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JUNE 2014 NEWSLETTER

Fathers have a special role
In each young child's life,
To mould and shape them to become
A follower of Christ
To show them the Father's heart
And help them understand
How God's love can be their guide
As they take Him by the hand.

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

P.A. Day

There will be no school for students on Friday, June 6th, 2014.

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.

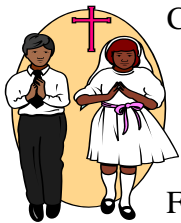
Report Cards

The final report for the school year goes home on Tuesday, June 24th, 2014. The 3rd page of the report card must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the school by Friday, June 27th, 2014. This page is kept in the student's O.S.R. Should you be leaving for holidays prior to June 24th, 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 27th, 2014. This will be an early dismissal day at 12:00 Noon. Buses will be picking up the students at 12:05pm on this day.

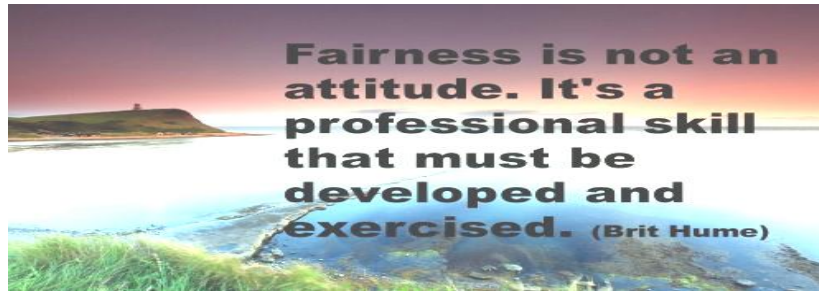
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Congratulations to the Grade 2 students from Mrs. Bury's and Mrs. Nelson's classes who celebrated their First Holy Communion in May at St. Augustine's Church. Many thanks to Mrs. Bury and Mrs. Nelson 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.

Thank you to Fortinos on Main West for donating to our May Crowning Celebration for the First Communion and Confirmation students.

JUNE VIRTURE IS FAIRNESS



RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR DEMONSTRATION OF ACCEPTANCE IN THE MONTH OF MAY ARE:

Mrs. Glavic – Georgia D.
Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman- Eden M.
Mr. Hewitson – Mylana C. & Saagar A.
Mrs. Nelson – Avery H., Benjamin F., Nina S. & Natalie G.
Mrs. Bury – Noah B.
Mrs. MacEachern – Joshua M. & Teaagan K.
Mrs. Harold – Aiden F.
Ms. Cornale – Vincent W.
Mr. Havers – Rachel N.
Miss Filice – Connor V.
Mr. Burgio - Claire H.
Mrs. Stayshyn- Connor F.
Mrs. Grant - Ally H.



EXCELLENCE FOR STUDENTS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION AWARDS

On Tuesday, June 3rd, 2014 at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School, the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board will be “*Celebrating Excellence in Catholic Education*” with a special awards ceremony. St. Augustine will be represented by Alexandra H. who will be receiving 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. Congratulations to Avery S. who will be receiving the “*Sister Maria Cordis Music Award*”. This prestigious award is given to one student in each family of schools who displays a true passion for music and willingness to pursue music studies in high school.

Salt of the Earth Award

Congratulations to Jack P. and Callie C. who are receiving the Kiwanis “Salt of the Earth” Award on Wednesday, June 4th, 2014, 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.

BASEF – Canada Wide Science Fair

We would like to congratulate the four students who competed at the Canada Wide Science Fair in Windsor, Ontario. St. Augustine had four students make it to Canada Wide which is an incredible accomplishment. All students should be proud of themselves for making it so far. We would like to recognize Claire H. for her excellent project and great work, Patrick L. for winning a bronze excellence Award, Jessica B. for winning a bronze excellence award and Isabella O. for winning a gold excellence award and the Environmental Challenge Award for the best Junior project in the Environmental category. Congratulations to all of them!

Canada Wide Science Fair

Isabella O. - [1st] Summa Cum Laude Award and Best in School Award
Claire H. - [2nd] Magna Cum Laude
Daniel K. - [3rd] Cum Laude

Yes I Can Award

Congratulations to Laura S. who received the ***Yes I Can Award*** on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at a banquet at Michaelangelos. Laura is enthusiastic and confident in demonstrating her potential and abilities

ST. MARY CRUSERS DRUMLINE

We are proud to announce that two students Zoey R. and Justine C. from St. Augustine School have rehearsed countless hours at St. Mary Secondary School on the Xylophones and they took great pride in this culmination of their work. This is a great accomplishment!

DIRECTOR'S AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING DEDICATION TO STUDENTS AND STAFF

On Wednesday, June 4th, 2014, Mrs Glavic will be honoured at the Director's Awards for Outstanding Dedication to Students and Staff recognition ceremony and reception. Mrs Glavic 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. Mrs. Osatchuk will also be receiving this award.

SCRIPTURE READING

On Wednesday, May 7, 2014, three students from Grade 7 & 8 represented our school in the O.E.C.T.A./Trustee Scripture Reading Event at Bishop Ryan Secondary School. The Intermediate Scripture Reading Event enhances the children's celebration of the Word of God in a visible, active manner. The event provides an opportunity for intermediate students to become more familiar with Scripture and more comfortable proclaiming (reading) the Word of God in a public forum. Congratulations to Isabella O., Andrew T., and Krista D. for participating and representing our school.

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 (ie .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.

TCBY DAYS



The Grade 8 class is excited to announce that they will be selling TCBY frozen yogurt on Thursday, June 5, 2014 and Friday, June 13, 2014. We will be offering a selection of chocolate, vanilla or swirl. The frozen yogurt treats will be delivered to classrooms during lunch! Order forms will be sent home and must be submitted by Monday, June 2nd, 2014.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Spring Extravaganza

Your donation has helped us to raise \$8,200! These funds will help us in our goal of improving our school's technology footprint, specifically supporting purchase of Ipads and a SMARTboard. It is our commitment to tithe all the funds that we raise and therefore we will contribute 10% of the money raised to non-profit Charitable Organizations, chosen at our next council meeting. Our Spring Extravaganza would not have been a success without the thoughtful donation 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 2nd, 2014 at 6:30pm in the school library.

GARY DIRENFELD PRESENTATION

We had a great turn out to our evening with Gary Direnfeld. It was nice to see so many parents come out for an evening of parent education and engagement.



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.

VOLUNTEER OFFENCE DECLARATION

Just a reminder to all volunteers that Offence Declaration Forms have been sent home. They must be returned by June 16 2014 to Mrs. Medeiros or else you will be required to get a new Criminal Record Check in September and it will cost you \$15.00. You need to have this completed to be able to volunteer at the school or go on class trips. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

SPORTS NEWS

Volleyball



Congratulations to the Jr. Boy's Volleyball team on an amazing season! The team not only had a fantastic regular season, they in fact were able to make it all the way to the championship final which was held at Cardinal Newman High School! The boys showed excellent commitment, sportsmanship, and athleticism in each game they played and it paid off with one of the best volleyball seasons in recent memory. Great job boys and thanks to everyone who supported them. Special thanks to Coach Mr. Havers.

Soccer

The intermediate boys and girls in Grade 7 will be participating in a soccer tournament at St. Mary's on June 10th. Good Luck!

WORLD CUP SOCCER

In celebration of this year's World Cup in Brazil, St. Augustine's will be having their own World Cup Soccer festivities. More details will follow in the month of June!

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the 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. Thomas W. placed 5th and Holte G. finished 7th in the Grade 1 Boys. Mylana C. placed 1st and Genevieve C. finished 3rd for the Grade 1 Girls. Daniella L. finished in 3rd, Holly B. placed 6th and Natalie G. was 7th for the Grade 2 Girls. Adam H. finished 4th for the Grade 2 Boys. Christopher P. finished 2nd, Daniel G. placed 5th and Eric M. was 7th for the Grade 3 Boys. Samantha G. finished 1st, Laura H. placed 4th and Josie F. finished 5th for the Grade 3 Girls. Roman C. finished 4th for the Grade 4 Boys. Julia H. placed 6th and Maya B. finished 9th for the Grade 4 Girls. Lachlan P. placed 1st, Jacob M. placed 3rd, William O. came in 5th and Marcus R. placed 6th for the Junior Boys. Ella V. placed 5th and Natalia W. finished 9th in the Junior Girls. Stella O. finished 2nd, Abbey M. placed 3rd and Adele B. placed 7th in the Senior Girls. Jack P. finished 1st and Ryan E. placed 4th for the Senior Boys. All students put forth an excellent effort and they should be proud of their accomplishments.

GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD BANK

Thank you for your Lenten Project of collecting toiletries and the KD Challenge to support our local community in need at The Good Shepherd Centre and Martha House.

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



HW/CDSB SUMMER INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM (ELEMENTARY)

Current educational research indicates that learning or maintaining a second or third language has a positive effect on all aspects of a child's educational development. The focus of this summer IL program is to offer children an opportunity to learn and/or maintain a language other than English and French and to develop an appreciation for diversity and inter-cultural activities. During the month of July the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board offers free language classes in many of their elementary schools. These take place from Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and no prior knowledge of the language is necessary. Children who turn 4 before December 31st of 2014 are also welcome to attend and get a jump start on their formal education. To see which schools are offering this program please refer to the international languages flyer at www.st.charles.ca.

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.

LEARNING ADVANTAGE CAMPAIGN

There is still time to get your "Learning Advantage" book. This 192 page, fully coloured, activity book is designed to maintain children's academic learning over the summer months. ***There is one activity book per grade level from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7.*** Each grade level book contains major units aligned with the Ontario curriculum expectations and 3 summer fun units. The books have parent information pages, evaluation forms; follow up activities and a family focus. In addition to the summer the books can be used all year long from September to the following June. A full line up of French Immersion books is also available. The cost of each book is \$19.05 plus GST (\$20.00 total). This is a savings of \$1-\$4 from the retail and online prices. You can visit www.learningadvantage.ca to download a free unit of the book you would like to order for further review.

If you did not receive the order form we sent home in late May, or if you have misplaced it and require another one, the forms are available at the office. Please direct questions to Karen Dickson k.dickson@sympatico.ca

Please note: The order form does not state the due date for orders - ORDERS ARE DUE JUNE 6th. All books ordered will be delivered to the school **before** the last week of school.

CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF FOSTER HOMES

If you have ever considered fostering – the time is now! The Catholic Children’s Aid Society of Hamilton is experiencing a critical shortage of foster homes for infants and adolescents. Foster families come in all shapes and sizes and they receive ongoing assistance from CCAS through training and financial supports for the child in their care. They provide temporary care to children and youth for a few days, a week, several months or possibly years. **If you are interested in fostering please call 905-525-care (2273) or email marden.hewitt@hamiltonccas.on.ca**

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.



PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #79 – Please, thank you, excuse me, these are all simple ways of being polite and using manners. Good manners benefit our children in several ways by: increasing self-esteem as mutual respect is established; generating positive attention and respect for and from people; developing an attitude of courtesy towards others; increasing friendships with peers. Children develop good manners through modelling, education and your expectations. Teaching manners helps them to become both confident and successful.

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

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #59 – Leftovers can be good, but most of us would not want to eat them every day! This is true when it comes to our married relationship as well. Occasional busy days or weeks may mean our spouse gets our leftover time, but when we make this the norm, our connection to each other starts to unravel. Time management ensures we accomplish what is necessary and important – make sure time with your spouse is a true priority. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

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