you to Mrs. Priel, Mrs. Del Zotto and all of the students who helped to set up and run it. Your commitment and assistance in helping promote literacy at SJE are much appreciated.



Leadership Club

Our TCDSB Graduate expectations aim to build responsible leaders in the Catholic Community. This year Ms. Martin and Ms. A. Del Zotto will be building the following expectations through a Leadership Club for the intermediates. The aim is to build a self-directed, responsible, life-long learner who develops and demonstrates his/her God-given potential. It will allow the 7/8 students to be collaborative contributors who find meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good. Activities such as school spirit event organization, charity tasks and special event planning will be carried out by the students. These student volunteers will be active members of the school, parish, and the wider community. Thanks to the Gr. 8 classes who have already taken the lead in this initiative by delivering the prayers and gospel readings on the daily announcements.

Rosary Recitation—HMWN Radio Maria

Our students will be participating in the Rosary in the Schools program, reciting the Holy Rosary on the Catholic radio station, HMWN (Holy Mother World Networks) Radio Maria. The students will be praying the rosary live on air between 1:00p.m. to 1:30p.m. once a month.

Wednesday, October 28

Wednesday, November 25

Wednesday, January 27

Wednesday, February 24

Wednesday, March 31

Wednesday, April 28

Wednesday, May 26

Wednesday, June 23

HMWN Radio Maria is a non-profit corporation and a registered charity, approved by the Federal Government, whose principle scope and mission is to broadcast religious programs faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Reciting the Holy Rosary provides another opportunity for our students to enrich their spiritual growth, commitment and their faithfulness to God. Please join in, listen and pray with our students as they recite the Holy Rosary on the website www.hmwn.net.



September Virtue Students

Sebastian Coles
Lauren Ross
Angela Naniong
Juliana Goncalves
Bruno Andreacchi
Nia Bartholomew
Anna Karla Orta Ezquerro
Angelique Flerin Charles
Liana Simao
Jesse Costelo
Ofelia Emidio
Athena Blasioli
Grace Swanek
Isabella Duarte
Melody Afriyie
Andrew Leal
Marcia Goncalves
Anjelika Cristobal
Olivia Waszkiewicz
Jessica Bartolomucci
Kim Dayto
Jocelyne Mendez Guzman
Robert Berardo



Allergy Alert

Halloween is a time of year when all sorts of treats make their way into our school. We remind you that our school is a nut free school. For Halloween, we respectfully ask that you do NOT send in treats for the class. The same applies for birthdays. While we understand the desire to share treats with classmates on important occasions, the chance of an allergic reaction dictates that we insist that no treats be sent in. We thank you in advance for your understanding on this. We also remind all parents of students with anaphylactic allergies that TWO epi-pens should be at school—one on the child and one in the office. A doctor's note is needed if this is not seen as necessary.

It Starts with Communication

Thanks to the many parents who were able to come out to curriculum night on Tuesday, September 22nd. Our night started at 7:00pm in the gym with staff introductions and school goals that we have set for the year. From there, parents were able to meet with their children's teachers. As we stressed on curriculum night, the most important thing you can do as a parent is to show your child that you value their education. Stay involved with what's happening at school and keep communicating with your child's teachers.

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