

St. Simon Catholic School

Virtue of the Month
September - Hospitality

Newsletter



As St. Simon is an eco-certified school, our newsletter is only available by email (if you have not yet done so, send your request to (brett.howlett@tcdsb.org) OR online at www.tcdsb.org/schools/stsimon under News. If you wish to receive a paper copy, please notify your child's teacher. St. Jude's Parish bulletin is also available on our website under News.

Principal's Message

September 2014

Dear St. Simon Community:

On behalf of the staff at St. Simon, welcome back to what will be a great 2014-2015 academic year.

One of our main priorities will continue to be our Numeracy endeavours, engaging students to be the best that they can be.

As part of the leadership team, Mr. Howlett and I plan to continue the great work done by the staff here at St. Simon. We will continue to provide an education that focuses on teaching the whole child: spiritually, academically, socially, emotionally and physically. By educating the whole child, we will be able to achieve our goal; ensuring that our children are discerning believers in God, reflective and creative thinkers, self-directed lifelong learners, collaborative contributors, caring family members and responsible citizens.

The staff and I look forward to working with you and your children.

God Bless,

Mario Boccia

WELCOME

We would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome back our returning families and staff, and to greet all of our new arrivals on staff. A special welcome to our new staff members: Ms. Panetta and Ms. Among our ECE's, Ms. Maiolo our French teacher, Ms. Tafuri grade 6 teacher, Ms. Zeppieri and Guido our Italian teachers and Mr. Howlett our vice principal. We wish them, and our returning staff, a successful year at St. Simon.

Principal
Mr. M. Boccia

Vice-Principal
Mr. B. Howlett

Superintendent
Mr. A. Della Mora

Trustee
Mr. S. Piccininni
416-512-3403

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Fr. Efen
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3265 Weston Rd.
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Secretary
Ms. P. Pisani

CSAC Chair
Mr. Di Fonzo

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
(CPIC): www.tcdsb.org/cpic

St. Simon Catholic School

20 Wallasey Ave.

Tel - 416-393-5383

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

School website:

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

School BLOG:

<http://stsimonschoolblog.blogspot.ca>

Nurturing Our Catholic
Community Through...
Faith, Hope and
Charity

To report an absence, please call 416 393-5383 (5:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.)

ADDRESS AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION UPDATE

Please ensure that all information regarding your child is up-to-date by completely filling out the forms which will follow for each child that you have attending the school and return it to the school as soon as possible. This will ensure that we have correct information for your child regarding home address, home, work and cell telephone numbers, babysitter's, emergency contact numbers and medical information which may have changed. If changes occur to this information during the year, please notify us in writing so that we can keep our files current. All information will be kept in the strictest confidence.

GENERAL PERMISSION FORMS

General Permission Forms allow the staff to take students to nearby locations and on community walks as the need arises. Please complete these forms and return them to the school.

STUDENT INTERNET AGREEMENT

Please review the TCDSB Acceptable Use Policy attached to this newsletter carefully with your child, sign it and return it promptly. Students will not be allowed to access the internet at school without your prior written consent being on file.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Despite staff vigilance, accidents may occur. Parents are strongly advised to mail their completed Student Accidental Insurance application form, attached to this newsletter, directly to the **RELIABLE LIFE** Insurance Company. **Please, do not return the form to the school.**

STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION

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.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

From time to time students may need to take prescription medication at school. In order for this to take place, parents/guardians and physicians

will need to 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.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Should the school ever need to evacuate the premises, the students will be relocated to St. Basil or St. Jude School.

CLASSROOM INTERRUPTIONS

We strive to keep our school a safe place and to keep classroom interruptions to a minimum in order to maximize the time our students spend learning.

Please assist us by:

- Reporting to the office whenever entering the school as per TCDSB policy.
- If it is essential to speak to your child during school hours, he/she will be called down to the office.
- Making arrangements for picking up students for appointments etc., do so before the school day begins and notifying the teacher in writing.
- Not calling the school to speak to your child on the phone, since we do not have any way of ensuring that the person on the phone is indeed who they say they are or if they are entitled access to the student. Not speaking to your child's teacher during class time. This may result in the teacher being distracted from his/her primary roles of safety and education. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please call and make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

In the interest of safety for all of our students please follow the guidelines below during school hours. Visitors must enter the building through the front doors located by the office and report directly to the office. Please drop off your children at the entrance to the school yard and allow them to proceed into the school yard where they will be supervised by staff. Only staff may move beyond office area, all other adults must be accompanied by a staff member. Student safety is our main concern.

LATE/ABSENT STUDENTS

The safety of our students is of the utmost concern to us. In the event that your child may be late or absent, please contact the school at (416) 393-5383 (*press 1 to report an absence/late*) to provide the particulars regarding times and/or dates. **DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE TEACHER'S EXTENSION** - please call the office.

If students arrive after their class has come into the school, they are to go by the office to pick up a late slip. Please assist us by making sure that students arrive on time. Note: Classes begin at 8:30 a.m.

BUSSING

From time to time the bus may be late arriving at your stop in the morning. If this occurs, we ask that you contact the bus company directly to inquire about the bus as they will have information on all their routes. The numbers for each route has been provided on the attached Bus Schedule.

DPA

Daily Physical Activity, will occur throughout the day in your child's classroom; teacher and /or intermediate students will lead the session.

CSAC AGM & CURRICULUM NIGHT

Our **CSAC annual general meeting** will be held on Tuesday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. We will hold elections at that time, and then convene our first CSAC meeting of this school year. Our **Curriculum Night** will be held on Thursday, October 02 at 7:00 p.m. We will assemble in the gymnasium at that time and we look forward to meeting you in person.



PARKING AT SCHOOL

When dropping off or picking up your child/ren at school please **DO NOT PARK IN THE SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONES OR IN THE STAFF PARKING LOT**. We must keep the School Bus Loading zone free in order to ensure the safety of all students boarding the busses.

HEPATITIS B

Toronto Public Health will offer Two Doses of Hepatitis B and One Dose of Meningitis C immunization to Grade 7 students again this year. Any students who were in Grade 7 last year and started the Hepatitis B vaccine, but did not complete it, can do so this year. Catch up clinics will be offered in January and June at the Civic Centers for any Grade 7 and 8 students who were absent during the school clinic. Information will follow.

DROPPING OFF LUNCHES FOR STUDENTS

Please drop off all lunches for students on the table located in our front office. Be sure to label the lunch with your child's name and his/her teacher's name, and to inform your child before school that you will be bringing in a lunch. Students will come by the office to pick up their lunch at 11:15 a.m. Please note, students are **NOT** to leave the school/school property during the lunch hour.

LUNCHTIME PROCEDURES

In the interest of safety for all of our students: If you are picking up your child for lunch, please continue to sign him/her out at the office. **Students will not be allowed to leave school property during the day unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.**



SUPERVISION

Our school yard is supervised by staff from 8:10 a.m. each school day. Leaving students at school, or in the yard, puts them at risk. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILD UNATTENDED IN THE SCHOOL YARD, OR IN THE SCHOOL, PRIOR TO 8:10 AM SINCE NO ONE WILL BE ON DUTY AND WE CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR SAFETY.**



FOOD ALLERGIES

As in the past, please note that we have a growing number of students in our school that have severe, life threatening, allergies to peanuts and nuts. This is a medical condition that causes a severe anaphylactic reaction to specific foods that can be fatal. Although this may not affect a student in your child's class directly, we ask that you **DO NOT SEND ANY PRODUCTS THAT MAY CONTAIN PEANUT OR NUT PRODUCTS TO SCHOOL**, as children can come into contact with one another elsewhere in the school.

As well, it is for this reason students are not allowed to share food at school. This includes treats that you may wish to send for celebrations such as birthdays. **If you wish to treat the children for a special occasion please purchase non-food items, such as pencils, stickers etc. that can be shared without risk.** We thank you in advance for your support in helping to keep all the students in our care safe. For more on our anaphylaxis protocol go to <http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stsimon> under For Parents ... Safety

OUR SCHOOL DRESS CODE CONSISTS OF:

- **A White Top**, such as a T-shirt, Golf Shirt or Turtleneck with **No Logo**, or with a **Very Small Logo and No Lace**;
- **NO Muscle Shirts, Tank Tops, or Hoodies** are allowed;
- **White or Dark Blue Sweaters and Sweatshirts** to go over the white top without a **Logo**, or with a **Very Small Logo**, and without **Lace trim**; **NO Hoodies** are allowed;
- **Pants, and Skirts or Shorts** that are **KNEE LENGTH**, are to be only **Dark Blue** and not **Blue Jean Fabric**;
- Skirts are acceptable, but girls may find playing in one awkward, or be cold wearing one in the winter;
- **Short skirts with tights under them ARE NOT acceptable uniform items.**
- Please **DO NOT** purchase for school:
 - **Any Denim (Blue Jean)**
 - **Tops/bottoms with Lace Trim or Large Logos, Short Skirts or Short Shorts or leggings**

If you are unsure, please feel free to call us before buying any uniform items.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Please do not allow your children to bring electronic devices to school. We have no way of ensuring that they will not be stolen, damaged or lost. The school cannot be responsible for student's electronic equipment. Students may have a telephone at school for safety reasons. As part of that same safety issue, students are not permitted to use the telephones during school hours. If you need to contact your child, please call the office and we will ensure that they receive any messages you may need to forward.

If students are using their telephones during school hours, they will be removed from them.



TENTATIVE CLASSES

During June, staff and administration established tentative class lists using the information provided in letters received from families indicating they would be returning in September. Projections for the number of new students who would arrive were also put in place. At the same time, if at the end of August and during the first two weeks of this new school year, new students registered at St. Simon Catholic School and other students did not return, for a variety of reasons. This may cause fluctuations in the enrolment numbers in many of our classes. As a result, there may be class reorganizations. Please remember that all classes are tentative until September 30, 2014

ECO-CERTIFICATION

St. Simon is now a Gold Eco-certified school. We attained this last May. As a community, we made some fundamental changes to our culture, and this was reflected in the certification level. It is very unusual to go from non-certified to gold certified. This is a student led, teacher supervised initiative. We look forward to continuing our green initiatives, and introducing some new projects. Some reminders:

- Thursdays will remain litterless lunch day,
- Plastic water bottles have been eliminated,
- Photocopying has been reduced by 50%,
- Correspondence continues to be by email, TCDSB portal, BLOG or Twitter.

St. Simon School Staff 2014—2015

Principal - Mr. M. Boccia
 Vice-Principal - Mr. B. Howlett
 Secretary - Mrs. P. Pisani
 Clerk Typist –Ms. Briganti
 Clerk Typist – Ms. Mari

Head Caretaker - Mr. Murphy
 Assistant Caretaker – Mr. Bagh

Ms. Linowski JK/SK
 Ms. Aprile JK/SK
 Ms. Pimentel SK /1
 Ms. Ulatowska – Gr. 1
 Ms. Banyai – Gr. 2
 Ms. Bertossi-Vella – Gr. 2/3
 Ms. Arruda – Gr. 1/2
 Gr.Ms. Barillaro—Gr. 3/4
 Ms. Addante – Gr. 3
 Mr. Vago —Gr. 3
 Ms. Pedace – Gr. 4
 Ms. DeCaria – Gr. 4/5
 Ms. Tafuri - 5/6
 Mr. Ricci – Gr. 6
 Ms. Tassone – Gr. 6/7
 Mr. Di Croce – Gr. 7
 Ms. Bucci—Gr. 8
 Mr. Astudillo - Gr. 8
 Mr. Galego – Special Education
 Ms. Urbani – Special Education
 Ms. Fata – Special Education (L. I.)
 Ms. Arena – French
 Ms. Maiolo – French
 Ms. Viselli - French
 Ms. Guido – Italian
 Ms. Zeppieri--Italian
 Ms. Nigro – Italian
 Mr. Howlett - Librarian
 Ms. Angelosante -Vocal Music
 Ms. Kotliarenko - Instrumental Music
 Ms. Foglia - Physical Education
 Mr. MacIsaac - Physical Education
 Ms. Farago – E. A.
 Ms. Guadagnoli – E.A.
 Ms. Salinas del Rio – E.A.
 Luisa Panetta—ECE
 Faustina Ampong—ECE

TRUSTEES 2014-2015

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Wards

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 Chris MacDonald, Student Trustee

E-CURRICULUM CORNER

The TCDSB continues to update their [literacy](#) and [numeracy](#) website pages to keep parents and caregivers current with strategies to help support their children at home. Please visit these links for more information:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/Literacy/Parent%20Resources/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SchoolProgramsK12/Numeracy/Pages/default.aspx>

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2014 – 2015

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	6
First Instructional Day	September 2, 2014
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



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GENERAL INFORMATION & PERMISSION FORMS

Please complete and sign ALL parts of this form.

Child's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Grade _____ Teacher: _____

- Lunch Hour** - Students who stay for lunch eat in their classrooms and are supervised by our Lunch Time Supervisor and/or Teaching Staff. Students in the portables will be dispersed to other classrooms in the building during the lunch period. Students eat their lunch from 11:15-11:35 and then go outside from 11:35 – 12:15. *A reminder of our school policy that all students who remain at school for lunch on a regular basis may not leave the school grounds during the lunch hour for any reason.*

My child will be **staying for lunch** at school on the following days of the week. (Please circle).

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Because: No adult supervision at home

 Long distance from home to school

 Student takes bus to school

Other (Please explain reason): _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____

- My child will **not** be staying at school for lunch

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____

3. Permission for Local Excursions

I give permission for my child to take part in **supervised activities** in the immediate vicinity of the school, such as: Public Libraries, Recreation Centres, St. Jude Catholic Church, the local parks, walking tours of the neighbourhood and local stores during the 2014/15 school year.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____

4. Permission for Photos

I give **permission** for my child to be photographed for school displays, photographed or filmed by local media, including television stations and newspapers, for the purposes of promoting my child, my child’s school or the Toronto Catholic District School Board as a whole.

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature:

5. Medical Information. *(Please note this information is for the benefit of your child’s new classroom teacher. If this is a new condition or if there has been a change in your child’s medical history, please contact the school office to discuss a plan of action and to complete the required medical forms.)*

My Child does **not** have a medical condition

My child has a medical condition

Please give details:

My child requires medication at school Yes No

Name of Medication: _____

Frequency of Use: _____

Nature of assistance required (if any):

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature:

6. Student Accident Insurance application forms

I have received the Student Accident Insurance application forms: Yes No

The 2014/15 Student Accident Insurance has been purchased: Yes No

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature:

Please advise the office (416) 393-5383 of any change in address, home, business or emergency contact telephone numbers.

Please call the school if your child is going to be absent. Your child’s safety is important.

Student Internet Agreement
Grades K-3

As a student of the Toronto Catholic District School Board:

1. I will use the computer and Internet for schoolwork only. I know it is not for playing games.
2. I understand the rules from the TCDSB Acceptable Use Policy that my teacher has explained to me.
3. My password belongs to me only and I will not share it with others. I will not share other students' passwords.
4. I will respect others' work. I will not use other people's work and pretend that it is mine.
5. I will tell the teacher what I am doing when asked.
6. I will tell a teacher right away if I see something on the Internet that is inappropriate or makes me feel uncomfortable.
7. I understand that if I bring my own computer or electronic item to school to use in the classroom I must follow the school rules about computer safety and behaviour.
8. I understand that if I bring my own computer or electronic item to school to use in the classroom I am responsible for its safety.
9. I understand that if I do not follow the rules I will not be able to use the Internet or the computer at school.
10. I will not write or post mean or hurtful things about other people on the Internet.

I have read and understand the above agreement.

Student Name:		Parent/Guardian Name:	
Signature:		Signature:	
Date:		Date:	

The full version of the Toronto Catholic District School Board Acceptable Use Policy may be found at <http://www.tcdsb.org/board/policies/aup>

**Student Internet Agreement
Grades 4-8**

As a student of the Toronto Catholic District School Board:

1. I will use the TCDSB network for educational purposes only.
2. I have been made aware of the TCDSB Acceptable Use Policy (Surf Right) by my teacher and he/she has explained it to me.
3. I will not share my password with others and I will respect the privacy of other people. I will not share other people's passwords or personal information.
4. I will respect the TCDSB Plagiarism and Copyright guidelines and will not present the work of other people as my own.
5. I will explain my activities on the Internet to a teacher or supervisor when asked and understand that any material I create or save while on the TCDSB network may be viewed by a teacher or supervisor.
6. I will not engage in cyberbullying and will report any instances of cyberbullying to a parent, teacher or principal.
7. I will tell a teacher or supervisor immediately if I access a site that is inappropriate or unsafe.
8. I understand that if I bring my own computer or electronic device to use in the classroom I must respect the TCDSB Acceptable Use Policy guidelines regarding content, security, safety and ethical use.
9. I understand that if I bring my own computer or electronic device to use in the classroom I am responsible for the safety and security of that device.
10. I understand that not following these guidelines may result in loss of computer and network privileges and/or any other consequences deemed necessary by my school.

I have read and understand the above agreement.

Student Name:		Parent/Guardian Name:	
Signature:		Signature:	
Date:		Date:	

ST. SIMON CATHOLIC SCHOOL



**WELCOME
BACK !**

SEPTEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 School Begins	3	4	5 M. Boccia & B. Howlett Cold Water Bucket Challenge – Donation appreciated	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 CSAC AGM 6:00p.m (Gym)	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	October Reminders: Curriculum Night October 2 - 7:00pm (Gym)			