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11:15 am – 12:15 pm

*Celebrating through Faith,
Hope and Charity*



Year of CHARITY

November 2014

St. Helen Catholic School News

During the month of November we focus on the virtue of **PEACE**. As we celebrate the Year of Charity, we connect the virtue of peace to the **Sign of Peace** at Mass. Each time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we are invited to extend a sign of peace to those around us. Catholic social teaching reminds us that we are one family regardless of differences in ethnic, religious, or economic backgrounds. We are called to love our *neighbour* and loving our neighbour has global dimensions in a shrinking world.

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I. Mandarino

Peace

DENTAL SCREENING – begins **November 4th**. Information flyer was sent home.

SNACK PROGRAM - Snack program begins **Tuesday, November 4th**. Participating students receive snacks every Tues., Wed. and Thurs. for the year.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SCHOOL MASS - Remembrance Day School Mass at St. Helen Church takes place on **November 11th at 9:30 a.m.** *All are welcome!*

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY – Red Day – Wear red on **November 11th**.

POINSETTIA SALE – Warm up your Holiday Season with beautiful Poinsettias while helping to support St. Helen School. Orders **due by November 12th**.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – **November 13th & 14th**.

CSAC PIZZA LUNCHES - November Pizza Day takes place on **November 13th**.

****REMINDER P.A. DAY NOVEMBER 14TH – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS****

PHOTO RETAKE/SIBLING PHOTO DAY- Photo retakes and sibling photos take place on **November 21st**.

CSAC FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – **November 21st @ 6 p.m.** More details to follow.

ANGEL FOUNDATION NEW/UNWRAPPED TOY DRIVE – **November 24th – December 4th**. More details to follow.

CSAC POPCORN SALE – **November 28th** during recesses for \$2.00.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES



Will take place on the evening of Thursday, November 13th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, November 14th from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Forms are being sent home for parental sign up.

ST. HELEN POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER



St. Helen School is holding a Poinsettia Sale to help raise funds to be used for enhancing and improving our educational programs at the school. Order forms are available in the office and are due back on November 12th. Plants will be available for pick up on November 20th from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. and November 21st from 3:30 – 8:30 p.m. **The class that sells the most poinsettias will get a free class photo with Santa and a free pizza lunch for the whole class.**

SHARE A HEALTHY SMILE



A big THANK YOU is extended to all who helped to support our “Share a Healthy Smile” toothbrush and toothpaste donation drive. In total, we were able to send to Dr. Simone 112 toothbrushes and 128 tubes of toothpaste to help with his mission.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY and SIBLING PICTURES Friday, November 21st (AM)

On picture retake day, students will have the opportunity to retake photographs or have a photograph taken with their siblings with parental permission.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

We encourage our students to demonstrate the monthly virtues. Students will be recognized with certificates on the bulletin board inside the office. During the Month of November we will be celebrating the virtue of **Peacemaking**.

The students of the month for October and November will be included in our December newsletter.



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

We invite all parents and guardians to attend the next CSAC meeting which will be held on **Thursday, November 27th** at 6:00 p.m.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Please consider becoming a volunteer to assist in CSAC events. **Volunteers are greatly needed especially for Pizza Lunches and the Snack Program.**

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

The chocolate fundraiser will be coming to an end on **November 13th**. Please return all monies and/or unsold chocolates to the school to be counted in the prize draws in the month of December. The date of the school prize assembly will be announced in the December Newsletter.



This fundraising activity is sponsored by the St. Helen Catholic School Advisory Council.

TOP SELLER prizes - The three top sellers in the school will receive one of the following prizes:

- 1st Prize – Ipad mini
- 2nd Prize – Ipod touch
- 3rd Prize – 4 Ripley's Aquarium Tickets

RAFFLE prizes - Students who sell a complete box (one ballot per box) will have their names entered in a draw for a variety of prizes.

CLASSROOM prizes – The top classes in each division will win pizza lunches or 5lb chocolate bars.

Please note that we reserve the right to change prizes based on the level of student participation.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for our Family Movie Night sponsored by CSAC on **Friday, November 21st** at 6:00 p.m. **More information COMING SOON!**



CSAC POPCORN SALE

Popcorn will be sold for \$2.00 during both recesses on Friday, November 28th.

WEEKEND SPANISH CLASSES SURVEY

Unfortunately, due to low enrolment interest in Spanish Weekend classes here at St. Helen School, we will not be offering this initiative. Thank you to all who participated in this survey.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION AROUND THE SCHOOL

In the interest of student safety, we are asking that those who drop off and pick up students at school, park one or two blocks away and walk to the school. The traffic congestion and parking in the bus loading zone on College Street is causing unsafe situations for our students. We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

FRONT DOOR POLICY

A reminder that students are to use the yard entrance before 8:30 a.m. They are not to enter through the front door.

SCHOOL HOURS AND SUPERVISION

Supervision in the school yard starts at 8:15 a.m. Students should not be in the yard or in the school before 8:15 a.m. unless the student is with Immaculata Day Care.



TREATS

The school follows an Allergen Aware Policy and only allows **certified peanut-free** treats. All treats which are sent to school for the purpose of sharing must be clearly marked **CERTIFIED NUT FREE**. For any treats that are sent home please inspect the treats for any food allergens prior to giving them to your child. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

CROSS COUNTRY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all our Cross Country Participants who ran in the tournaments last month and represented St. Helen School with pride. A pat on the back goes out to Tiago F., Vanessa E., Zhong Z., and Christine E.



BOYS AND GIRLS INTERMEDIATE VOLLEYBALL

Good luck to those students who are participating in the Volleyball tournaments and representing St. Helen School on November 10th and 12th.



December

Santa Photos – taking place on **December 3rd**. More details to follow.

Christmas Concert – taking place on **December 17th**.

Classes participating in the Christmas and Spring concerts are:

Christmas – Andrusieczko, Almada, Carinci, Hewitt, Nesci, Hrzina, D'Costa, Iglio, Oliveira, French.

Spring – Salvato, Buczel, Ciarrocchi, Andrade, Carnovale, Uncao, Oliveira (Grade 7), Andrade-Marco, Sousa, Rebelo, Portuguese.

GUIDANCE CORNER

Planning for Your Future



During the month of October, students in most intermediate classes began to develop their Individual Pathways Plan (IPP), as they prepare to enter high school and think about what they would like to do beyond secondary school. Students created accounts on myBlueprint and began to set goals for themselves, with a focus on learning skills; thought about the courses that they will be taking in high school; started to develop a resume; and explored various occupations and post-secondary pathways across Canada.

Parents are encouraged to ask their intermediate child(ren) to show them the work that they may have done on myBlueprint and encourage them to continue to develop their plan for the future. If interested, parents are invited to create their own account where they can follow their child's progress. Simply begin by going to www.myblueprint.ca/tcdsb and follow simple links.

Please contact me, amatof@tcdsb.org if you would like detailed instructions on how to create an account and follow your child's progress.

High School Applications

Parents of grade 8 students are reminded to be sure to get those high school applications back to the school and accurately completed so that the school can submit them to the Board by November 10th. You will also be receiving the After 8 student guide and parent guide to help you through the process of completing the application form. Ask your child about it if you do not see one by early November.

If you would like to see the books before they arrive or if you would like one in an alternate language, follow this link:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolPrograms/SK12/GuidanceCoopEd/Transition%20to%20High%20School/Pages/default.aspx>



NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Education and Community Resource Fair
Helping parents of children with special needs link with resources within the TCDSB and the community
November 8th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre.

<http://www.tcdsb.org/pages/education-and-community-resources-fair-2014.aspx>

Remember to follow @TCDSB on Twitter for all the latest news and important information throughout the year.



Helpful tips to avoid the flu:

- Get your flu shot
- Wash your hands often
- Cover your cough/sneeze
- Do the knuckle bump instead of shaking hands
- Stay home if you're sick

Visit toronto.ca/health to find a free flu clinic near you

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