

# † SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## St. Mary School, Choir and Orchestra Program

*Dear Parents,*

*The calendar tells us that we have little more than four weeks of school remaining! Within that time, our students and staff will be highly involved in activities at St. Mary School to wrap up the school year in style. We look forward to year end celebrations and our final concert and to honouring Mrs. Brenda Zadorsky as she prepares to retire from teaching.*

*Thank you for your ongoing support throughout this year. You have been there with the permission slips, the driving, the pressed uniforms, the coaching, the cheering from the sidelines and the encouragement. The Choir and Orchestra Program owes its success and its legacy to the amazing staff and parent community. We are extremely grateful. Enjoy a restful summer and may God bless you and your families.*

*Kathleen Fraumeni*

### Transitions in Strings Concert

Congratulations to Mrs. Case and Ms. Kjeldson and to all our Intermediate students. The concert at Catholic Central was very well attended and enjoyed by all. The musical partnership between St. Mary School and CCH string players was brilliantly displayed in this very fine concert on May 26th.

### Final Concert June 10, 2009

Our final concert will be held on **Wednesday, June 10th** at Catholic Central High School at 7:00 p.m. All of our choirs from grade 5 to 8 will perform as well as our string orchestras in grade 5 and 6.

Our string orchestras in Grade 5 and 6 will give their final performance of the year. We look forward to seeing you at this final concert of the year. This will require students to wear **FULL PERFORMANCE UNIFORMS.**

Please contact R.J. McCarthy's at 646-2913 for any uniform pieces or socks that your child might need.

### Brenda Zadorsky Retiring!

#### Reception June 10<sup>th</sup>, CCH

St. Mary School will soon say good-bye to Brenda Zadorsky as she leaves her role as vocal music teacher and conductor here at St. Mary School. Brenda will be retiring from teaching as of the end of June, 2009.

Throughout Brenda's fourteen years as vocal teacher at St. Mary School, she has touched the hearts and minds of hundreds of young students and she has nurtured their love of singing with her passion for song and her dedication to fine teaching.

We ask that you join us in honouring Brenda at a reception to be held following our final vocal concert, Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at CCH in their cafeteria and atrium. Thank you to those who are assisting with the reception. Please contact the school at 675-4423 if you would like to help.

### Mr. Emer Montano

We welcome Mr. Emer Montano to our school community in the

role of music accompanist from now until the end of June, 2009. Ms. Rebecca Lubos has begun her maternity leave. We wish Rebecca well as she and her family await the arrival of the new baby!

### EQAO Gr. 6 Provincial Testing

Congratulations to all of our Gr. 6 students and to their teachers for their excellent work during the three days of EQAO testing in Language and Mathematics. Results will be available from EQAO in the fall of 2009.

### Track & Field Meet - TD Waterhouse Stadium

Our school will take part in the "A" group of schools on **Thursday, June 5th**. Congratulations to all participants for your fine effort and your dedication to training over the past weeks. Thank you to all of our teacher coaches and to Mrs. Davis and Miss Gosso for organizing this event for our school and to all of our staff coaches who have helped prepare our students.

Parent volunteers are needed for June 5<sup>th</sup> at Track & Field to help with events. Please call the school at 675-4423 if you can help.

**A reminder that students who are not members of the Track & Field team are not permitted at the meet. This is the direction of the Physical Education department of the LDCSB.**

## **Graduation, Tues., June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

5:30 Formal Photo in gym  
6:00 Mass, St. Mary Church  
7:00 Awards and Certificates  
8:30 Reception for graduates and guests in church hall  
9:45 "Cabaret" in school gym

Thank you for following the guidelines for graduation when purchasing outfits for your son or daughter. We look forward to a very joyous evening with our graduates, their families, friends and St. Mary staff.

Thank you to our Grade 7 parents who have so generously stepped forward to organize and provide the reception in the church hall and to Patti Mitchell and Christine Barker for heading the committee. Graduates are asked to return their forms for the reception and group photo by **Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**.

## **International FoodFest a great success**

Thank you to Mrs. Garcia, Miss Gosso and all the Grade 6 students and parents for an amazing cultural celebration! The Grade 6's raised close to \$2,000 to be shared between St. Vincent de Paul Society, Holy Childhood and The Bethany House. Thank you for your support

## **Ways and Means Committee**

Thanks to everyone who served on this committee and especially for the team work displayed during our dinner/dance/auction. The auction was a great success, both financially and as a wonderful social event for our school community. It has become one of our major fundraisers of the school year. We will be looking for new members for next year's committee. Please consider being

part of this dedicated, fun-loving group of parents when we ask for committee volunteers in the fall. Thank you to Cheryl Letheren-Sranges for chairing this year's committee.

## **Final School Mass June 18, 9:00 a.m.**

Please join us for our final school Mass. Golf shirt uniforms will be worn. Correct socks and black shoes must also be worn.

## **Prayers of Condolence**

Mr. Robert "Rae" Rogerson, father-in-law of Ms. Mary Vergeer, passed away on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Mary and her family in your prayers.

## **School Council Another great year!**

Thank you to School Council and to the volunteers who took part in so many committees and groups throughout the school year. We could not provide so many fine opportunities and services to our students, staff and parents without your dedication! Our final meeting will be held Monday, June 8th at Kathy's home. Please contact the school if you need directions.

## **New Grade 5 Parent Information Night June 18, 7:00 pm, Gym**

We welcome our parents whose children will attend Gr. 5 in September 2009. Information will be provided about the Choir and Orchestra Program, student commitment to school work and practice and other important items at a brief meeting.

## **Used Uniform Sale**

**Used uniforms will be for sale from 3:30 to 4:00 and 6:30 to 7:00 pm (see attached flyer).**

## **New Grade 5 Student Orientation**

**Wed., June 17<sup>th</sup>, am**

All students new to St. Mary School for Grade 5 (or 6) in



September, 2009 will spend a morning at our school. We look forward to meeting all those new St. Mary students! Details were provided in the students' acceptance letters.

## **Student Parliament**

We have had the privilege of working with an exceptional group of students this year on Student Parliament. Thank you to all members for your fine work and dedication to St. Mary School. Thank you to Mr. Chiras, Ms. Kjeldson and Mrs. Rossi-Gioiosa for assisting our students and to our Prime Minister, Ben Cookson, for an excellent year!

## **“The Sound of Music” - Toronto**

**October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

All staff and students will be attending a matinee production of “The Sound of Music” at the Princess of Wales Theatre in Toronto, Oct. 28, 2009.

Information letters have been sent home. Please return the permission slip and the first payment by June 1, 2009.

We look forward to seeing this wonderful stage production with your children. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

### **School Uniforms R. J. McCarthy (519) 646-2913**

St. Mary School is committed to students wearing our school Department of Mathematics. Nineteen Grade 7 students and thirty-six Grade 8 students took the challenge to participate in this rigorous test of their mathematics knowledge.

Grade 7 (students who scored in the top 25% of the Gr. 7's who wrote the test)

Samantha Sendas  
Rebecca Rae  
Alex Petersen  
Cosette Pin  
Jocelyn Hoevenaars

Grade 8 (students who scored in the top 25% of the Gr. 8's who wrote the test)

Joseph Perez  
Ellen Haber  
Greta Countryman  
Caitlin McKeon  
Emrik Burrows  
Karlee Vanhie  
Taylor Crncich  
Michelle McKegney  
Jesse Gunness

Congratulations to all students who participated for their effort and personal achievement! A special thank you is extended to the intermediate teachers for preparing the students and to our most generous School Council for funding participation in this contest.

uniform in a respectful and tidy manner, reflecting their on-going commitment to the Choir and Orchestra program. We thank parents for your support.

Please contact R.J. McCarthy's for any uniform pieces your child might need for the fall of 2009. Please be sure that uniforms are complete for our final concert and final mass.

### **Congratulations Media Fest**

The London District Catholic School Board Annual Media Fest Showcase took place at the Catholic Education Centre during Catholic Education Week.

Joseph Perez and Emrik Burrows submitted a presentation featuring the Gr. 5 opera production. Congratulation to Cameron Patterson for his award

### **Many thanks to our team coaches**

Thank you to Mr. Chiras, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Rossi-Gioiosa, Mrs. Butters and Miss Gosso. All of these teachers have coached at various times throughout the year and should be commended for their amazing dedication to our students and for their volunteerism.

The position of coach is a voluntary position in schools and we are blessed with teachers who step forward to coach our students in sports throughout the year, both competitive and intramural.

### **Police Checks - Time is running out!**

Just a reminder that parents who wish to be considered as a volunteer chaperone on any of our year-end trips this year must have a recent Police Check or must have submitted an Offence Declaration Form (provided by the school) to show a continued “No Offence” status. This is in keeping with Board Policy.

The process for a police check takes about 5 - 7 working days with your local Police Service and there is a fee. Please call the school if you require assistance with the fee.

winning poster design and to Vivian Tan for her prayer, chosen to be read at Media Fest.

Throughout the school year, our students embrace Media Literacy and create media presentations that would be wonderful submissions for the Media Fest Showcase. We encourage all students to consider entering their media works in future competitions. Your teachers have viewed many projects that demonstrate excellence in media literacy!

### **Gauss Math Contest Results 2009**

We are proud to share the results of the Gauss Mathematics Contest, sponsored by the University of Waterloo,

Thank you for your attention to this procedure!

### **A Request for 2009-2010 from CCH Music Parent Association**

The CCH Music Parent Association would like to extend a warm welcome to all Grade 8 students and their families who will be attending CCH in September. We very much look forward to witnessing your continued growth in the music extension program and see your talents develop in a variety of new and exciting ways. We also welcome the many talents and contributions of parents whom we encourage to remain active and get involved with the Music Parent Association or on various committees. Your participation is key to the program's continued success. Help is needed in a variety of areas including the maintenance of the tuxedo collection at CCH.


**“Cops for Cancer - Pedal for Hope” fundraiser for Pediatric Cancer Research**

Thank you to all students, staff and parents who have donated to our school fundraiser to support Pediatric Cancer Research.

On April 22nd, we hosted a wonderful assembly with “Cops for Cancer - Pedal for Hope”. We were visited by police officers from surrounding police services to help raise funds for this worthy cause.

Thank you for your help with this fundraiser. We are proud of the fundraising efforts your children have made!

**Pencil Case Project**

We are excited to be part of a project that will assist children in need by collecting **new and used pencil cases** and **school supplies** for children in Haiti and Dominican Republic. You can all participate by handing in new or your used pencil cases and supplies (the supplies you are finished using for the school year) in the box outside the office on or before the last day of school. Thanks and remember its kids giving to kids and every little bit helps!

Please direct questions to Sandra Toivonen at  
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