

# St. Vincent de Paul CS

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Principal: K. Schneider

Trustee: Barbara Poplawski

Superintendent: Dr. Saraco

## IMPORTANT SCHOOL CALENDAR

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**May 18, 2015**

**Victoria Day**

**No School**

### MASS DATES:

**June 12 @ 9:15 am**

**Feast of the Sacred Heart**

**Graduation Mass**

**June 23/15 @ 6:30 pm**

## May 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
11	12	13 CSAC Meeting @ 7 pm Gr 8 scientists in the school	14	15 Ms. Pavesi & Ms. Goncalves @ Harbourfront
18 Victoria Day No School	19 LTTA - Ms. Gar- cia Gr 5/6	20 Track &Field Regional Meet  LTTA-Ms. Eckert & Ms. Fantetti	21 CSAC Parent Social 7 pm	22
25	26 Camp	27 Olympia  Track and Field Divisional Meet	28 Grades 7/8  Ms. Rajca & Ms. Martin's trip to Gardiner Museum	29 Civvies Day

## June 2015

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	2 EQAO  Intermediate Boys Soccer Divisionals	3 Testing May 2  Intermediate Girls Soccer Divisionals	4 9 - Jun 5  Confirmation/ graduation lunch	5 PA Day No School
8 Intermediate Boys Soccer Regionals	9 Intermediate Girls Soccer Re- gionals	10 Confessions School Picnic	11 Music Champion Concert	12 Mass
15	16	17	18	19 Civvies Day
22	23 Graduation Mass @ 6:30 pm	24	25	26 PA Day No School

CSAC  
Rosa Milito, Chair



# Principal's Message May 2015

For the month of May we will be focusing on the virtue of COMPASSION. Our quote is from John's Gospel, "*Jesus saw her weeping...his heart was touched, and he was deeply moved,*" John 11:33. True compassion is not always easy to practice as in the words of Jean Vanier "*Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion, and anguish.*" Who wants to go there when warmer weather has finally arrived and the sun is shining down on us. This is all the more reason to show our compassion for those who cannot share in the light. For this month, St. Vincent de Paul School, will be showing compassion by using correct speech. Words can hurt more than any physical pain so it is important to be mindful of what we say to one another and to intervene when we hear unkind words.

We celebrated Education Week from May 3 to May 8. It was a time to reflect on the gift in Catholic Education in our community and across the province. This year's theme, "*Exploring Paths of Joy*" was inspired by Pope Francis' reflections in "*The Joy of the Gospel*" which encourages us to reflect on our faith in today's world. A world that has become more secular every day. Here at St. Vincent de Paul we weave the thread of faith through our classrooms and hallways inspired by the example of Jesus to love and serve. We are so fortunate to be able to talk about Jesus during the school day. Today there are many forces that are opposed to Catholic Education so we ask for your prayers and support to help sustain Catholic Education for years to come.

Our annual Spring Concert on Wed. May 6 and Thurs. May 7 was a great success. Thank you to all the parents who supported our concert. More seats were available having the concert divided into two nights and there were enough tickets for everyone. A big thank you also to our intermediate division who helped in the organization and to all the teachers who helped prepare the children. We couldn't have done it without you!

During the month of May, Cat 4 will be administered to our grade 2, 5, and 7 students and our grade 3 and 6 students will be writing EQAO from May 30- June 4. The results of these tests will be known in early fall. Please assure your child that these tests are only one tool in assessing student knowledge and achievement.

On April 20, Fr. Dan celebrated his 30th anniversary of ordination. As Jesus said to Peter "Feed my sheep" John 23: 15-17, Fr. Dan has been feeding his lambs at our school. Thank you Fr. Dan for dedicating your life to God full time so that we can all share in the promise of eternal life. Stó lat Fr. Dan!

Krystyna Schneider  
Principal

# NEWS

## Guidance Corner

### **Compassion**

*“Have a great compassion for people. To be able to have a heart full of compassion, we need to pray. Especially be kind, be loving to the poor. We think we do so much for the poor, but it is they who make us rich. We are in debt to them. Do you want to do something beautiful for God? There is a person who needs you. This is your chance.”*

*Blessed Mother Theresa,*

The virtue of the month for May is Compassion. In our schools, we demonstrate compassion by using word choices that are spoken with kindness, care, empathy and patience towards our family and friends. As a collaborative contributor, we continue to practice working as a team.

### **Grade 8 Exit Survey**

In accordance with *Creating Pathways to Success* (2013), all grade 8 students will be filling out an exit survey as they work towards fulfilling the expectation of finalizing their Individual Pathways Plan (IPP). All grade 8 students should now have an Individual Pathways Plan on [www.myblueprint.ca/tcdsb](http://www.myblueprint.ca/tcdsb) and teachers have been encouraging them to work towards answering the four questions for Education and Career/Life Planning. Ask your child to show you their Individual Pathways Plan. They all have access from home.

Mr. F. Amato

### **1st Annual 11 Division Spelling Bee**

I would like to thank everyone for attending the first annual 11 Division Elementary School Spelling Bee. Everyone did very well.

To recap for anyone who was unable to attend, the Spelling Bee was a team format, where we rotated school by school and student by student. If a student was unable to spell a word correctly, a classmate tried to spell the word, and then if unsuccessful, we moved to the next school. We asked a grand total of 299 words to be spelled and every word was eventually spelled correctly.

With the words regarding geography, for next year, we will use more world countries and cities and less American states and cities. Some feedback that I received is that study units in schools pertain more to worldwide countries than the US. Tennessee was the word that took the longest to spell – 11 students.

St. Vincent de Paul's students placed 3rd this year.

Officer Eric

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## French Public Speaking Contest/Le concours d'art oratoire

On Friday, April 17, 2015, Noah H and Ilyana K went on to compete at the finals. Noah H came in 1<sup>st</sup> in the Extended French category, and Ilyana K came in 4<sup>th</sup> in the Francophone category. They both did an amazing job!

Congratulations!

## Grade 8 Confirmation Dates

Congratulations to all our Grade 8 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

Student	Church	Date
Piotr S	St.Casmir's	Saturday April 11 <sup>th</sup>
Isabelle C	St. Casmir's	Saturday April 11 <sup>th</sup>
Mateusz D	St.Casmir's	Saturday April 11 <sup>th</sup>
Jakub B	St.Casmir's	Saturday April 11 <sup>th</sup>
Sebastian J	St. casmir's	Saturday Aprill 11th
Sean O	St.Joan of Arc	Saturday May 9 <sup>th</sup>
Siobhan G	St.Joan of Arc	Saturday May 9 <sup>th</sup>
Ava S	St.Joan of Arc	Saturday May 9 <sup>th</sup>
Julianna G	St.Mary of the Angels	Saturday May 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Twila F	St.Mary of the Angels	Saturday May 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Teresa N	St.Vincent de Paul	Sunday May 24 <sup>th</sup>
Joy B	St.Vincent de Paul	Sunday May 24 <sup>th</sup>
Emily W	St.Vincent de Paul	Sunday May 24 <sup>th</sup>
Alicia N	St.Vincent de Paul	Sunday May 24 <sup>th</sup>
Steven M	St.Vincent de Paul	Sunday May 24 <sup>th</sup>
Ana Paula A	St.Vincent de Paul	Sunday May 24 <sup>th</sup>
Steven E	St.Helen's	Saturday May 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Daniel T	St.Helen's	Saturday May 2nd

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The children from St Vincent de Paul School made their first Holy Communion on April 26 at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Congratulations to:

Erika A  
Chloe C  
Ayaninch J  
Gabriel L  
Ella M  
Jenna M  
Rosemary O  
Jack R  
William S  
Justin G  
Aidan T  
Rosemary O  
Jenna M  
Anais W  
Noah B  
Marcus C  
Rowan H

## **30th Ordination Anniversary of Father Daniel Utrecht of the Oratory**

On Monday April 20, 2015, Fr. Daniel Utrecht of the Oratory, the pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church and school celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination. Fr Dan was born in Cincinnati and raised in Troy, Ohio. He came to Toronto after graduation from the University of Dallas to pursue studies in medieval philosophy. While working on his doctorate in the metaphysics of St Thomas Aquinas, he discovered his vocation to the priesthood and joined the Oratory of St Philip Neri, the community of priests which has served St Vincent de Paul parish since 1995 and Holy Family parish since 1979. He lives in the Oratory which is located next to Holy Family, and in addition to his parish work, also teaches in St Philip's Seminary, which is directed by the Fathers of the Oratory. Fr Dan has also worked (a long time ago) for the Catholic Register and has translated a biography of St Philip Neri. He has written a biography of Blessed Cardinal Clemens August von Galen, a bishop in Germany during the Nazi period, which is scheduled for publication this year.

## **April in Mrs. Zampino's Class, Grade 3**

April was a very busy month for Mrs. Zampino's class. We had many school events such as the dance-a-thon, the music festival, Little Red Theatre and a school mass. We also had some great class events. We said good bye to our wonderful student teachers, Mr. Crone and Mr. Valdoria. We also started our Learning Through the Arts program where we are creating drama skits about the environment. This month we went on a class trip to the Children's Film Festival, where we saw 10 short films and visited the digi play space. We reviewed the films in our Language class for our film review assignments, they are posted outside our classroom. We cleaned up the park on the Toronto Day for Clean Up and visited the High Park Library for some old style Japanese story telling. In our art classes we have been creating spring pointillism pieces inspired by George Serat and we have been creating our own community maps in our Social Studies classes. In both Math and Language we have been preparing for EQAO which will commence on May 30, 2015.

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## Monthly Update from the Board May 2015

### **TCDSB Launches New Three-Year Pastoral Plan: *Together with One Voice—Harmonizing Our Faith Through Family, Parish and School***

The celebration took place on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Check out the photos as well as the video of the event, including the presentation by Cardinal Thomas Collins on the board's website: <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/nurturingourcatholiccommunity/news/2014-2015/pages/launch-of-new-pastoral-plan-2015-2018.aspx>

### **TCDSB Considering First Ever Multi-Language Catholic Elementary School**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is exploring the feasibility of opening its first ever multi-language Catholic elementary school.

Based on a European-style international school model, the new French Immersion School would provide opportunities for daily instruction in two to three additional languages throughout the student's school week. In addition to French, the proposed languages would be German, Spanish and Mandarin. Other languages will be considered if there is sufficient interest from families.

In what is believed to be a first for any publicly funded school board in Ontario, the new school will offer a strong academic focus, and may also include an elementary International Baccalaureate program option. The school would be located at 100 Fundy Bay Boulevard (former site of St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic School) in north Scarborough. Although school bus transportation could not be provided to students from outside the area, the school would be open to families living anywhere in the City of Toronto.

The Board is currently surveying parents to determine the level of interest in such a specialty international school. Feedback is being requested from those parents whose children are eligible to enroll in a *Catholic Full-Day Kindergarten* in September 2015 or September 2016, with registration limited to the first 75 students.

**The online survey will be available at [www.tcdsb.org/LanguageSchoolSurvey](http://www.tcdsb.org/LanguageSchoolSurvey) until May 15, 2015.**

### **Children's Mental Health Awareness Week May 3-9, 2015**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/mhs/News/mhw/Pages/Childrens-Mental-Health-Awareness-Week.aspx>

### **Safe Kids Week – Spring Walk and Roll to School Day**

**May 4th to 10th, 2015** has been declared by the United Nations as Global Road Safety Week with a focus on children as vulnerable road users. Parachute Canada has an annual public awareness campaign called Safe Kids Week, also taking place May 4th to 10th, with a cycling and road safety theme in communities across Canada.

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## **Bike to School Week 2015**

From **May 25 to 29**, let's get rolling! This year, students and teachers across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area celebrate the first-ever joint Bike to School Week. Register your school's activities to support your EcoSchools and Healthy Schools programming, and to win prizes and incentives!

Incentives are available for events taking place between Monday May 11 and Saturday June 13, 2015.

<http://www.bikemonth.ca/biketoschool>

## **Respect for Life Week May 10-15, 2015**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Pages/Respect-for-Life-Week.aspx>

## **May is Asian Heritage Month**

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

## **May is also Speech, Language and Hearing Month**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SpecialEducation/Speech/Speech,%20Language%20and%20Hearing%20Awareness%20Month/Pages/default.aspx>

## **Italian Canadian Contemporary Film Festival Junior**

**May 15-23, 2015**

<https://www.tcdsb.org/forstudents/opportunitiesforstudents/pages/italian-contemporary-film-festival-junior.aspx>

## **Catholic School Advisory Council Appreciation Night**

Presentations, celebration and Mass

**May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**

Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East

## **May 14 is World Catholic Education Day**

<http://www.ccsta.ca/en/events-en/wced>

## **The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education 76th Annual Conference, AGM & Gala Dinner**

**A full day conference for parents and our partners in publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario-- "Poor No More"** Co-hosted by the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board

**May 29, 30, 2015**

Details and registration information:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eaj66alxc0914526&llr=57qgf7bab>

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