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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

**Wash your hands
often !!**

Update #31

Update for March 11 , 2010

Happy Pre St. Patrick's Day

Tomorrow is Green day in celebration of St. Patrick's day next week. Students may dress down tomorrow providing they are wearing the colour green !

Top of the morning to you !!

St. Catherine of Siena Sports Update

Congratulations to our students who participated in the Board Gymnastics meet. We had a great turn out and the

routines were excellent.

Congratulations to our Boys and Girls Intermediate Basketball teams who represented St. Catherine of Siena with great spirit and great sportsmanship. Our Boys ended their regular season with class and our Girls went on to win their Semi Final Game in the Board playoffs.

Thanks to the coaches, parents and family members who were there to cheer on the teams. Your support is appreciated by the athletes!

Dental Screening

As part of the School Health Services by the Middlesex-London Health Unit, registered dental hygienists from the Health Unit do annual dental screenings. Any child requiring care may be re-screened several months later. This screening is not a substitute for a dental exam.

The dental team will be at the school on March 29 and March 30. JK, K, Grade 2 and Grade 8 will be screened this year. If you do not wish your child to be involved with this program, please write a note to your child's teacher to indicate this. Otherwise your child will participate with

their class.

March Break

We would like to wish everyone a great March break next week. If you are travelling, have a wonderful vacation and safe travel.

See you on Monday March 22.

On February 1 the new Keeping Our Kids Safe at School Act (Bill 157) came into force. This legislation supports the London District Catholic School Board's belief that all members of our school community – staff, students, parents, and community agencies – have a role to play in making our schools a safe place in which to learn.

The legislation states a province-wide expectation 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 staff 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.

If you have any questions about Bill 157, please contact your Principal or the Superintendent for Safe Schools, John Mombourquette at j.mombourquette@ldcsb.on.ca



