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11:15 am to 12:15 pm



June 2017 Wrap Up

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School News

God of all times and seasons,
as this school year ends,
we turn to you with hearts
filled with grateful amazement
at all you've helped us to learn and be.
Every time one of us extended a helping hand to another,
every time we forgave each other,
every time we put our trust in you,
your Son, Jesus Christ, was present among us.
We have grown in our love for you
and in our desire to walk in your ways.
May we never forget all you have done for us.
We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Principal's Message

We have come to the end of the academic school year and on behalf of myself and the staff of St. Francis of Assisi, I would like to once again thank you for your continued support.

There will be a few changes for the Fall of 2017:

1. Ms. Sobol, one of our most beloved teachers, will not be returning in September. She has accepted a position at another school.
2. Ms. Nasato, our Instrumental Music teacher, will not be returning in September. She has accepted a position at another school.
3. Ms. Bellissimo-Green, Early Childhood Educator working with our Kindergarten students, will be leaving our school as well. She has accepted a position at another school.
4. Ms. Cook, our part time Phys. Ed. teacher, will be leaving and has accepted a position at another school.

They will be greatly missed. Please join us in wishing everyone well.

There will be additions to our school community for the Fall of 2017. Ms. Susanne Holman, Ms. Karen Keane and Ms. Lucy Raposo will be joining our staff in September. Please join us in welcoming them to the St. Francis of Assisi School community.

Sadly, Father Conrad will be leaving the St. Francis of Assisi community. Father Conrad has been a wonderful person with whom to work. The students, staff, and parents absolutely love and respect him. He has been part of St. Francis of Assisi Church for many years. I know I speak for everyone when I say that he will be missed immensely. Please join us in wishing him well.

A warm welcome is extended to Father Aziz who will be joining St. Francis of Assisi Church and working with our beloved Father Jimmy. Welcome!

Wishing everyone a safe and restful summer!

A. Cianchetti
Principal



September First Day Procedures

On the first day of school, September 5, 2017, the students will be assembling in the school yard at 8:30 am. They are to assemble in front of the sign posted with their grade. The teachers will be outside collecting the students to bring them inside.

Please note, due to safety procedures, parents are **not allowed** to accompany the students inside the building to their classroom.

Thank you for your support in this regard.

Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who were this month's ambassadors for the virtue of Faithfulness:

Ms. Mazzuca/Ms. Bellissimo	Vivianne C
Ms. Jennings	Allison LH
Mr. Sorrentino	Daniel RM
Mr. Pietramala	Micael A
Ms. Nina	Darin P
Miss Silva	Daniela B
Ms. Rodrigues	Joanne Z
Ms. Prsa	Dan T
Ms. Sobol	Mariana M
Ms. Calautti	Michael T

Quebec City Excursion

On May 30, the Grade 7 and 8 students went on a school excursion via a luxury coach bus to the amazing place of Quebec City. We had the best time together with our friends and learned some of Canada's best history EVER, I'm sure. There were so many things to do, to learn, to see and explore every day.



When we arrived, we had an amazing dinner and a nice walk in Old Quebec. The second day we learned about the Plains of Abraham and we re-enacted the battle on the field right where it took place in 1608. That evening was our Gala at Montmorency Falls. We had the BEST NIGHT EVER! It was full of dancing with our friends, having fun, and meeting amazing new people from another school. I think it's safe to say we were all a little crazy.



On the third day, we did a challenge at the Sante-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica where

we had to take certain photos and show them to Trevor, the best tour guide ever. Afterwards, we had a fun time crossing three suspended bridges over a waterfall at Canyon Sainte-Anne. From there, we learned how to etch in copper at Albert Gilles Copper Museum and then back to Old Quebec for a scavenger hunt on the Dufferin Terrace learning more about the history of Quebec. We learned about Samuel de Champlain, Montcalm, General Wolfe and others.

That evening, we certainly sweetened our bellies with traditional Quebec food – all with maple syrup at a Sugar Shack. We danced this fun, crazy square dance, played the wooden spoons, ate maple candy and topped off the evening roasting marshmallows over a bonfire.



We were soooooo exhausted after an amazing three and a half days of non-stop learning and fun. I think it is safe to say we were all happy to get back home to our families and have a good night's sleep. Of course, we all want to go back to the amazing city of Quebec!

We would like to thank, from the bottom of our hearts, our principal and all our teachers who made this experience possible: Ms. Cianchetti, Ms. Pol-Bodetto, Ms. Calautti, Ms. Rodrigues, Ms. Prsa, Miss Silva and Ms. Sobol.

Amanda C



Riverdale Farm

On June 7, the Grade 1 to 4 students and their teachers enjoyed a wonderful day at Riverdale Farm. Many students commented on how wonderful the discovery walk was because it offered them the opportunity to enjoy the natural habitat near the Don River watershed to bird watch. Watching live farm animals within a rural farm setting in a downtown location is not always available to students and they certainly appreciated seeing sheep, lambs, goats, cows and horses being cared for by the wonderful staff at Riverdale Farm.



The students were also treated to a presentation of a “heifer” (female cow), where they were permitted to pet the animal quietly while respecting the animal’s space. The goats and horses

were also very personable as some of them were not shy about getting near the fence to be petted by the students. Other farm animals that were appreciated were chickens, turkeys, as well as little piglets as students observed them being fed by their mother.

All three classes then enjoyed a wonderful sunny afternoon at neighboring Riverdale Park, where many enjoyed a game of kickball and soccer, prior to taking the streetcar ride back to school where they ended a most memorable trip.

A special thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped make the day a success!

High Park

On Tuesday, June 13, the Grade 1/2 class went to High Park as a year-end trip. We arrived by TTC streetcar and had a quick snack before playing in the



amazing adventure park. Then, we made our way to the animal paddocks where we learned about the various animals, all the while making connections to our science and social studies learning. We enjoyed a picnic lunch while dodging the rain. We learned about the history of High Park and the Howard family who gifted the park to the city of Toronto. Around noon, we met our program



instructor and we enjoyed a guided tour of the park, learning to keep our eye out for the stinging nettle and poison ivy. A special thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped with

supervision! It was an awesome day of outdoor learning!!

Bread Making – Pão com Chouriço



Thank you Ms. Chaves for the delicious pão com chouriço.



Grade 8 Graduation



TRUSTEES 2016 – 2017

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| 1. Joseph Martino | 5. Maria Rizzo | 9. Jo-Ann Davis |
| 2. Ann Andrachuk | 6. Frank D'Amico, Vice-Chair | 10. Barbara Poplawski |
| 3. Sal Piccininni | 7. Michael Del Grande | 11. Angela Kennedy, Chair |
| 4. Patrizia Bottoni | 8. Gary Tanuan | 12. Nancy Crawford |

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