



June 2009 Newsletter
GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Happy
Father's
Day**

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"Together in our Shepherd's Care"

Honesty

"I am the way, the truth and the life says the Lord; no one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

Principal:

Debbie Ford

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Frank Bradica

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Father Peter Selvaraj

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DEBBIE FORD

As our school year comes to an end, we are focused on the virtue of HONESTY. Honesty is making a promise to be true to God, to oneself and to others. When faced with difficult situations, we can be comforted by turning to God for guidance. Being honest with God helps us seek the truth in all that we do.

Before the summer holidays begin, the students will take some time to reflect honestly on the past school year. They will examine their actions and behaviours, celebrate their successes and identify, celebrate their successes and identify areas where improvement may be made. These honest reflections are generated to help the students create goals for the next school year. We pray that these reflections will be fruitful as we join in grateful thanksgiving for another year of blessings.

At this time I would like to congratulate our Grade 8 Catholic Graduates who will be graduating at Holy Trinity School on June 24 at 7 pm. We continue to wish them continued success both academically and spiritually as they enter Secondary School.

I would like to thank the staff, School Council, parents, volunteers, Fr. Vic and Fr. Peter and our students for all their efforts in building such a caring and dynamic school community.

I would also like to thank Mr. Bradica our Vice-Principal for his many efforts in assisting all of us in achieving our goals for this year. We wish you well in your new appointment at Holy Family School in Bowmanville.

We would like to wish all our Fathers a Happy Father's Day on June 21st. Have a happy and safe summer. See you September 8th, 2009.

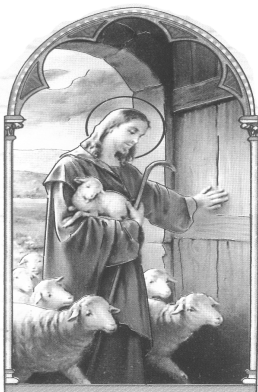
Sincerely,
Mrs. Ford, Principal

It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to an end. The staff and students at Good Shepherd have worked extremely hard this year and have accomplished a great deal. We continue to grow as a community and work hard at our school goals. Literacy and numeracy are at the forefront of our planning and goal setting initiatives. Our grade three and six students have worked hard at completing the provincial EQAO testing and should be congratulated for all their successes.

Finally, it is with mixed emotions that I announce that I will be leaving Good Shepherd School community. I have been assigned as Vice-Principal of Holy Family Catholic School in Bowmanville for the upcoming school year. I would like to sincerely thank everyone for being so welcoming and supportive over the past year. I have been very fortunate in being able to meet and work with such a great community of parents, staff and students.

I wish you all the best!

Mr. Frank Bradica - Vice Principal



FRANK BRADICA



First Rider Program

STSCO has now confirmed the dates and times for this years **First Rider Program**.

All Kindergarten students taking the bus for the first time are invited!

Clarington Region:

Dates: Friday August 14 (3:00pm-6:00pm)

Saturday August 15 (10:00am-1:00pm)

Location: Clarington Central Secondary School.

For more information please visit www.stsco.ca

School Organization 09/10

On June 4th a letter will be sent home outlining our current projected school organization for next year and the criteria used for student class placements. Class Lists with Teacher Placement will be available in the school foyer Thurs. and Fri. Sept 3rd & 4th from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm.



JK Parent Information Meeting

There will be Junior Kindergarten Information Meeting on Mon., June 8th at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is for parents of children starting Junior Kindergarten in September. At this meeting, we will discuss the Junior Kindergarten Program, give suggestions as to how best to prepare your child for school and answer any questions you may have.

Gr. 8 Graduation

We are pleased to congratulate our grade 8 students who will be graduating on June 24th at 7 pm at Holy Trinity School. We will be sending home a letter to parents within the next couple of weeks.

Any Gr. 8 parents who would like to assist with decorations please call the school.

Any grade 7 parents wishing to assist with the Graduation reception please call Mrs. Ford.



Allergy Awareness Update



Our last school meeting was held May 12, 2009.

Here are the highlights:

- Our Allergy Awareness Fundraiser raised \$150.00 for Anaphylaxis Canada. Congratulations to Eden P. in Mrs. Poechman's Room who won the jar of skittles.
- Kyle Dine performed a great presentation on Apr. 27th for all students on Allergy Awareness.
- We have welcome packages outlining safe allergy practices and resources for all our new families at the office.
- Our Allergy Brochure was highlighted in the Clarington This Week on May 11, 2009.
- Intermediate students will produce a dramatization for our foyer camera on what to do if a student experiences an anaphylaxis reaction.
- Please bring your expired epipens into the principal for staff training in September.
- Allergy Awareness Week will be Sept. 28 - Oct. 2, 2009.
- The Allergy Committee would like to thank the school community for their outstanding support.



Here are some

- **Carry a water bottle, avoid fountains**
- **Always read labels**
- **Always carry your Epipen**
- **Keep your Medical Alert bracelet on**
- **Wear sunscreen and a hat**
- **Keep garbage containers covered**
- **Keep sandals on when playing on the grass to avoid bee stings**
- **Never swat at a bee**
- **Cool off with drinks indoors to keep bees away**
- **Use straws to drink from cans**

Join us at our next meeting: Sept. 15/09 at 7 pm.

Have a happy, safe and fun Summer.

Ann Saunders

Chair

Prayer for Fathers

Jesus thank you for the Fathers in our world. For an instant, we know that a dad's love can transform our lives. Please protect them Lord and give them the strength they need to serve you and their families.

Amen





Student Council

Hello Good Shepherd,

I would like to congratulate all of our grade 8 graduates this year. This year, grade 8 graduation will be held on June 24th, at 7pm at Holy Trinity. The grade 8 end of year trip to Montreal is coming soon. Thank you to all of the parents who helped with the fundraising for this event.

The Junior Talent Show will be held on June 10th. The show will start at 7pm. There will be a \$1 admission fee at the door. Student Council is auditioning everyone from grades 4, 5 and 6 and will be posting the list of who made it soon. The proceeds will go towards an Art Mural Project that will be completed this year.

We will be sending a large cheque to the Holy Childhood Association for \$788.75 and another cheque for \$2000.75 to Our Lady Rainbow of Peace School in Nigeria. Thank you for your continued support.

The Mural in the kindergarten and grade 7 stairwell is underway. Students from the grade 8 classes have been selected to help paint this work of art.

Holka Polka was a huge success. Thank you to Mrs. Walchuk, Mme. Miess and Mr Lukow for helping organize this special event. We are all extremely proud of the cast and crew involved in this play.

The 2008-2009 school year is coming to an end. I have thoroughly enjoyed this year in the position of Prime Minister of the Student Council. I will miss Good Shepherd a lot. So many great things have happened at this school and I am glad that I have had the opportunity to be a part of it.

From (for the last time) Jacob M. - Prime Minister



Our Grade Two Teachers have been working hard together over the past two months in a Teaching-Learning Critical Pathway literacy goal to improve instruction and achievement. They will present their excellent work to other schools who have also shared this experience.

School Council



Here are the highlights of our last meeting held on May 19th:

- Our yearly BBQ has been postponed until September in honour of our 10th Anniversary.
- Our Environment Committee and Gardening Club will plant perennials on May 27th. Our Sun shelter will be painted on June 2nd. Please come out and help us.
- The School Organization for 09/10 was reviewed by Mrs. Ford. A letter will go home to parents in the first week of June.



**Good Shepherd Catholic School
Presents**



**Wednesday, June 10th 2009
7 pm**



**Admission \$1.00 at the Door
Proceeds Go to School Art Project
All are Welcome**



Junior Girl's Basketball

The junior girls had a short, but awesome season. All ten girls improved in their skill levels, had fun as a member of the team and contributed to our undefeated day at the tournament. They represented Good Shepherd very well and made their coaches proud. Members of the team were:

Leah M.	Megan P.	Vanessa C.
Alexandra W.	Caitlyn M.	Alysha B.
Cassandra B.	Kristen S.	Julia M.
Veronica K.	Mrs. Evans & Mrs. MacDonald (coaches)	



Good Shepherd School Board Wide Math Contest Winners

Grade 4

The grade 4 team won
1st place Board-Wide

Julia A. in Ms. Cullen's
class scored 2nd place

Rebecca S. in Ms. Cullen's
Class scored 3rd place Board-Wide

Grade 5

The grade 5 team won
2nd place Board-Wide

Nicholas G. in Mr. Ryan's
class placed 2nd Board-Wide

Grade 6

The grade 6 team won
2nd place Board-Wide

Stephanie C. in Mr. Westlake's
class scored 2nd place Board-
Wide

Congratulations Math Contest Winners

Grade 4

Julia A.
Rebecca S.
Andre A.
Jack G.
Victoria R.
Christina C.

Grade 5

Nicholas G.
Victor D.
Carly C.
Troy N.
Stephanie D.
Kiera B.

Grade 6

Stephanie C.
Joshua R.
Jordyn G.
Kyle M.
Kathryn M.

**Have a Safe
and
Enjoyable Summer**