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MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER



**Blooming flowers and singing birds
Hail the month of May;
The springing leaves and sunshine
Fairest tributes pay.**

**Every little bright-winged bird
Its sweet story sings;
Every flower and blossom
Richest perfume flings.**

**And every leaf upon the trees,
Every dewdrop fair,
Every whisper, hushed, and still,
Of sweet summer air,**

**Tells the same soft pleading story
To Mary, full of grace -
How her children so far from her,
Long to see her face.**

MAY CROWNING

On Thursday, May 21, 2015 the St. Augustine School community will be honouring our Mother Mary with a Crowning Celebration. The liturgy service will begin at 9:00 a.m. at St. Augustine Church. All parents/guardians are invited to share in this wonderful tribute to Our Lady. Bouquets of fresh flowers or plants will be most welcome. Please drop them off at the school before 8:30 a.m. The Grade 2 students can wear their First Communion outfits and the Grade 7 students can wear their Confirmation outfits. When Mass is over, they can change into their school uniform.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION BRUNCH

The Grade 2 and Grade 7 students are invited to the brunch in the Church Hall following the May Crowning Mass. This is hosted by the Spiritual Committee, in celebration of their recent sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. This event is always a wonderful success and to achieve this success, we need lots of volunteers! We will be serving them pancakes, sausages, fruit, dessert and drinks. Please bring your griddles and cooking tools if you have any. If you can help, please contact Donna Faria Sienna at donna.sienna@gmail.com or 905-628-4611. We are also accepting monetary donations to help cover costs. Please advise if there are any food allergies or concerns.

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the Grade 7 students from Mrs. Glavic's class who celebrated their Confirmation on Sunday, April 26, 2015 at St. Augustine Church. Bishop Crosby confirmed the Grade 7 students. Many thanks to Mrs. Glavic for preparing the students for this special sacrament. Many thanks to the Catholic School Council for purchasing a Confirmation gift for all students being confirmed.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Congratulations to the Grade 2 students from Mr. Haver's and Mrs. MacEachern's classes who will celebrate their First Holy Communion. **First Communion will be on the first three weekends in May at the Saturday and Sunday Masses.** Please remember to pray for these students as they continue their spiritual journey. Parents, please ensure that these children attend Mass regularly to share in this most Holy Sacrament. Thank you to the Catholic School Council for purchasing Communion gifts as a remembrance for the students.

VOLUNTEER TEA

We will be celebrating all volunteers that work at St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. We are very fortunate to have a large number of volunteers who faithfully work with and for the students at St. Augustine. We greatly appreciate all that you do for the students. Thank you!!

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR DEMONSTRATION OF **LOVE** IN THE MONTH OF APRIL ARE:



Mrs. Woloszyn/ Miss MacFarlane – Grace C.
Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman/ Ms.Mandarino – Rohan H.
Mr. Havers – Charlotte P.
Mr. Hewitson – Joshua B.
Mrs. MacEachern – Rina M.
Mrs. Bury – Aden R.
Ms. Cornale – Josie F.
Mrs. Harold – Teaghan K.
Miss Filice – Grace C.
Ms. Hall – Evan H.
Mrs. Glavic – Margarete D.
Mr. Burgio – Natasha Y.
Miss Novak – Laura S.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Friday May 8th is our Jump Rope for Heart Event. Students and parents are reminded to help the Heart and Stroke Foundation by raising awareness and funds through sponsors. We look forward to this fantastic event and thank you in advance for your support.



CHESS CLUB

The 37th Annual School Board Chess Tournament was held on Thursday, April 16, 2015. The eight students that represented St. Augustine's at Chess Tournament were James E., Miguel F., Christopher P., Joshua S., David R., Eli D., & Dante M. Thank you to all students for their time and enthusiasm for the game of Chess. Thank you very much to Mr. Wedekind for taking the time to organize this club at our school and attend the event.

ST. AUGUSTINE STAR SEARCH



The Student Council is excited to announce that the St. Augustine Star Search (SASS) will be take place in June. Parents and guests are welcome to come watch this special event. Please sign in at the office and obtain a visitor's sticker. St. Augustine is full of talented students who sing, dance, act or play a musical instrument who are taking part in this special event. The students are reminded to keep practicing at home. We know everyone will do their best as they perform and share their talents for our school community.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our annual Spring Extravaganza was a huge success; we raised over \$9,400.00! We would like to thank Scotia Bank at University Plaza for sending wonderful volunteers to assist us with our event and a donation of \$5000.00 to the school. Thank-you to all the families and business that donated to the auction, we appreciate your support. Many thanks to the parents who helped organize and run the fundraiser.

CHANGE OF DATE

Our next Catholic School Council Meeting will be on Monday, May 25, 2015 at 6:45 p.m. in the Learning Commons.

ECO FESTIVAL

On Earth Day, Wednesday April 22nd, St. Augustine in collaboration with St. Bernadette, Canadian Martyrs, and Guardian Angels hosted the 5th Annual ECO Fair, Back to Nature. Our staff and students demonstrated their passion as stewards of the earth by researching and displaying many eco art displays, information boards on local animals such as the Cootes Drive Turtles and the Jefferson Salamander, hosted a fun and interactive Are You Eco Smart game, a Scavenger Hunt, Plant Sale, our famous smoothie bike and more! Thank you to everyone that came out to support our event.



RUN4CHANGE

The time is here! On Wednesday, May 13th our grade 3-8 students will be putting on their running shoes for change to help children less fortunate in Canada. We wish our students the best of luck as they attend the run4change event at Bayfront Park as advocates for social justice.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to our Junior and Senior Volleyball teams on a great season. Thank you to Mr. Burgio and Mr. Havers for coaching, to the parents for their support and the boys for their outstanding sportsmanship this season.

Cross Country

The Cross Country Spring Meet is fast approaching. The students have been practising very hard during DPA. The meet will be at Marydale Park to 5999 Chippewa Rd., Mount Hope on Friday, May 15, 2015. Please note that all times are approximate. Parents, please note that only students who can demonstrate the ability to run without stopping for 6 – 13 minutes, depending on their age, will be granted permission to run cross-country. All parents are welcome to attend, provided they have their own transportation. **All students will be travelling to and from the meet on the bus.** For safety/security reasons, no students will be allowed to make alternate arrangements to go home from Marydale Park. A special thank you to Mrs. Mederios for organizing the event and all the teachers involved in the practices and meet.



PUBLIC SPEAKING NEWS

The Regional Finals for Public Speaking took place on Wednesday April 15, 2015 at St. Thomas Catholic Elementary School. 10 of our students from grades 4-8 represented St Augustine, performing fabulously alongside other students from the St. Mary feeder schools. Congratulations to our Regional Finalists:

Gr 4: Michael O. and Kathleen F., Gr 5: Reileigh K. and Nicholas S., Gr 6: Grace O. and William O. Gr 7: Hanna M. and Natalie M. and in Gr 8: Isabella O. and Natasha Y.

From there, 4 of our students were selected to continue on to the Board Wide Public Speaking Forum on Wednesday April 29th. Congratulations to: Michael O, Nicholas S., Hannah M. and Natasha Y.

On this night, these 4 students represented St Augustine exceptionally well. Congratulations to Michael O. and Hannah M. who both received silver medals and to Nicholas S. and Natasha Y. who both received gold medals. We are so proud of all of your achievements!

ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH

St. Augustine's Garden Party, will be held on Sunday May 31, 2015 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. There will be Barbecued burgers, sandwiches, refreshments & ice cream. Activities and games for the kids...fun for all! Watch the Church bulletin for more details.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

On Monday, Wednesday & Friday next week, we will be selling popcorn for \$1.00 at morning recess. All proceeds will go to a students' cause in promoting awareness of Mental Illness.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

MAY 3 – 8, 2015



“Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking to us on the road?” – Luke 24:32

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2015 are as follows:

Monday: Walking Together and Sharing our Story

Tuesday: Opening the Scriptures

Wednesday: Welcoming Others to the Table

Thursday: Recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread

Friday: Proclaiming the Good News

EQAO TESTING

The students of Grades 3 & 6 will write the Provincial EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments test from **May 25–June 5, 2015**. The students will be tested in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. If at all possible, we kindly ask parents not to book appointments for your child during this time.

FRENCH CAFÉ

Just a reminder, that the annual French Café will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015 in St. Augustine School Gym. The hours of operation will be from 9:00 am to 11:15 am and 12:30 – 2:20 p.m. Parents may join their children at their scheduled times. Hope to see you there!

9:00 – 9:40	Mr. Hewitson & Ms. Cornale
9:55 – 10:35	Mrs. Woloszyn/Miss MacFarlane & Mrs. Bury
10:35 – 11:15	Mr. Havers & Mrs. MacEachern
12:30 – 1:15	Miss Filice & Mrs. Harold
1:40 – 2:20	Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman/Ms. Mandarino

FOOTWEAR ETTIQUETTE

Flip flops should not be worn to school for health and safety reasons. Please keep children's feet happy and safe! Also, all students need to have a pair of running shoes at school to be worn during the day. They are not allowed to walk around in stocking feet. This is a health and safety issue. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

HOME GROWN MATH SUCCESS: PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT IN NUMERACY

Due to overwhelming parental request, our board will once again offer **FREE** online licenses for the **SuccessMaker: Math Program** for children who achieved Level 2 (C's) or lower in one or more Math Strand on their last report card. To see whether this program would be a good fit for your child, please read the important facts below.

If you are interested in the program, a parent information session will be offered on **Tuesday, May 19 2015** from 6:30- 8:00p.m., at the **Nicholas Mancini Center (44 Hunt St., Hamilton, Ontario).**

Registration is required. To confirm your attendance, please RSVP to hwcdsb.successmaker2015@gmail.com no later than **Friday, May 15, 2015.** Once registered, you will receive, by return email, a brochure about the program and access to the registration form.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is Successmaker: Math?

- an adaptive online Math program for **Grades 1 to 6** aligned to the provincial curriculum

How much time will it involve?

- twenty minutes a day for a minimum of four times a week for 8 weeks

How much will it cost?

- **NO COST.** All costs will be paid by the board through Ministry funding

What computer needs are there?

- Internet Explorer 8 or higher and Safari 5 or higher
- Flash 11 or higher and Internet access is required
- Java 7 with the most current update.

What happens if assistance is needed after the initial In Service?

A program support person will be available to you for the first 8 weeks of the program

Where can I get more information?

Parent Program Information Session at the Nicholas Mancini Centre, 44 Hunt Street, Hamilton. Tuesday, May 19, 2015 (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.)

Online information also available at www.hwcdsb.ca

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED ADOPTING?

Would you like to hear more about the process through CCASH?



Please join us for an upcoming Adoption Information Night

Wednesday, May 20, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, 735 King St. East

For more information and to register please call Jocelyn at (905) 525-2012 ext. 3125 or email

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