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MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER

Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us young children in faith that we may be protected from evil and harm. Your beloved son Jesus is our Saviour and Lord. We are comforted by your goodness and love. We rejoice in your holy name.



MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY



We celebrate Mother's Day for all the very special mothers in our community, around the world, and especially the Mother of Mary, who is not only the mother of Jesus, but our spiritual mother also. Our Catholic church honours Mary with special prayers, such as the Rosary. When you say the Rosary, it is also a time to remember Mary's Life and that of her son, Jesus.

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the Grade 7 students from Mr. Burgio's and Mrs. Stayshyn's classes who celebrated their Confirmation on Friday, April 11, 2014 at St. Augustine Church. Auxillary Bishop Miehm confirmed the Grade 7 students. Many thanks to Mr. Burgio & Mrs. Stayshyn for preparing the students for this special sacrament. Many thanks to the Catholic School Council for purchasing a Confirmation gift for all students being confirmed.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Congratulations to the Grade 2 students from Mrs. Bury's and Mrs. Nelson's classes who will celebrate their First Holy Communion. **First Communion will be on the first three weekends in May at the Saturday and Sunday Masses.** Please remember to pray for these students as they continue their spiritual journey. Parents, please ensure that these children attend Mass regularly to share in this most Holy Sacrament. Thank you to the Catholic School Council for purchasing Communion gifts as a remembrance for the students.

MAY CROWNING

On Friday, May 30, 2014 the St. Augustine School community will be honouring our Mother Mary with a Crowning Celebration. The liturgy service will begin at 9:00 a.m. at St. Augustine Church. All parents/guardians are invited to share in this wonderful tribute to Our Lady. Bouquets of fresh flowers or plants will be most welcome. Please drop them off at the school before 8:30 a.m. The Grade 2 students can wear their First Communion outfits and the Grade 7 students can wear their Confirmation outfits. When Mass is over, they can change into their school uniform.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION BRUNCH

The Grade 2 and Grade 7 students are invited to the brunch in the Church Hall following the May Crowning Mass. This is hosted by the Spiritual Committee, in celebration of their recent sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. This event is always a wonderful success and to achieve this success, we require volunteers to assist on the morning with the cooking, serving and clean-up. We would appreciate any store bought baked goods (**nut free**) for the brunch. If you are able to help in any way with this event, please contact Donna Faria-Sienna at 905 628-4611 as soon as possible.

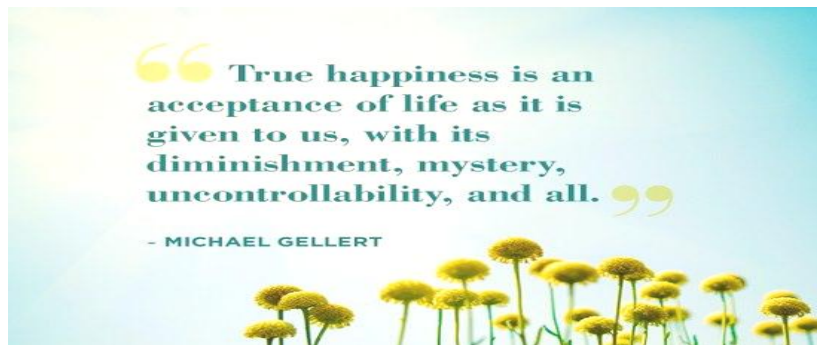
SCRIPURE READING

On Wednesday, May 7, 2014, three students from Grade 7 & 8 will represent our school in the O.E.C.T.A./Trustee Scripture Reading Event at Bishop Ryan Secondary School. This event enhances the students' celebration of the Word of God in a visible, active manner, allowing them to become more familiar with scripture. A special "thank you" to Grade 7 students Isabella O. & Andrew T. and Grade 8 student Krista D. who will be representing St. Augustine School at this event. Thank you to Mr. Burgio for helping the students prepare for this event

VOLUNTEER TEA

We will be celebrating all volunteers that work at St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. We are very fortunate to have a large number of volunteers who faithfully work with and for the students at St. Augustine. We greatly appreciate all that you do for the students. Thank you!!

MAY VIRTUE IS ACCEPTANCE



RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR DEMONSTRATION OF LOVE IN THE MONTH OF APRIL ARE:

Mrs. Glavic/ Miss MacFarlane – Kura V.
Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman/ Mrs. Bowman – Nicolas S.
Mr. Hewitson – Genevieve C. & Rina M.
Mrs. Nelson – Jack H., Jacob D. & Lilah O.
Mrs. Bury – Daniella L.
Mrs. MacEachern – Samantha G.
Mrs. Harold – Sydney G.
Ms. Cornale – Juan C.
Mr. Havers – Tatum O.
Miss Filice – Jessica C.
Mr. Burgio – Chelesa K.
Mrs. Stayshyn – Charlie D.
Mrs. Grant – Mackenzie G.

EQAO TESTING

The students of Grades 3 & 6 will write the Provincial EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments test from **May 26 – June 6, 2014**. The students will be tested in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. If at all possible, we kindly ask parents not to book appointments for your child during this time.

DIRECTORS AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE FOR STUDENTS

Congratulations to the following students who met with The Director of Education, Mrs. Patricia Amos, at 2:00 p.m. on April 23, 2014 at the Catholic Education Centre. These awards were given to those students who excelled in the different areas of the curriculum. The students received an award from the Director.

DIRECTOR AWARD RECIPIENTS WERE:

Adele B. – Catholic School Mission/Vision
Rachel O. – Academic Excellence
Nolan G. – Excellent Effort in the Pursuit of Learning
Avery S. - Arts
Trevor W. – Religion & Family Life
Adriana P. – Language
Patrick L. – Science/Technology
Chris L. – Mathematics
Krista D. – Stewardship of Creation: Environmental Award
Mackenzie G. – Social Studies/History/Geography
Michaela C. – French as a Second Language
Adam D. – Health & Physical Education



CHESS CLUB

The 36th Annual School Board Chess Tournament was held on Thursday, April 10, 2014. The eight students that represented St. Augustine's at Chess Tournament were Noah L., Aiden S., Michael O., Juancarlos L., William O., Alejandro L., Corey H. & Patrick L. Thank you to all students for their time and enthusiasm for the game of Chess. Thank you very much to Mr. Wedekind for taking the time to organize this club at our school and attend the event.

BASEF

Congratulations to all the students who participated in BASEF March 27 to April 1, 2014. All of our students did very well and are winners for making it so far. We would like to congratulate:

- Daniel K, Dante A., Nolan T., Paul M., Dante M. for a job well done
- Adam D. who won the Canadian Nuclear Society Award and a bronze medal
- Rachel O. who won the Farncombe Family Digestive Health Research Award, the Junior Physical Sciences



Award and a bronze medal

- Avery S. who won a silver medal
- Patrick L. who won an award for excellence in Science and Technology and a silver medal
- Claire H. who won an award for excellence in Science and Technology, a gold medal and the Roy Middleton

Memorial award for the best junior project

- Jessica B. who won the Canadian Institute of Mining Award, the Laurentian Chapter of SEATAC Award, the Junior Earth and Environmental Science Award, the Royal Botanical Gardens Award and a gold medal
- Isabella O. who won the Chemical Institute of Canada Award, the Environmental and Education Award, the Junior Earth and Environmental Science Award, and a gold medal

A congratulation also goes out to Claire H., Isabella O., Jessica B. and Patrick L. who were chosen to compete at the Canada Wide Science Fair! They won an all expenses paid trip to Windsor where they will compete against top projects in Canada. We will be cheering them on here at St. Augustine School.

ST. AUGUSTINE STAR SEARCH



The Student Council is excited to announce that the St. Augustine Star Search (SASS) will be taking place Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 12:15 – 3:00 p.m. Parents and guests are welcome to come watch this special event. Please sign in at the office and obtain a visitor's sticker. St. Augustine is full of talented students who sing, dance, act or play a musical instrument who are taking part in this special event. The dress rehearsal will be Monday, May 5, 2014 in afternoon. The students are reminded to keep practicing at home. We know everyone will do their best as they perform and share their talents for our school community.

KD CHALLENGE

During Catholic Education Week (May 5 - 9) the student council is challenging the school to bring in as many boxes of Kraft Dinner as they can. All boxes will be donated to the Good Shepherd food bank. At the end of the week we will count all the boxes and set them up in a fun domino presentation for the school to come watch. The class that collects the most boxes will choose a student to start the domino fun and push the first box!

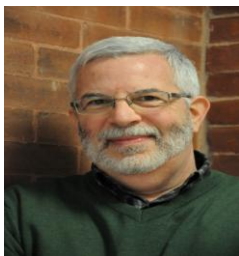
WACKY HAIR DAY



The student council invites the students to come to school on Friday, May 16th with the wackiest hairdo!! This day will also be Civies Day for the school

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Spring Extravaganza was a huge success! Final amount raised has not been finalized yet, but we raised a lot of money for our school. We also received volunteer support and a donation of \$5000.00 from Scotia Bank-University Plaza! Thank-you to all the parents, staff, family and friends who came out to support our event. We really appreciate all the prize donations we received as well. Many thanks to the parents who helped organize and run the fundraiser.



Please join us for an evening with **Social Worker Gary Direnfeld, Thursday, May 22nd at 6:30 pm** in the Learning Commons. Gary Direnfeld is a child behaviour expert, a social worker and the author of *Raising Kids Without Raising Cain*. Courts in Ontario consider Direnfeld an expert on matters pertaining to child development, custody and access, family/marital therapy and social work.

If you are able to attend please call the school at 905-523-2338 to register. Pre-register if you need child-minding.

SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country



The Cross Country Spring Meet is fast approaching. The students have been practising very hard during DPA. The meet will be at Marydale Park to 5999 Chippewa Rd., Mount Hope on Tuesday, May 13, 2014. Please note that all times are approximate. Parents, please note that only students who can demonstrate the ability to run without stopping for 6 – 13 minutes, depending on their age, will be granted permission to run cross-country. All parents are welcome to attend, provided they have their own transportation. **All students will be travelling to and from the meet on the bus.** For safety/security reasons, no students will be allowed to make alternate arrangements to go home from Marydale Park. A special thank you to Mrs. Mederios for organizing the event and all the teachers involved in the practices and meet.

NOTRE CAFÉ

Just a reminder, that the annual Notre Café will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2014 in St. Augustine School Gym. The hours of operation will be from 9:00 am to 11:15 am and 12:30 – 2:20 p.m. Parents may join their children at their scheduled times. Hope to see you there!

9:00 – 9:40	Mrs. Glavic & Miss Filice
9:55 – 10:35	Mrs. Bury, Mr. Burgio & Mrs. McCabe-Freeman
10:35 – 11:15	Mr. Havers & Mrs. Stayshyn
12:30 – 1:15	Mr. Hewitson, Ms. Cornale & Mrs. Harold
1:40 – 2:20	Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. MacEachern, Mrs. Grant

ECO FESTIVAL

The 4th Annual Eco Festival was held April 16, 2014. The evening was a huge success with over 100 guests! The beautiful student eco art and crafts drew many compliments. The bicycle-powered smoothie blender was also very popular – over 250 smoothie samples were served! Tap water won out over bottled water at the Tap Water Taste Challenge booth – keep bringing those reusable water bottles. Special thanks to our community members from Morden's Organic Farm, Our Father's Farm, Green Venture and Growing Green Hamilton for bringing their expertise and enthusiasm. Thanks also to the members of the Eco Team who gave up many recesses in preparing for the festival. Great job everyone!



JOIN US FOR LITTERLESS LUNCH FRIDAYS!

In an effort to reduce our school's impact on the environment, all staff and students are encouraged to bring in a **litterless lunch** on **Friday's** during the month of **May**.

Recipe for a Waste-free lunch: REUSABLE lunch carrier, REUSABLE containers, REUSABLE drinks bottle or thermos, CLOTH Napkin, CUTLERY to wash and re-use HEALTHY snacks.

JUICE IN THE BOX

Since our Juice in the Box campaign our eco team has audited our waste and our school has shown a significant improvement in using reusable drink containers. Way to go St. Augustine! If you are still interested in purchasing a Juice in the Box it's not too late. Please call the school and place your order!

ENERGY CONSERVATION

Our eco team is on a mission to conserve energy at our school by monitoring classrooms to check that lights, computer monitors, and printers are turned off when not in use. Here is a link from Direct Energy for spring tips to save energy at home:

<http://residential.directenergy.com/EN/Energy/alberta/Pages/CUS/Energy-Saving-Ideas-For-The-Spring.aspx>

FOOTWEAR ETTIQUETTE

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.

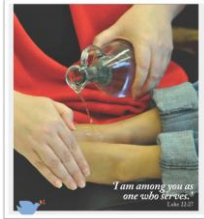


Hamilton-Wentworth
Catholic Schools

Catholic Education Week

May 4 - May 9, 2014

SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST



Day 1: Serve with *Faithfulness*
 Day 2: Serve with *Humility*
 Day 3: Serve with *Compassion*
 Day 4: Serve with *Justice*
 Day 5: Serve with *Joy*

We cordially invite you to join us at St. Augustine as we celebrate Catholic Education Week.

Day and Sub Theme	School Events
Social Justice: During CEW students are kindly asked to bring in Kraft Dinner to support our food drive for the Good Shepherd.	
1. Monday, May 5 th , 2014 <i>Serve with Faithfulness</i>	* Opening Prayer Service at 10:00 a.m. in the school gym coinciding with the HWCDSB mass at Cathedral Highschool.
2. Tuesday, May 6 th , 2014 <i>Serve with Humility</i>	* Some staff, students, and parent representatives will be attending the Hamilton Community Prayer Breakfast at Luina Station from 7:30-9:00 a.m. * SASS talent show at 12:15 p.m. in the school gym.
3. Wednesday, May 7 th , 2014 <i>Serve with Compassion</i>	* Volunteer Tea in the Learning Commons at 11:15 a.m. * Scripture Reading Event at Bishop Ryan Highschool at 7:00 p.m.
4. Thursday, May 8 th , 2014 <i>Serve with Justice</i>	* French Café
5. Friday, May 9 th 2014 <i>Serve with Joy</i>	* Jump Rope For Heart from 12:15-1:25 p.m. * KD Dominio Maze at 2:00 p.m. in the school gym. * Closing Prayer Service at 2:30 p.m. in the school gym.

The Simple Path: Silence is Prayer. Prayer is Faithful. Faith is Love. Love is Service. The fruit of Service is Peace."

- Blessed Mother Teresa