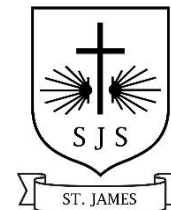


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DEAR PARENTS PALAIS ROYALE

Twelve Gr. 8 students from Mr. Duggan's class shone like the stars at the Palais Royale on the evening of Monday June 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm. These students were the Winter Gold Champions of the 2015 -2016 Dancing in the Classroom program. Our Gr. 8 ballroom dancers did not compete in this program. They showcased as the opening dance number for this annual grade 5/6 dance competition. There was a total of seven schools competing and the grand trophy winner was St. Thomas Aquinas School.

Our students were elegantly dressed and did a fantastic job representing St. James School. It was truly a privilege to be the opening act for this competition.

A heartfelt thank you to our great ballroom instructor Ms. Patricia. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you also to Mr. Duggan for your patience in facilitating our practices and always being present during the ballroom lessons. We hope that the tradition of ballroom dancing continues next year at St. James School.

A letter from our ballroom Dancing Instructor Ms. Patricia

The students did a fabulous job showcasing their dances! I am so proud of all of them!!!!



Thank you for all your hard work and dedication!! This program really is more about the students building confidence and respect and teamwork and I hope that they will continue to practice this throughout their lives!! I am very proud of all of them having the courage to dance in front of so many people at such a grand event.

Thank you Krystyna and Patrick for all your hard work and dedication to your students beyond academics. The life lessons you expose them to and all the experiences you embrace for them to participate in reflects your deep care for them as

our future leaders and generation of excellent society contributors. The students of your school are truly blessed to have you as more than educators but as their cheerleaders who give them above and beyond opportunity for greatness!!

It has been my pleasure and honour to work with you to inspire them. I have enjoyed the students and all their personalities and am very very proud of them and wish them many years to step out and shine and never be afraid to reach for the stars!!!

Deepest Gratitude for being a small part of your school!! Lots of hugs and love for a safe and joyful summer!! I will miss you all dearly! Big smiles and hugs – Patricia

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DATES UPCOMING NEX WEEK:

Pizza Lunch for School Choir Students

On June 27th, Mrs. Schneider will treat the students from Grades 5-8 that participated in the school choir all year with a pizza lunch.

Celebrating Canada Day 2016

To support the board-wide celebration of the anniversary of our nation, we will gather our school community on **Wednesday, June 29th** to sing our National Anthem together. We invite you to do this at **9:30 a.m.** so that all of our voices will be raised in song at the same time across the City of Toronto. Students may wear white and red to mark the occasion.



Humber River Bicycle Excursion

On June 29th Mr. Duggan and Mr. Barber will take their Grade 7 & 8 classes for an all day bicycle excursion. Students, please bring your bicycles and helmets. Students do not bring a helmet to school will not be able to participate due to safety reasons.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 29, 2016 IS OUR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

Collective Bargaining Update

Please see the attached update from the Director of Education regarding local collective bargaining with the Toronto English Catholic Teachers' (TECT) Union.

