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Principal's Message

I wish to extend a Bonne et Heureuse Annee to each and everyone of you! Through our collective efforts we can be very proud of the many accomplishments achieved over this past year! With continued faith and prayer, we look forward to a very successful 2008 for our students attending St. Sebastian Catholic School. We welcome back Ms Askin-Costa (sp.ed., SK) and Ms. Lirette (sp. ed.).

During our staff luncheon held on Dec. 20th, Ms. Savino and Mr. Tobia, who are still on medical leaves, stopped by to say hello to staff and students. Ms. Andrew was unable to attend; we continue to pray for their full recovery.

During the evening of December 20th, the community celebrated a beautiful Family Mass with Fr. John, who informed us that we will continue this new undertaking next year.

Our students are often challenged to demonstrate gospel values of sharing and helping others. Over the past two months, I am very proud to have witnessed our students putting their "Faith into Action" and meeting such challenges! A letter from the Terry Fox Foundation, dated November 30th states, "Thank you for the continued outpouring of love and support for cancer patients. Your contribution of \$764.40 represents hope, hope for today, hope for tomorrow, hope for all of us." Our Intermediate

students, along with your help, raised over \$3000 during our Chocolate Almond Fundraiser. Finally, the entire student body collected dozens of boxes of non-perishable foods which were donated to the Good Shepherd Centre. Thank you to all! -Mr. Tanzini



Ms. Albinowski and her gr.8 students loading food baskets.



Faith & Character Event—December 6, 2007

On December 6th at the Metro Convention Centre, over 1200 students, parents, teachers and priests representing every Catholic school in the city met for an afternoon celebration. As our Director, Mr. Kobus stated, "We lived our three theological virtues of Faith, Hope & Charity (Love) through the words of: our spiritual leader, His Grace, Archbishop Thomas Collins, through the words of acknowledgement of Catholic education and its foundation of character development by Avis Glaze, and through the demonstrated leadership qualities of our students." One of the accomplishments of the day was to vote on Monthly Themes.

The results agreed upon were:

January: **Courage**

February: **Love**

March: **Forgiveness**

April: **Justice**

May: **Compassion**

June: **Faithfulness**



Fr. John, Ms. Atkinson, Ms. Borges, Meghan Borges

Events at St. Sebastian

Hotdog lunch held on Friday December 14th. We had a total of 7 parent volunteers for the event. Thank you!



Students from Ms. Chow and Ms. Dementavicius classes attended "Swim to Survive" at J.J. Piccininni Pool.



Soccer Champions at St. Sebastian !

On December 11th the Girl's Primary soccer team earned a first place finish earning yet another TCSAA pennant! Congratulations go out to the team players: Sarah Taylor (captain), Kathleen Silva (co-captain), Amanda Furtado, Victoria Maiato, Andreia Mota, Vanessa Martins, Alyssa Fontes, Kayla Neves, Madeline Vieira, Vanessa Sabastiao, Regan Costa, Rosana Carvalho, Alexandra Andrade, Marisa Lopes.

Ms. Carter (head coach) and the team would like to send a special thank you to : Ms. Ruddy and the gr. 7/8 coaches: Kayla, Alisha, Taralyn, Jennifer and Nicole.



Ms. Suriano's gr. 1/2 class showing off their Ginger Bread Houses. Great creations by all!



On December 19th all of our Primary students (gr. 1 to 3) had the opportunity to view a wonderful production by Famous People Players in Toronto. Our students enjoyed the production immensely.

Christmas Concert 2007



Ms. Ginocchi, Ms. Piotrowski, (dancing) and Mr. McDonald supervising our Intermediate Christmas Dance.



Community Events

If any student is interested in this very worthwhile skate-a-thon event, please see the posters in the office and pick up a registration package from Ms. Fernandes. Thank you!

Why do we need to find cures for blood cancers?

- Over 67,000 Canadians are affected by a blood cancer
- Leukemia and lymphoma are cancers that develop in the blood, bone marrow and lymph nodes
- Leukemia and lymphoma account for 43% of cancers in children

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Let's Blow the Whistle on Blood Cancers

SKATE-A-THON

Saturday, February 2, 2008
RICOH COLISEUM, TORONTO



Mr. Cusack hanging two of our latest sports pennants during the Spirit Assembly held on December 21, 2007.



Ms. Dementavicius accompanying student singers; Ms. Atkinson, Ms. Madarang, Ms. Boni and Ms. Suriano enjoying our Christmas Spirit Assembly below.



