



# ST. SIMON NEWSLETTER

Happy Children Who Love to Learn



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The newsletter is only available in electronic form.

If you would like a newsletter sent to your email, please send a request to: [brett.howlett@tcdsb.org](mailto:brett.howlett@tcdsb.org)

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: Faithfulness

As we prepare for the end of the school year, we are focusing this month on the virtue of Faithfulness. As we send our students off for a summer of fun and relaxation and our graduates off into the wider world, we have faith that they will return to us safely to begin another year. The quote from John's gospel reminds us, "Happy are those who have not seen, yet still believe" John 20:29 We will encourage our students to continue to put their faith in to action by bringing the Gospel spirit into every aspect of their lives. This is how we become true witnesses to Christ, extend the kingdom of God and build a more humane world.

## Highlights For June

1-3- EQAO Testing Gr. 3 and 6

1- Gr. 2 to Harbourfront

2- Boys Soccer: Richview

3- Girls Soccer: Richview

CSAC Meeting 7pm

4- ELP to Farm

5- PA Day no school

10- Volunteer/Grandparents Tea

Lego Night 6:30pm gym

Gr. 7 and 8 Immunization

11- Italian Trip Columbus Centre

16- Play Day!

17- Awards Assembly 10am

19- Sr. Kindergarten Celebration

22- Gr. 8 Graduation

23- Report Cards sent home

24- Mass 1pm

25- Last Day of School regular dismissal

## Summer Wishes

As the school year comes to a close, we would like to wish all the families of St. Simon's a wonderful, restful and safe summer. Enjoy the many moments of summer with each other.

Be reminded that although summer is a time for rest, that reading or practising some mental math skills are a great way to stay sharp.

Continuing to maintain the regular bedtime routines also ensures a smooth transition as we return to school in September.

Families are also reminded that **all class placements for the 2015/2016 school year are tentative until September 30, 2015.**

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Mr. Boccia and Mr. Howlett

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC):

[www.tcdsb.org/cpic](http://www.tcdsb.org/cpic)

School website:

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

School BLOG:

<http://stsimonschoolblog.blogspot.ca>



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



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## The Year of Charity

### St. Simon's Helps Others in Need

#### York University Teacher Candidates Teaching in Kenya

Thank you to all the families that donated items that were taken to students in Kenya. They were very pleased to see the abundance of items and learning supplies . The students and teachers greatly and truly appreciated the display of generosity from the St. Simon community.

Thank you for your donations,

York University Teacher Candidates

## May is Read– A– Thon Month

#### Read A Thon

Thank you to all the families that donated books to the library. It is greatly appreciated and a well needed influx of new titles to help maintain and keep our library up to date with current titles. Thank you for your support and for sharing your love of reading.



## Go Simon's Go!!

#### Track and Field

This year's Track and Field season was very eventful and successful. There were over 80 athletes that participated in a variety of running, jumping and throwing events.

The weather was very co-operative at all of the meets and St. Simon successfully placed 4th in the overall standings at the Divisional meet. With 15 athletes moving on to the Regional competition the following week. At the Regional meet two athletes achieved a result of first or second allowing them to qualify to the TCDSB City final at Varsity Stadium. St. Simon was well represented and our two city level athletes came 5rd in the 100m and 6th in the 200m

Congratulations to the entire Track and field team for your efforts in your training and competition. You represented St. Simon well and looked fantastic in our new sports jerseys.



Thank you also to the many coaches that enabled so many athletes to participate in Track and Field.

#### St. Simon Family Math Night

On Thursday May 28th, St. Simon hosted the first Family Math night in the school gym. It was a great success with many families in attendance. The students and parents learned about Number Sense and Numeration and played a variety of games with their children.

Thank you to all the families that attended and to the York University Teacher candidates, Mrs. Barillaro, Ms. Tafuri and Mrs. Urbani for hosting a wonderful night filled with learning opportunities.





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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.



### Leaving for an Early Summer?

If you are leaving for an early start on summer vacation please inform the office. Student report cards can be picked up in late August from the office or you may request the office to mail them to you if you are returning in July.



### Warmer Weather is Here!

As the weather is changing, please ensure that students are dressed appropriately for the warm, wet, ever changing weather. Students should have a pair of indoor shoes to wear in the building and packing a hat, an extra pair of socks and pants is recommended. Also, applying sunscreen before coming to school is a great idea.

### 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**).

Sweaters must only be white or blue in colour.

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)**

### TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

#### 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
<b>Good Friday</b>	April 3, 2015
<b>Easter Monday</b>	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

#### TRUSTEES 2014-2015

#### Wards

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

Christopher MacDonald, Student Trustee Hannah McGroarty, Student Trustee

# 2015-2016 School Year

The school year calendar is defined as the period between September 1 and June 30 and must include a minimum of 194 school days, six (6) of which must be professional development days.

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	6
Labour Day	September 7, 2015
<b>First Instructional Day for students</b>	September 8, 2015
Thanksgiving Day	October 12, 2015
Christmas Break	December 21, 2015–January 1, 2016
Start of second semester for secondary schools	February 1, 2016
Family Day	February 15, 2016
Mid-Winter Break	March 14–18, 2016
Good Friday	March 25, 2016
Easter Monday	March 28, 2016
Victoria Day	May 23, 2016
Last day of classes for elementary students	June 29, 2016

Calendar information is posted on the board's website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org).



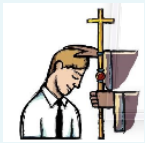
# **THE LEARNING ADVANTAGE PROGRAM !**

## **Helping our students get a head start !**

This summer, our school will once again participate in the Learning Advantage program. These books are a great resource to prepare your child for the next grade level! Please order the grade level that your child is advancing to and they will get a head start on the new school year ! There is one 192-page fully-coloured activity book per grade level from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7. Also please note, new to the order form for grade 8 students is the grade 9 EQAO Math Toolkit. **Both English & French Immersion books are available.**

The books can be viewed on the website: [www.learningadvantage.ca](http://www.learningadvantage.ca) for further information and a tour of the books. All books are aligned with the Ontario curriculum expectations for each grade, and provide units on mathematics, science, health and English that are fully Canadian (with regard to money, measurement, social studies, spelling etc.).

Orders must be received by **JUNE 12th**. Please submit your orders to the school with your payment (cash or cheque). Cheques must be made payable to Learning Advantage. The cost of each book is \$20 (includes tax). This is a **savings of \$6** from retail stores and online. The EQAO Prep Books are \$10. Any orders submitted after our school delivery will not be accepted. You will have to order directly from the online website.



### **CONFIRMATION AGE HAS CHANGED**

#### ***From St. Jude's Church:***

Please note that as of this year, the age of Confirmation has changed to correspond to the age of those in Grade 7. The Archdiocese has made this change official and we invite parents with children in this grade to stay tuned with parish announcements (church bulletin) regarding procedures for this coming year. It is important to know that for 2016, we will have both grade 8 and grade 7 students celebrating Confirmation during the same year. We are awaiting instructions from the Archdiocese regarding how to proceed and how Confirmations are to be planned given that we will have double the number only this year. **Parents should be contacting the Church office for any questions, not the school or the teachers,** and be sure to get firsthand information.



## 2015 Year-End Message From Your Trustee

As another school year comes to an end, we look back and proudly reflect on the many achievements of our school communities.

During our year of charity, we saw our students, staff and families reaching out to those in need in their own communities, across our city and abroad. The outpouring of caring and compassion is truly reflective of what Catholic education is all about.

We have seen our students outscore schools in other boards on standardized tests, and we have celebrated with them as they received recognition for their successes in academics, athletics, the arts, leadership and community service. We have watched new schools open, and renovations and improvements beginning and ending—all of the work resulting in creating better learning environments for our students. There have also been countless celebrations including a host of school anniversaries that remind us of our long and proud history as a publicly funded school system.

It has not been an easy year as we also grappled with financial difficulties, and the uncertainties around labour negotiations with our various federations and employee groups. Throughout it all, we are blessed with supportive and involved parents, and dedicated staff, who rise to any challenge and continue to focus on our common goal of educating students to their full potential.

Our new pastoral plan focuses on the family, school and parish, as *Together with One Voice* we work for the betterment of Catholic education.

I am proud to be your representative on the Board of Trustees, and I look forward to continuing to serve you in the coming year. Thank you for all that you do for our students. I wish you and your families a happy, safe and restful summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sal Piccininni", followed by a small number "2".



Sal Piccininni  
Trustee, Ward 3





# St. Simon Catholic School

## June 2015

	1  EQAO	2 Boys' Soccer Tournament. Gr.2's Harbourfront  TESTING	3 Girls' Soccer Tournament CSAC Mtg. 7:00 pm	4	5 <b>P.A. DAY</b>	6
7	8	9	10 Volunteer/Grandparents Celebration – 8:10 am Immunization – Gr.7's Hep B, Gr. 8 girls HPV	11	12	13
14	15	16 <b>PLAY DAY</b> 	17 Monthly Awards Assembly – 10:00 am gym	18	19 Senior Kindergarten Religious Celebration	20
21 	22 6:00 pm – Gr. 8 Graduation 	23 Report cards sent home	24 School Mass 1:00 pm gym	25 <b>Last day of classes</b>	26	27
28	29	30				

Students return on Tuesday, September 8.

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!!!!!!**



# Monthly Update from the Board

June 2015

## TCDSB's Three-Year Pastoral Plan Focuses on Family, School Parish Together with One Voice

Year one, starting September 2015, the focus is on Family.

Watch for news and information: <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Default.aspx>

## Update on Labour Negotiations

Any new information will be posted to the board's website <https://www.tcdsb.org/news/othernews/2015/pages/labour-negotiations-update.aspx>

## CPIC Elections Coming October 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

### Mark your calendars

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/CPICElections/Pages/Default.aspx>

Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee is a provincially mandated and funded committee. The focus of the committee is to support student academic achievement through increased parent involvement. Members provide information and advice on parent engagement to the school board; create initiatives that promote and facilitate parent engagement; and educate parents to help them support their children's learning at home and/or at school.

Find out how you can get involved in CPIC: <https://www.tcdsb.org/FORPARENTS/ParentInvolvement/Pages/default.aspx>

## First annual TCDSB Catholic Parent Involvement Week

October 26-30, 2015

Watch for news and information: [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)

## Welcome to Our New Student Trustees

Congratulations to the two students who will represent their peers on the Board of Trustees for the coming year. The grade 11 student who will serve for 1 year is Allison Gacad from St John Paul II. The grade 10 student who will serve for 2 years is Karina Dubrovskaya from Bishop Allen.



## Upcoming Events to Note:

### June is Portuguese and Italian Heritage Month

Get all the info here:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/ItalianCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.tcdsb.org/FORCOMMUNITY/HeritageCelebration/PortugueseCanadianHeritage/Pages/default.aspx>

### June is Aboriginal Education Month

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/june-is-aboriginal-education-month.aspx>

June 21<sup>st</sup> is National Aboriginal Day

### TCDSB Staff Musical: *Urinetown* – June 5-13, 2015

Don't let the title scare you off! Shows and tickets:

[https://www.tcdsb.org/affiliates/staffarts/pastseasons/20142015/pages/musicalperformance\\_jun5\\_6.aspx](https://www.tcdsb.org/affiliates/staffarts/pastseasons/20142015/pages/musicalperformance_jun5_6.aspx)

### June 19 is Sickle Cell Awareness Day

<https://www.tcdsb.org/pages/sickle-cell-awareness-day.aspx>

### Canada Day Celebrations--June 25, 2015

Students across the Toronto Catholic District School Board will celebrate Canada Day on the last day of the school year, Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Students will dress up in red and white, and gather in their school yards, fields and gyms with their Canadian flags, to join with students and staff from across the Toronto Catholic District School Board in the singing of the National Anthem at 9:30 a.m.

## Catholic Education Week Student Led Province-Wide Mass

If you missed the live webcast on May 7<sup>th</sup>, you can check out the highlights in photos, or watch the archived video footage from the event.

<https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/catholiceducationweek/pages/province-wide-student-mass-for-catholic-education-week.aspx>

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