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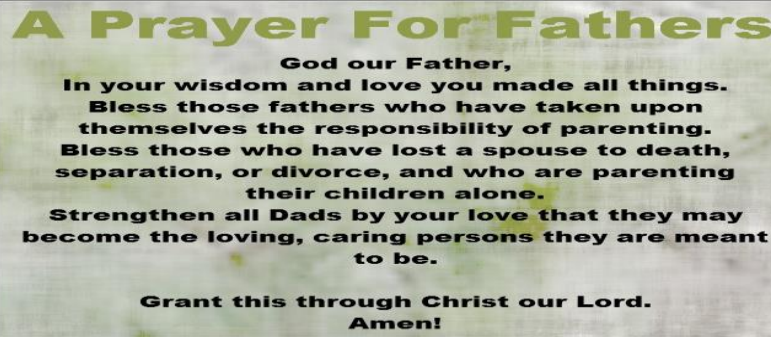
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## JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER



### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

#### P.A. Day

There will be no school for students on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> & June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

#### Class Placements

Student Placements for next year will be announced the first day back to school in September. On the first day of school, students will proceed directly to the gym when the bell rings. Students will then be informed of their assigned classes. Collaboratively, the staff spent many hours to prepare class lists in the best interests of all students.

#### Report Cards

The final report for the school year goes home on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The 3<sup>rd</sup> page of the report card must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the school by Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This page is kept in the student's O.S.R. Should you be leaving for holidays prior to June 27<sup>th</sup>, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to your child's teacher and they will mail the report to your home.

#### Last day of School

The last day of school will be Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This will be an early dismissal day at 12:00 noon. Buses will be picking up the students at 12:00 p.m. on this day.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Congratulations to the Grade 2 students from Mrs. Bury's and Mr. Haver's classes who celebrated their First Holy Communion in May at St. Augustine's Church. Many thanks to Mrs. Bury and Mr. Haver's for preparing the students for this special sacrament. Thank you to the Catholic School Council for purchasing Communion gifts as a remembrance for the students.

RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR DEMONSTRATION  
ARE:

Acceptance

OF IN THE MONTH OF MAY

Mrs. Bacik/Miss MacFarlane	Matthew C.
Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman	Sadie M.
Mr. Hewitson	Luke S.
Mr. Havers	George G.
Mrs. Bury	Evangeline S.
Mrs. MacEachern	James E.
Ms. Cornale	Thomas W.
Mrs. Harold	Jefferson D.
Miss Filice/Mr. Beatrice	Teaghan K.
Mrs. Ferrara	Mya B.
Mr. Burgio	Grace C.

## *Congratulations!*

### EXCELLENCE FOR STUDENTS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION AWARDS

The “*Living the Spirit – Believing, Achieving, Serving*” award which is given to one graduating student from each school, who achieves a respectable degree in academics, is a visible witness to living the faith, and who demonstrates a sense of justice and service by way of their extra-curricular and voluntary activities will be awarded to Grace O. – Grade 8.

#### *Salt of the Earth Award*

Congratulations to Stephany L and Brandon H. who received the Kiwanis “Salt of the Earth” Award on Wednesday, June 1<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at an awards dinner at the David Braley Athletic Centre at McMaster University. One male and one female student are chosen from each school who exhibit qualities of community, leadership, attitude, perseverance, dedication and commitment in making a difference at their school.

#### *Yes I Can Award*

Congratulations to Liam B. who received the *Yes I Can Award* for Technology, on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at a banquet at Michaelangelos.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

On Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 5 students from St Augustine participated in the OECTA/TRUSTEE Public Speaking Board Final. St Augustine had a strong showing, ending up with 3 gold and 2 silver overall. We are very proud of the effort of these 5 students and want to recognize their accomplishments:

Jessica C --Grade 4: Northern Lights---Silver Medalist

Elizabeth S---Grade 5: The Hershey Chocolate Company--Gold Medalist

Kate M.---Grade 6: Stress---Silver Medalist

Kathleen F.---Grade 6: Canada's 150---Gold Medalist

Nicholas S.---Grade 7: Life as a short person---Gold Medalist

Congratulations to you all!!!

## DIRECTOR'S AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING DEDICATION TO STUDENTS AND STAFF

On Thursday, May 25, 2017, Mrs. Medeiros was honoured at the Director's Awards for Outstanding Dedication to Students and Staff recognition ceremony and reception. Mrs. Medeiros was selected by the staff, as this award recognizes staff members who give witness to their Catholic faith and who demonstrate dedication to students and staff as exhibited by outstanding performance and contribution to the school community.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PENCIL CASE PROJECT -

We are helping the St. Vincent de Paul's Pencil Case Project this year. As the year comes to an end we will be collecting the following used items:

Pencil Cases + Contents  
Rulers / Erasers / Sharpeners / Math Sets / Crayons / Pencils / Pens /Markers / Pencil Crayons  
Back Packs / Lunch Boxes / Water Bottles  
Games /Crafts / School & Sports Uniforms (i.e. Jerseys /Shorts / Socks / Shoes)  
Sports Equipment (ie. Balls / Gloves)  
Notebooks / Blank Paper / Duo Tangs

At the end of the school year, please join us in supporting the right to learn by donating school supplies. To avoid Customs delays, please do not include glue and scissors. All items will be shipped to the Dominican Republic.

## ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

### Spring Extravaganza

Your donation has helped us to raise approximately \$13,000! These funds will help us in our goal of improving our school physical literacy. Physical Literacy is the mastering of fundamental movement skills and fundamental sport skills that permit a child to read their environment and make appropriate decisions, allowing them to move confidently and with control in a wide range of physical activity situations. It is our commitment to total all the funds that we raise and contribute 10% of the money to non-profit Charitable Organizations, chosen at our next council meeting. Our Spring Extravaganza would not have been a success without the thoughtful donations we received. Our school is blessed by the support of the individuals and businesses within our surrounding community who helped us to achieve our goals. The Catholic School Council, St. Augustine's Catholic School Staff, and students deeply appreciate your generosity.

Our final council meeting will be held on Monday, June 19th, 2017 at 6:15pm in the school learning commons.



## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Now is a good time for you to start thinking about becoming a member of the Catholic School Council in September. Regulations established by the Ministry of Education stipulate that School Council Elections are to take place within the first 30 days of a new school year by a nomination/voting process. All positions are for a one-year term and all positions are therefore up for election every year. We strongly encourage all parents to consider a position on the Council. Please get involved. Help us to represent the views of as many in the community as possible. The Catholic School Council is responsible for providing advice to the Principal about various issues related to improving the learning environment of the students. No special training or experience is required. All are welcome! Plans are being formulated to circulate the election material very early in the new school year. A maximum of 10 members form the Catholic School Council. The positions are: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and six Councillors who are also voting members.

## SPORTS NEWS



### Volleyball

Congratulations to the Junior Boys Volleyball on winning the City Championships this year. The boys showed excellent sportsmanship and determination and were rewarded for their excellent efforts. Congratulations to Connor F, Jason M., Daniel G., Michael O, Eric M, Bryce S, Ethan R, Evan C., Josh M, Chris P, Vince L, and Steven H. Great work boys! Special thanks to Coaches Miss Jacobs, Mr. Havers & Mrs. Harold.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all the athletes that ran in this year's Spring Cross Country Meet. Honourable mention goes to the following athletes who finished in the top 10. George G. finished 2nd, Liam S. placed 4th and Luke S. placed 6th in the Grade 1 Boys. Megan S. placed 5th, Bianka B. was 9th and Alie K. placed 10th in the Grade 1 girls. Grace C.s finished 2nd, Kura V. was 6th in the Grade 2 Girls. Stefan P. was 1st, Anthony L. placed 2nd and Ryan H. finished 9th for the Grade 2 Boys. Augustus L. placed 6th, Mark W. finished 7th and Cameron S. placed 8th in the Grade 3 Boys. Georgia D. placed 1st, Mia O. finished 3rd and Anna P. was 4th in for the Grade 3 Girls. Holte G. placed 2nd, Derek D. finished 9th and Jason M. placed 10th for the Grade 4 Boys. Niamh T. placed 4th, Samantha M. was 6th and Aliyah G. placed 9th for the Grade 4 Girls. Chris P. finished 1st, Adam H. placed 3rd, Daniel G. was 6th and Jack H. finished 7th in the Junior Boys. Samantha G. placed 7th in the Junior Girls. Julia S. finished 9th and Julia H. placed 10th in the Senior Girls. Lachlan P. placed 1st, Brendan M. was 2nd and Jordan H. placed 6th for the Senior Boys. All students put forth an excellent effort and they should be proud of their accomplishments. A special thank you to all the volunteers, staff and parents who helped

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

A big thanks goes out to all of the students of St. Augustine school for their continued support of our annual jump rope event..

## FOOTWEAR ETIQUETTE

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.

## SAFE SUMMER TIPS!!!

- Slip on a shirt
- Slop on the sunscreen
- Slap on a hat
- Slide on the sunglasses
- Seek the shade



## HEALTH NEWS

Packing a safe lunch: At school, lunch bags are stored in backpacks until it is time to eat. Here are 2 ways to keep sandwiches made from luncheon meat, chicken or egg salad cold until lunchtime:

1. Make the sandwiches ahead and freeze them. Put frozen sandwiches in the lunch bag. They will be thawed but still cold by lunchtime.
2. Place fresh sandwiches into an insulated lunch bag with a frozen juice box. At lunchtime, your child will have a cold sandwich and an ice-cold juice, too.

Lunch foods that don't need to be kept cold:

- ✓ Fresh whole fruit
- ✓ Muffins & bagels
- ✓ Granola

Water Bottles: A study showed that 65% of the water samples taken from children's water bottles did not meet acceptable drinking water standards (Canadian Journal of Public Health, 2002). Experts say that kids often:

- Refill their water bottles without washing them
- Do not wash their hands properly after using the bathroom.

Multiple-use containers should be washed with hot, soapy water, rinsed and refilled daily. Do not re-use single-use pop or water bottles. Frequent washing of this type of plastic may lead to chemicals leaching into the drink.

## BICYCLE SAFETY

Please take a few minutes to review the following safety rules with your children.

- **Bike helmets are mandatory and students must wear a properly fitted helmet for their safety.**
- Make sure your bike is in good operating condition.
- Use light and reflective clothing if you just ride at night



- Always ride in single file.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Learn your hand signals.
- Ride as near to the right hand curb as possible in the same direction as traffic
- Keep hands on the handlebars unless signalling, and both feet on the pedals
- Lock up your bike when it is unattended.

### **LIBRARY**

Please remember all library books and materials are due back in the learning commons by June 17<sup>th</sup>. Also remember that during the summer the Dundas Public Library has summer programs – Check them out!

### **PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH**

#### **Parenting Tip 98**

Children thrive on routine and schedules, as do most adults. As summer approaches and the days grow longer, it can be difficult to keep established timetables in check. Helping your children flourish in mind, body and spirit this summer is possible, but as parents you must take control. Keep track of the nutritional value of the food your children consume each day; work hard to be sure they get the proper amount of sleep since it will provide benefits both now and into the future; remember to celebrate God's beauty in nature, to say prayers at meals & before bed and to attend Mass as a family. Children's growth doesn't take a break during the summer months, so be vigilant and they will blossom.

### **MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH**

#### **Marriage Tip 78**

We live in a time of digital distractions: have you set boundaries around how you will prevent smartphones, tablets and other devices from impacting your life? Their interference has become so prevalent that researchers now have a term to describe it, "technoference," and it is real. How can you take control and decrease the negative impact: limit the amount of time you spend on and checking devices; make rules about digital use during time together; agree on when devices will be prohibited (at meals, on a date, in bed) and stick to it. Disconnect from your devices, not your relationship, and you'll both be happier!

