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## JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

It is my sincere hope and prayer that the holiday season was truly a blessed, peaceful and healthy one spent with family and friends. The Christmas season continues with the Epiphany on January 6. The Epiphany is the highlight of the Advent/Christmas Season and the Twelve Days of Christmas, which are usually counted from the evening of December 25th until the morning of January 6th, which is the Twelfth Day. The term epiphany means "to show" or "to make known". It remembers the coming of the wise men who brought gifts to the Christ child and in doing so, revealed Jesus to the world as Lord and King.

### A Prayer for the New Year

Loving God, you give us this New Year and good friends with whom to share.  
Bless all who pray and work and learn together, and grant a happy year to all the world.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

### VIRTUE OF MONTH

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR DEMONSTRATION OF HOPE  
IN MONTH OF DECEMBER



Mrs. Bacik/ Miss MacFarlane– Alex M.  
Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman/ Mrs. Clausen- George C.  
Mr. Havers- Hayden W.  
Mr. Hewitson – Xavier F.  
Mrs. Bury – Sophia C.  
Mrs. MacEachern – Tom W.  
Ms. Cornale – Benjamin F.  
Mrs. Harold – Laura H.  
Miss. Filice – Stephany R.  
Mrs. Glavic – Evan H.  
Mr. Burgio – Kate D.

### ADVENT NIGHT

Thank you to all of the families that participated in our Advent Celebration. It was wonderful to gather with as a school community in prayer during Christmas Season. Thank to staff and students for making all of the ornaments for our Jessie Trees and to Catholic School Council for the refreshments and raffle. A special thank you to Mrs. Glavic and the grade 7s for organizing this special event for us.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please join us for our next Catholic School Council Meeting on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 6:15pm.

### Raffle Fundraiser Results:

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the Catholic School Council Fundraising Draw. A special thank-you to Mrs. Fortino, Mrs. Sienna, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Mac Donald, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Helsby and the staff for collecting the tickets, counting the money and helping things run smoothly. Congratulations to all prize winners and to all who supported the raffle.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2016. NO SCHOOL

## FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM REGISTRATION

**Registrations take place February 1 – February 12, 2015**

Junior Kindergarten: Child must be 4 years of age by Dec 31, 2016.

Senior Kindergarten: Child must be 5 years of age by Dec. 31, 2016



**It is not necessary to re-Register students who are presently attending JK Classes in our school.**

**Birth & Baptismal Certificates:** For verification, we will require your child's Birth & Baptismal Certificate, which the school will copy and return to you immediately.

**Tax Form:** If you already have a child attending St. Augustine School, a new tax form is not necessary unless you have recently moved.

**Separate School Lease:** Necessary to accompany the tax forms if one parent is Non-Catholic. Both parents must sign this them.

**Immunization Record:** Re: Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1982: This act requires that records be maintained and immunization status of each school student under the age of 18 years.

**Please call the school office (905 523-2338) to book an appointment.**

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students must wear only uniform pieces of clothing to school on regular uniform days. Please ensure that your child is wearing only a white or blue t-shirt under any polo shirt or sweater. Also, students are to wear the navy uniform crested fleece, vest or sweater as indoor warm wear. The school crest should always be visible either on the warm wear pieces or, on a turtle neck. Unfortunately, some students continue to wear tights and brand name "hoodies" and jackets in class and around the school. In addition, students require indoor shoes for the winter months as they will need to remove boots before entering the classroom. Please ensure that your child leaves home in full uniform in the morning. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Information regarding First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be coming from the church. Information will also be posted on the school web page.

## NEW YEAR JANUARY SCHOOL MASS

Friday, January 14, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. at St. Augustine Church.

All parents and guardians are welcome to join us.

## ECO NEWS

We have begun a new program called Ontario Schools *Battery Recycling Challenge*. We now have a battery drop off container located in the main office for used batteries. We have also been entered in the battery round up contest! The batteries collected will be sent for recycling and we will be eligible for a prize in April. Thank you to our Eco team for all of your hard work!

## WEATHER

### **Please Ensure...**

- That your child is dressed properly for outdoor play at recess. All students should come to school with a hat, gloves, winter boots, and a warm coat or jacket.
- That all personal items are labelled for easy identification.
- It is recommended that a pair of running shoes is left at school. For health and safety reasons, students will not be allowed to wear their boots or wet shoes in the classroom.
- Please do not send your child to school if he/she is not well enough to go outdoors for recess. Germs spread quickly and we want to keep everyone healthy.

- Snowballs may have particles of ice, grit or stones can be imbedded in the snow without the person's knowledge and could result in head or eye injuries. SNOW THROWING IS NOT PERMITTED. All students have been given verbal warnings about the dangers of throwing snow or snowballs.

Please listen to your local radio and T.V. station during the winter months for warnings about wind chill conditions and school closures. If our school is closed it will be announced on the radio by 7 am. If the school is open, as a parent it is your decision as to whether your child should brave the weather conditions. Unless schools have been officially closed early in the morning or the night before, there will be school staff on site. Please call the school if your child will stay home.



### SCIENCE FAIR

St. Augustine is holding its annual Science Fair on Wednesday, February 4, 2016. All intermediate students and junior volunteer participants are encouraged to work hard on their projects both at home and school. The system science fair is on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at Bishop Ryan Secondary School on Rymal Road.

### GRADE 3 SWIM TO SURVIVE PROGRAM

The Grade 3 students will participate in this program on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. A note has been sent home.

### GRADE 8

St. Mary's will be here to help our students with their option sheets and register on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. The St. Mary Feeder School Visit is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup>.

### CASH ON LINE

If you have not registered, please go to the *School Cash Online* section of the school website page and select the "**Get Started Today**" option. Our school has 70% of our families registered. Thank you!

### TRIPS

Please visit our school calendar on our website to view all trips as they are booked.

### PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

**Tip #74** – The Christmas season is a beautiful time to focus our children on the gifts God gave to us the day his son was born. When we focus on the gifts of that first Christmas, we find a template on how to live our lives: the gift of forgiveness for all sin; the gift of and fulfillment of the promise of eternal life; the gift of a role model to show us how to live God's way; the gift of faith, since Jesus birth is also the birth of Christianity. Forgiveness, a role model, faith and eternity – help your children see that nothing under the tree will be as wonderful as the gifts given that first Christmas.

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

### MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

**Tip #54** – As Christmas approaches and the New Year draws close, it is a perfect time to think of the gift of love given to each other on the day you married. Is the gift still shiny and a joy to experience, or is it a bit dull, thought about only after so many other things are dealt with? This Christmas, give renewed love as a gift to your spouse - rekindled, joyful and desired. Take time to discern what you need to make that "newly married love" as much a gift today as it was the day you married.

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## **NUTRITION PROGRAM**

Thank you to our team of Educational Assistants and Mrs. Glavic who have helped to make our Tastebuds nutrition program a success. As we look for ways to continually improve the program to fit our community we are looking for your input. If you are interested on joining the nutrition committee please contact the school. Please continue to follow the program on the website; updates on nutritious choices and program information are available by clicking on Nutrition Program found in the School dropdown menu.

## **LUNCHROOM SUPERVISORS**

We are looking to hire Paid lunch supervisors to work one hour per day 11:15 am to 12:15pm Monday to Friday. Applicants will need to have a Police Criminal Reference Vulnerable Screening dated within the year, a TB Test Result – dated within the year as well as a SIN number. Applicants please contact the Main Office.