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# ST. DAVID CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER UPDATE

## March 2010

*"Learning in the Name of the Lord"*

Our Website: [www.ldcsb.on.ca](http://www.ldcsb.on.ca)

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On February 1, Bill 157 (Keeping Our Kids Safe at School Act) became law. The legislation provides that:

- All school staff must report to the Principal those incidents that can lead to suspension or expulsion.
- For any incident that involves a suspension or expulsion, the Principal will contact the parents of the suspended student, unless the student is 18 years or older or is 16 or 17 years and has withdrawn from parental control.
- If a student was harmed during an incident that involves a suspension or expulsion, the Principal will contact the parent or guardian of the victim. The Principal is authorized to give information about (1) the incident, (2) the harm the child has suffered, and (3) the steps taken to protect the child's safety, including any disciplinary measures that were taken in response to the incident. The Principal cannot name or provide any information about the suspended student. In addition, the

Principal has the discretionary authority not to contact the parent or guardian of the victim if the Principal believes that telling the parent(s) or guardian would place the student at risk of harm within the home.

In addition, Bill 157 requires staffs who work directly with students to appropriately respond to incidents that have a negative impact on school climate. These incidents could, for example, include racist or sexist comments, graffiti, or vandalism. Such incidents are unacceptable in our Catholic schools.

Bill 157 is a welcome addition to the Board's approach to progressive discipline. It is entirely supportive of current Board procedures, including the System Code of Conduct and protocols with the Police and community agencies.

The winter term formally concludes with the distribution of Report Cards on Monday, March 22. The week prior is March Break. Miss Duckitt is doing very well with the physiotherapy connected to her knee surgery. She meets with her surgeon at the end of March and will know better following that appointment when she can return to the St. David community.

#### **The London District Catholic School Board's Mission Statement:**

**To serve the Catholic student in a community that nurtures a living faith and provides a quality Catholic education that enables the individual to become a contributing member of the Church and Society.**

## REPORT CARDS

Term 2 report cards go home on Monday January 22 and interviews will be held Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. If you are unable to make an interview in the allotted time frame, and would like to meet with your child's teacher, contact the teacher directly to set up an alternate time that will work for you.

## MARCH BREAK

March Break takes place from March 15 – 19 and school will resume on Monday, March 22. Please check the lost and found in the main office before heading off for March Break as all items left behind will be donated.



## LITURGICAL EVENTS

Our March celebration of the Eucharist will take place on Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at Mary Immaculate Church. We invite all families to attend our school Mass.

## CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our Grade 8 students who were Confirmed on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at Mary Immaculate Church. The students represented themselves, their families and their school with pride. Students to be congratulated on having received the Sacrament of Confirmation include:

Mitchell Acton, Sarah Baas, Julia Benati, Alyson Brulotte, Brandon Brun, D.J. Drake, Tyler Fletcher, Rachel Jans, David Kasubeck, Jason Kobarda, Madeline Lahoskey, Talyor Larabee, Nicole Lesmeister, Kristov Loebus, Keanna MacDonald, Darby Martin, Brittany McClay, Katelyn McGinnes, Liam Murphy, Justin Poels-Foley, Stefan Poljanowski, Brittany Pollock, Reece Slingerland, Riley Slingerland, Quintin Tack, Mathew Taylor, Brittany Tingley Somers and Jesse Warner.

## JK/K Registration For September 2010

Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten registrations took place the weeks of January 25<sup>th</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not yet registered your child, please call Mrs. Xuereb to make an appointment.



## Attention Parents of 3 year – Olds!

Our second session of TVNELP is on Friday March 5<sup>th</sup>. Join us for a fun filled introduction to Early Literacy.

## ARE YOU MOVING

Even though it's only March, we already have to look at staffing for the 2010-2011 school year. If you know that you will be moving out of our area or know of someone who is moving into our area, please contact Mrs. Xuereb at the office so that we can include this information in our student projections for next year.

## BUSSING



We urge your continued cooperation in not parking on the road in front of the school as this creates a traffic congestion for the busses waiting to enter our lot. The best and safest alternative is to park in the Church parking lot.

In the case of inclement weather or an emergency that may affect transportation you are advised to check the Board's website [www.ldcsb.on.ca](http://www.ldcsb.on.ca) or [www.mybigyellowbus.ca](http://www.mybigyellowbus.ca) for up-to-date information. Local radio stations may carry information as well, though it may not be in the most timely fashion.

In the event of an emergency that occurs during the school day, a telephone system, manned by St. David's parents will be initiated by the school's Office, and parents will be contacted directly about the emergency, and their required response.

**A reminder that when busses are cancelled;**

**they are cancelled for the day.** Therefore, if bus students are dropped off in the morning by parents, students must also be picked by 3:30

## **ARRIVAL PROGRAM**

Thank you for your assistance in implementing the safe arrival policy, and for your cooperation in keeping children who are ill at home.



## **Student Parliament News**

Student Parliament was happy to start up our fundraising efforts in January with the always popular "Popcorn Fridays". Popcorn is available for \$1.50 per bag and can be pre-ordered every four weeks. Profits from popcorn sales and the Christmas dance were recently added to our school fundraising efforts to support the people of Haiti. Parliament was very proud to support this effort, and will continue to work towards helping out in any way possible. We recently received a letter of thanks from the London Food Bank for your donations during the Christmas season, and we would like to pass along those thanks as we are grateful for your amazing generosity. In February, we are looking forward to a Valentine's spirit day to be held on Friday, February 12th....



## **Healthy Hearts and Safe School Committee News**

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 30 @ 12:15 in the library.

In February, we had fitness and nutrition themes. Various Olympic Activity charts were put up in the gym for classes to use during Gym class time. Some of the Olympic Activities included hockey (shootout), curling (rolling a ball into a hula hoop ring), and speed skating (sliding each foot on a piece of paper across the gym floor). The Healthy Hearts Committee designed great posters for the Olympic Activities! We had Red Veggie or Fruit day on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the class with the most participation, Mrs. Ward's Grade 3 / 4 class.

In March, the theme is nutrition. We will be celebrating "Milk Madness". Milk and Milk Products are an important part of the Canada Food Guide. It recommends 2-4 servings a day. When students purchase milk in March, their milk ticket is entered into a draw for prizes on each Friday. If you would like to order milk through the school milk program in March, please complete the milk order form sent home monthly.

## **Milk gives kids both brains and brawn.**

Providing your kids with the 2-4 daily servings of Milk and Alternatives recommended by Canada's Food Guide helps them grow healthy bodies and minds. . \* No other beverage comes close to giving them the 16 essential nutrients found in milk and chocolate milk. Here's just a taste of what they're getting with milk:

CALCIUM	helps develop and maintain bones and teeth.
VITAMIN D	helps your body absorb calcium.
PROTEIN	helps build and repair tissues like muscle and bones.
VITAMIN A	keeps eyes and skin healthy.
ZINC	helps the body use energy and build body tissue.
NIACIN	helps growth and development.
VITAMIN B12	helps the body make red blood cells.

From  
The Healthy Hearts Committee

## **St. David Green Team News**

**EARTH HOUR is coming.** On Saturday, March 27 at 8:30p.m., please join the world in turning off lights. Go to [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org) to register. At school, the green team is asking classes to turn off lights and computers for 1 hour on Friday, March 26. We continue to collect empty inkjet cartridges at the school, so send them along please. We have recorded 15 green projects so far, but our goal is 100!