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WAIVER PACKAGE:

- PED Board Policy Memo
- Breakfast Club Waiver
- Gym Participation Waiver
- Year Long Pizza Waiver
- Year Long Milk Waiver

A New School Year

I BELIEVE IN CHILDREN

I BELIEVE IN CHILDREN - LITTLE ONES, BIG ONES, CHUBBY AND THIN ONES.
THERE IS FAITH IN THEIR EYES, LOVE IN THEIR TOUCH, HOPE IN THEIR ATTITUDE.
I THRILL WITH THEM AT LIFE'S JOYS, RUN WITH THEM THROUGH TALL GRASSES,
I BOW WITH THEM IN WORSHIP, AND HOLD THEM CLOSE IN TRAGEDY.

I BELIEVE IN CHILDREN - THE FRAGILE DREAM OF YESTERDAY, LIFE'S RADIANT
REALITY TODAY, AND THE VIBRANT STUFF OF TOMORROW.

YES, I BELIEVE IN CHILDREN FOR WHEREVER I GO, TO MOUNTAIN VILLAGE,
INDUSTRIAL CENTRE, OR OPEN COUNTRY, I FIND YESTERDAY'S CHILDREN, WHO WERE
NURTURED IN THE THINGS OF CHRIST AT WORK IN THE BUILDING OF THE KINGDOM OF
GOD. AMEN. (AUTHOR UNKNOWN)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: WELCOME BACK!

On behalf of the faculty and staff at St. Louis, I extend a warm welcome back to all our students and their families! I hope you have had a wonderful summer – filled with beautiful memories!

It is my pleasure to welcome you back to SCHOOL – and a warm welcome as we begin celebration of our 50th anniversary of Catholic Education – serving the Clarkson community.

This newsletter will be a monthly communication tool used by faculty at St. Louis School to communicate with the community at large. **This newsletter will be sent home the first Friday of each month – with each student.** All relevant school wide communication will be made through the newsletter. Daily communication will be made by teaching staff through use of the student agenda.) In effort to become MORE “GREEN” – as an ECO-SCHOOL – we are also asking parents to consider signing up for an electronic copy –instead of paper copy. Form attached.

Due to daily enrolments, there is a possibility that some reorganization of staff and classes may need to take place in the school. If this is the case, such changes will take effect on Monday, September 19, 2011. You will be informed in advance of this date if any changes will occur with respect to your child. **There will be no school –for students- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2011** – as this day will be used to re-organize students and for staff meetings.

Virtues Education – will continue this year. A virtue is a habit or established capacity to perform good actions according to a moral standard. St. Louis is an ideal place to practice and prepare to live a virtuous life. When we demonstrate these virtues, we are making the presence of God visible in the world around us. More information is available to students and parents in student agenda. **Faith is September Virtue** – which is an attitude that encourages us to involve God in our lives and helps us develop and maintain relationships with God and with others.

I welcome all parents to come out for our first council meeting. (see pg. 3) I look forward to working with the parents of the St. Louis community as we work to create the best possible learning environment for our students.

We look forward to meeting you all at our **Open House/BBQ on September 22/11.** More information will follow shortly

Laura DiGiambattista



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HEAD INJURY

WHEN A STUDENT RECEIVES AN INJURY TO THE HEAD, IT IS BOARD POLICY THAT WE INFORM PARENTS. WE WILL MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO NOTIFY YOU –EVEN WHEN IT IS A VERY MINOR HEAD INJURY. PLEASE DO NOT BE ALARMED IF YOU RECEIVE THIS PHONE CALL.

SCHOOL HOURS

8:45 - Supervision in Yard
9:00 - Morning Bell (please be on time)
11:30 - Kindergarten Dismissal
12:00 - Lunch
12:20 - Lunch Recess
1:00 - Afternoon Bell
3:30 - Dismissal
3:45 - Supervision of dismissal ends

OPEN HOUSE/BBQ

Thurs, Sept. 22, 2011

5:30 – 6:30pm - BBQ

6:30-7:15 - Classroom Visits

Please come out and meet the St. Louis community – and help begin our 50th year celebration

We Need Volunteers!!!

We encourage your involvement in our school as a volunteer. Many of our activities and events occur with tremendous parent support. If you are a parent volunteer in the school, please remember that our policy is that parents do not volunteer in their own child's classroom. We request that volunteers share their skills and expertise in other ways. This encourages your child's independent skills while still demonstrating your interest in their school and learning.

• **Police Records Search available Office**
Please contact D. Saric – SERT. for more information

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In effort to bring about a year of celebration of the Catholic Education provided to the community of Clarkson by the St. Louis School community, many events have been planned.

Sept 22, 2011 – Open House BBQ

October 31, 2011 – Halloween Dance-a-thon

December 3, 2011 – Breakfast with Santa

May, 10, 2012 – 50th Anniversary Mass @ St. Christopher Parish -& Open House at the St. Louis

If you should require any additional information, please contact:

Trish Trapani @ jtrapani@roger.com

Or

Daniella Saric

STORAGE OF MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

In order for the school to store and/or administer medication, your doctor must complete a form provided by the school. Students are not allowed to have medication of any kind at school, unless it is stored in the front office. If there is a reason that the student must carry their medication (eg. Epi-Pen for emergency administration or asthma puffers), please pick up a form at the office and have it completed by your doctor. A medical alert photo identification sheet will be completed for your child – and posted in your child's classroom, our staffroom, and our office/health room.

As children grow, their health status sometimes changes. We therefore, request revised forms each year. If your child has developed any sensitivities or allergies or other medical needs, we must know about these in the interest of their safety. Please send a note in

Sabrina's Law –ANAPHLAXIS REACTION

St. Louis school makes every attempt to be an allergen aware school. There are a number of our students who suffer from severe and life threatening allergies. For this reason, we will alert parents of students in your son's/daughter's classroom who do have life threatening allergies – and we will ask that parents refrain from sending foods with the allergen in it to school as a part of a school lunch. This information will be provided in the next few weeks, and will be specific to classrooms. For this reason, we enforce a "NO OUTSIDE FOOD POLICY" and classroom celebrations which involve the sharing of food – will have - Permission to Participate form will be sent home prior to the celebrations.

Agendas will be available to all students from Gr 1-8 – after Sept. 16 . These School Agendas contain important information about our Catholic heritage/faith development, as well as information specific to the school. We ask that you make a special note of your child's student agenda as a daily means of communication with the teacher(s) and to assure homework is completed each night. Parent's are encouraged to look through and initial them each day. (see attached Agenda Information Letter)

The cost of the agenda is: \$7.00.

Student Dismissal

Only parents of a student will be allowed to pick up a child. A parent may release this responsibility to one of the identified emergency contact persons with a phone call to the school or a note sent to the teacher identifying the "new" adult. These students must be picked up at the front office. Calls to parents will occur when the office has concerns for the child's safety.

LUNCH HOUR POLICY

OUR LUNCH HOUR IS FROM NOON TO 1 PM
CHILDREN WHO STAY FOR LUNCH – WILL EAT INSIDE FOR THE FIRST 20 MINUTES AND THEN PLAY OUTSIDE FOR THE REMAINING 40 MINUTES – WEATHER PERMITTING.

IF A STUDENT HAS AN APPOINTMENT – STUDENT MUST BE SIGNED OUT BY PARENT.

STUDENTS WHO STAY FOR LUNCH MUST DO SO EVERYDAY.

LUNCH TABLE IS LOCATED UNDER THE SAC INFORMATION BOARD IN FRONT HALL FOR LUNCH DROP-OFF

MANY ALLERGIES EXIST IN OUR SCHOOL – FOR THAT REASON THERE IS NO SHARING OF FOOD – A LETTER OUTLINING CLASSROOM ALLERGIES WILL BE SENT HOME SOON.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS NO SCHOOL

Sept .16/11 – Re-Organization

Nov. 18/11 – Faith Day-
Provincial Priorities

Jan. 16/12- Assessment Day

Feb 3/12- Reporting to Parents

May 11/12 – Faith Day-
Provincial Priorities

June 11/12 - Assessment Day

THERE ARE NO EARLY RELEASE DAYS

TERRY FOX WALK

ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS OF ST. LOUIS SCHOOL WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN OUR

Liturgical/ Sacramental Update

First Communion Information Meeting

TBA

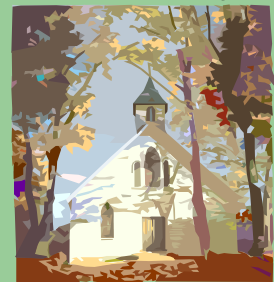
at St Christopher's Church
(children are welcome)

Confirmation Information Meeting

TBA

At St. Christopher's Church
(**BOTH** parents & candidate must attend)

Confirmation – May 8, 2011



SCHOOL MASSES

OPENING MASS
TUES. OCT 4- 10:30AM

ADVENT-CANDLES
DEC. 5, 12, 19- 9AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
THURS. APRIL 5- 2:30PM

EASTER
TUES. APR 10-10:30AM

50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS
THURS MAY 10, 2012
7PM-ST CHRISTOPHER
8:30-9:30PM-OPEN HOUSE @
SCHOOL

YEAR-END
JUNE 26-10:30AM-CHURCH
7PM-AWARDS

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Thanksgiving Day –
Monday, Oct. 10 / 11

Christmas Break
Mon. Dec. 26-Fri. Jan 9/12

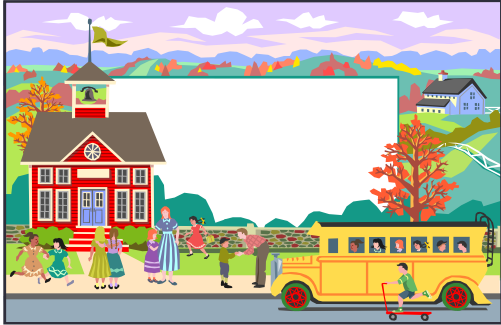
Family Day –
Mon. Feb. 20, 2012

Mid-Winter Break –
March 12 –March 16, 2012

Good Friday –
Friday, April 6, 2012
Easter Monday –
Monday, April 9, 2012

Victoria Day –

ST. LOUIS MESSAGES - ADDITIONAL START-UP INFO



TRANSPORTATION UPDATE:

Please note that all **eligible** students will be issued a bus card which must be attached to their backpack handle – on the first day of school

Non-eligible students are not permitted to ride the bus.

No courtesy seats will be issued until first week in October to allow for all eligible riders to obtain their seats.

Please contact STOPR @ 905-890-6000 or 1-800-668-1140 for any information about transportation provided for our students

PARENTS/ADULTS IN THE SCHOOL YARD

It is difficult for the staff supervising in the schoolyard, to distinguish between parents and strangers. We are asking for your cooperation in dropping the students off during the supervised times of 8:45 and 3:30, and letting them be with their friends. The fewer adults in the schoolyard, the easier it is to identify a stranger in the yard. Once students are in the school, parents are encouraged to leave school property as soon as possible so that the students are not distracted from classroom activities. During the school day, there should be no parents in the schoolyard area at all. Parent may wait along the Kindergarten fenced area – south yard- before school /end of day. If your child is late, please bring him/her to the Office. There should not be any parents in the halls or classrooms without prior knowledge of the Office during school hours. Parent volunteers will sign in and receive a visitor's badge. It is a matter of safety. Thank you for your co-operation.

Photo Day --- Sept 30, 2011

(photo will be taken all day)
(re-takes November 10 – am only)

PARKING LOT SAFETY

STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO ENTER ON WALKWAYS PROVIDED ON SOUTH AND NORTH ENTRANCES OF THE BUILDING
ONLY KISS N RIDE CARS ARE PERMITTED INTO THE CIRCULAR DRIVEWAY
ONLY PARENTS WITH HANDICAP STICKERS MAY USE DESIGNATED PARKING
PARENTS ARE REMINDED TO USE EXTREME CARE AND ATTENTION DURING DROP OFF AND PICKUP OF STUDENTS

Come Join - St. Louis Catholic School Council

NEW DATE - Tuesday, September 27, 2011 - 7pm - in the Library

The purpose of school councils, which is mandated by the Ministry of Education, is through active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parent/ guardians.

Nominations for positions on the St. Louis School Council will be received in the school from Mon., Sept. 19 to Fri., Sept. 23, 2011 from 8:00am and 3:30pm -- and must be submitted by Fri. Sept 19 by 3:30pm.

A parent must complete a nomination form in order to be included in the election process.

All nomination forms received are to be signed by a school official and marked as to date and time received.

Elections will be held if more than the required numbers of parent positions (12) are applied for.

If needed, the elections at St. Louis School will take place at the first 2011-2012 - School Council Meeting – September 27, 2011– 7pm – Library

Positions on council which are elected are: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. The positions of Community Rep., Parish Rep., and OAPCE Rep are appointed. Parents must hold the majority of seats on the school council.

Activities organized by School Council Parents include: Open House/BBQ; Breakfast with Santa; Fundraising – Pizza Day Sales, Ice Cream, Popcorn, Major Fundraiser – last year was a Hallowe'en Dance-a-thon; All Star Reading;

It is a great way to get involved in your child's education!

BREAKFAST PROGRAM AVAILABLE DAILY

FROM 8:45AM TO 9:00AM –
STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A WAIVER TO

STUDENT INSURANCE OLD REPUBLIC INSURANCE GROUP

OLD REPUBLIC INSURANCE GROUP WAS AWARDED THE STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE CONTRACT. AS REQUIRED BY THE EDUCATION ACT AND THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ANNUALLY PROVIDES PARENTS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT COST-EFFECTIVE STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE VIA STUDENT COURIER. ALTHOUGH ENROLMENT IS VOLUNTARY, THE BOARD ENCOURAGES PARENTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE INEXPENSIVE INSURANCE COVERAGE, ESPECIALLY IF THEIR CHILD/CHILDREN PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS, EXCURSIONS/FIELD TRIPS, OR, IF PARENTS DO NOT HAVE DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE.

ENROLMENT IS REQUIRED IN WRITING – THERE ARE THREE OPTIONS FOR ENROLMENT:

1. COMPLETE THE ATTACHED FORM AND MAIL IT IN. (– ADDITIONAL COPIES AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL OFFICE.)
2. CALL FOR MORE INFO 1-800-463-KIDS(5437).
3. ON-LINE AT WWW.INSUREMYKIDS.COM

PARENTS ALONE HAVE THE RIGHT TO INSURE THEIR CHILDREN.”

NO PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT ANYTIME ON DUFFERIN PEEL PROPERTY – NO CELL PHONES!

Emergency Evacuation Drills and Procedures:

Teachers and students will regularly practice emergency evacuation procedures.

These include safe entrance and exit from the building in the event of fire, bomb threat, and safety response.

Lockdown procedures are practiced regularly and the teachers and students respond to an announcement initiating lockdown.

Our emergency evacuation site is Ecole Horizon Jeunesse (across the street).

If you should require any additional information pertaining to emergency evacuation drills or emergency procedures, please feel free to contact Laura DiGiambattista -Principal

Renovation..News...

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We were blessed to have had many very talented Dufferin Peel personnel and associated staff in this summer to make many very necessary changes to our school.

Our conference room is now room 2 – located close to our front office. It is much smaller was we have taken space in order to provide for a larger kindergarten room.

Our second kindergarten class is room 3. An additional 500 square feet have been added in order to accommodate the learning centers within the Full Day Kindergarten program.

Our SERC is in room 11.

And – for those parents not into the school last spring, we have resurfaced the entire St. Louis Library – with beautiful new shelving – and have created a wonderful learning environment to promote reading.

Our vegetable garden – in our north yard boasts beautiful tomatoes, carrots, zucchini, and pumpkins – much thanks goes out to our custodians who were careful to water –this summer.

Our front garden are quite beautiful and our sunflowers will serve to welcome you back!

**ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUALITY
STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND DAILY
LETTERS WILL BE ISSUED FOR STUDENTS HAVING MISSED MORE THAN 15 DAYS
STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE**

ATHLETICS @ ST. LOUIS
ST. LOUIS STUDENTS HAVE A STRONG TRADITION OF SPORTS TEAMS! AS EACH ATHLETIC SEASON BEGINS, STUDENTS INTERESTED IN TRYING-OUT WILL BE PROVIDED WITH DATES. PERMISSION FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME FOR PARENTAL APPROVAL. COMMITMENT TO ACADEMICS IS AN EXPECTATION OF ALL STUDENTS ATHLETES.

WELCOME BACK!!!!