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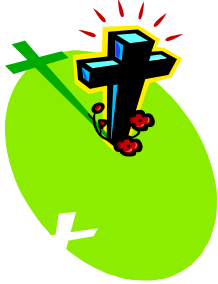
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St. Augustine Catholic School is a place that is proud of its students!



NOVEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

God of all peace, we remember the men and women who died in the wars so that our Country could be free. These brave people gave their lives for their country and for all the people, including us, who would come after them. For them we thank you. May each of us work for peace in our hearts, in our families and in our country. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



On November 11th 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. We will be holding a commemorative ceremony on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. in the school gym. All parents and guardians are invited to join us. 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 1st, "All Saint's Day", we remember all the saints who are with God in Heaven. On "All Souls Day" November 2nd, 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.

ROOTS OF EMPATHY

This year Mr. Haver's Grade 1 class will be participating in the Roots of Empathy Program. It 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.



SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country

Congratulations to the all the athletes that ran in this years Fall Cross Country Meet. All students put forth an excellent effort and they should be proud of their accomplishments. Thank you to teacher coaches and to Mrs. Medieros for leading this. Honourable mention goes to the following athletes who finished in the top 10.

Grade 2 Girls – Mylana C. 4th

Allison S. 9th

Grade 3 Girls – Holly B. 6th

Naia C. 8th

Daniella L. 10th

Grade 4 Girls - Samantha G. 4th

Laura H. 10th

Grade 6 Girls - Ella V. 3rd

Grade 8 Girls – Stella O. 1st

Abbey M. 2nd

Grade 2 Boys – Thomas W. 1st

Holte G. 3rd

Grade 3 Boys – Adam H. 4th

Jacob D. 10th

Grade 4 Boys – Michael O. 3rd

Christopher P. 4th

Grade 6 Boys – Laughlin P. 1st

Jacob M. 3rd

William O. 4th

Junior Boys Football

Congratulations to the junior boys flag football team. The boys have had a great season and it's not over yet! Good luck in the playoffs. Thank you to Mr. Havers for coaching, as well as Miss Novak, Mrs. Woloszyn and the parent volunteers.

Junior Girls Basketball

A job well done by the junior girls in their season this year! The girls played with excellent sportsmanship. We wish them good luck as they enter into playoffs. Thank you to coaches Mr. Hewitson, Miss Novak and Mrs. Woloszyn.

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. Good luck in the playoffs girls!

Senior Girls Basketball

The Senior Girls Basketball has had an exciting 2014 regular season, finishing with a 4-0 record. Good luck to the girls as they begin the play-offs in the second week of November. A special thank-you goes back to community volunteer Catharine Bowman for her commitment and help with the team. Thank you to coach Miss Filice.

HALLOWEEN MOVE-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 our community partners. 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. Special thanks to Mr. Furlong and Mme. Oliverio and Miss Novak.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Reports will be going home on Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will held on Thursday, November 13, 2014

More information to follow!

“WALK WITH CHRIST” PILGRIMAGE

St. Augustine School students & staff participated on Sunday, October 19, 2014. A record number of 25 students from Grades 7 & 8 participated in the “Justice For The Poor” walk with great spirit. The event started at Cathedral Catholic Secondary School with the celebration of the Eucharist and concluded at St. Anthony Daniel’s Catholic Elementary School. The students represented St. Augustine School extremely well displaying Catholic leadership and reverence. The students raised \$395.00 to support initiatives for our sisters and brothers in the global south. Thank you to Mrs. Glavic for organizing our school’s participation and to Mr. Burgio and Miss Novak for your Catholic witness.



VIRTUE

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 – EMPATHY

The following students are recognized for their demonstration of Empathy:

Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman – Madeleine W.

Mrs. Woloszyn – Bianka B.

Mr. Havers – Xavier F.

Mr. Hewitson – Genevieve C.

Mrs. Bury – Noah C.

Mrs. MacEachern – Natalie G.

Ms. Cornale – Kate M.

Mrs. Harold – Julia H.

Miss Filice – Roman C.

Mrs. Grant- Ashley G.

Mrs. Glavic- Ashton P.

Mr. Burgio – Emily S.

Miss Novak – Rachel B.

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**

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!

ADOPTION AND FOSTER PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Please join us and get all your questions answered.

November 18, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School

1824 Rymal Rd. East, Hamilton

To register please call: 905 525-2012

Ext. #3280 for Fostering

Ext.#3125 for Adoption

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Choice
or
Chance?

WORLD DIABETES DAY

Friday, November 14th is **WORLD DIABETES DAY** and a PA day. As such, we will support this on

Thursday, November 13th by wearing **ALL BLUE** which our uniform colour. 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.

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

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 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2014

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.

CHESS CLUB

The chess club is up and running again this year. Many students attend this strategic and fun club. Thanks to Mr. Wedekind for volunteering your time.

ECO NEWS

The ECO team has been hard at work involving all of our students in the initiative of Waste reduction and Energy Conservation. Students from the ECO team are continually monitoring the recycling habits and energy consumption of the school. The Eco Team encourages all students to bring in a litter-less lunch. Beginning on Friday, November 7th St. Augustine CES will be having **litter-less lunch Friday's**. We remind students to try to use re-useable containers for foods and drinks and to avoid wasteful individually wrapped snacks where possible.

FAMILY ADVENT EVENING



We cordially invite all St. Augustine families to join us in our First Family Advent Evening on Monday, November 24th, 2014 where we will together begin the journey of advent in preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The evening will consist of a liturgy, the making of a family advent craft, and social gathering with refreshments and dessert. Come out and join on us on this faith-filled community building event! Forms will be going home this week.

Next Catholic School Council Meeting on Monday, January 12, 2015

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #82 –

Prayer and the education of children in the faith are seen as specific responsibilities of Christian parents, as well as grandparents. Our world is fast paced and we sometimes forget that our children need a place that will act as a cocoon, making them feel safe, loved and protected. We need to create purposeful moments when we gather as a family and share our values through conversations and family activities and where we share our faith through prayer and perhaps reading and discussing a passage from the Bible. Families build the foundation on which our children stand in the world – educating our children in their faith is a proven way to make that foundation solid enough to withstand anything.

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

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #62 – At the Synod in Rome, which wrapped up its deliberations on October 19, 2014, Pope Francis and more than 200 delegates discussed in detail the challenges faced by families in the world today. In their discussions they reminded us that we are not alone, that God is with us as we journey. Taking that message seriously can have a positive impact on your married relationship – attending Mass as a couple, praying together and even joining in parish events have proven benefits in producing happier marriages. God is with us – invite him in and see how his presence will have a constructive impact on your married life!

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