

St. Vincent de Paul CS

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Superintendent: Dr. Saraco

Principal: K. Schneider

Trustee: Barbara Poplawski

IMPORTANT SCHOOL CALENDAR

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 25, 2015

No School

June 26 Office Open

School Office is open June 29-
July 3, 2015 & August 31-Sept.4

Sept. 3, 2015 PD for Staff



June 2015

22	23 Graduation Mass @ 6:30 pm	24	25	26 PA Day No School
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**August
NO**

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**September
SCHOOL**

School Starts September 8

CSAC
Rosa Milito, Chair



Principal's Message June 2015

My tenure at St. Vincent de Paul School has come to a close after 9 remarkable years. When I first came to St. Vincent de Paul School in 2006 there were 180 students and now we remain at approximately 330 for this coming September. What a growth spurt this school has had. The High Park baby boom is alive and doing well! The north building was an empty building in 2006 and now 9 years later it will be fully occupied. The last couple of years have seen external improvements. We finally got the new windows in our south building after a twenty year wait and we have also improved our schoolyard. Our school yard has been upgraded with new asphalt and a new play area with stones, chips and a sandbox. Two years ago the second floor of our north building was redesigned to house three brand new FDK classes. Presently we are working on improving the FDK play area and it is beginning to look great.

Our 100th anniversary was celebrated this past September and what a spectacular event that was. The south building was painted and we have artwork in our main foyer and beautiful banners outside, designed by our very own students. This is a legacy that will remain for many years.

Our school has grown academically and artistically over the years. Standardized testing demonstrates that we are improving on a yearly basis and our students continue to be involved in many art activities at the school such as LLTA, ballroom dancing, the TCDSB annual music festival and our annual school concerts.

The success of our Catholic school would not be possible without our important stakeholders. Fr. Martin, Fr. Thomas and Fr. Dan have served us well over the years and we thank them for their weekly visits, their monthly masses and preparing our students for the sacraments.

Our dear parents, what would we do without you. This parent community is so involved in improving the learning experiences of all our children. Your commitment to providing us with LLTA, Little Red Theatre, scientists in the school, technology purchases, bussing and more is greatly appreciated. You have given endless amounts of time to enrich the lives of our children. A special thank you to all our past CSAC chairs, Mandy Gyulay, Debra McNevin, Mark Selby, Bobbi O'Reilly, Cristina Evans, Anne Matthews and finally Rosa Milito.

The teachers, EA's and ECE's at STVDP are the heartbeat of the school. Your level of teaching excellence is unsurpassed. You give so much of your time in and out of your own classrooms. You make every student feel welcome, you prepare lessons and you are involved in so many extra-curricular activities. I leave the students in excellent hands as they prepare for the future.

Finally our wonderful students. We've bonded through daily announcements, gospel readings, recess duty, concerts, my walkabouts through the classes to see your work, your birthday ribbons and treats and detentions. I will remember and miss all of you (I have known some of you since you were in SK and now we graduate together this year). Since I live in the neighbourhood you will still see me around, so I'm not gone for good. Do stop and let me know how you are doing. I will truly miss all of you and may God keep all of you in the palm of his hand.

Krystyna Schneider

NEWS

Guidance Corner

Intermediate Division Summer School Options

There are several options offered by the TCDSB to intermediate students for the summer. Grade 7 students are offered the numeracy and literacy enrichment camps as the grade 8's have several options available to them.

- 1. Summer 2014 Grade 7 & 8 Enrichment Camp:** This **non-credit** program is geared toward current grade 7 & 8 students achieving levels 1 and 2, who require additional support to help them achieve success in the upcoming school year. These forms will be available at your child's current school and should be returned there.
- 2. Reach Ahead Transition Credit Courses:** Schools that offer the reach ahead course would have offered it to grade 8 students when they received their acceptance packages in March. If you are unsure whether your child's September school offers this course, then please contact the high school directly.
- 3. Reach Ahead Summer School Courses:** A handful of full-credit grade 9 courses (including e-courses) are available to grade 8 students this summer. Forms can be picked up at the students' current school but must be dropped off at the guidance department of their future TCDSB high school.

More information can be obtained on the Continuing Ed. website at www.tcdsb.org/continuinged.

Koerner Hall

Last week, Ms. Pavesi's Grade 1 class took the stage at the Royal Conservatory of Music's Koerner Hall to present their work as part of the Music Champion Program. They worked together with Artist-Educator Lauren Best, as well as Choreographer Nicole Fougere and Musicians Carlie Howell and Rufus Glassco in a most interesting creative process. This is how these artists described this process to the audience at last week's performance.

Lauren : We began our classes looking at how to give directions using landmarks, and considering the features of our community and how we can interact with it. We created a chant to associate directions with our Toronto city grid, and then focused in on the Toronto landmarks of The CN Tower, The Hockey Hall of Fame, Toronto Beaches, and finally High Park and its famous Sakura Blossom Trees.

Nicole : I live near High Park, and St. Vincent School is close by too!

Carlie : I felt a lot of synergy around these students classes with Lauren, because I feel that our city of Toronto really contributes to the flavour and uniqueness of our Music Champion Program here. So I was enthusiastic to partner with Nicole to see how we could bring those ideas forward through dance.

Nicole : Next I came in and worked I helped the children work on their choreography. It was really interesting to take their natural creative movement and weave that into a sequence for the whole class. For example, a few students came up with some very interesting movements connected to the Goalie's at the Hockey Hall of Fame. We workshopped their movement into a sequence that the whole class could learn and dance together. In this way, we created the entire choreography. We also all know Toronto is a famous city that often has many visitors. Look for two tourists who will be photographing our Toronto landmarks.

Carlie : As the choreography developed, it became clear that we would need a special piece of music.

Lauren : Inspired by the students movements, Rufus, Carlie and I created some musical themes for each landmark. It was energizing for me as a musician to engage in this creative process. I felt so respected and valued in my artistry, while also feeling humbled by the collaboration between children and adults.

Carlie : So without further ado, let's put our hands together for these St Vincent Students and their piece "Toronto is my home"

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board remains committed to the environment and continues to look for innovative ways to promote conservation through energy and waste reduction initiatives.

The Board approved the introduction of a **“Waste Free Lunch Program”** at all elementary schools in 2010. It was piloted at several elementary schools in and has been very successful resulting in a significant reduction in waste going to landfills. This program is an integral part of the TCDSB’s commitment to promote and teach our students the importance of being stewards of the earth.

We are asking you to fully participate with your child as we expand a **“Waste Free Lunch Program”** at our school for September. Be part of helping us become leaders in this environmental friendly waste reduction program. It involves the following three steps:

Lunches and snacks should be packed in re-usable containers not in disposable bags.

In order to avoid spills, we ask you to use containers that are re-sealable.

To ensure the safety of students who suffer life threatening, anaphylactic reactions please place all foods in reusable containers in their original package or wrapper. This will allow the food ingredients to be clearly indicated and help all staff and students to be aware of possible allergens introduced in the school environment.

Leftover food, which can be disposed of in the green bin program at the school if currently available; or will be brought back home in their containers by your child.

Our hope is that this practice at school and at home will teach all children to carry this awareness and behaviour with them as they grow into young adults.

Thank you for your ongoing support with our school’s environmental efforts. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Sincerely,

Krystyna Schneider
Principal

cc: Trustee, Superintendent, All School Staff

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Track and Field

We had an amazing Track and Field season this year! On Thursday, May 14th, 62 superb athletes hit the field at the state of the art Varsity Stadium on the U of T campus in downtown Toronto. Our school placed 4th in our division. Of those, 20 outstanding athletes qualified in their respective events - relay, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, shot put and long jump. The regional meet on Wednesday May 20th was again held at Varsity Stadium and our qualifiers put forth a valiant effort. The Gr. 4 boys relay team (Henry, Newkko, Simun and Angus) attended the City Finals on Tuesday, May 26th. They came in 5th. Gr. 7 girl long jumper (Emma) also qualified for the City Finals, but did not attend because of Camp Olympia.

Once again our students have represented St. Vincent de Paul with honour and we, as a community, are extremely proud of them. Thank you to the coaches, Ms. Racja, Ms. McInerney, Ms. Follett, Ms. Goncalves and Ms. Zampino. A special thanks goes out to all the parents who showed their support by attending the meets and our EA volunteers, Mrs. Viera and Mrs. Walker.

***The underlined names went on to compete in the Regional Track and Field Meet.*

Gr. 8 – Ava, Jakub, Sebastian

Gr. 7 – Emma, Jenelle, Olivia, Mikaela, Lucas, Noah, Alan, Michael Anthony, Justin, Bennett, John B., Tomislav

Gr. 6 – Kasia, Alexandra, Hilary, Stacy, Alejandra, Kaitlyn, Emily, Emilia, Aiden M., Nigel, Alexs, Elliot, Michael K., Karol, Michael S., Gibreel

Gr. 5 – Molly, Gaia, Madeline, Andrea, Clare, Kingslee, Matteo, Joshua, Cedrick, Matthew S., Luke

Gr. 4 – Finnia, Julia, Elicia, Nora, Beatrice, Angus, Newkko, Simun, Henry, Marcus

Gr. 3 – Norah, Ania, Amalia, Teresa, Adele, Jack, Alex, Joshua, Keanan, Christian

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR EXTRAORDINARY ATHLETES AT SVDP!!