



ST. LUKE SCHOOL

APRIL 2017

Principal: Mrs. E. Bakaic
Secretary: Mrs. K. Rosati

Parish: St. Andrew Church

Phone: (905) 829-1700
Website: <https://elem.hcdsb.org/stluke/>

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM: A reminder to call or email your child's absence or late arrival to (905) 829-1700 or to stluke.attendance@hcdsb.org by 8:45 a.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 contact information is accurate.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



As we move into the month of April, we look forward to the signs of Spring. This month we have many activities and special occasions to celebrate at St. Luke School. Our school continues to be a vibrant and busy place with a number of student-led activities. We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the staff, parent and pastoral support of our school community. Thank you to our parents who have volunteered to be supervisors on class trips, joined us for liturgical celebrations, participated in activities such as pizza days, the healthy snack program, fundraising, Catholic School Council and much more. We will have an opportunity to say *thank you* to our Volunteers on April 26th at 1:30 pm. It is truly a blessing to be a part of the strong partnership that exists between home, school and parish here at St. Luke School.

Finally, April also sees a most special time for our Gr. 7 students who celebrated their Confirmation and for our Gr. 2 students who are preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion. As the body and spirit of the Lord comes into their lives during these very special days, may our students know His love and joy, through His blessings each day.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. E. Bakaic,
Principal

ST. LUKE'S NEW WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE!

We are excited to announce that our new school website is now live! Last year, the HCDSB sent out a *School Website Survey* to better understand how parents were using their school website. Thank you to all those who participated in the survey and for sharing your feedback.

After reviewing the results of the survey and many months of planning, the St. Luke website has been updated to better suit your needs. **Please take a few moments to visit and explore St. Luke's new website at <https://elem.hcdsb.org/stluke>**

You will find helpful resources, important dates on our school calendar, and information about events and activities happening throughout the school year.

We are always happy to hear from you, and appreciate your ongoing feedback. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact our school office.

NEW! EMAIL ABSENCE REPORTING

Effective immediately parents and guardians can now advise the school of their child(ren)'s absence or late arrival by email as well as by phone. Simply email stluke.attendance@hcdsb.org and provide your child's name, grade, reason and length (if known) of absence. You can also provide the same information by calling the office at 905-829-1700. Please call or email your child(ren)'s absence or late arrival to the school no later than 8:45 a.m.

NOT RETURNING TO ST. LUKE?

We ask any family who knows that their child(ren) will not be returning to St. Luke for the 2017-2018 school year to please notify the office **in writing as soon as possible**. We are in the process of projecting student enrolment for September 2017 and this information will greatly assist us.

MARCH SHINING STAR RECIPIENTS



Shining Stars are awarded to students who demonstrate a positive attitude, good effort and respectful behaviour. The staff of St. Luke are extremely proud of all of our students who won Shining Star awards this month.

Congratulations to the following raffle draw winners:

	Name	Rm #
Movie Pass	David Z.	16
Art Supplies	Victoria V.	4
Sports Ball	Andrew C.-D.	12
Subway Gift Card	Leon T.	2
Chapters Gift Card	Daniella F.	7

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS

Congratulations is extended to **Alesandra I.** for doing an outstanding job representing St. Luke School at the Board Public Speaking Competition. Alesandra delivered a thoughtful and informative speech on the topic of Alzheimer's Disease. Alesandra we are extremely proud of you!

ST. LUKE ECO CLUB



How did you spend Earth Hour this year? Did you play games by candlelight or camping lantern?

On Friday, March 24, the students and staff worked by natural sunlight to celebrate our own Earth Hour. Mr. Stemmler turned the lights off in our school for one hour from 2:00-3:00. The light shone through our many windows and skylights to brighten our work spaces. St. Luke wants to help change the environment.

“Together, we made history in December with the Paris global agreement to stop climate change. Now is our time to unite once again to create the future we know we can for our planet. Turn off as much power as you can and focus on your commitment to climate action for the rest of this year.” **World Wildlife Fund, 2017.**

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 23 – APRIL 29



Research shows that school volunteers can make a school better for all the students. Volunteers contribute to the vitality and spirit of our school community through the selfless giving of their time, talents, and experience. On **Wednesday, April 26th** the staff of St. Luke would like to recognize our team of dedicated volunteers at a Volunteer Tea in the library from **1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** Invitations will be sent home with your child on April 4th.

ST. LUKE SPRING PHOTOS

This year, St. Luke School will be offering casual Spring Photos taken by Lifetouch Photography on **Wednesday, April 19th**. Look for information coming home soon.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Parents, guardians, family members (of all grades) and High School Students requiring volunteer hours are invited to be part of the Graduation Committee.

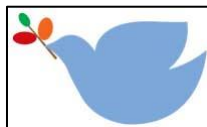
Assistance is needed in the following areas:

- Planning and organizing
- Decorating the gymnasium
- Take-down of decorations in the gymnasium (the day after graduation)
- Graduation reception – the reception is traditionally hosted by parents of the students in Grade 7, with assistance of Grade 7 students.

One or two parents are required to organize and coordinate this event. Time commitment: a few hours prior to Graduation Day and 3-4 hours the afternoon / evening of Graduation.

If you are interested in volunteering and have a Criminal Reference Check on file at the office (not required for high school students), please contact Mrs. Bakaic at 905-829-1700.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK APRIL 30 – MAY 5



Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year's celebration is entitled, “Catholic Education: *Walking Forward Together*” and will be held during the week of April 30 – May 5, 2017. The overall scriptural theme is “*Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God*” –Micah 6:8. A calendar of events occurring at St. Luke School during this week will be sent home with your

child(ren) in the coming weeks. We look forward to sharing this special celebration with you!

HEARING & VISION SCREENING



The School Screening Association will be visiting our school this

year on May 18th to conduct their clinic.

Your child's hearing and Vision should be screened every year

- Growing children are very susceptible to middle ear problems and one of the best ways to prevent hearing loss is early detection of middle ear function issues.
- Two ways to have your child's hearing tested:

1) You can talk to your child's doctor and ask for a referral to a Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist (Otolaryngologist) – this service is covered by OHIP.

2) You can make an appointment with an Audiologist – referral by your family physician is not required. However, if the Audiologist is not in a hospital clinic, the visit may not be covered by OHIP and a fee upwards of \$50 maybe charged.

- Your child's hearing is not being monitored unless they are being seen by an Audiologist or and E.N.T.
- Free vision screening is included with the Hearing Clinic. Eye examinations are covered by OHIP.

A fee of \$15.00 is collected to help offset the cost of bringing this clinic to our school.

A permission form will be sent home with your child approximately 2 weeks before the clinic date. Please fill out the form, include the \$15.00 fee and return to the school prior to the clinic date.