



**St. Catherine of Siena
Catholic School**

2140 Quarrier Road
London, Ontario
N5G 5L4

Phone: 519 675-4437

Principal: Ms. L. Smith
Vice-Principal:
Mrs. J. Lewis

Mission Statement

With a pioneering spirit we, the Community of St. Catherine of Siena, are dedicated to fostering a learning environment that encourages academic excellence, faith expression, leadership and the celebration of our individual gifts.



St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School

December 1, 2008

Update #17

Update for Dec. 1/2008

Advent and Christmas at Siena

This is a wonderful, joyful time of year, and we are well into celebrations of the season. Our large family tree is now up in our foyer and the students helped decorate it with family ornaments, a tradition we began last year. There is still room on the tree for those families that are new to our school, or did not get a chance to bring in an ornament last year..

Outreach Projects

Our students are busy gathering items to support families in need and the Holy Childhood Association. The mitten tree is ready to go in the foyer, and donations of gloves, mittens and other winter wear would be much appreciated. As well we are collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Bank.

Thank-you again for your generosity in making Christmas a happier time for many in our community!

Uniform Update and Reminders

Now that the cold weather has arrived for good, we would like to remind students and parents of what is acceptable uniform wear, in terms of sweaters and long-sleeved tops. Last year, cardigans were added to the uniform, but *only* crested ones from the supplier. As well, we expanded the uniform to include navy zippered and hooded fleece or sweat tops, which can be purchased from places other than the supplier, as long as they are plain, with no logos. We have noticed recently that some stu-

dents are wearing white zippered or hooded tops, or cable-knit zippered tops, neither of which are uniform wear. We would ask that these items be saved for wearing on off-uniform days.

We would also like to remind everyone that our supplier, RJ McCarthy, offers sales of uniform items periodically throughout the year. Check out their website at www.rjmccarthy.com to see what's available!

St. Michael's Parish Christmas Pageant

We are in need of narrators, angels, Mary, Joseph, wisemen/wisepeople, innkeepers, shepherds and sheep. Costumes will be provided. We will be having rehearsals on Dec. 14 and 21, between 2 and 3 pm at the church. The pageant will be held at 9:45 am, just prior to the 10:00 am mass at St. Michael's on Christmas morning. Please join us for an opportunity to share the true story of Christmas! For further information, contact Cheryl Talbot at 519-675-0773.

Morning Arrival Routines

Thank-you to all for making our morning drop-off flow smoothly, by respecting the "No Parking" signs in the front of the school. We would just like to ask that people also be aware of idling for extended periods, in parking spaces. As well, we've noticed an increase in the number of students who are arriving after the bell. Please try to ensure arrival by 8:50, so that disruptions to the morning routine are kept to a minimum.

Lost and Found

We have quite a few items that have made their way into the lost and found, and we would like to have those claimed before the Christmas break. The Parent Conference days are a good opportunity to check the tables for items that belong to your child(ren) and please be aware that anything unclaimed will be sent to the Canadian Diabetes Association during the last week before the holidays.

Dates to Remember

***Please see the attached calendar for important dates to remember.**