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## MARCH 2015 NEWSLETTER



### THE CROSS

*A little word, but on it  
A mighty deed performed.*

*The blessed Jesus bows; surrendering life  
in obedience to the Father.*

*Christ's obedience our good news  
Those fiery swords in Paradise sheathed.*

*O my people, what more could I do  
for your salvation? It is accomplished.*

*Do you know? Do you ever think?  
How gruesome is sin borne on the cross.*

*Spend some time gazing on My suffering,  
Mingled with love flowing from my heart.*

### *From the Principal's Desk*

Thank you to the St. Augustine community for the warm welcome. I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs. Scime for her help and guidance during the transition, the St. Augustine community wishes you continued success and many blessings in your new endeavour as Assistant Superintendent. I have enjoyed meeting many parents and look forward to working with and getting to know the parent community better as the year continues. Thank you to the staff and the students; you have truly made me feel like a part of this wonderful community. I am committed to continue to build upon St. Augustine Catholic Elementary Schools long history of success.

Mr. M. Trotta

## ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH NEWS

**Confirmation Parent Meeting;** on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at **7:30 pm** in the Parish Centre.

**Confirmation Enrolment Weekend;** All Grade 7 students who will be making their Confirmation at St Augustine this year, **MUST ATTEND ONE OF THE MASSES AT St. Augustine's Parish** on the weekend of Saturday, March 7, 2015 and Sunday, March 8, 2015.

## VIRTUE OF MONTH

The following students are recognized for their demonstration of  in the month of February.

Mrs. Woloszyn/Miss MacFarlane – Augustus L.  
Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman/Ms. Mandarin – George G.  
Mr. Havers – Emily P.  
Mr. Hewitson – Attius L.  
Mrs. MacEachern – Holte G.  
Mrs. Bury – Lilah O.  
Ms. Cornale – Austin B.  
Mrs. Harold – Erik M.  
Miss Filice – Mya B.  
Mrs. Hall – Jacob M.  
Mrs. Glavic – Marcus R.  
Mr. Burgio – Ethan B.  
Miss Novak- Mario F.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

This year St Augustine School will be having their Bi-Annual OECTA Public Speaking Forum for Grades 4-8 on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Two students from each grade will be chosen from this event to represent St. Augustine School at the Regional Finals on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at St. Thomas Waterdown Catholic Elementary School. Stay tuned for more details about speech timelines from your child's teacher.

## ECO NEWS

During the month of March our St. Augustine ECO team will continue to be active in promoting a green and clean environment. Some of the initiatives of the month will be: a Battery Round-Up, Earth Hour and Water Day. A gentle reminder that Fridays are waste free lunch days. We are encouraging the use of re-useable containers.

## VALENTINE CAKE RAFFLE

Thank you to all families who brought in cakes, cookies or cupcakes for our Cake Raffle. We received over 80 treats that were enjoyed by many!

## CHESS TOURNAMENT

Any student interested in playing Chess from Grades 1-8 have been meeting weekly during the lunch hours. Thank you to Mr. Wedekind for organizing this club. Chess Tournament is on April 16, 2015



## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

### PANCAKE TUESDAY

A big Thank You to everyone that came out and helped and /or donated towards our Pancake Tuesday event. It was a success thanks to you! The children enjoyed the yummy pancakes. Thank you to Angel's Diner in Waterdown for the donation of pancake batter. Special thanks to Mrs. Faria-Sienna for organizing this event.

## SCIENCE FAIR

### ST. AUGUSTINE WINS SCIENCE FAIR GOLD!

Congratulations to all of the participants who competed in the HWCDSB System Science Fair. Together the St. Augustine team was able to win a Gold medal in the school category. We are very proud of all of your effort and hard work.

Individual project results were:

1. Claire H - Gold Medallist
2. Jessica B – BASEF Award and Gold Medallist
3. Jacquelyn C and Tatum O - Gold medallists
4. Evan D and Marcus R - Gold Medallists
5. Laura S - Silver Medallist
6. Stella O - Gold Medallist
7. Joshua S and Tyler C - Gold Medallist



### TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!!

Come out and enjoy the Toonie and Silent Auction. Tickets are \$15.00 each and include good food, music and chances to win great prizes. People are still talking about last year's auction.

This year the fundraiser will be Saturday, April 18, 2015 at St. Augustine's Parish Hall. Doors open at 7:00pm and the Auction will begin at 8:00pm.

Invite your family and friends!! Get your tickets from the School Office (905-523-2338) before they are gone!

Please contact Lori Fraser at [frazess@cogeco.ca](mailto:frazess@cogeco.ca) or at 905-628-9145, if you would like to donate a prize to the Toonie or Silent Auction. Donations received by Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> will be mentioned in the program. Thank-you for your on-going support!

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will be Monday, March 23, 2015 at 6:45pm in the School Library. All are welcome!!

## CYO NEWS

Congratulations to the Junior Boys Basketball team who went undefeated in the 2015 regular season and play-off tournament. After an intense game on Monday night, they captured the win in the Junior Boys CYO finals against St. Kateri. Determination, perseverance, teamwork, and sportsmanship was displayed by each of the boys. This year's team members include: William O., Brendan M., Lachlan P., Jacob M., Liam M., Michael F., Aivona I., Chris P., Bryce S., Michael O., Evan C. Congratulations boys! St. Augustine's School Community and your coaches are very proud of your accomplishments!

The following teams have finished their season and we congratulate them on their fine effort and excellent sportsmanship:

Jr. Girls' Volleyball (coached by Mrs. Cornale)

Sr. Girls' Volleyball (coached by Mr. Burgio and Mrs. Glavic)

Jr. Boys' Basketball (coached by Mis Filice)

Sr. Boys' Basketball (coached by Mrs Medeiros and Mrs. Carter)

We are very proud of our teams. Know that you represent St. Augustine School well and make us all proud.

A special thank you to all of our coaches for your dedication and commitment to these extra-curricular activities.

Junior and Senior Boys' Volleyball season will be starting after the March Break!



## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



It will start on March 8, 2015. Turn your clock ahead one hour, Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> before going to bed.

## MARCH BREAK



Please note that the March Break will begin on Monday, March 16, 2015 and go until March 20, 2015.

School begins again on Monday, March 23, 2015. If your family is planning an early or extended March Break, please remember to inform the school prior to your holiday.