



**St. Catherine of Siena  
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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

September 9, 2008

Update #1

## Update for Sept. 9/2008

Thanks to everyone for a great start to the 2008-2009 school year !! Classes are up and running and our calendar reflects that we are in for a busy fall term. Please refer to upcoming dates and events at the end of this update.

### School Hours

\*Please note changes to lunch and recess times\*

Morning Start	8:50 a.m.
Morning recess	10:15 – 10:30 a.m.
Noon Hour dismissal	11:50a.m.
Afternoon start	12:50 p.m.
Afternoon recess	2:10 – 2:25 p.m.
End of the day dismissal	3:25 p.m.

## School Council 2008-2009 Information

School Council acts as an advisory body to the administration of the school and this provides a great opportunity to get involved and learn more about your child's school and also provides a great opportunity to meet other parents. If you are interested in being a part of our School Council this year, you need to complete a nomination form. These forms will be avail-

able in the office beginning Thursday September 11 through to Wednesday September 16. These forms are due back into the office by 4:00p.m. on Sept. 16.

## Outdoor Learning Centre Update

As many of you have discovered, the Rick Clarke Outdoor Learning Centre has been struck by vandals over the summer.. We are all very disappointed to see the result of the vandalism to a fixture that so many people have dedicated so much time toward.

We are working on a plan to restore the Rick Clarke Outdoor Learning Centre to its original vision. We are seeking a group of volunteers to assist with the minor restoration and repairs.

We seek individuals that can volunteer a Saturday morning in early October to assist with the rebuild. If you are interested, we'd love to hear from you. You do not need to be a carpenter to assist. If you can work a power screw driver, we can use your help!

Please email Kevin Routley at [kevinr@selectpath.ca](mailto:kevinr@selectpath.ca) if you can volunteer some time to restore the Rick Clarke Outdoor Learning Centre.

*Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself.*

*- Chinese Proverb*

## Volunteers Needed

This year we are in need of people to support our Outdoor Learning Centre. We have great plans for it, but we need help completing the construction and upkeep. As mentioned, we are in the process of repairing the damage done over the summer but we will continue to need people to support and complete the vision held by those who began this project. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

There will be further information concerning volunteer possibilities at our Open House on Wednesday September 17. We look forward to seeing everyone that night.

## Welcome Back Open House

On Wednesday September 17 we will be hosting our Open House evening from 5:00– 7:00 p.m. The format for this evening will begin with a welcome back and an opportunity to be introduced to new and returning staff of Siena. This will be followed with a chance to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances over cake and refreshments. The evening will conclude with an opportunity to tour your child's classroom.

Our School Council will have tables set up where information will be available about School Council and different committee/volunteer opportunities. Please stop by and

## Uniform Sale Update

Friday is the final day for our gently used uniform sale. Parents are asked to pick up their items from the office by the end of the day on Friday. Anything left behind next week will be sent home. Thanks to Mrs. Villani for her support in organizing this annual event.

## Dates to Remember

### Sept. 12 - Class picture day

Sept. 16—Gr. 8 Parent Meeting for Confirmation

Sept. 17—School Mass @ St. Michaels at 10:00 a.m.

Sept. 17—Open House @ 5:00 p.m.

Sept. 26—Terry Fox Run @ school

Oct. 3—PD Day

Oct. 6—X-country run for Gr. 4-8

Oct. 6—School Council @ 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 8 - Curriculum Night @7:00 p.m.

Oct. 13—Thanksgiving

Oct. 15 - Interim Reports go home

Oct. 23— Living Rosary @ 1:20 p.m.

Oct. 28 - London Knights Assembly

Nov. 5 - School Mass at Siena @ 1:30

Nov. 6-7 Individual Picture Day

Nov. 16 - Siena choir sings at London Knights Game

*Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God.*  
- William Carey