



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

The Royals' Review

BELIEVE, LOVE, ACT

"The greatest among you will be your servant"

Matthew 23: 11

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Principal's Message:

This newsletter comes to you at the close of the 2010/2011 school year, and it also marks the start of summer and preparation for a new beginning in September.

It is with great pride that I have returned home to St. Stephen's as Principal, and the successes of this school year have confirmed for me what a great school we have. I have been witness to a community that lives with commitment our motto of **Spirit, Strength, Serenity, and Service.**

We have much to be thankful for: Our students are hard working, friendly and honest. I wish to extend thanks to Student Council and our Social Justice Group for the leadership they have demonstrated and for the effort they have already put into planning for next year.

Thank you to our parents for your on-going support. The success of our students hinges upon the strong relationships between our parents and the school. I would like to acknowledge in a special way the work and collaboration of our Catholic School Council.

Equally important to the success of our Catholic school is the positive relationship we hold with our Parishes St. Francis, Newcastle and St. Joseph's Bowmanville. We are blessed at St. Stephen's to have the support of creative, loving, and deeply caring Parish Priests Fr. Peter Seabrooke, Fr. Paul Massel and Fr. Emmanuel Okpataku. We thank them for all their effort on our behalf.

I am very proud of our teachers, educational assistants, secretaries, attendance counselors, cafeteria staff and custodians. St. Stephen's has a gifted staff who operate with the well being and success of students as their central focus. Thank you to our staff for their commitment, and for giving of themselves and their time unselfishly, to ensure students are successful in the classroom and in the various co-curricular activities they undertake.

As we move into summer I wish to welcome Grade 9 students and all new students to our school. I also wish our graduates every success as they undertake the next part of their life journey. On behalf of staff and students I would like to wish a fond farewell to Mr. Poechman, Mrs. Alarcon, Mrs. Narel, Ms. Beganyi, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Blahnik, Ms. O' Rourke, Ms. Wilson, Mrs. DeVilliers, Mr. Craggs, Mrs. McKnight and Mrs. Rekker. We thank them for their service to St. Stephen's and we wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

I look forward to seeing you in September. Have a safe and restful summer.

Mark Joly, Principal



EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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An Information Bulletin for Students and Parents - September 2011

Grade 9 Orientation

Orientation for Grade 9 students will take place on Thursday, September 1st from 1:00-3:00 PM

****New** 2011-2012 Daily Schedule**

All secondary schools in the board have been mandated to run daily schedules with 75 minutes periods. This will result in the following schedule with some minor changes at St. Stephen.

Period 1	8:25 - 9:40
Period 2	9:45 - 11:00
Period 3	11:00 - 11:40 Lunch
Period 3	11:05 - 12:20 Class
Period 4	12:20 - 1:00 Lunch
Period 4	11:45 - 1:00 Class
Period 5	1:05 - 2:20

Attendance

Parents/Guardians are asked to call the school to report your son/daughter's absences. Messages can be left at extension 228 after hours. Parents/Guardians will be contacted each evening by an automated dialer if an unexplained absence for one or more classes occurs during that school day. For your convenience we have provided you with a quick reference magnet for your fridge.

Not back from Holidays by Tuesday, September 6th ?

If your child will not be in attendance on the first day of school, please contact the office to indicate the date of return. Please help us to reserve your child's space in our school.

TIMETABLES

Teachers and classrooms have not been finalized. There may be changes to the timetables as you see them in September. If a notable change is required, please contact the Guidance secretary during the last week of August.

Summer hours for the Guidance Counsellors:

Monday, August 29	9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Tuesday, August 30	9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Wednesday, August 31	9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Thursday, September 1	Grade 9 Day
Friday, September 2	9:00 am to noon

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Purchase uniform items at:
McCarthy's Uniform Store
 700 Finley Avenue,
 AJAX, Ont. L1S 3Z2
 416-593-6900
 1-800-668-8261

shop online at: www.rjmccarthy.com

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN PROPER AND COMPLETE UNIFORM ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 2011

Please note:

Phys. Ed. Uniforms should be purchased at Bowmanville Sports Shop, 56 King Street West, Bowmanville Telephone: 905-623-0322

Outcome of the 2010/2011 School Uniform Review

Additions:

- *Women's navy v-neck cardigan
- *Women's navy walking shorts
- *Men's navy walking shorts
- *Women's navy 3/4 length capri pants

Kilt:

The kilt will not be available for purchase after the 2011/2012 school year. It will be phased out and will cease to be part of the school uniform beyond 2013/2014.

Shoes:

All shoes must accord with the tone of the uniform. They must be fully enclosed, appropriate, modest and clean. Boots, slippers, sandals and flip flops are not permitted.

BUSSING FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

All bussed students should check the information sheets enclosed regarding their individual bussing. Students can access the IVR System regarding their bus carrier, pick up time and location. Should you have any problem logging into the IVR system please phone 1-800-757-0307 or (705)748-5500 x231

TRANSIT STUDENTS

September bus passes will be available for pick up at the school the week of August 30th. PLEASE read the transit schedules carefully. Route times may have been adjusted to accommodate the new daily schedule.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Many students have enquired about lockers next year - the question being, "Will I have my own locker next year?"

The answer is **YES!** The other question for our Grade 9's is "Do you have initiation?" The answer is **NO!**



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Everyone is welcome. St. Stephen's Catholic School Council has taken an active role in the educational and spiritual growth of our students. The School Council members will:

1. Promote the best interest of the school community.
2. Maintain a school-wide focus on all issues.
3. Respect the personal and professional rights and responsibilities of individuals.
4. Encourage the participation of parents from all groups and of other people within the school community.

The 2011-2012 year promises to be another exciting year. We will be holding our elections on **Thursday, September 22nd** and our first meeting will be Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. We hope that you will consider joining us and participate actively in St. Stephen's Secondary Catholic School Council.



The staff at St. Stephen's proudly presents a monthly award to celebrate the positive engagement of our students.

The Royals of the Month is awarded to a student who is respectful of peers, staff, family, and community. The recipient of this award exemplifies Christian leadership and demonstrates pride and commitment to our community.

Congratulations to our recipients for the month of:

APRIL *Junior Royals - Gabriella Hamilton & Trevor Gerrits *Senior Royals - Ashley Ritchie & Jamie Nieuwenhuis



Gabriella Hamilton



Trevor Gerrits

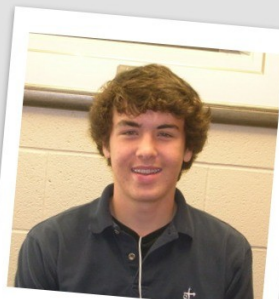


Ashley Ritchie



Jamie Nieuwenhuis

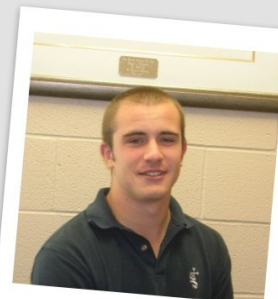
MAY *Junior Royals - Darby Bradley & Joanna Martin *Senior Royals - Mich Whealy & Rebecca Adams



Darby Bradley



Joanna Martin



Mitchell Whealy



Rebecca Adams

JUNE *Junior Royals - Clare Morrison & Kyle Rideout *Senior Royals - Rob Martin & Maddison Bibby



Clare Morrison



Kyle Rideout



Rob Martin



Maddison Bibby

MEMBERS OF STUDENT CABINET 2011-2012

Co-Prime Ministers: Christina McKee & Gabrielle Cook
Minister of Records: Sydney Small
Minister of Social Justice & Multiculturalism: Samantha Rhodes
Ministers of Social Affairs: Gabriella Hamilton & Dylan Lupson
Ministers of Sports & Athletics: Mitch Whealy & Julie Cryderman
Minister of Communication: Jake White
Minister of Finance: Austin Melville
Minister of the Environment: Reagan Bradley
Minister of the Arts: Clare Morrison
Minister of Graduate Affairs (Prom): Chantelle Renaud
Student Liaison to the Board: Dalainey Drakes
Ministers of Grade 10 Affairs: Tyler Keating & Cassidy Kenny
Ministers of Grade 9 Affairs: to be elected in the fall
Members of Junior Cabinet: Malayna Valenzuela (Gr. 10), Jenna Martin (Gr. 10)

There will be 2 more spots for Grade 10 students
and 4 spots for Grade 9 students.

The members of Student Cabinet have lots of activities planned
and are looking forward to an exciting year in 2011-2012!

Leadership Opportunities Associated with Student Cabinet:

Athletic Committee – will meet twice a month to plan buyouts,
athletic banquet, etc. See Julie Cryderman or Mitch Whealy.

Dance/Social Committee – will meet as needed to plan dances
and social events. See Gabriella Hamilton & Dylan Lupson.

Fr. Peter Seabrooke, Pastor

Are you (or do you know of anyone) recently bereaved, separated or divorced?
If so, there is a support group "New Beginnings" which meets at St. Francis of Assisi Church on the 3rd Saturday of every month. (7-9 p.m. in Our Lady of Peace Room.)
Please call 905-987-3567 regarding meetings in the Summer.
Our regular monthly meetings resume on Sept 17th 2011.
You do not need to feel alone.



Fr. Peter Seabrooke, Pastor,
St. Francis of Assisi Church, Newcastle.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

The Ministry of Education requires all students to complete 40 hours of volunteer work in order to receive a diploma.

The form can be downloaded from our school website www.sscss.ca
If you are not sure about whether the activity would classify, check out the information page on our website. Call the guidance department to clarify that the activity is acceptable. If completed without permission and permission is subsequently denied, the activity or event will not be counted toward the student's community service requirement. Submit the form to Guidance. Hours will then be added to their graduation requirements. If a student completes their 40 hours before the end of June in their grade 10 year, they will receive a Certificate of Recognition at the beginning of grade 11.



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