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Hours of Operation:
8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Lunch Hour:
11:15 am – 12:15 pm

*Celebrating through Faith,
Hope and Charity*



Year of CHARITY

October 2014

St. Helen Catholic School News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We welcome the new families who have joined us in the month of September. October 5, 2014 is World Teacher Day. We would like to extend our appreciation to the staff at St. Helen for their caring and dedication in helping our students grow in the Catholic faith, expand their knowledge and develop important life skills. We would like to wish our students and families a Happy Thanksgiving on MONDAY, OCTOBER 13th. We hope you will support our school community in expressing gratitude for the many blessings in our lives by sharing our bounty with the less fortunate through the Thanksgiving food drive.

A. Sanborn

I. Mandarino

ST. HELEN'S FIRST ANNUAL TERRY FOX RUN

Thank you to all for your outstanding generosity and enthusiasm!!!

St. Helen School raised a total of **\$5305.45**. Way to go, St. Helen's!

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT at 6:00 p.m. and CURRICULUM NIGHT at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for Curriculum Night on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Parents and guardians will have the opportunity to discuss the Ministry Curriculum and teacher expectations for the school year. **We will also have information booths set up from CSAC, Parenting and Family Literacy Centre, Toronto Public Library, Toronto Public Health, Blue and White Donations, West Neighbourhood House.** Prior to Curriculum Night, we will be having a High School Information Evening for parents of students in Gr. 7 – 8 at 6:00 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

St. Helen School will be participating in Walk to School Day on Wednesday, Oct. 8th, 2014.

LIVING ROSARY

On October 20th, St. Helen's students will be praying the Living Rosary at 9:45 a.m. for Kindergarten to Gr. 2 students and at 10:35 a.m. for Gr. 3-8 students. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend in the school gym.

THANKSGIVING SCHOOL MASS

We will be celebrating our Thanksgiving School Mass at St. Helen Church on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us!

CSAC CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER begins on Friday, October 3rd

NEXT CSAC MEETING – Thursday, October 16th at 6 p.m.

PICTURE DAY – Friday, October 17th

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

If your child will be receiving the sacrament of First Communion or Confirmation, please call St. Helen Catholic Church at 416-531-8188.

PICTURE DAY

Students will have the opportunity to have their photograph taken on Friday, October 17th. A reminder that students are asked to wear their school uniforms for picture day.

SAFE SCHOOL PROCEDURES

Every year, schools engage in routine practices in order to familiarize staff and students with the procedures necessary to deal with emergency situations. In addition to routine fire drills, schools also practice emergency response procedure. We will be conducting a practice "lockdown" procedure on October 24, 2014 in the a.m.

PARENTS/VISITORS

In the interest of school safety we ask that all parents/guardians and visitors to the school (including babysitters) **report to the office to sign in upon entering the school building.** Access to classrooms and students must only take place after the office is informed and permission is received. A visitor's pass will be given to wear. **PLEASE EXIT THE BUILDING THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS ONLY.**

STUDENT HEALTH

Please inform the school immediately if your child develops severe allergies or is diagnosed with a serious medical condition in order for us to work with you to ensure your child's well-being by following appropriate procedures in regards to medication or health emergencies.

Address/Phone Number Change

If you have changed your address or phone numbers - (home, work or cell)- please ensure that the school has your new address or phone number/s. We must have up to date information at all times.

ME-TO-WE STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Intermediate students at St. Helen School have the opportunity to develop leadership skills through participation in WE DAY at the Air Canada Center on October 2, 2014. The St. Helen Me to We Student Leadership group will be joining thousands of students from across Southern Ontario to share their ideas and passion for helping people around the world.

STAGGERED LUNCH – STUDENTS GOING HOME FOR LUNCH – New Procedures

Kindly pick up your child in the school yard at bell from the supervisor. Please drop your child off in the school yard as close to the end of the lunch hour as possible. This will reduce congestion in the office.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

A Catholic School Advisory Council has been established, subject to the requirements of the Education Act and the TCDSB policies, guidelines and Operating Procedures for Catholic School Advisory Councils, and shall function in an advisory role to the school principal, and, where appropriate, the Board. The Advisory Council is made up of parents/guardians, teachers, and a community member.

On September 18th, 2014 CSAC elections took place. The members of the St. Helen Catholic School Advisory Council for 2014-2015 are:

Chair: Mrs. Croatto

Vice Chair: Mrs. Linhares

Secretary: Ms. Goncalves

Treasurer: Mr. Boodoo

TAPCE Representative: Ms. Pacheco

Teacher Representative: Ms. Almada

We invite all parents and guardians to attend the next CSAC meeting which will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2014 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.**



CSAC CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Please support our school through our Chocolate Fundraiser! The funds raised will benefit our students and their programming!

SNACK PROGRAM

The snack program will start on November 4, 2014. Participating students will receive nutritious snacks every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The cost for this program is \$65.00 per child for the school year. Please complete and return the snack program letters by Thursday, October 9, 2014.

HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES

St. Helen School will be celebrating Halloween with costumes and a dance on Oct. 31st. Please remember that students must be dressed in appropriate costumes that day. **NO MASKS OR WEAPONS WILL BE ALLOWED.**



We will be having a Jack-o-Lantern Cookie Sale for \$1 each to support School Spirit initiatives.

Our first CSAC Pizza Lunch will also be on Oct. 31st.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

We encourage our students to demonstrate the monthly virtues. Students will be recognized with certificates on the bulletin board outside the office each month.

During the Month of October we will be celebrating the virtue of Gratitude.

Congratulations to the Students of the Month for September who demonstrated the virtue of Hospitality:

Rachel A.	Matteus P.
Nicole D.	Mya P.
Lavinia D.	Kassiane R.
Sierra F.	Ema R.
Rachel F.	Ciara S.
Joshua J.	Brianna S.
Abigail K.	Emily S.
Liesel M.	Samuel S.
Diane O.	Tristen W.
Liam P.	

IMMACULATA CHILD CARE and BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Preschool Child Care for ages 2 ½ - 3 years
Before/After School Program for ages 4 - 5 years as part of the Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program
Before/After School Program for ages 6 – 12
Includes P.A. Days – Call 416-534-5772

PARENTING AND FAMILY LITERACY CENTRE

Parents of young children from 0 – 6 years of age are reminded that the Parenting and Family Literacy Centre offers exciting play-based learning activities. It is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m.

to 1:00 p.m. **Please remember to sign in at the office prior to proceeding to the centre.**

DOVERCOURT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB for Gr. 1 - 8

Capacity for the 2014-15 afterschool program has been set at 60 students based on safety considerations and level of supervision. The 60 spots have been filled; however, if you wish your child to be put on the waitlist for this school year, please call 416-536-4102. We will revisit program capacity in May/June 2015 with the Dovercourt Program Co-ordinator for the following school year, as was done in the past year.

PORTUGUESE AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

Portuguese Afterschool Classes are offered here at St. Helen School through Escola Portuguesa Novos Horizontes. Please call Fernanda at 416-566-4754.

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2014-2015

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GUIDANCE CORNER – October 2014

With the Ministry release of *Creating Pathways to Success*, all intermediate students will be required to complete an Individual Pathways Plan (IPP), which will encourage a process of self-exploration and planning for the future. We will be working with

www.myblueprint.ca/tcdsb as we develop our IPPs.

Most grade 8s will have already created their accounts last year and the grade 7s will have their accounts set-up within the next few weeks. Some may have already started their IPPs. Feel free to ask your children to share theirs with you.

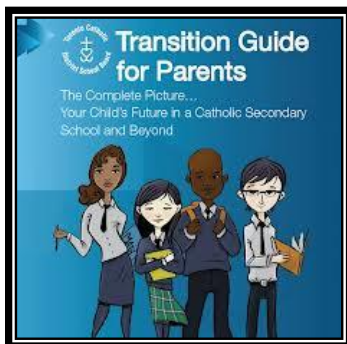


**Loretto College School Open House
Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014**

**St. Mary's C.S.S. Open House
Wed., Oct. 22, 2014**

**St. Joseph's College Open House
Wed., Oct. 29, 2014**

**Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton Open House
Thursday, Oct. 30, 2014**



October will be a busy month for the grade 8 students as they begin the high school application process. The After 8 transition guides for both students and parents will be delivered to the school soon, so you can expect to learn more

about the process when your child brings them home.

Here is a list of the important dates:

- **Monday, October 27th, 2014** – The applications will be available for printing at the school. Expect the application to come home on or just after this date.
- **Monday, November 10th, 2014** – Applications are due back at the School Board. Therefore, they must be returned to the school well before to ensure early arrival. Teachers will provide due dates to your child so please be sure to return the forms on time and completed correctly.

Don't forget to visit prospective Catholic Secondary Schools. Open House dates have been posted in all schools, so you are encouraged to visit **your local secondary schools** to learn about the programs that they offer.

Mr. F. Amato

TCDSB Elementary Teacher-Guidance Counsellor
Area 5 and Area 3

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