



# St. Dominic Savio Catholic School

## May 2016 Newsletter



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**School Hours:  
8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Lunch: 11:15am—12:15 pm**



Dear Parent/Guardian:

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy”.

This year, we celebrate Catholic Education Week from May 1st – 6th. The theme for Catholic Education Week this year is **Opening Doors of Mercy**. During this time, the Catholic community celebrates the unique and distinctive contribution that Catholic schools make to our students, our community, and our province. Catholic Education Week is a welcome opportunity to celebrate the Mission of our Catholic schools as they strive to integrate the Gospel values of Jesus Christ in every aspect of the school’s life and curriculum. We look forward to celebrating Catholic Education Week with you.

We are planning several exciting events during Education Week. I would like to highlight our Musical “**AT THE BANDSTAND**” on May 4th at 7PM, our Scholastic Book Fair, and our “Welcome to Kindergarten” Celebration on May 5th at 6:00pm. Our Catholic School Parent Committee is also having a student appreciation day on May 20th. Students will be treated to a free hot dog lunch and an afternoon dance. This will also be a dress down day. Please refer to the calendar and our newsletter for details.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Imee Wright, our Multiple Exceptionalities teacher, is receiving the **ASHIF JAFFER AWARD**. This award, given by the TCDSB, is presented to an individual who displays Excellence in the support of Special Education. *This award recognizes* her tireless work to integrate students with special needs into the regular classroom; her leadership; for guiding her colleagues with respect, appreciation and kindness; for promoting the dignity and rights of each student and for her concern that all children in her care reach their full potential. She will be recognized at the Toronto Catholic District School Board on Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 at 7pm in the evening. Congratulations!

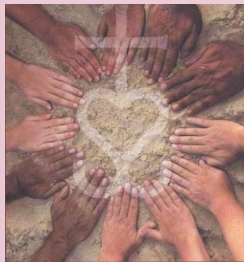
Students in grades 2, 5 and 7 will be writing the CAT/4 test and students in grades 3 and 6 will be writing EQAO. These tests will take place between May 25th and June 8th. As always, if you have any comments, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

F. Clotildes

Principal

### UPCOMING DATES

June 10th	PA DAY — Assessment and Evaluation
June 16th	CSPC BBQ
June 22nd	End of Year Mass at 1PM
June 23rd	Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony
June 24th	Senior Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony
June 28th	Play Day
June 29th	Last Day of Classes
June 30th	PA DAY



### Nurturing our Catholic Community through Family, Parish, and School

#### The virtue of the Month for May is Compassion.

For the month of May we will be focussing on the virtue of COMPASSION. Our quote is from John's Gospel, "Jesus saw her weeping...his heart was touched, and he was deeply moved." John 11:33 True compassion is not always easy to practice as in the words of Jean Vanier

*"Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion, and anguish."*

Who wants to go there when spring has finally arrived and the sun is shining down on us? This is all the more reason to show our compassion for those who cannot share in the light.

Through the guidance of the Holy Family, the model of all Christian families, and the intercession of all the Saints, may our Families, Parishes and Schools remain places where the Gospel is shared with joy, courage and love. We pray through Christ our

### CSPC News for April 2016

The CSPC chocolate fundraiser was a great success. We raised over \$2700. These funds are being used for events like Confirmation Retreat on April 13<sup>th</sup>, Sacramento Celebration on Fri. May 6<sup>th</sup>, and our CSPC Fun Fair Savio Community BBQ on Thurs. June 16<sup>th</sup>. Our 8 Grand Prize winners were: Dennis Dowdy, Chaelene Canedo, Brendan Paek, Matthew Desroches, Maxine Guaing, Marvin Fernandes, Alexis Evans, and Syriah Worrell. Thanks again to all the participants. If there's anyone who still has unsold chocolates at home, or money collected that they have forgotten to submit, please return it to the school office immediately.

Our Yearbook committee is working hard at completing the 2015-2016 yearbooks. If you have not yet ordered yours, please send in your

### Nutrition Program Update

The St. Dominic Savio Catholic School Student Nutrition Program is now in place. For the month of May, the program will run on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 10:00am. All students are welcome to a healthy morning meal. It will consist of 2-3 food groups from grain products, milk and alternatives, vegetables and fruit. All food prepared will be nut free.

### *Guidance Corner - May*

*During the month of May, there is a focus on Mental Health Awareness and the Virtue of Compassion. The first week of May is typically known as Children's Mental Health Awareness week. Take the time to help your child understand that talking about our feelings and getting help when something is bothering us, is the healthy way to approach fear, anxiety, worry or depression. Also, trying to understand another person's feelings and wanting to help them, can go a long way in responding compassionately to those who may need our friendship and support. Help your child develop positive coping strategies when facing difficult situations.*

I have included a parent fact sheet from the Canadian Psychological Association: [http://www.cpa.ca/docs/File/Publications/FactSheets/PsychologyWorksFactSheet\\_ParentingChallenges.pdf](http://www.cpa.ca/docs/File/Publications/FactSheets/PsychologyWorksFactSheet_ParentingChallenges.pdf), and a link to parent resources from the Psychology Foundation of Canada

[https://psychologyfoundation.org/Public/Resources/Resources.aspx?New\\_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon=3#New\\_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon](https://psychologyfoundation.org/Public/Resources/Resources.aspx?New_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon=3#New_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon)  
Miss Vincent

Elementary Guidance Counsellor (Area 7 & 8)

order form and payment to your teacher as soon as possible. We will accept orders until May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming CSPC events in May:

Milk Tuesdays will be May 10, 17, 24, 31.

Scholastics Book Fair May 2 to May 6<sup>th</sup>, we welcome everyone to visit our Book Fair. Scholastics Canada donates half of proceeds from the Book Fair sales back to our school to fill our library shelves with new books.

Sacramento Celebration May 6<sup>th</sup>, CSPC will host a small gathering with all the students who received their First Communion and Confirmation in the past weeks to celebrate this wonderful milestone with their peers, staff. Cake will be provided.

May 6<sup>th</sup> is observed as St Dominic Savio Day; CSPC will celebrate this special day with a FREE Ice Cream cup, which will be given out to all students during the morning. For those with dairy allergies we will offer a dairy free Popsicle.

Savio Student Appreciation Day will be Fri. May 20<sup>th</sup>; All students will be served a FREE Hot Dog lunch during their lunch hour, followed by a school dance in the afternoon. Students are welcome to dress down on this day, the theme is spring colours. It will be a fun day!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the school library.

Save the Date: Thurs. June 16<sup>th</sup> CSPC School BBQ lots of fun activities. There will be a bouncy castle, face painter, balloonist, Toronto Fire Truck, ice cream, and delicious food from Jetsuns Juicy Burgers....more to come!

Your parent council chair,

Mrs Lucy Desroches

### "At the Bandstand!" -MUSICAL

On Wednesday May 5, 2016, our school will be presenting "At the Bandstand!", a rock and roll revue. Students in grades 4-8 have been rehearsing since December to present this show for your enjoyment. It is the story of a girl who dreams of dancing on a 1950s/1960s dance show and features many hit songs from that era. Tickets to the show are \$5 per person. Students who are in the show have already received their ticket orders. If you are interested in attending the performance, please contact the school for more information.

### **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK**

In Ontario, Children's **Mental Health Awareness Week** is the first week of May. The aim of this week is to increase awareness about the signs children and youth may display when they have a mental health problem, decrease stigma associated with mental illness, and help people realize that help is available and treatment works. Given that one in five children and youth has a mental health problem it's vital that we support children's mental health.

The TCDSB Mental Health Steering Committee has developed a **Mental Health Awareness Toolkit** that has been shared with schools. The toolkit provides classroom activities that are linked to some of the

health topics in the Health and Physical Education Curriculum.

This year the five strategies that can be used to support children's mental health are:

1. BE MINDFUL
2. REACH OUT
3. PRAY
4. GET ENOUGH SLEEP
5. EXERCISE AND EATHEALTHY

Please see the back of the calendar for more information and ideas.

### **Jump Rope for Heart**

The Jump Rope-A-Thon final event will take place on Friday, May 6th. There will be prizes awarded to one class in each division that raises the most money. (Donations may be made on-line for your convenience).

We hope to exceed our \$6,000.00 total raised last year. We all know someone affected by stroke or heart attack, so let's do the best for this worthy cause.



The Ganeshers are taking a break in May and will be gearing up for a Me to We/Share Life Junior/Intermediate Movie Night and Raffle in June. More details to follow.

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

The Catholic Women's League of St. Joseph's Highland Creek Council is working on a project to provide the Iqaluit Nunavut food bank (which is a by air only community) with food items that they are in dire need of. The St. Dominic Savio community is asked to support this project by helping us to raise the necessary food items for this food bank.

Each school will be asked to have a food drive for one specific item that the food bank is short of. This is the Year of Mercy and one of the acts is to feed the hungry.

With your generous help, we will be able to achieve this goal. The food items will be flown into the community by Sarvaq Airlines which has generously agreed to deliver the food for us.

For our school the food item(s) are PEANUT BUTTER or JAM. This food drive will take place during Education Week. Our Student Council committee will be overseeing this initiative.

Thanks in advance for your support.

### **ECO AVENGER NEWS**

Wow! April was a very busy month for the ECO Avengers. First we completed our 2<sup>nd</sup> waste audit for the school and ended up with some fantastic results. The introduction of school-wide composters reduced our landfill waste dramatically. In total, we diverted 74% of all materials away from the landfill into either the recycling bin or composter. In addition, we cut the weight of both our garbage and recycling in half. Our ECO Avengers get a lot of credit for this, as they took the responsibility of teaching the rest of the school very seriously, educating all of the classes on how to use the different bins properly. Our next big project involved collecting plastic bags for the Wal-Mart "Plastic Bag Challenge". We spent a week collecting as many plastic bags as we possibly could. Some grade 7 students then took on the onerous task of counting all of the plastic bags. In the end, we collected 2,874 plastic bags to be returned to Wal-Mart for recycling. What an accomplishment!! Thank you to Malia Rosales-Grant, Kyle Pangilinan, Mihini Silva and Vanessa Williams for all of their hard work. Earth Day was an important day at St. Dominic Savio as we spent part of the morning cleaning up the entire school yard. Every student scoured the yard, collecting pieces of wrapper, scraps of paper and bits of plastic in order to put them where they belonged. In the end we collected 7 large bags full of garbage. What a nice feeling to have a clean school yard back again. Finally, we had a brainstorming session in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century room with Karen Dobrucki at lunch on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Here we decided as a group that we would like to build and develop a "pollinator garden". With the help of some parents and the community, we are hoping to build some raised beds in order to grow flowers that will attract and feed both bees and butterflies. That will help the many plants and animals living around us in the Rouge Valley as well as allow us the opportunity to see and study bees and butterflies up close. As April closes and May opens, we look forward to getting outside and continuing our work with the gardens that we do have as well as beginning work on the next phase, our Pollinator Gardens. Thanks for a great Earth Month, ECO Avengers!!



**Silver Certified for Three Consecutive Years!**  
**2012—2013, 2013—2014, and 2014—2015**

## TCDSB — Monthly Update and Upcoming Special Events

### Summer School Registration Begins April 29, 2016

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/ContinuingEducation/SecondaryCreditCourses/SummerSchool/Pages/Default.aspx>

### World Catholic Education Day May 5, 2016

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/world-catholic-education-day.aspx>

### Last Chance to Register: OAPCE Conference, AGM & Gala Dinner May 6-7, 2016

CSPC members can attend the conference portion of the event at no charge, thanks to CPIC who is subsidizing the cost for registration

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ec6a0r4n5fb01bdc&llr=57qgf7bab>

### Respect for Life Week May 8-14, 2016

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Respect-for-Life-Week.aspx>

### TCDSB Mini Special Olympics—May 31<sup>st</sup> Hangar, Downsview Park—all day event

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/special-mini-olympics.aspx>

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The virtue for the month of April was **JUSTICE**. The following students were awarded a virtue certificate:

Ms. Lui – ELP/1

*Kiara Cruz*

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