

# SEPTEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

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Virtue of the Month: HOSPITALITY

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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
TRUSTEES 2008-2009**

**Wards**

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**ADMINISTRATION**

- V. Tanzini - Principal  
S. Fernandes - Secretary  
D. Pippo - Thursday Clerk Typist  
J. DiGiovanni - Superintendent  
B. Poplawski - Trustee  
R. Borges - CSAC Chair  
M. Holowko -acting Head Caretaker

**FR. JOHN MENDONCA - PASTOR**

**ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH  
(416) 536-2302**

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## Principal's Message

Welcome back to another school year at St. Sebastian Catholic School! We wish to acknowledge the many years of service to our community by Ms. V. Dementavicius, Mr. G. Cusack, Mr. D. DiPaola (who have retired) and Ms.K. Piotrowski who has taken a leave with our Board to work abroad. Mr. J. Valencia, our instrumental music teacher, due to the birth of a baby girl, has cut back his hours and will no longer be with us. We wish our "out-going" staff the best of luck in their new endeavours.

As already announced, Ms. S. Askin-Costa is away on a maternity leave and is being replaced, until her return, by Ms. N. Paiva. We would also like to welcome back Ms. L. Savino who is

returning from a medical leave. Other new staff include Ms. N. Bastos (French), Ms. L. Iaconetti (Educational Assistant), Mr. H. Pereira (Instrumental Music), and Mr. M. Holowko (Caretaker).

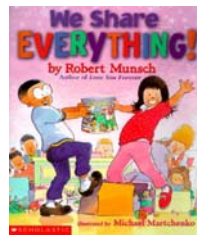
We are all excited about this new school year and we look forward to working with you. Together with staff, Fr. John, and parents we hope to achieve the very best in your child's catholic education.

The sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation will be primarily the responsibility of church staff and parents. The school will continue to teach the Religion Programs which in gr. 2 in-

cludes Reconciliation and Communion and in gr. 8 Confirmation. The Parish will plan all related activities and prepare parents and students for the reception of these sacraments.

Our community is always very supportive of school initiatives and fundraising. I thank you in advance for your support. This year, in order to simplify money collection for *this year's* Student Agendas, Scientists in Schools and Yearbooks; we are asking parents/guardians to send in **\$15 per child (JK to Gr. 8)**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school. We wish you a successful year, and we will see everyone on Thursday Oct. 2nd, during Meet the Family Night.

## Virtue of Hospitality

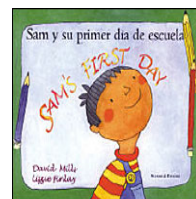


We Share Everything by Robert Munsch

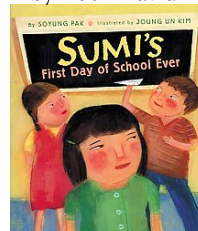


The Skin You Live In by Michael Tyler

Suggested books to enhance children's understanding and experience of hospitality.



Sam's First Day by Ruth David Mills



Sumi's First Day of School Ever by Soyung Pak

**Attention Parents:** Please return the PINK permission forms found in today's distribution. In addition, please VERIFY your child's personal information on the YELLOW sheet (both sides). Return both to your child's homeroom teacher.

**Quote of the month**

Whatever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me

Matthew 25:40

*"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"*

Pope John Paul II

A big welcome to our new staff members ....



Mr. M. Holowko, caretaker



Ms. N. Bastos, French



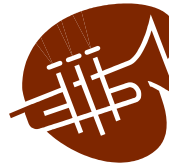
Ms. L. Iaconetti—educational assistant



Ms. L. Savino, French



Mr. E. Pereira,  
Instrumental  
Music



Ms. N. Paiva, Senior Kindergarten



## St. Sebastian Breakfast Club

Students from our school community are welcomed to join Fr. John Mendonca and his staff for BREAKFAST, weekdays between 6:30 and 8:30 am. We thank Fr. John and the Angel Foundation of the TCDSB for this support of our children!

### News from CSAC.....

Our parent school council is looking forward to meeting with the general parent community during our first meeting on Wednesday Sept. 10, 2008 at 7:00 pm. A reminder that all meeting dates appear on the back of the Student Agenda Handbook. The **agenda** for our first meeting is as follows:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Minutes from our June, 2008 meeting
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Review CSAC Goals for 2008/2009
5. Planning for "MEET THE FAMILY NIGHT"  
- Community Café
6. Principal's Report
7. Open Forum

### Academic Reminder....

To access the Board's Academic websites- for students to learn from home, go to:

[http://www.tcdsb.org/academic\\_it/studentlink/](http://www.tcdsb.org/academic_it/studentlink/)

User name: dmz\studentlink

Password: 4homeuse

### After school tutoring.....

The *On Your Mark* Tutoring Program, which operates at St. Sebastian Catholic School, is looking for volunteer tutors for a minimum of one hour a week to assist St. Sebastian students after-school with homework, literacy and numeracy. Now entering into its 8th year at St. Sebastian Catholic School, the *On Your Mark* Tutoring Program is proud to have worked with St. Sebastian students, parents and school staff and is committed to a successful 2008/2009 school year. The continuation of the program is only possible with the dedication of its volunteer tutors. If you or anyone you know is interested in making a difference in the education of a child please contact Sonia Neves at the Working Women Community Centre at 416-532-2824 ext. 34 or via email at [sneves@workingwomencc.org](mailto:sneves@workingwomencc.org)

## Safety Messages.....



You Can Make A Difference  
REPORT CRIME

**CASH REWARD UP TO \$2000.00**

**WE DON'T WANT YOUR NAME – JUST YOUR TIP**

A reminder to all parents that cell phones, electronic games and other valuable items should be left at home and never brought to school. We are not responsible for stolen goods. If a cell phone must be used, then it is the students responsibility to ensure that it is hidden away and can only be used when off school property. Other safety tips are given below (left):

If you have information about a CRIME and wish to remain anonymous

Contact CRIME STOPPERS:

**Call: 416-222-TIPS(8477)**

**Online: [www.222tips.com](http://www.222tips.com)**

**Text message: "tip312 + message" to CRIMES**

View videos at [YouTube.com/1800222tips](http://YouTube.com/1800222tips)

[YouTube.com/222tipscommunity](http://YouTube.com/222tipscommunity)

"Cash for Guns" on Facebook

At the school, the safety of your child is our most important priority. As a staff we have implemented these safe schools procedures:

Teachers are discussing street proofing issues with the children.

Doors are locked. School access is only through the front door with secretary permission.

Signs are posted directing visitors to come to the office and sign in.

Staff will be approaching individuals they do not know and asking them to identify themselves.

Supervision is being provided at the beginning and end of the school day.

Signs are posted around the playground prohibiting entry by persons not involved in the education of our children.

We remind you to keep us up to date with your address, phone number, child-care arrangements, to whom your child may be released etc. We also encourage you not to permit your child make alternate arrangements over the lunch hour-keep a regular lunch routine. We need you to let us know about any changes of routine and to sign your child in if they are arriving late or leaving early for any reason.

## ATTENTION PARENTS!

### SAVE YOUR MAGAZINE ORDERS FOR OUR FALL FUNDRAISER LAUNCHING ON SEPTEMBER 26!

Dear Parents & Friends of **St. Sebastian Catholic School**,

Each fall, we hold our QSP magazine subscription fundraiser to raise money to benefit our students. The success of the program depends on your participation.

**Please save your magazine subscription renewals for our sale.** It is only when you renew directly through our program that our school receives any profit from your order.

**If you are anxious to renew before the official campaign begins, you can support us today by shopping on-line!** It's easy . . . visit [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca)!

#### Plan Ahead and Help Even More.....



Consider giving magazine subscriptions as gifts this year!

Let friends and family know about our fundraiser and ask them to save their orders for our program!



Thank you in advance for your support. We count on your participation!



