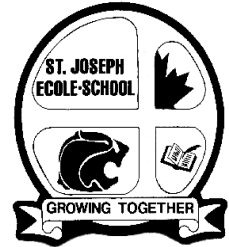




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Newsletter June 2010

WE ARE A PROUD FEEDER SCHOOL OF ST. MARY & CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOLS

Prayer for the End of a School Year

O God of all beginnings and endings,
We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year.
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,
With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.

The days have passed quickly, O Lord.
The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days,
The tests, vacations, breaks, and assemblies,
All have come forth from your hand.

While we trust that your purposes have always been at work each day,
Sometimes it has seemed difficult to understand and appreciate
Just what you have been up to in our school.

Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.
Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.
Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,
And bless us, according to your will,

With the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams.
Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,
And guide each day as you have done this past year.
Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.

May we continue to grow
In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace
All the days of our lives.

Amen.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

With Christ at our side and the Holy Spirit in our hearts, we end a successful year at St. Joseph School. Our students have grown academically, spiritually, physically and socially with your guidance and that of our most dedicated school staff working closely together along with our wonderful pastoral team led by Father Jim and Father Toby. Our staff would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our parents, Catholic School Council, Pastoral Team and volunteers who have played an integral part in the success of our students. To those families who will be moving on, we wish you continued happiness and much success in your new location. To our returning families, we pray for a safe and relaxing summer and look forward to your return.

We would like to take this opportunity to say good-bye and thank you to some of our staff members, Ms. Kiss, Mme DeMedeiros, Mme Lodge, M. Giuliano, Mr. Laus, Mr. Mattachini, Mme O'Neill, Mr. Czerniga, Mrs. Botelho-Palazzo, Mr. Shannon and Miss Juran. We thank them for sharing their many talents with the St. Joseph School Community, and we wish them all the best and know they will contribute much to their new schools.

Best wishes to Mrs. Spinosa, on her placement at the new school Annunciation of our Lord. We thank you, for your dedication for the past 9 years, with our grade 8 students, the Intermediate division, Confirmation planning, Graduation and your time volunteering on various other committees in the school.

Congratulations, to Mme Meyer on her retirement. We thank her for her leadership with both staff and students. We greatly appreciate your dedication to our community in helping to provide support in Language Reading and Writing. May God bless you in your retirement!

Déjà l'année scolaire 2009-2010 s'achève. J'aimerais au nom du personnel de l'école dire un grand MERCI à toutes les personnes qui on appuyé les activités scolaires de près ou de loin. Je vous souhaite un congé rempli de soleil, de belles rencontres et des bénédictions de Dieux !

On se retrouve le 7 septembre !

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



day.

Best wishes to all wonderful Fathers, Grandfathers and those who are like fathers to us. May God Bless you, on your special

God, bless all the fathers in the world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way! Amen

JK PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

There will be a JK/SK parent information session, for families, that are new to the school. The information session will be on Wednesday, June 9th at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room.



ST. JOSEPH FAMILY FUN FAIR AND BBQ

Please mark on your calendars Thursday, June 10, from 5:30 – 8:30 pm for an evening of fun with your family. This will be a wonderful opportunity to gather with friends, and help raise money for our school.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Next meeting: Thursday, June 17, 7 pm in the Conference Room

GRADE 8 GRADUATION



École St. Joseph School graduation will be on Wednesday, June 23, beginning at 5:00 pm with a Mass at St. Joseph Church. The evening will continue with a graduation dinner and dance at Liuna Station. We would like to congratulate all of our young adults and wish them much success in high school. God Bless each of you always!

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, June 30th is the last day of school for our students. DISMISSAL WILL BE AT 12:30 p.m.

If you wish to pick up your child at 11:45 (lunch), please write this in your child's agenda or write a note in order for the teacher to release him/her. Otherwise, all students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m.



STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for achieving the following awards:

Salt of the Earth (for perseverance, dedication, positive attitude, and commitment to school and community)

Zoe A. & Matthew P.

Sister Maria Cordis Award (for a student who shows passion for music at school and the community)

Sarah B.

Living the Spirit Award (for a student who achieves success 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)

Hilary H.

FROM THE GREEN TEAM:

The Green Team will continue to do Eco Checks, clean the yard and alley, and weed the garden into the month of June. We are also waiting to hear about our Eco Schools application. We are still aiming for GOLD!

Open Streets Hamilton

Open Streets Hamilton will open James Street North from Cannon to Burlington Street for pedestrians, cyclists, and shoppers. Walk, ride, or roll down James Street North! This will take place on Sunday, June 6th.

Come and enjoy free physical activity, art, music, and more!

Think Green

Think Green now accepts old digital cameras for recycling! Please bring in your old digital cameras, old cell phones, and printer ink cartridges. We will continue to collect these items until June 15th. Our collection box is now in the conference room.

LANDFILL OPEN HOUSE

Free BBQ!
And a tour of the landfill!
And a bunch of big, mighty machines!
And eco booths with information on green living!
And a free tree seedling!
And a ride on an HSR 1840s replica trolley!

Come out on Saturday, June 26th between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for half a day of really cool stuff about garbage and where our garbage goes. There will be something to do for everyone in your family!

Shuttle buses will leave every 20 minutes from the Fortino's parking lot at the corner of Highways 53 and 20 to take you to the Glanbrook landfill site. You'll also get to see how we turn leaf and yard waste into compost.

SCRIPTURE READING



Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Scripture Reading event, which was held at Bishop Ryan High School on May 6th. A special congratulations goes to: Saige P., Aaliyah, Samantha M. and Levin for their participation.

REPORT CARDS

The Term 3 Reports will go home on Friday, June 25th. Please review your child's progress carefully, complete, sign and return page 3 of the report card by Wednesday, June 30th.

BUS PATROLLERS/BUDDIES



A heartfelt thank you is expressed to all of our bus buddies and patrollers this year! We greatly appreciate your commitment and help by looking out for each other. See you in September!

STUDENT COUNCIL

The spirit, energy, values, and commitment to service of our students is clearly exemplified by the excellent efforts, leadership and dedication of our Student Council. We have had many awesome spirit days, fundraising events, and liturgical celebrations all because of this year's council and teacher representatives Mrs. Spinosa and Mme Crandall. Thank you very much for your time this year, and may you continue to put forth your best efforts and St. Joseph pride in all that you do. God bless you all for a safe and restful summer!

CYO SPORTS



It takes a big commitment from staff to make a successful sports team. The staff and parents who volunteered as coaches are excellent role models for our students and on behalf of you, the parents and students, I would like to thank all coaches for your time and commitment to our young athletes. **MERCI**

COMMUNITY NEWS

NUTRITION

By: Ms. L. Narducci

"The earlier kids learn about health and wellness, the more likely they will be to adopt healthy habits that stick with them throughout their lives" - Participation Canada.

Rather than mention the concern for childhood obesity which is leading to an alarming increase in our youth being diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes, let's talk about summer! The pace slows down; living is easy; an abundance of sunshine (vit D); beautiful harvests of fresh veggies and fruits. A perfect time for incorporating and making wellness a family journey.

- *choose exercise that doesn't seem like exercise
- *take it outdoors
- *learn something new
- *most importantly - make it fun!

With the pace being a bit more simplified and fun, why not make meals the same. "Keep

it simple". Enjoy healthy homemade burgers. If several pounds of meat is used there will be plenty for freezing. From a very young age my kids were active Junior Chefs in making burgers. Every kid likes to help in the kitchen and you will be role modeling the importance in preparing healthy meals for a family to share.

Kids are great helpers:

- *assembling all the ingredients
- *cracking the eggs into a separate container to add to the mixture. (Thus saving have to fish shells out)
- *squishy squashy feel of fingers in the mixture
- *adding other ingredients while your having all the fun in the squishy squashy mixture
- *making meatballs to flatten out into patties

When we take time out of our busy days to play with, include in and simply spend time with our kids, the rewards are limitless.

Wishing you a blessed summer, safe summer, simple summer and a summer full of many fond memories.



School Readiness



Do you work during the day? Would you like to help your children get ready to start kindergarten in the fall?

We will be running a School Readiness program two evenings a week for four weeks during the month of June. Parents and children who will be going to JK/SK in the fall may join.

Parents will obtain information to help their child/ren learn the necessary skills to start school. Children will participate in activities that are similar to those in a classroom. A snack will be provided for the children.

Where: Ontario Early Years Centre
155 Queen Street North

When: Tuesday and Thursday Evenings
Starting Tuesday June 1, 2010

Time: 5:30 - 7:00pm

To register or get more information, please call: 905-521-0926

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES SUMMER PROGRAM

The International Languages Summer program will be offered for students JK to Grade 8, from Monday to Friday, for the month of July, 2010. **Registrations** for the summer program will begin **Friday, July 2, 2010** from **9:30 am to 12:00 pm**. For further information, please call (905) 527-3400.

IL SUMMER PROGRAM 2010				
Language	Contact	Location	Time	Number of Classes requested
Arabic	Warde Kassar	St. Margaret Mary	9:30-2:00	1
Arabic	Dalal Hamade	Regina Mundi	9:30-2:00	3
Chinese	Susan Bourne	Sts. Peter & Paul	9:30-2:00	2
Chinese	David Liu	St. Marguerite d'Youville	9:30-2:00	3
		Canadian Martyrs	9:30-2:00	4
		St. Mary's Elementary	9:30-2:00	2
Iraqi	Essam Ali	St. Jerome	9:30-2:00	4 – 5
		St. David	9:30-2:00	2
Italian	Joanne DiIanni	St. Daniel	9:30-2:00	2
		St. Luke	9:30-2:00	2
		St. Marguerite d'Youville	9:00-1:30	6
		St. Mark	9:30-2:00	4
		St. Vincent de Paul	9:00-1:30	7
		Our Lady of Peace	9:30-2:00	6
Malayalam	Biju Devassy	Regina Mundi	9:30-2:00	2
Persian	Abdul Herach	Regina Mundi	9:30-2:00	1
Polish	Jadwiga Szot	St. Luke	9:30-2:00	2
Portuguese	Fernanda Adams	St. Brigid	9:00-1:30	3
Punjabi	Ajit Chaggar	Our Lady of Peace	9:30-2:00	3 – 4
Russian	Eva Talovikova	St. Mary's Elementary	9:00-1:30	1
Spanish	Mariana Jorquera	Mother Teresa	9:30-2:00	3
		St. Mark	9:30-2:00	3
Swahili	Rosemary Aswani	St. Marguerite d'Youville	9:30-2:00	1
Urdu	Inam Ul Haque	St. Charles Barlake	9:30-s:00	2
Urdu	Bilqis Kabir	St. Luke	9:30-2:00	2
Vietnamese	Teresa Defreitas	St. Mary's Elementary	9:00-1:30	3 (3 rd floor)