



ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Guiding Hand

*I dreamt I stood in
a studio and
watched two
sculptors there.*

*The clay they used was a young
child's mind and they fashioned it
with care.*

*One was a teacher - the tools he
used were books music and art.
The other a parent, worked with a
guiding hand,
and a gentle heart. Day after day,
the teacher toiled with touch that
was deft and sure.*

*While the parent laboured by his
side and polished and smoothed it
o'er.*

*And when at last, their task was
done they were proud of what they
wrought.*

*For the things they had molded
into the child could neither be
sold or bought.*

*And each agreed they would have
failed if each had worked alone.*

*For behind the parent, stood the
school and behind the teacher the
home.*



WELCOME BACK....

Welcome back and welcome to our new families as well. The staff of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys hope that you have had a safe, healthy and happy holiday (despite the weather). We are looking forward to a great year. We do have some staff changes that are listed below due to a number of maternity leaves. This year, we will be celebrating our **25th anniversary** as the community of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys. We will be having some activities in the spring to celebrate this great community of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys. Stay tuned for further information and be sure to read your monthly newsletter so that you can join us for the festivities.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Professional Development Day

Friday, September 12th 2008

Open House

Thursday September 18th 2008

Terry Fox Run/walk

Friday, September 26th 2008

(more info to follow)

First Pizza Day

Friday September 26th 2008

EARLY RELEASE DAYS FOR FIRST TERM

Thursday, September 29th 2008

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council is always looking for new members. New members will be appointed or elected towards the end of September. If you would like to become a member, please phone the office and leave your name and phone number. We will make sure that you receive the paperwork and the necessary information.

HERITAGE LANGUAGE

Attached please find a list of the sites for Heritage Language. Portuguese is new to list this year

OUR STAFF FOR 2008/2009 SCHOOL YEAR

R. Chrysanthou	JK/SK
O. Reis	Grade 1/2
L. Brewer	Grade 3
M. Stewart	Grade 2/3
L. Budisa	Grade 4
W. Templar	Grade 5
D. Wesley	Grade 6/7
M. Gutt	Grade 6
R. D'Astolfo	Grade 7/8
D. Torchia	Grade 7/8
L. Lobo	Grade 8
C. Abou-Faysal	French
M. Brown	French (Grade 4)
P. Cook/R. Condarcuri	Library
M. Baltazar	Special Education
C. Fulford	Special Education /ESL
C. Colton	ERW
R. Pizzarelli	ERW
S. Rajanayagam	ERW
D. Clinton	PLASP
C. Klugman	Principal
S. Muncaster	Head Secretary
R. Gray	Head Custodian
D. Mariampillai	Night Custodian

CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOLS

A notice was sent home on pink paper that will indicate when our two Sept. meetings are for presentations to the Trustees. Final decisions are slated for November /December. The first date is **Sept. 11, 2008** at the Board office.

JUST A REMINDER.....

All personal electronic devices (i.e. cell phones, ipods etc) are not allowed on school property according to Board Policy.

Cars are not allowed in the parking lot to drop off students. The Church across the road is our drop off area and students can walk across with the crossing guards.

School starts at 8:30 am. It is very important that your child be in the schoolyard by 8:20 so that they can be present in the line that proceeds to the classroom. When students are late they must check in at the office which prevents them from being part of the introductory remarks by the teacher that outlines the format for the day. Please help you children to be here one time for class.

Pets are not allowed in the schoolyard during school hours. This is a very important rule as we do not always know how our pet is going to react to a crowd of people. Therefore for the safety of the students we ask that **pets not** be present on school property during school hours.

LUNCH TABLE

We have a lunch table located in the front foyer. If you are dropping off a lunch please leave it there with the student's name on it. Also make sure that your child knows that a lunch is being dropped off for him or her. We also ask that lunches be left prior to 11:30 am as students are only given twenty minutes to eat lunch. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



AGENDAS

Agendas will be given out on the first day.. We are requesting \$2.00 to help defray the cost.

VIRTUES

Our virtues program will continue this year. By practicing virtues, we hope to develop habits of goodness. Practicing virtue also gets us ready to contribute to the good of all people. In a school community, virtue formation contributes to a healthy, positive learning environment by fostering a climate in which all members feel safe, confident

and hope-filled about themselves, their relationships and their futures. Teachers will be highlighting these virtues within Religion and Family Life programs and our foyer and daily reflections will reinforce these virtues as well.

Each month we will be focusing on a specific virtue in the classroom and throughout the school. The following indicates which virtue we will focus on in which month:

September - Faith
October - Empathy
November – Conscience
December - Hope
January - Self-control
February – Respect
March- Kindness
April - Love
May - Acceptance
June – Fairness

Perhaps at some time throughout the respective months these virtues could be talked about and reinforced at home.

your child. The school phone number is 905.454.3979. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Attachments:
School Year Calendar
International Language Program

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Student accident insurance brochures are being sent home with your child. This insurance is very worthwhile and inexpensive. If you did not get a brochure please call the office and we will get one to you. **Please consider purchasing this worthwhile service.**

STUDENT VERIFICATION SHEETS

Student verification sheets are being sent home. Please return these sheets with the most up-to-date information on it. It is very important that we are able to contact you if something were to happen to your child during the course of the day. Each class has the opportunity to win a Pizza Lunch if their class is the first to have all their sheets returned. Thanks for your help with this matter.

Attendance....Just a reminder

If your child is going to be absent please make sure that you call the office and indicate: name of child; teacher's name and how long the absence will be. If we do not receive a call we will be calling you if your child is absent to follow up for the safety of