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*St. Augustine Catholic School is a place that is proud of its students!*



# NOVEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.  
And let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and all of the souls of the Faithful departed

Please pray for those who have gone before us and most especially  
for all who died in wars so that we can enjoy freedom today.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY



On November 11<sup>th</sup> Canadians all across Canada will stop and pay tribute to the men and women killed in wars and military operations. We remember friends and relatives and will pause in tribute. In classrooms around Canada, for a number of years, students have discussed Remembrance Day recognizing the sacrifices that others have made for Canada. We honour and remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice during times of war, for the cause of justice and freedom. It is important for all of us to value freedom and honour our ancestors who have ensured our safety. The primary division classes will be holding a commemorative ceremony on Monday, November 11, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. in the school gym. All parents and guardians are invited to participate in this ceremony. The junior and intermediate division will be attending the ceremony of the Dundas Branch of the Royal Canadian Legions at the armouries. Poppies will be available for the students to purchase for a small donation to the Veterans.

## ALL SAINT'S DAY – ALL SOUL'S DAY

In the month of November we remember all those who have died. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, "All Saint's Day", we remember all the saints who are with God in Heaven. On "All Souls Day" November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we remember the members of our own families who have died. They are also with God. During these days, we pray that on day all people will share the glory of the Saints. Throughout the month we also offer prayers of intercessions for those who suffer most: the poor, the hungry and the homeless

**Monthly School Mass on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am at St. Augustine Parish. All are welcome to join us.**

## ROOTS OF EMPATHY

Mr. Hewitson's Grade 1 class will be participating in the Roots of Empathy Program. Roots of Empathy is an evidence-based classroom program that has shown significant effect in reducing levels of aggression among schoolchildren while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy. At the heart of the program are a neighbourhood infant and parent who engage students in their classroom. Over the school year, a trained Roots of Empathy Instructor guides the children as they observe the relationship between baby and parent, understanding the baby's intentions and emotions. Through this model of experiential learning, the baby is the "Teacher" and catalyst, helping children identify and reflect on their own feelings and the feelings of others. The Grade 1 class will also be participating in a study on the effectiveness of the Roots of Empathy Program. It will examine the effects of Roots of Empathy on the development of children's emotional and social competence as well as prosocial and antisocial behaviours





*Just a reminder to set your clock back one hour on Saturday, November 2, 2013 as daylight saving time ends.*

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **Cross Country**

Congratulations to all the athletes that ran in this year's Fall Cross Country Meet. Honourable mention goes to the following athletes who finished in the top 10. Naia C. finished 4<sup>th</sup>, Daniella L. finished in 7<sup>th</sup> and Holly B. placed 8<sup>th</sup> for the Grade 2 Girls. Adam H. finished 5<sup>th</sup>, Jacob D. finished 9<sup>th</sup> and Jack H. finished 10<sup>th</sup> for the Grade 2 Boys. Michael O. placed 1<sup>st</sup>, Christopher P. finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and Eric M. was 9<sup>th</sup> for the Grade 3 Boys. Samantha G. finished 1<sup>st</sup>, Laura H. placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and Alexandra F. finished 4<sup>th</sup> and Josie F. finished 8<sup>th</sup> for the Grade 3 Girls. Roman C. finished 7<sup>th</sup> for the Grade 4 Boys. Julia H. placed 9<sup>th</sup> and Maya B. finished 10<sup>th</sup> for the Grade 4 Girls. Lachlan P. placed 1<sup>st</sup>, William O. came in 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jacob M. was 3<sup>rd</sup> and Marcus R. placed 4<sup>th</sup> for the Junior Boys. Ella V. placed 8<sup>th</sup> and Natalia W. finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Girls. Stella O. finished 1<sup>st</sup> and Abbey M. placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Junior Girls. Jack P. finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and Adam D. placed 8<sup>th</sup> for the Senior Boys. All students put forth an excellent effort and they should be proud of their accomplishments. Thank you to coaches Mrs. Medieros and Mrs. Stayshyn for leading this.

### **Junior Boys Football**

Congratulations to the junior boys flag football team. The guys have had a great season and it's not over yet! Good luck in your final game on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Mr. Havers for coaching.

### **Senior Girls Football**

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Football team on their very successful season! The girls played hard through every weather condition and made it through to the semi final round! Excellent commitment and sportsmanship was demonstrated by all! Thank you to teacher coach Miss Filice and parent coach Mr. Badke for helping to coach the girls this season!

### **Senior Girls Basketball**

The Senior Girls Basketball has had an exciting 2013 regular season, finishing with a 4-1 record. Good luck to the girls as they begin the play-offs in the second week of November. A thank-you goes back to Catharine Bowman for her help with coaching the team. Thank you to coach Miss Filice.

## **HALLOWEEN MOVÉ-A THON FUNDRAISER!**

The Grade 8 students did a fabulous job performing THRILLER for each division for the Halloween Move-a-thon. We also had a pumpkin decorating contest with pumpkins courtesy of Fortino's MAIN Street. W. Students were dressed up in costumes and prize baskets were given to two students from each division. Thank you for your generous contributions to the themed-baskets and to the school fundraiser. We raised close to \$3000.00 which will be used to purchase ipads for the school.

## **“WALK WITH CHRIST” PILGRIMAGE**

St. Augustine School students & staff participated in the “Walk With Christ” on Sunday, October 13, 2013. A total of 16 students from Grades 7 & 8 participated in the “Justice For The Poor” walk with great enthusiasm. The event started at Cathedral Catholic Secondary School with the celebration of the Eucharist and concluded at St. Daniel's Catholic Elementary School. The students represented St. Augustine School extremely well displaying great leadership and reverence. The students raised \$340.00 to support initiatives for our sisters and brothers in the global south. Thank you to Mrs. Stayshyn for helping me to organize and walk with us as well as Mrs. Glavic for joining us. The students truly represented our school well with their reverence during mass and unity of spirit during the walk.

Way to go St. Augustine Intermediates!

## PROGRESS REPORTS

Reports will be going home on Wednesday, November 13, 2013.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will held on November 21, 2013

More information to follow!

A virtue is a habit or established capability to perform good actions according to a moral standard. In other words, a virtue is a habit that shows people and God that we are good people.

### VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

#### Virtue of Empathy



The following students are recognized for their demonstration of Empathy::

Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman – Macey O.

Mrs. Glavic – Cameron S.

Mr. Hewitson – Mylana C.

Mrs. Nelson – Jimmy L.

Mrs. Bury – Alexandra F.

Mrs. MacEachern – Michael M.

Ms. Cornale – Gwen R.

Mrs. Harold – Julia H.

Mr. Havers – Brendan M.

Miss Filice – Christina G.

Mr. Burgio – Justine C.

Mrs. Stayshyn – Charlie D.

Mrs. Grant – Stephanie O

**November Virtue:** This month we celebrate the virtue of **Conscience**. God helps us to choose to be good people. Conscience is the voice of God within us. As you develop your conscience, you will learn to make decisions that will make sure you will always have love in your life. Our conscience reminds us how to act towards other people and how to be a good friend. We must always remember that the right thing to do is not always the easy thing to do. A person of *conscience* allows prayer and scripture to influence him/her.

**A person of *conscience*...**

- **Chooses to do the 'right thing' and feels good about it**
- **Can see how his/her actions may hurt others**
- **Admits his/her wrong-doing and feels badly or remorse**
- **Says 'sorry' and tries to make up for mistakes**
- **Keeps promises**

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

November is the month where we remember soldiers who have died for our country and provided us with our freedom. This is a great time to talk to our children about the true meaning of freedom and how it allows us to participate in our faith - both within the parish and at school. Authentic freedom means knowing how to live in a world that offers so many choices, many not good for us. The Catholic faith can provide a rich road map for our life journey; help your children to navigate life using their faith as a GPS, knowing it holds a promise for salvation.

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

## **ADOPTION INFORMATION NIGHT**

Please join us and get all your questions answered.

November 20, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

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

To register please contact;

Jocelyn Jacobs – 905 525-2012, #3125

[Jocelyn.jacobs@hamiltonccas.on.ca](mailto:Jocelyn.jacobs@hamiltonccas.on.ca)



## **BOARD-WIDE UNITED WAY RED AND WHITE DAY**

On Tuesday, November 5th, we will be participating in the system wide RED and WHITE day in support of this year's United Way campaign. Students are asked to bring in a Toonie in support of this event and to wear something that is red or white. This is a FULL CIVIES day. Students do not need to wear uniform, however, please dress appropriately. The United Way supports numerous programs in our city which would otherwise not be possible. Monies raised in Hamilton, stay in Hamilton! Your support is very much appreciated.

## **Thanksgiving Food Drive to support the Good Shepherd...a success!**

Sincere appreciation for sending in canned goods to help those in need in our community!



Choice  
or  
Chance?

## **WORLD DIABETES DAY**

Thursday, November 14th is **WORLD DIABETES DAY**. The school supports this by wearing **ALL BLUE**. The World Diabetes Day logo is the blue circle – the global symbol for diabetes, which was developed as part of the Unite for Diabetes awareness campaign. We will be taking a picture of the whole school in the shape of a circle to raise awareness of the seriousness of diabetes and to mark the 91st anniversary of the discovery of insulin. Please support this worthy cause by donating \$1.00 on this day! All proceeds go to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

***Friday, November 22, 2013 is Holodomor Memorial Day.***

## ***PITA PIT LUNCHESES***

We will be sending home an envelope with each child. Those wishing to order from Pita Pit can fill in the order form and send it back to school. Please read the envelope carefully. A coupon for a free pita is attached to the order form. All orders must be in by **November 8, 2013**. Due to the order process no late orders will be accepted.

### **VISITED EMATH+?**

Make math fun by connecting math learning in the classroom and at home with e-math+.

A *Getting Started* package that includes access information has been sent home with all students in Grades 3–6.

The teachers have registered all students in Grades 3-6 on our school computers.

You will find your child's login and password on a sticker in their agenda.

To learn how you can make the most of all the features available on e-math+, watch the tutorial video at [www.nelson.com/emathplus](http://www.nelson.com/emathplus)

Our students can now view their Grades 3, 4, 5 or 6 Math textbook on line and complete any assignments, with the support of their parents, using this valuable educational tool. This valuable resource is being provided free of charge on behalf of the HWCDSB.

### **LOST AND FOUND ITEMS OF CLOTHING**

The clothes in the Lost and Found are once again piling up. It is amazing to see the number of new or nearly new items that are lost and unclaimed! Please stop by the school and visit our Lost and Found. As always, when you visit the school, please come to the office first in order to obtain a Visitors' Sticker. We strongly encourage you to print your children's names on the inside tag of all clothing items for easy identification.

### **PICTURE RETAKE DAY IS ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2013**

Photo retakes will be held in the morning. If a retake is required, please hand the original order form in to the photographer on retake day. If your child was away a picture for the original photo day, it can be taken on that day. Please ensure that students are in uniform for their picture.

### **ECO NEWS**

The ECO team has been hard at work involving all of our students in the initiative of Waste reduction. Students from the ECO team monitoring the recycling habits of students and are participating in a waste reduction challenge. The Eco Team encourages all students to bring in a litter-less lunch. We remind students to try to use re-useable containers and thermoses for foods and drinks and to avoid wasteful individually wrapped snacks where possible.

### **ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH NEWS**

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
ANNUAL BAZAAR  
St. Augustine's Parish Centre  
58 Sydenham Street, Dundas**

**Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>  
10:00AM to 4:30PM  
6:00PM to 7:00PM**

**Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
9:30AM to 12:30PM**

**Penny Sale, Bake Table,  
Main Draw, Candy, Plants  
Jewellery, Lunch Room**

***Next Catholic School Council Meeting on Monday November 25, 2013***