



# ST. LUKE SCHOOL

October 2016

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Parish: St. Andrew Church

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**SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM:** A reminder to call in your child's absence or late arrival to (905) 829-1700. Our answering machine is operational 24 hours a day. Messages will be retrieved between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Provincial protocols require that schools exhaust all emergency contacts prior to calling the police in the event of a child who is unaccounted for. Please ensure that your information is accurate.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our school year is off to a great start! Thank you to all the staff, parents and volunteers who assisted us in making our first month of the school year such a positive experience. It was also a pleasure to see so many parents attend our *Curriculum Night* in September. It was great to meet with many of you and also have the opportunity to welcome our new families. Thank you to all who attended the evening.

On behalf of the staff of St. Luke, we would like to wish all a happy and safe Thanksgiving. We encourage you to take the time to gather with friends and family for a time of prayer and fellowship.

### Thanksgiving Prayer

“O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;  
When I have work, help me to remember the jobless; When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home; When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer, And by remembering, help me to destroy my compliancy; bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help;  
By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.  
Amen.”

Yours in Catholic Education,

E. Bakaic  
Principal



## ST. LUKE SCHOOL COUNCIL 2016-2017



We are happy to announce the names of our 2016-2017 St. Luke Catholic School Council. Our council members are:

- Ron Apel
- Alyson Bergin
- Diane Carvalho
- Ciara DeJong
- Tracy Dilawri
- Regina Dykman
- Tina Forte
- Nancy Guzzo
- Christina Hunter
- Darren Koerber
- Mike Newell
- Sawsan Selwyn

Our next School Council Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30 p.m.** in the library. All are welcome to attend Council meetings. See the school website for upcoming meeting dates.

## WORLD TEACHERS' DAY OCTOBER 3



Congratulations to all our Halton Catholic District School Board teachers! Thank you for the caring and generous ways in which you help our students grow in their Catholic faith, expand their knowledge, while developing important life skills and their love of learning. Your dedicated service to students, families, parishes and the broader community is instrumental in helping our students to excel. You inspire and help students to realize their dreams to build a better world!



## SHINING STAR RECIPIENTS FOR SEPTEMBER



Shining Stars are awarded to students for exhibiting a good attitude, good effort and good behaviour. The staff of St. Luke are extremely proud of all of our students who won Shining Star ballots this month. **Congratulations to the following raffle draw winners:**  
Movie Pass – **Kiyarah L. H.**  
Art Supplies – **Catherine K.**  
Sports ball – **Ryan S.**  
Subway Gift Card – **Ashley B.**  
Chapters Gift Card – **Tristan B.**

## WE DAY 2016



On October 19<sup>th</sup>, eight of our intermediate students are lucky enough to be attending **We Day 2016** at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto with Mrs. Chong and Miss Kellner. Highlights of this event include musical performances and inspirational speeches by some of the world's most dynamic performers and change makers. The message of the day: **Remember that together we can be the change that the world needs.**

## ST. LUKE'S GRO CLUB

**GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD DRIVE**  
Our GRO “Gators Reach Out” Club is making a difference! This year, GRO Club members will attend the ‘Me to We’ concert. Also, as part of the GRO Club’s Social Justice Action Plan, students are asked to contribute to the “We Scare Hunger” campaign again this year. **Non-perishable goods will be collected at St. Luke from October 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>.** Thank you for your donations!



## CROSS COUNTRY 2016

Congratulations to all students who ran in this year's cross country meet on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Bronte Park. All of our Gators gave it their all and finished their races strong! Thanks to Mrs. Fulton, Miss Kwiatkoski and Mrs. DiNardo for coaching our dynamite team!



## ST. LUKE VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to our Boys Senior volleyball team. The members are: **Dominick S, Alex G, Jacob P, Robert S, Jahmoni D, Jakob K, Andrew K, Liam T, Evan C, Matteo D, Alex W, Michael S, and Dylan D.** In addition to our regular season, we are excited to be attending the Catholic Cup Tournament at the of October. Good luck Gators! Thank you to their coach: Miss Kellner.



Congratulations to our Girls volleyball team. The members are: **Sophie K, Bonnie S, Meghan P, Nicole O, Brooke B, Mykayla L, Chiara J, Ines M, Bianca B, Oliva V-W, Morgan A, Lauren F, and Katrina H.** Our first game is an away game on Wednesday, Oct. 11th at St. John so come and cheer our GATORS on. Thank you to Miss Kwiatkoski and Mr. D'Elia for coaching our girls.

## INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

IWALK is an annual event designed to motivate children and parents to adopt an active mode of transportation. Walk, bike or skip to school during the month of **October**. This event is in support of improved air quality, reduced traffic congestion around schools, increased physical activity among children and youth, and an increased sense of community. As always, please let the teacher know if any arrangements are being made that are not the norm and ensure that children have permission. For more information visit: [www.iwalktoschool.org](http://www.iwalktoschool.org)



## ANAPHYLAXIS UPDATE

As *Halloween* approaches we remind you that our school has numerous students who have LIFE THREATENING allergies. All of our affected children have been well prepared to avoid the potential for a life threatening allergic reaction while at school. However, as a school community, we must make every effort to minimize the risks for this segment of our student population. **Please do not send food items into your child's classroom.** Let's avoid disappointment by creatively considering other ways to celebrate birthdays and other occasions at school (i.e. pencils or stickers).



## TIM HORTON'S

Please note that Tim Horton's advises all customers that they **cannot** guarantee that any of their foods are nut-free. As such, we cannot allow Tim Horton's food to be consumed in your child's classroom.

## FIRE DRILLS, LOCKDOWN AND BOMB THREAT DRILLS



Being prepared for an emergency situation is critical to keeping everyone safe at school. Over the course of the year, as part of the HCDSB's Safe Schools Protocol, we will conduct 3 fire drills, 2 lock down drills and 2 bomb threat drills.

October 9 – 13<sup>th</sup> is Fire Prevention Week. For more information on Fire Prevention Week information visit:

<http://www.oakville.ca/residents/fire-department.html>

## VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL



As you can appreciate it is very difficult to keep track of the many visitors we have each day. Staff and supply teachers cannot possibly know all of our parents on sight. In an effort to ensure the safety of our students, we are asking for your cooperation in following these requests. Please, **at all times, report to the office when entering the school.**

- Leave forgotten lunches on the lunch table outside the office. Please inform your child ahead of time if you will be dropping off a lunch so we do not have to disturb classrooms.
- Adults should not be wandering halls before, during or after class time.

- All visitors to the school must wear a visitor's badge.
- No adults, other than school staff, should be on the school playground at any time during the school day. If you need to see your child, please go to the office to have them paged.
- Please do not bring the family pet onto the school property when you are dropping off or picking up your child.
- Make an appointment with the teacher if you wish to speak to her/him.

Thank you for supporting our high standard for student safety and supervision.

## CROSSWALK SAFETY

Our St. Luke School community is fortunate to have 2 extremely capable, dedicated and safety conscious crossing guards at our crossing on Kingsway Dr. Please take care when approaching the cross walk and obey all crossing guard directions. The safety of our children and our crossing guards is all of our responsibility.



## GRADE 8 INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE INFORMATION NIGHT PARENTS & STUDENTS ARE WELCOME



**Thursday October 20  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Gym "A"**



The International Baccalaureate (I.B.) Diploma Programme is designed as an academically challenging and balanced programme of education with final examinations that prepares students, normally aged 16 to 19, for success at university and life beyond. The programme is normally taught over two years and has gained recognition and respect from the world's leading universities. Parents and students currently in grade 8 are encouraged to join us to learn more about the I.B. programme at STA. I.B. teachers and students will be available to discuss their experiences of teaching and learning in the I.B. programme. For parents and students who are unable to attend, please find

their [presentation here](#) and their [brochure here](#).

## HOME SCHOOL PARISH CONNECTION

St. Andrew Church  
47 Reynolds St.  
Phone: (905) 844-3303  
Mass Times:  
**Saturday evenings: 5 p.m.**  
**Sundays mornings: 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m. & 12 Noon**



Our opening school Mass will be on **Thursday, October 6th at 10:15 a.m. in the school gym.** All are welcome!

## YOUR CHILD'S RELIGIOUS DOCUMENTATION



In keeping with privacy legislation, HCDSB schools will no longer keep individual student documentation such as birth certificates, baptismal certificates, immigration status papers, immunizations, etc. on file in a student's record. Once registration of a student is complete, any copies taken of these documents will be destroyed. As such, we ask that parents have ready access to their original documents (i.e. baptismal certificates, first communion certificates) which will be required by the church when your child undertakes the sacraments of First Communion (Grade 2) and Confirmation (Grade 7). **These can no longer be provided by the school.** Please note that children who have not been baptized Catholic cannot receive these sacraments, even if one parent is Catholic.

## WHEN A CHILD IS ILL



With colder weather approaching and cold and flu season coming upon us, we respectfully remind you that a child who is not feeling well struggles to learn and participate fully in the school program. An ill child will feel more comfortable at home. Also, it is likely he or she could infect other children. We strongly encourage parents to keep sick children at home or make other care arrangements. Thank you for your cooperation.

## CURRICULUM CORNER Math Fun!



Critical thinking, problem solving, reasoning ability and the ability to communicate mathematically are essential skills. These processes are the

foundation of mathematics instruction in Ontario schools. (Doing Mathematics with your Child, Kindergarten to Grade 6: A Parent Guide, 2012).

You are an important partner in your child's mathematics education. Below are some problem solving activities you can do with your child at home.

### K-2 Problem:

Involve your child in using numbers to solve problems and make everyday decisions. You might ask the following:

1. There are 18 kids on the bus. At the bus stop, more kids got on the bus. There were 25 kids on the bus altogether. How many kids got on the bus at the bus stop?
2. Beth has 74 crayons. She gave 25 crayons to Sarah. How many crayons does Beth have left?

More challenging situations might involve adding or subtracting larger numbers or situations in which your child has to add or subtract more than once to solve the problem.

*-Doing Mathematics with your Child, Kindergarten to Grade 6: A Parent Guide, 2012*

### Gr 3-4 Problem:

Pinecraft Roger is facing a problem. He has 5 stacks of wood of different heights and needs them to be of equal heights. He can only move 1 or 2 blocks of wood at a time to accomplish his task. What is the fewest number of moves Pinecraft Roger would need to make to complete this task?

Challenge: What if Pinecraft Roger had to make four piles of five instead? How many moves would this take?

### Gr. 5-6 Problem:

Hassan's family paid \$80 for tickets to Wonderpark for 2 adults and 5 children.

- a) If children's tickets cost \$10 each, how much will Bob's family pay for 4 adults and 3 children?
- b) Large groups get a 10% discount on the total cost. If your amazing teacher, and all the children in the class visit

Wonderpark, what will be the cost?

### Gr 7-8 Problem:

Five identical balls are numbered 1 to 5 and then placed in a bag. The bag is shaken so the balls are mixed up. A player draws three of the balls from the bag and then determines the sum of the numbers on the balls. The player wins the game if the sum of the numbers on the balls is odd.

Determine the probability that a player wins the game. Express your answer in fraction form.

*-Waterloo Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing, 201*

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

### **What is an IEP?**

An IEP is an **Individual Education Plan**. IEP's are developed for students who have been placed in a special education program whether or not they meet the formal definition of "exceptional". The IEP provides a series of "**educational targets**" for a **variety of children who may require accommodations, modifications and/or alternative programming**. The IEP includes several important features including **specific educational expectations** and outlines the **special education program and services** that will be received by the student. The IEP must be developed in consultation with parents. Parental involvement in the IEP process is crucial and collaborative. Collaboration with parents and older students will help to ensure that the expectations are attainable. The IEP must be completed within 30 days after a student has been placed in a program and the Principal must ensure that the parent receives a copy. The IEP is a working document which is intended to be reviewed and updated as needed, with a minimum of once per term or semester.

Please join us on **Monday, November 28, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.** for our next **SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) Webinar** where we will share more information on the development of **IEPs and the IPRC Process**. You can also find information on the SEAC Parent Events page on our Board website, [click here](#) to access.

Please feel free to reach out to us at our SEAC email: [seac@hcdsb.org](mailto:seac@hcdsb.org)