

ST. SIMON NEWSLETTER

Happy Children Who Love to Learn



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The newsletter is also accessible via the school website:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stsimon/News/Pages/Newsletters.aspx>

If you wish to receive a paper copy please contact your child's teacher, or the office.

St. Jude's Parish newsletter is also available on the school website.

Virtue of the Month: Justice

April, with its celebration of Easter, has been assigned the virtue of Justice. At this time we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus who is the Just One who died for the sake of the unjust, that He might lead people back to God. But justice is also an important part of Catholic teaching beyond Christ's Death and Resurrection. The need to do justice comes from the obligation to respect the dignity of every human person. This dignity comes from being created in God's image. Failing to respect human dignity, including failing to do justice, is a failure to respect the image of God in others. As in this month's quote, "Let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry." Amos 5:24, at St. Simon we will be working towards justice through our participation in the Easter Food Drive.

Highlights For April

2- Autism Day

3- Good Friday—No school

6- Easter Monday- No school

8- Gr. 8 and SK Grad Pictures

13- Intermediate W5H

Music Festival- Band

23- Spring and Sibling Photos

27- CAT 4 Testing begins



Easter

Easter is the greatest feast in the Christian calendar. On Easter Sunday, Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. For Catholics, Easter Sunday comes at the end of 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving known as Lent. Through spiritual struggle and self-denial, we have prepared ourselves to die spiritually with Christ on Good Friday, the day of His Crucifixion, so that we can rise again with Him in new life on Easter.

Easter is a day of celebration because it represents the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. St. Paul wrote that, unless Christ rose from the dead, our faith is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:17). Through his death, Christ saved mankind from the bondage of sin, and He destroyed the hold that death has on all of us; but it is His Resurrection that gives us the promise of new life, both in this world and the next.

http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/What_Is_Easter.htm

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC):

www.tcdsb.org/cpic

School website:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/SCHOOLS/STSIMON>

School BLOG:

<http://stsimonschoolblog.blogspot.ca>



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School Hours

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m



The Year of Charity

St. Simon's Helps Others in Need

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Together we "CAN" help fight Hunger

Starting on **Monday March 23rd** through to **Thursday April 2nd**, St Simon school will be hosting a canned food drive to help families in our community through *St. Jude's St Vincent de Paul Society*.

Here are a few suggestions of needed items:

- Rice
- Oatmeal
- Salt / Pepper
- Laundry Soap
- Tuna
- Cereal
- Oil / Vinegar
- Diapers (all sizes)
- Soup
- Jam/Jelly
- Pasta
- Baby Food

Grocery gift Cards also gladly welcomed

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Happy Easter!

Sports

Jr. Girls Volleyball

On Thursday, March 26th, the jr. girls' volleyball team participated in their Tournament. The event took place at Monsignor John Corrigan School. The girls played with great skill, determination and enthusiasm. Their coaches: Mrs. Pimentel and Mrs. Arruda, were very pleased with their overall third place finish. The girls never gave up! Although they did not place first in their division, they proved to be the team who played with the most technique and enthusiasm. They worked hard and represented their school well! The team members are:

Lauren Ross- our peppy captain who helped us stay on task, Mia Filippazzo- with her skinner serves, Cinderella Hanna-our power house bumper, Melissa Del Sal-with her mean bumps, Juliana Di Salvo-our quiet but focused player, Zoe Olegario- our lethal server, Marissa Pugliese- our loudest firecracker, Martina DiBuglio our one armed bandit, Thania Morales Taylor-who was the most improved server and always served with the most finesse and our MVP Regine Gutierrez- who saved the day and helped us win with her sneaky serves and amazing bumps that kept us in the game.

A special thank you to our assistant coaches: Julian Boccia and Matthew DiSalvo, for their dedication to practices and providing their volleyball knowledge and skill at all times. Well done girls!

Jr. Boys Volleyball

The junior boys' volleyball team traveled to Monsignor John Corrigan on Wednesday, March 25, to participate in their divisional tournament against St. Dorothy, St. Angela, and Monsignor John Corrigan. Throughout the tournament, the boys demonstrated a positive attitude and displayed a lot of team spirit. In the playoffs, the boys continued to challenge their opponents but unfortunately ended up in a tie against St. Dorothy. The tie-breaking set ended with St. Dorothy scoring the last point: 15-14. The coaches and boys would like to extend a warm thank you to all of the parents for supporting their sons. Thank you to Ms. Contento, Mrs. D'Alfonso, Ms. Jesus, and Mr. Carnevale, for volunteering their time and kindly providing coffees, a pizza lunch, and Timbits for us on that day. We look forward to participating with all of you in future tournaments. The boys' team is comprised of Joseph Carnevale (Captain), Henry Olabode (Assistant Captain), Alexander D'Alfonso, Nicholas Lippa, Daniel Ceolin, Sandro Contento Parrotta, Lucas Gavioli, Andrew Stekar, Johnathan Beggs, Demetri Polychronopoulos. Congratulations boys!

Sincerely,

Ms. Pedace, Mr. Vago, and Mr. MacIsaac
The Coaches

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From the Office

Student Information Updates

As the year progresses, often some information changes. Please ensure that all emergency contact information is current. If an emergency were to happen, the school must have current contacts. If you have changed your phone number or address please inform the office.



Wet Weather is Here!

As the weather is changing, please ensure that students are dressed appropriately for the cold, wet ever changing weather. Students should have a pair of indoor shoes to wear in the building and packing an extra pair of socks, gloves and pants is recommended.

Lego Club

Lego Club has begun at St. Simon. See below for the schedule. Only students who have registered for the club may participate.

- Grade 1's – Tuesdays, March 31 and April 7, 14, 21 & 28* (On the Stage)
- Grade 2's – Tuesdays, March 31 and April 7, 14, 21 & 28* (In the Library)
- Grade 3's – Thursdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30* (In the Library)
- Grade 4, 5 & 6's – Fridays, April 10, 17 & 24 and May 1 & 8* (In the Library) *No Club on Good Friday, Friday April 3.*

Uniform

As the warmer weather approaches, often students forget what the school dress code entails.

Students are expected to wear the following dress code:

Appropriate Dress Code – consists of any combination of navy blue and white garments (i.e., plain white top, navy blue bottom, navy blue top and bottom, **no denim**).

All student attire must be in keeping with our Catholic teachings and beliefs, and reflect principles of modesty.

To report an absence please call 416-393-5383 (4pm-8am)

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2014 – 2015

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	6
Christmas Break	December 22, 2014– January 2, 2015
Family Day	February 16, 2015
Mid-Winter Break	March 16 - 20, 2015
Good Friday	April 3, 2015
Easter Monday	April 6, 2015
Victoria Day	May 18, 2015
Last day of classes	June 25, 2015

Six Professional Development Days

Parent teacher interview	November 14, 2014
Faith Day	December 5, 2014
Ministry	January 23, 2015
Parent teacher interview	February 13, 2015
Ministry	June 5, 2015
Assessment & Evaluation	June 26, 2015

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

TRUSTEES 2014-2015

Wards

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An Easter Message from Your Trustee

As our journey through Lent comes to an end, we look forward to the most important celebration in our Catholic liturgical calendar.

The season of Spring and the celebration of Easter bring hope and joy in the promise of new life.

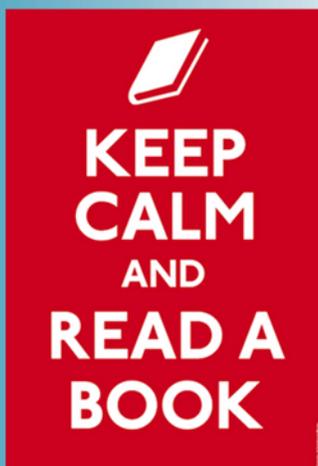
In our Catholic schools, we are blessed with the opportunity to witness hope for the future through the lives of our students who are entrusted to us.

We are called to be faithful to the gifts that we have been given and to renew our commitment to the Gospel values in Catholic education.

At this happiest and holiest time of the year, I wish you and your families peace and happiness as you welcome the message of the Risen Lord into your homes and hearts.

God bless!

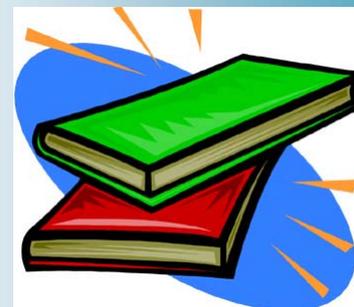
Sal Piccininni



Volunteers Needed

Do you love reading? Are books one of your most favourite objects? If they are, then help the school promote reading by volunteering at this years Read-A-Thon. The Read-A-Thon will be from May 3rd-29th. Your duties will include tallying the number of books classes have read and helping to organize the book exchange. If you are interested in volunteering, look for the volunteer sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the entrance of the school or email Mr. Howlett brett.howlett@tcdsb.org.

Thank you for your consideration and time.





St. Simon School

April 2015

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2 Autism Day	3 Good Friday School Closed	4
5 	6 Easter Monday School Closed 	7	8 Gr 8 Grad Pictures and SK Grad Pictures 	9 Rosary Team Visits 	10	11
12	13 Intermediate WSH Tournament School Band to Music Festival at St. Thomas Aquinas	14	15 Rosary Making – Gr 2's CSAC Mtg 7pm	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Travelling Stage Gr. 4, Gr .4/5	23 Spring and Sibling Photos 	24	25
26	27 Travelling Stage Gr. 4, Gr .4/5	28	29 Travelling Stage Gr. 4, Gr .4/5	30		



Monthly Update from the Board

April 2015

Second Phase of Budget Consultation

TCDSB thanks the many parents, students, staff and community members who participated in the first phase of the budget consultation and provided feedback through the virtual Townhall, the online survey and in person through delegations at board and committee meetings. The second phase of consultation will include further opportunities for feedback. Visit our website for all the details. <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/budgetandfinance/budgetconsultation/pages/default.aspx>

New Legislation Aims to Prevent On-Line Cyberbullying and Exploitation

On March 9, 2015, new legislation has come into effect to protect all ages of Canadians from on-line cyberbullying and exploitation on the internet. Named the "Protecting Canadians from Online Crime Act", the new law stands up for victims and helps law enforcement officials better protect our students.

A website has been created by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection to help youth who are being exploited by providing guidance in how to deal with online blackmail. We encourage you to share this site with your students: www.needhelpnow.ca

School Year Calendar

The school year calendar for 2015-2016 has been approved. This includes the professional activity days for elementary. The PA days for secondary school should be approved soon. Check here for information <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/SchoolYearCalendar/Pages/FutureSchoolYearCalendar.aspx>.

Interactive Family Literacy Event

All are welcome to participate in the PRO Partnership Interactive Family Literacy Event. This will be hosted by 15 elementary schools.

Location: Senator O'Connor College School, 60 Rowena Drive, North York

Date: April 8, 2015

Time: Registration begins at 5:45pm and the program starts at 6:15pm.

This event is a "jump start" to Literacy for grades JK - 3 and will feature workshops by Young People's Theatre as well as interactive activities that will assist parents to work with their children at home to improve academic achievement in school.

To register online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PROLiteracy>

Launch of New Three-Year Pastoral Plan

April 22nd

"Together With One Voice--Harmonizing Faith in our Families, Parishes and Schools"

The event with Cardinal Thomas Collins will be webcast live through the board's website. Further information will be posted here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2014-2015/pages/launch-of-new-pastoral-plan-2015-2018.aspx>

Mark Your Calendars and Prepare to Celebrate

Catholic Education Week May 3-8, 2015

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/catholiceducationweek/pages/default.aspx>

Other Upcoming Events

April is Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month

April 1st: 5th Annual Autism Awareness Evening at the Catholic Education Centre starting at 5:30 p.m. <https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/autism-awareness-evening.aspx>

April 2nd: Autism Awareness Day. Raise the flag and wear blue to show your support.

April 2nd: St. John Paul II Day—declared by the Government of Ontario
<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/pope-john-paul-ii-day.aspx>

April 9th: Student Job Fair, Metro Toronto Convention Centre <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Job-Fair.aspx>

April 12-15th: National Volunteer Week <http://volunteer.ca/nvw2015>

April 13th--St. John Paul II Day (as declared by the Board)

April 17th-19th: Earth Month School and Community Clean Up Days <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/environment/earthmonth/pages/default.aspx>

April 21st: Student Trustee Election <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/OpportunitiesForStudents/Pages/Student-Trustee-Elections-2015.aspx>

April 22nd: Administrative Assistants' Day (Secretaries' Day)

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