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FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

Lord Jesus, we are so busy about our lives and work, that we sometimes forget to take time to celebrate and give thanks for the many people and little events in our lives, which make each day special. Help us to remember the joy that each moment brings, as we come together to pray and celebrate today.



Take Time

Take time to think ... it is a source of power.
Take time to play ... it is a secret of perpetual youth.
Take time to read ... it is a fountain of wisdom.
Take time to pray ... it is the greatest power on earth.
Take time to love and be loved ... it is a God-given privilege.
Take time to be friendly ... it is the road to happiness.
Take time to give... it is too short a day to be selfish.
Take time to work ...it is the price of success
Take time to do charity ... it is the key to heaven.
Take time to listen ... it is the key to understanding.

FAMILY SKATE



St. Augustine's Annual Family Skate will be on **Sunday, February 9th at 12 Noon** in the Dumas Driving Park's outdoor skating rink. We will finish up after 1:00p.m. at the Parish Centre to enjoy a hot dog, bag of chips and drink.

Tickets: \$1.50 for meal deal

\$0.50 for an extra hot dog, or for a hotdog only

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses on the weekend of February 1st and 2nd.

We hope to see you there!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

This month we look forward to holding a St. Valentine's Day Cake Raffle on Friday, February 14th, 2014. We are asking for your help to raise school spirit and contribute to the draw by donating a cake, cupcakes or cookies. **Please remember that they must not contain nuts.** Cakes should also be brought in a cardboard box that will allow students to easily carry them home. Tickets will begin to be sold the week of February 3rd for 25 cents each or 5 for \$1.00. Cakes will be divided amount the Grade JK – Grade 8 classes in order to ensure an even distribution of winners. The draw will be limited to one cake per student so that as many as possible will have a chance to win a yummy treat. Students will also be able to participate in a "Guess the number of candies in the jar" contest. Thank you in advance for your support. Finally, students are invited to come to school on Friday, February 14th wearing red, white and pink and all their favourite Valentine accessories. We will be having a Cupid Cup Volleyball game between the Grade 8 students and teachers at 10:00 a.m. on February 14, 2014.



FEBRUARY VIRTUE IS

A PERSON THAT RESPECTS.....

- Listens
- Keeps unkind thoughts to themselves
- Speaks kindly to others
- Plays fairly and waits their turn
- Raises their hands before talking
- Says "please" and "thank you"
- Cleans up after themselves
- Shares



THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR DEMONSTRATION OF SELF-CONTROL IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Mrs. Glavic – Noah W.
Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman – Mikayla O.
Mr. Hewitson –Joshua B. & Connor F.
Mrs. Nelson – Jessica C.
Mrs. Bury – Christopher P.
Mrs. MacEachern –Bryce S.
Ms. Cornale – Aivona I.
Mrs. Harold – Tyler C.
Miss. Filice – Marcus R.
Mr. Havers – Olivia F.
Mr. Burgio – Ella T.
Mrs. Stayshyn – Connor F.
Mr. Palkowski – Jack P.

JUNIOR & SENIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registrations will take place

February 3 – February 14, 2014

Junior Kindergarten: Child must be 4 years of age by Dec 31, 2014.

Senior Kindergarten: Child must be 5 years of age by Dec. 31, 2014.

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

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

Tax Form: If you already have a child in St. Augustine School, a new 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.

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

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

PRECIOUS MOMENTS BOUTIQUE OPEN HOUSE

If you have any gently new and experienced Graduation and First Holy Communion dresses and suits, please donate them to St. Mary Elementary School, to the Precious Moments Boutique. If you are in need of any of these items, the open houses take place on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 from 3:00 – 7:00 pm. and Wednesday, May 14 and Wednesday, May 28, 2014 from 3:00 – 7:00 pm. at St. Mary Catholic Education Resource Centre, 3rd floor, 203 McNab Street, North, Hamilton. These items are available to students at no cost.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL



Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the Catholic School Council Fundraising Draw. A special thank-you to Mrs. Scime, Mrs. Fortino and the staff for collecting the tickets and money and helping things run smoothly.

We would also like to thank Father Love for allowing us to sell tickets after mass and for drawing the winning tickets at the School Christmas Concert.

We congratulate the following individuals on their prizes:

Cash Prizes: 1st prize-\$500.00 Duane M.

2nd prize-\$200.00 Jade B.

3rd prize-\$100.00 Dianne P.

Most Tickets Sold: Evan C. sold 13 books (130 tickets)-He won 4 tickets to a Hamilton Bulldogs Game and a \$50.00 Bon Appetite Gift Card

Draws for 1 book of Tickets Sold:

Elizabeth L.-Gift Certificates for RJ McCarthy and Cineplex Movie Gift Card

Holte G.- Gift Certificates for RJ McCarthy and Cineplex Movie Gift Card

Caitlin J.-Wal-mart Gift Card and 4 free pitas from Pita Pit

After prizes were awarded, we made a profit of \$3, 615.00, which will be used to improve technology at our school. We thank everyone who purchased a ticket and supported our students.

SAVE THE DATE!!

2014 SPRING EXTRAVANZA!!

APRIL 26, 2014 - 7:00 P.M. at St. Augustine Parish Hall

TOONIE & SILENT AUCTION – RAFFLES – MUSIC – FOOD – DRINKS

Invite your friends and family for an evening of fun in support of our school. Tickets will be available very soon! We are also seeking donations for our auction items. Please contact the school for info.

Our next Catholic School Council Meeting will be on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 6:35 p.m. in the Learning Commons.

JEPAG LENTEN RETREAT

Tired, Hurried, Overwhelmed: There is a Time for Rest!

When: Tuesday, February 25, 2014

What: Lenten Retreat for all School Council Members

Time: 7 - 9 pm - beginning with Mass at 7 p.m.

Where: Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King – 700 King St. W. Hamilton

Presented by: Fr. David Wynen (Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King)

Rediscover the joy of Sunday rest. A time to re-store, re-vitalize and re-create. This retreat will reflect on the tradition of the day of rest and its meaning today. Join us as we take back time for family, ourselves and God.

Take time this Lent to reflect on hearts filled with hope to sustain us!

GRADE 1 TO 3 SKATING AT THE DRIVING PARK

On Friday, February 14th, Grades 1-3 will be going to the park for skating. It is mandatory according to School Board policy students and adults are required to wear helmets. (Parents, if you would like to join us, we will see you at the rink at approximately 10:15 am. A valid police check should be at the school office.)

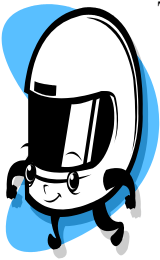


ST AUGUSTINE BIBLE CLUB & CHESS CLUB



St. Augustine will be starting the Bible Club and the Chess club again during recess. Dates to follow!

HAMILTON HELMET INITIATIVE



The "Hamilton Helmet Initiative" is a joint effort by the Hamilton Public Health Services, the Ministry of Transportation and the Ontario Physical and Health Education Association to promote the use of bicycle and multi-sport helmets. As part of this, the "Low Cost Helmet Program" is offered to families in our elementary schools. As an incentive to participate in this program, schools will receive \$1.00 for each helmet purchased at their school. Order forms will be sent home shortly. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Zsuzsi Trim, Hamilton Public Health Services, Injury Prevention Program at 905 546-2424, ext. 3762.

NATIONAL SWEATER AND OLYMPIC DAY

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our school will be taking part in **NATIONAL SWEATER DAY** on Thursday, February 6!

National Sweater Day is an annual event organized by World Wildlife Fund Canada. On National Sweater Day, WWF asks Canadians to turn down thermostats by two degrees Celsius at home, at school and at work to highlight the role that energy conservation plays in preventing climate change.

Our school building will be a little chillier on February 6, so we are asking that all students wear warm clothing or bring a sweater to school. To promote our Olympic theme for the day students may wear red and white to celebrate Canada's colours.

In addition to turning down the heat and turning up our warm clothes, our school will be participating in a school Opening Ceremonies for the **Olympics** to celebrate Canada participating in the games. During the day students will be participating in Olympic-type events and activities designed to help students understand how everyday actions affect our planet's future.

Students are kindly asked to bring in \$1 on sweater day to support ECO initiatives at our school.

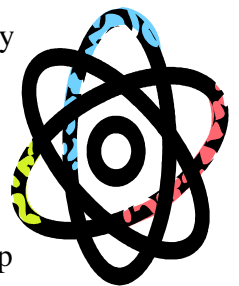


Run4Change

Our school will be participating in the **run4change** 2.5 or 5 kilometre walk/run organized by Start2Finish. Start2Finish has a mission to break the cycle of poverty by providing educational support to Canada's at risk children and are challenging schools to engage in 20 minutes of exercise daily until the Run4Change event at Bayfront Park on May 15th, 2014. On Monday, February 10th, former Olympian and Canadian Woman's Marathon record holder, Sylvia Ruegger will be visiting our school to kick-off this challenge. More information can be found at: www.run4change.net

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SCIENCE FAIR

The St. Augustine Science Fair is quickly approaching. Students have been working extremely hard on their experiments and should be completing the finishing touches to their reports and backboards. We know many students have been working very hard on their projects and we would like to inform you about important upcoming dates. Wednesday, February 5, 2014 – St. Augustine Science Fair Open House – 12:30 – 2:30 (families and guests are welcome to view the science fair) All students participating must bring in their backboards, report (in a binder or duo tang), abstract (on a separate piece of paper), journal and any other materials to be set up on Tuesday, February 4, 2014. This is very important since students will not have time to set up on Wednesday since judging begins at 8:30 a.m.



ALL MATERIALS WILL BE SENT HOME THE DAY OF THE FAIR.

1ST TERM REPORT CARDS

1st Term Report Cards go home on Tuesday, February 11th, 2014. Please read the report card carefully. Page 4 outlines the different marking scheme used for reporting. Please sign and return the report card to your child's classroom teacher. This document goes into your child's OSR (Ontario Student Record). We ask that you return the report card as soon as possible.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is a time to honour and celebrate the achievements of Canadians of African descent and their contributions to the social, economic, cultural and political life of Toronto. It provides an opportunity to learn about and be inspired by the history, pride and strength of African Canadians. Black History Month reminds us that African Canadians have been at the forefront of the struggle for fair treatment and equal opportunity for all. It challenges us to reaffirm our efforts to address the causes and effects of racism and recommit ourselves to building an inclusive society. Toronto was Canada's first municipality to proclaim Black History Month. The history of the African Canadian community is part of the history of the city and the celebration of Black History Month in Toronto came about through the concerted efforts of many groups and individuals, including the Canadian Negro Women's Association; Ontario Black History Society, for its role in petitioning the City to proclaim Black History Month, and Jean Augustine. The fundamental strength of our community is based on our diversity and upholding the values of dignity and respect, working toward the elimination of all forms of discrimination and being in the forefront of social change have gained us world-wide recognition as a leader on these many fronts.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #75 – Every child is a diamond in the rough, with value and dignity; a child of God. As parents we need to be generous in providing loving affirmation to our children, so they will grow to recognize their inner rich and vital gifts. A parent's love teaches a child to know God's love and to learn of their significance in the world. With love they will discover a mine full of gems within themselves.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #55 – Men and women are sometimes said to be as different as night and day and yet, those two times of the day are united, blending into each other, each providing something to the world. As husbands and wives we bring unique qualities to our relationships, blending together to make our own special union of love. Seeking to understand, accepting and embracing our differences and rejoicing in moments of similarity serve to create a relationship that is both confident and loving.

ABC KIDS FIT

The ABC Kids Fit will run again for a winter session at lunch recess starting Monday, February 3/14 to March 17/14.



GRADE 8 ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL OPTION SHEETS

The time has already arrived. The Grade 8 students have already brought home their registration forms and working copies of their option sheet with recommendations from their teacher. Option sheets must be done online. Final copies of options sheets, registration forms and \$40.00 registration fee (cheque is to be made out to St. Mary's Secondary School) must be completed A.S.A.P. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Grant, should you have any questions or concerns.

E-MATH+ PARENT SURVEY

emath+ was launched in September 2013 as a tool to help connect math learning in the classroom and at home. Free access to emath+ was provided to all grade 3-6 parents, students, and teachers in the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board.

Now that emath+ has been in use for a few months, we would like to hear what you think.

Please help us to better understand your experiences with emath+ by completing the following survey. Your feedback will help to improve the implementation in future years and will inform future product and communication enhancements.

Your feedback will only be shared with Nelson Education, the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board and your child's school in aggregate form. Individual responses will not be shared.

The survey should only take approximately 10-15 minutes of your time. By completing this short survey by March 1, 2013, you will be entered into a draw to win one of 10 Tim Horton's gift cards (value of \$15). The survey is available at <http://www.surveymonkey.net/s/emathplusparent> ..Thank you in advance for sharing your feedback with us.

**CHILD AND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH
WEBSITE RESOURCE LISTING
FOR PARENTS Canadian Mental Health Association
www.cmha.ca**

Promotes the Mental Health of all and supports the resiliency and recovery of those experiencing mental illness through advocacy, education and resources.

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

www.camh.ca

Committed to knowledge sharing and exchange, raising awareness of Mental Health and addiction, breaking down stigma attached to mental illness.

Mood Disorders Association of Ontario

<http://www.mooddorders.ca>

Offers free support programs to people across Ontario and their families, who are living with depression, anxiety or bi-polar disorder.

Centre for Suicide Prevention

www.suicideinfo.ca

Offers training and information on suicide prevention, intervention and postvention. Services used by students, professionals and caregivers.

The Jack Project

<http://thejackproject.ca>

Promotes the Mental Health and Wellness for youth in Canada. Provides mental health information to support youth as they move from high school into college, university or independent living. Also equips parents, family members and educators with knowledge required to support mental health of young people.

“No More Silence”

COAST

<http://www.coasthamilton.ca>

Crisis Outreach and Support Team provides mental health information to professionals, parents, caregivers and support to youth experiencing mental health crisis.

e Mental Health Directory

<http://www.mentalhealth.ca>

Comprehensive website providing specialized information and anonymous and confidential information to improve Mental Health of individuals and communities. Find out where to get help.

Hincks-Dellcrest, The ABC's of Mental Health Resource for educators and parents

<http://www.hincksdellcrest.org/>

Provides two free web-based resources providing information and ideas to promote Mental Health of children and youth.