



ST. SIMON NEWSLETTER

Happy Children Who Love to Learn

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St. Simon is an eco-friendly school:

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

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.

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

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our month of September has quickly come to a close. One of the important items for the past month was the formation of our new CSAC, congratulations to everyone that participated. We are looking forward to a great year in the St. Simon Community.

As we shift our attention to the month of October, we are planning some of the following items: a visit from Madonna High School, Bus Safety presentation, Cross Country, Grade One trip to Kortright Centre, Thanksgiving, celebrating the feast of St. Simon, the start of the Rosary, Picture Day and Halloween at the end of the month.

Staff and students have a very busy month ahead filled with activities for the mind, soul and body.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at curriculum night which will be held on Thursday October 2nd at 7:00 pm. We will begin by gathering as a community in the gymnasium and then have break out session in the classrooms.

The staff and I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving, may the good Lord continue to smile upon you as you share the many blessings that He has bestowed.

Sincerely, Mario Boccia

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School Hours

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Happy Thanksgiving

During October, we focus on the virtue of gratitude, and all that we have to be thankful for.

As your trustee, I am thankful for our many dedicated parents who choose to send their children to our Catholic Schools.

I give thanks for the talented students who give us so many opportunities to celebrate their achievements. I am grateful for the many staff who support and nurture them. I give thanks for our parishes who provide us all with spiritual guidance.

I thank everyone in Ward 3 for all that they do to support Catholic education and I wish you all a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Sal Piccininni, Trustee

Highlights For October

Thursday Oct 2: Curriculum Night 7pm in the gym

October 13– Thanksgiving No School

Rosary Apostolate

Cross Country

October 28 St. Simon Feast Day

Police Safety Presentations



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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The Year of Charity St. Simon Supports Great Causes

Terry Fox Walk

On Friday September 26th, St. Simon's participated in the annual Terry Fox walk. All of the students and staff participated as we walked around the neighborhood as a symbolic gesture honouring Terry Fox's attempt at running across Canada. As a school community, we raised over \$1000 for cancer research.

Thank you St. Simon's for supporting a great cause and raising funds to help find a cure and treatment for cancer.



St. Simon's Supports the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

On Friday September 5th, Mr. Boccia and Mr. Howlett participated in the ALS ice bucket challenge. Ms. Pisani and Ms. Arruda had the pleasure of "cooling off" the Principals.

Thank you to all the staff, parents and students who showed their support through very generous donations.

With your support, we truly can create world without ALS.



St. Simon's
Thanksgiving Food Drive

To Celebrate This Special Time of Year,
We Invite Students to Donate
an **Item a Day** for the month of **October**
That Will Help Replenish the St. Jude's Food Bank

Food Items Most Needed:

Pasta
Macaroni & Cheese
Sugar
Rice
Cereal
Tuna

Although the above items are most needed, we appreciate and welcome everything that is donated!
Grocery store gift cards are also appreciated.

Donations will be delivered to St. Jude's Church on Friday October 10th, 2014.
Remaining donations will be delivered Friday October 31st, 2014.

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STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION

Recently the school sent home a contact and medical information form. Kindly provide the school with any information regarding medical conditions that your child may have, or conditions they may be affected by, to enable us to assist your child if a medical emergency arises. Please complete and sign the appropriate Special Services Medical Forms which can be requested through the school secretary. The aim of these forms is to ensure that any medication that is being administered at school is carried out as prescribed by the attending physician. Non-prescription medication WILL NOT be administered to students, nor should they be sent to school.



Secondary School Open Houses

October is a very busy month for Secondary school open houses. It is strongly suggested that parents and students in Grades 7 and 8, attend The open houses, to ensure an informed decision may be made.

Dates and times for schools are listed on the following link.

<http://www.tcdsb.org/school/openhouses/pages/default.aspx>

New CSAC Council

On September 16th, the annual CSAC general meeting took place. During the meeting, many issues and suggestions from the parent community were discussed. One of the highlights from the night was the election of the new CSAC committee. Below are the new CSAC committee members for the 2014-2015 school year.

Chair: Emidio D'Alfonso Vice Chair: Antoinetta Martino Secretary: Mary Heim Treasurer: Linda Pullano
Members: Brunella Varacalli, Brigette Contento, Jessica Fonseca, Rosalinda Troia, Christine Faulkner, Adele DiSalvo, Kristina Fowler, Mata Capani, Rosalia Gallippi, Sandra Mastronardi, Milly Asenjo, Joe Elamad

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2014 – 2015

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	6
Thanksgiving Day	October 13, 2014
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

TRUSTEES 2014 – 2015

Wards

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

Hannah McGroarty, Student Trustee

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