

**St. Roch Catholic Secondary School  
Catholic School Council Meeting  
Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Opening Prayer and Chaplaincy Updates – K. Senra**

- **Grade 9** – retreat group bonding end of September
- **Grade 10** – retreat to the food bank in Mississauga
  - Donations of clothing and food to Ecuador/ El Salvador
- **Grade 11** – World Religion Class Retreat – visited a Ukraine Church and a Mosque
- **Grade 12** – retreat to visit downtown Toronto and do a day of service and delivered sandwiches to the homelessness.
- **Breakfast Club is going strong** – everyday from 740 – 800 am in room 142. Granola bars, raisins, fruit cups, drinkable yogurts, fresh fruit like bananas and apples, frozen pancakes, bagels, chocolate milk are some of the items given out/served in the morning.
- **Food Drive happened on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023** – Scare Away Hunger program and 55 boxes were filled with non-perishable items for the Outreach program.
- **Christmas Basket Campaign** – approximately 26-27 families – donate money/collect money for gift cards to purchase for the families. Cutoff date is December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Reports:**

**Community Rep** – Traffic flow

**OAPCE Rep** – Regional Document 85<sup>th</sup> year of OAPCE – “A year long celebration of Change, Commitment and Catholic Education

**Parish Rep** – Bazaar at St. Jerome’s, donations for gift cards for the community in the church

- First Holy Communion
- Advent starting soon.
- Bible study on Thursday nights

**Treasure Report** - \$4159.00 in the account

**School Council Chairs** – CSAC meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

- Free wellness centre for youths.

**Dates and Information** – D. Radetic

**Congratulations and Acknowledgments:**

- St. Roch Drumline on being judged Best Community Band at the Brampton Santa Claus Parade.
- More great news – St. Roch very own grade 10 media major, Isabella Cortes was the winner of the CityNews 680 junior traffic reporter contest.
- Senior girls’ basketball – ROPSSAA Champs
- Senior Boys football – ROPSSAA Champs
- Leadership students leading numerous school initiatives – ie school liturgies.

**Mid-Terms:**

- Distributed to all students two weeks ago. Email sent to parents/guardians and posted on Twitter/X.

**Equity/Diversity:**

The goal for 2023-2024 year is to ensure each course has representation of the BIPOC Community in its course content and delivery. Reflective in course outlines for Semester 2.

- Create a culturally responsive classroom.
- Curriculum materials reflect the needs, interests, languages, and demographics of the student population.
- Posters/displays/artifacts connect to equity within the classroom.
- Community issues/news/events are discussed to dismantle anti-black racism.

### **OSSLT information:**

- Previously eligible grade 11 students wrote the practice test on Monday November 6<sup>th</sup> and the actual test was on Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup>. All previously unsuccessful students and students that missed OSSLT last year.
- Newly eligible grade 10 students will write in semester 2 – March/April 2024.

### **Semester 1 Final Exams:**

- Exams begin on Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - January 24<sup>th</sup> – period 1 exam
  - January 25<sup>th</sup> – period 2 exam
  - January 26<sup>th</sup> – period 3 exam
  - January 29<sup>th</sup> – period 4 exam
  - January 30<sup>th</sup> – Contingency Day
- All students will be in class from 8:07 am until 10:30 am on each exam day except the contingency day. Start and end times will differ for students writing with Academic Resource or ELL.
- Grade 9&10 exams are 1.5 hours long (exam start time is 9:00 am)
- Grade 11&12 exams are 2 hours long (exam start time is 8:30 am)

### **Other Information:**

- Semi- formal February 2024
- Grade 12 graduation on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 10 am mass at St. Jerome's Parish following graduation ceremony in Guelph at the Sleeman Centre at 4 pm.
- Prom will be on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Millenium Hall

**Next Meeting:** February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm