

June 2010



St. Stephen's Secondary School

The Royals' Review

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Believe, Love, Act,
"My Soul Magnifies the Lord, and my Spirit Rejoices"
Luke 1:46-47

Principal's Message

This newsletter accompanies the final report card for the 2009-2010 school year. Congratulations to all who were successful in earning their second semester credits. Students who were not successful should, where possible, explore summer school opportunities and/or review their pathway choices for next year.

This has been an exciting year at St. Stephen's. We now occupy our beautiful new addition and new stand-alone Tech facility and when students and staff return in September, they will enjoy further improvements to our facility. The portables will be removed from the front of the school, our Family Studies classroom and our former Tech area will provide new and improved learning opportunities for our students.

This semester we celebrated the production of our first musical and our Gold Eco-School certification. Parents and students celebrated the endeavours of all our athletes at our Royals' Athletic Banquet held on June 15th with special recognition of our LOSSA championships this year: Junior Football (Tier II Champs), Junior Boys' Soccer, Junior Boys' Hockey, Varsity Badminton and Varsity Boys' Lacrosse. This year we had more than 23 teams at St. Stephen's and our coaches deserve a great deal of thanks for providing these opportunities for students.

St. Stephen's Visual Art Students also received recognition this semester. The Newcastle Historical Society awarded four students \$350.00

in prizes. These students were Chelsea Mazzocchi, Alysha Hand. Christina Beeton and Susannah Selber-Hnatiw. A fifth student Remington Fletcher, received an honourable mention and a gift of a one year membership to the Society.

June is always an intense month for staff and students as they wrap up their school year. This has been especially true for me these last few weeks as I have reflected and celebrated my thirty-two years in education; twenty of them at St. Stephen's. I am retiring, honoured to have served this school community and proud of its heritage as the first Catholic secondary school in Clarington. I leave knowing that St. Stephen's will be in the very capable hands of Mr. Mark Joly, former teacher and vice-principal at St. Stephen's and the current principal of St. Mary Secondary School in Cobourg.

As I bid farewell I extend my sincere thanks to the students, parents and staff whom I have had the pleasure of working with over the years. I depart leaving all my good wishes for health, happiness, and prosperity for this amazing school community.

Wishing you all, a wonderful summer, filled with joy and peace.

Sincerely,

Sheeran Rush-Jeanes



EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT
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An Information Bulletin for Students and Parents - September 2010

We are greatly looking forward to having our new students join us in September. We are now expecting about 218. Grade 9 students and our population will stand at approximately 910.

**Grade 9 Welcome Day is Thursday
Sept 2nd 2010 @ 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

2010 - 2011 TIMETABLE

Period 1	8:26 - 9:41
Period 2	9:46 - 10:59
Period 3	10:59 - 11:39 Lunch
Period 3	11:04 - 12:17 Class
Period 4	12:17 - 12:57 Lunch
Period 4	11:44 - 12:57 Class
Period 5	1:02 - 2:15

SCHOOL RESUMES

Tuesday, September 7, 2010 - full day, first day back! All Grade 9's should report to our cafeteria for their grade level assembly. There, they will meet their homeroom teacher and be escorted to their first period class. Students in Grades 10 to 12 should report to the gym.

STUDENT TIMETABLES

Student timetables will be issued on the first day of school. Timetable changes will be considered for students who have not met the required prerequisites for a course (failure of a previous course); or students who require a particular course for a College or University program.

SUMMER HOURS

Main Office: Mon - Friday 8:00 - 4:00
Main Office Closed: July 19th - Aug 3rd.

SUMMER SCHOOL HOURS

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

The Ministry of Education requires all students entering Secondary School to complete 40 hours of volunteer work. PLEASE NOTE: only hours performed after students enter Grade 9, in September may be counted towards this diploma requirement. More information will be provided in September to students and parents.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

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

Hours: July 2 - July 31 2010

Monday - Saturday: 10:00 - 6:00 pm
Closed on Sunday

August 2nd - August 31st 2010

Monday - Wednesday: 10:00 - 6 pm
Thursday - Friday: 10:00 - 8 pm
Saturday 10:00 - 6 pm
Sunday 12:00 - 5 pm

shop online at: www.rjmccarthy.com

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN PROPER AND COMPLETE UNIFORM ON

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 2010

PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ THE
DETAILED INFORMATION
REGARDING UNIFORM
REQUIREMENTS AND TAKE
SPECIAL NOTE OF THE **SHOE**
REQUIREMENTS FOR 2010-2011

Please note:

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

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.

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 2010-2011 year promises to be another exciting year. We will be holding our elections on Wednesday, September 22nd and our first meeting will be Tuesday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m.

We hope that you will consider joining us and participate actively in St. Stephen's Secondary Catholic School Council.

May the strength of God pilot us,
May the wisdom of God instruct us,
May the hand of God protect us.
May the word of God direct us.

From the Offices of the Vice - Principals

The staff at St. Stephen's proudly presents a new 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:**

May

- *Junior Royals - Alysha Hand & Danny Cooksey
- *Senior Royals - Kristen Smith & Brett McGarry

June

- *Junior Royals - Jean-Francois Charette & Alex Hooper
- *Senior Royals - Sarah Kim & Matt Patterson



Have a great summer



2010-2011 Student Council Members

Welcome to our members of the 2010-2011 Student Council Members:

- Co-Prime Ministers - **Tanya Irwin & Haley Douglas**
- Ministers of Social Affairs – **Gabrielle Cook & Christina McKee**
- Ministers of Sports & Athletics - **Brandon Denney & Taylor Bath**
- Minister of Records – **Kristen Gerritsen**
- Minister of the Environment – **Francesca Rak**
- Minister of Finance – **Maddison Bibby**
- Minister of Communication – **Alex Drever**
- Minster in Charge of Prom – **Kaitlyn Parks**
- Minster of Multiculturalism & Social Justice Affairs - **Katherine McEwen**
- Ministers of Grade 10 Affairs – **Dalainey Drakes & Dylan Lupson**
- Ministers of Grade 9 Affairs – to be elected in the fall
- Members of the Senate - **Emily Conway, Alex Sarmatiuk, Rachel Lynch**
- Student Liaison to the School Board – **Jake White**

All students are encouraged to get involved in student leadership. Opportunities will arise throughout the school year for things like Athletics Committee, Dance Committee, Prom Committee, Social Justice & Multicultural Club and much more just listen to announcements.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER

