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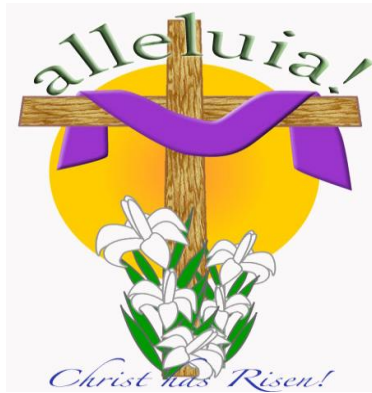
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APRIL NEWSLETTER 2014



An Easter Prayer

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ, Our Risen Saviour always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.

Join us for our April School Mass on April 1st at 9:00 am

GRADE 7 CONFIRMATION

The Grade 7 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, April 11, 2014 conferred on them by Auxillary Bishop **Daniel Miehm**. We ask you to pray for them as they take the next step in their faith development. Thank you to Mrs. Stayshyn and Mr. Burgio for helping to prepare the students for this special sacrament. Thank you to the Catholic School Council for purchasing a Confirmation gift for the Confirmandi.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Tickets for the Catholic School Council 5th Annual "Spring Extravaganza" are available now and will also be available on Monday, April 14, 2014 at our next Catholic School Council meeting. This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the St. Augustine Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m. and tickets are only \$15.00 each!! Purchase your ticket before they are sold out!! Contact the school office to purchase tickets for this year's event. Please consider making a donation/gift to our toonie or silent auction. Thank you in advance for your support!!



LENTEN PROJECT

This year we will be collecting toiletries (soap, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioner) to help support our local community in need at The Good Shepherd Centre and Martha House

JUNIOR MATH CHALLENGE



Two students from each of Grades 4, 5, and 6 will be participating in the HWCDSB Junior Math Challenge on Saturday, April 5th at Bishop Ryan. The St. Augustine Junior Math Team was chosen for their ability and passion for mathematics and problem solving skills. Special thanks to Mr. Hewitson for preparing our team.

The students are Grade 4: Abbey M.; Aivona I., Grade 5: David R.; Aidan T. & Grade 6: Tatum O.; Sangeeth A.

LEARNING COMMONS

The Grades 1 -3 students are fortunate to have the opportunity to meet the author Lana Button at the Ancaster Library on Wednesday, April 9th, 2014. We have read Lana's books "Willow's Whispers" and "Willow Finds a Way" during our Forest of Reading book-sharing sessions.



FRIDAY, POPCORN SALES



The Grade 8 class is excited to announce that for the month of April... Fridays will be popcorn day as a fundraiser to help offset costs for the year end Grade 8 Ottawa trip. Kernels popcorn will be sold for \$2.00 a bag during recesses every Friday for the month of April.

ST. AUGUSTINE STAR SEARCH



The student council is excited as they prepare for this year's annual St. Augustine Star Search. This year the show will take place Tuesday, May 6th, 2014 during Catholic Education Week. Students who are interested in auditioning should have received a permission form to audition. Auditions will take place during lunch recess and the schedule is as follows:

Primary - Friday, April 4th

Junior - Tuesday, April 8th

Intermediate - Friday, April 11th

Students auditioning must come prepared with a signed permission form by a parent/guardian and any props/music they will be using. If students are chosen to participate they will receive more information regarding rehearsal dates.

We can't wait to see all the new talent and great performances this year!

APRIL VIRTUE IS



During this month of April, we celebrate the beautiful virtue of love. God has given us many guidelines and examples of how to live our lives with love. He sent his Son Jesus to make sure that we could see what life could be like. Becoming a truly loving person is challenging. It takes prayer and concentration to become familiar with making little sacrifices for the good of others. Through prayer and concentration, we can get better at showing love to everyone we meet.

Love is patient, love is kind.

It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking.

It is not easily angered; it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres.

Love never fails."

The Bible-I Corinthians 13:4-8



RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR DEMONSTRATION OF *KINDNESS* IN THE MONTH OF MARCH ARE:

Mrs. Glavic – Ryan H. & Matthew M.

Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman – Xavier F.

Mr. Hewitson – Niamh T. & Maya R.

Mrs. Nelson – Steven H.

Mrs. Bury – Mikayla N.

Mrs. MacEachern – Erin M.

Mrs. Harold – Abigail M.

Ms. Cornale – Colson A.

Mr. Havers – Margo Y.

Miss Filice – Sean S.

Mr. Burgio – Rachel B.

Mrs. Stayshyn – Jessica B.

Mrs. Grant – Zoey R.

ECO FESTIVAL



Set your calendar dates!! On **Wednesday, April 16th, 2014** St. Augustine proudly presents the 4th annual ECO FESTIVAL "Earthly Delights". *Eating and Drinking for a Healthy Planet*. It will be fun, interactive and educational for the whole family. A short film, "The Story of Bottled Water" will be presented, eco team newscasts from local businesses, a gardening demo, an eco art and craft sale made by our students, plant sale, organic farmers, tap water taste challenge, a surprising smoothie maker and MORE!! Doors open at 6: 00 p.m. A \$5.00 donation per family is appreciated.

CHESS CLUB

Students from Grades 1-8 have been meeting weekly during the lunch hours to strategize and enjoy playing the game of chess. Many will be participating in the system Chess Tournament is held on April 10, 2014. Thank you to Mr. Wedekind for volunteering his time and talents to organize this club.



SPRING FLING PHOTOS

Lifetouch will be offering packages which include various unique items such as bookmarks and greeting cards. There will be no obligation to purchase your child's package. We do ask that students come prepared to have their photo taken on Thursday, April 3rd wearing their favourite spring colours/outfits on this day for the Spring Photos and pictures with brothers and sisters (if requested) are possible. Your co-operation in this matter is most appreciated.



RUN4CHANGE

A gentle reminder that students from Grades 3-8 are participating in 20 minutes of daily physical activity challenges to prepare for the RUN4CHANGE event in May. Please remind your child to bring in their extra change!

EQAO - PRIMARY AND JUNIOR PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENTS

Each year grade three and grade six students in Ontario are assessed in reading, writing and mathematics for a period of five days. This year the dates for this assessment are from May 26, 2014 to June 6, 2014. Please make every effort to ensure your child's regular attendance during this time.

PRECIOUS MOMENTS BOUTIQUE OPEN HOUSE....



Wednesday March 5th, 2014

3:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, MAY 14, 2014

Wednesday, MAY 28, 2014

3:00 - 7:00 P.M.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE

3rd Floor, 203 McNab Street, North, Hamilton

Gently new and experienced Graduation and First Holy Communion

dresses and suits are available to students at no cost.

Students and parents are welcome.

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

Contact Kelly Duffy-Kariam ext. 2831

LEGISLATIVE PAGE

One of our students, Isabella O. has been chosen to serve a term of duty as a Legislative Page at Queen's Park. She officially began on March 17th and will last 5 weeks until April 17th. Our school community is very proud of her as she learns from this educational and political experience. Please visit the school or board website for more details.

SAVE THE DATE: NÔTRE CAFÉ



On Thursday, May 8, 2014, St. Augustine's School will be holding our fourteen annual "Notre Café. The hours of operation will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. The Grade 7 & 8's will be managing the Café and will be serving. A Café schedule for class visits will be sent home later in April. If you have more than one child in the school, please feel free to visit the Café as a family. Teachers will allow students to be taken out of class.

However, the children will return to the Café with their class during their own scheduled time.

Café Attractions;

- Le Menu** Coffee, tea and juice will be served with our famous chocolate or butter croissants. A Café order form will be sent home with each student later in April.
- Les Fleurs** Students may purchase flower tickets from April 22 – 25. Tickets will be redeemed for carnations at the Café. Additional flowers will be available for guests to purchase at the Café, but pre-order your carnations to prevent disappointment.
- Les Photos** Pictures will be taken in front of our illuminated Eiffel Tower for \$1.00. Family members and friends are welcome to take group photos.
- Les Portraits** Some of our talented and artistic students will sketch portraits or caricatures for \$1.00
- Le Maquillage** Face painting will be available for \$1.00.
- Souvenir Shop** French novelty items will be sold at various prices.
- Le Mais Soufflé** Back by popular demand – popcorn will be sold for \$1.00
- La Chance** Raffle donations are also welcome. Any contribution would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to donate a prize for our raffle, please send it to the school as soon as possible. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the Café for 25 cents each or 5 for \$1.00.

If you have any further questions, please contact the school.

Merci – Nôtre Café Committee

SCIENCE FAIR NEWS



We would like to congratulate all the students who participated in the HWCDSB System Science Fair. The intermediate students who participated earned a gold award as one of the top scoring schools. Congratulations to:

- Gold Medal - Adam D.
Avery S.
Claire S.
Isabella O.
- Silver Medal - Dante M.
- Bronze Medal- Dante A.

We would also like to congratulate Claire H. who took home two speciality awards (BASEF and Lung Association) and Isabella O. who took home two specialty awards (BASEF and Environmental Award). We would also like to recognize the twelve intermediate students who participated in BASEF Thursday March 29th. They should all be proud of their projects and hard work. The award ceremony will take place Tuesday, April 1st, 2014 at Mohawk College. We wish you all the best of luck!