



# June 2011 Newsletter

## St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Elementary School

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### Believe, Love, Act

In Peace, Hope and Joy

#### Spiritual Theme:

**Believe, Love, Act:** "The greatest among you will be your servant."

Matthew 23:11

*Strawberries are in season. The month is chock full of activities and the excitement of graduation. There remains however, lessons, assessments and tasks that require study and focus. Parents can assist their children by keeping routines, bedtimes and homework opportunities in place. Punctuality and full attendance are a recipe for success. Before you know it, the final bell will ring to signal the beginning of summer fun!*

PRINCIPAL  
**Linda Bier**

VICE PRINCIPAL  
**Guy Charette**

PARISH PRIEST  
**Fr. P. Seabrooke**

SECRETARIES  
**Pat Ryckman**  
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CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
COUNCIL CHAIR  
**Maria Kraemer**

SUPERINTENDENT  
**Ron McNamara**

TRUSTEES  
**Granville Anderson**  
**Peggy O'Toole**

## Catholic Virtues into Action

### Honesty

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. As a Catholic community, we are fortunate to be able to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is another opportunity for the students to engage in an honest dialogue with God and receive His forgiveness.

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 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.

Please remember that a summer newsletter will go home on June 27th. It will highlight changes and grades for 2011/2012, Catholic School Council information and Back to School Suggestions. We wish all Fathers a Happy Father's Day including Father Peter Seabrooke and our Father in Heaven.

#### Special points of Interest

- School Organization for September 2011
- Together for Autism
- Outdoor Mass—June 20
- Report cards go home—June 27

Mrs. Linda Bier,  
Principal.

Mr. Guy Charette,  
Vice Principal.

## A PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY



God, bless all the fathers in the world.  
Guide them to be good role models  
and loving to all their children.  
Help them to be a father like You are.  
Give them grace and patience  
to handle situations in a loving way.

Amen!

Check out our school web-  
site: <http://schools.pvnccdsb.on.ca/stfra14>



### St. Francis of Assisi is Registered



Drop off your empty ink and toner cartridges at your local STAPLES Business Depot. STAPLES will donate \$1 to local schools for every eligible ink and toner cartridge donated.

### Lost and Found Tuesday, June 21

On Tuesday, June 21, we will be displaying our "lost and found" items. Parents may wish to drop by to see if anything looks familiar.

### Thank You to Our Nutrition Volunteers

Durham's Child Nutrition Project awarded our Nutrition Volunteers a certificate of appreciation for their outstanding contribution and dedication.

We thank our Nutrition Volunteers for touching the lives of children with the magic of their volunteering!



## Together for Autism

This year for our Together for Autism fundraiser, the students were asked to donate spare change. A big thank you goes out to all of the students who participated in this event. Our school raised over \$1100. As a reward for fundraising, the JK to Grade 4 classes watched the movie Tangled and Grade 5 to 8 watched the movie Toy Story 3. Both movies were projected on the screen in the gymnasium. The classes (from each division) who raised the most money won a treat donated by Dairy Queen.

Mrs. Bruckmann (primary division), Ms. Armstrong's (junior division), Mrs. Gray (intermediate division) and CASA class were the top fundraisers. Congratulations!

## Our Grade 8 Students Show Their Leadership!

This is the culminating month for our Grade 8 students. Whether newcomers to our school or 10 year veterans, we will miss them. They will make us proud as they graduate on June 24. We expect them at school each day on June 27 to June 29th to show their leadership in classes, play day, mass, assemblies and other tasks to help close out our school year. Thank you for all your contributions over the years.

## A Blessing for Our Graduates

Go carefully, little one.  
May your journey be safe, your arrival secure.  
May the guarding of the great God, be between your shoulders,  
The justice of the gentle God be in your footstep,  
The love of the compassionate God be in your hands.  
May God protect you in every situation and grace you to give and receive blessing.



## School Organization for September 2011

Our staff are professionally trained in the grouping of students for optimal achievement, differentiated learning strategies, gender based teaching, assessment for learning and behavioural considerations for best practice. Teachers, special education staff and administration will be making very careful deliberations in establishing class lists. We will not be in a position to take parental requests for placement. We kindly ask that you respect the work of the staff in this process. Thank you.

## Thank You to Our Volunteers

As a gesture of our thanks and appreciation of your support, we invite volunteers to attend our Catholic School Meeting to recognize your contributions as a volunteer on Tuesday, June 14th at 8:30 a.m. in the school gym. You will be receiving an invitation and we ask you to R.S.V.P. if you are planning on attending

### Because You're Special

We sometimes take for granted  
In the rush of all we do  
And forget to say a special thanks

So we send this note to tell you  
How much all you do means;  
Your gifts of time and of yourself

## JUNE IN ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH by Fr. Peter

June is shaping up to be an exciting time in St. Francis of Assisi Parish. I'd like to begin by thanking Nicole Cumby, Barbara Maziarczyk, Helen Henriques and Nancy Lucyk for overseeing the preparation of our children for the celebration of sacraments. I'd like to also thank their teachers: Mrs. Keri Biss, Mrs. Maureen Maclean, Mr. Scott Murduff and Mrs. Janet Grey.

On this point, all parish volunteers are invited to our annual Ministry Appreciation Party Monday June 6, in the parish hall 7-9. Come out and enjoy some fellowship and refreshments.

Join us for the celebration of Ascension (June 5) and Pentecost Sunday (June 12). Our Sunday evening Youth Mass continues until June 26 at 7:00 pm.

All altar servers, parish youth readers and choir members are invited to our second annual soccer tournament against St. Joseph Parish in Bowmanville and St. Therese Parish in Courtice.

Finally, everyone is invited to participate in our annual Sonfest in Port Hope July 16-17. To register checkout [www.veyopeterboro.org.Registration](http://www.veyopeterboro.org.Registration). The fee is \$35.00 before June 15 or \$40.00 or after.

## Fitness Friends

What a great year! 48 students were registered in the program and we spent over 22,000 minutes together keeping fit and having fun. New games were purchased for our time in the gym, thanks to donations from the Catholic School Council, Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus. On Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> we celebrated our group's achievements by watching a movie, eating lunch and ice-cream sundaes together and then going swimming. A great time was had by all. Our students are to be commended for representing our school by their exemplary behaviour. A special thanks goes out to Ms. Cashin-Oster who organized getting t-shirts from the Rotary Club for everyone in Fitness Friends. The staff and students would like to THANK everyone for their donations, without you this would not have been possible. We would like to send a special thanks to all the students involved for their dedication to this program!!

Ms. Gavin, ASD Worker  
Mrs. Hegarty, ASD Worker



## Inventory

All teachers and our librarian are currently conducting an inventory of books. **Students whose texts or library books are outstanding will not receive a report card until their books or payment for books are received.** Parents will be notified by note by June 17th if books are outstanding.

## Thanks to our Gardener

A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Passey, our custodian, for all the volunteer work she did to beautify the gardens in front of the school. Thank you for making our school look its best!



## Catholic School Council News

THANK YOU! To students, teachers, parents and sponsors who supported Empower Hour. Students danced, read, played, crafted and exercised their way to raising \$2561.85!! Amazing results! These funds will be used to offset the cost of class trips in the 2011/2012 school year. Special thanks goes to the organizers of this event: Mrs. Bier, Mr. Charette, Danette Crawford, Maria Kraemer and all the teachers who gave of their time and talents to make this event a success.

Current Catholic School Council meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board outside the office and copies from previous meetings are available in the office. In addition, meeting minutes are now posted to our school website under the Catholic School Council link (<http://schools.pvnccdsb.on.ca/stfra14/CSC.html>). You may also request a copy by sending an email to [St.FrancisCSC@gmail.com](mailto:St.FrancisCSC@gmail.com). You should send a request for each meeting as the minutes are not sent out automatically.

Though we are approaching the end of the school year, Council is already thinking about next September. Council election forms for the 2011/2012 school year will be sent home with the last newsletter in June. Forms will also be sent out with the first newsletter next September. If you're interested in becoming a part of the Catholic School Council, please fill out and send in the election form or bring it to the first Council meeting in September (date TBA). Council meetings are public and everyone is invited to participate, however, only those present and elected at the first meeting will have voting rights on the next Council.

Council meets 8 times during the school year and there are lots of different levels of involvement, subcommittees and volunteer positions to become involved in. Whether you can contribute a couple of hours per term or per week, Council needs your support. Please consider joining the Catholic School Council next year.

The next CSC meeting will be held on Monday, June 13, 2011 from 5:30PM to 7:30PM at The Old Newcastle House Taps and Grill Restaurant. The first ½ hour will be for socializing and the business portion will begin at 6PM.

Susana Gomes  
Vice-chair, Catholic School Council  
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## 2011 Summer School

### **GRADES 5 AND 6 LITERACY AND NUMERACY CAMPS**

—Students who are presently in Grades 5 or 6 .

### **INTERMEDIATE SUMMER SCHOOL COURSES**

#### **- Grades 7 and 8**

Improve literacy and numeracy skills with reading, writing and math remediation programs.

Registration deadline is Friday, June 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Brochures are available at all Catholic schools, the Board Office or on the Board's website. Registration for Camp and Summer School is on-line at:

<http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca/schools/summer-school.asp>

# June 2011—Honesty

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 1:45-3 Sexual Harassment Gr. 8	4
5 	6 Gr. 8 Girls' HPV Hep B-gr. 7—Gym <b>EQAO Gr. 6</b>	7 Gr. 1-3 Retreat at church No school meeting <b>EQAO Gr. 6</b>	8 Am—Racing Against Drugs—Gr. 5 <b>EQAO Gr. 6</b>	9 <b>EQAO Gr. 6</b>	10 <b>P.A. Day Assessment</b> All teachers prepare report cards	11
12 Pentecost	13 5:30 pm Catholic School Council Newcastle House Restaurant Gr. 6 Bark Lake	14 Track & Field 8:30 Volunteer Appreciation at School Meeting Gr. 6 Bark Lake	15 Track & Field rain date JK Father's Day Olympics 1:30-2:30-gym	16 Gr. 7 to Toronto Zoo JK Father's Day Olympics 1:30-2:30-gym	17 <b>Book Notices Home</b>	18
19 Father's Day 	20 9 am Outdoor Mass Public Library visits—pm	21 8:30 School Meeting Jr. Soccer—Darlington Lost and Found	22 Jr. Soccer alt Outdoor Mass rain date Gr. 5 to Science Centre	23 JK/SK Tuesday/Thursday class report cards go home	24 5:30 Gr. 8 Graduation	25
26	27 Report Cards go home Am—Play Day 12:50 Grad Appreciation Assembly 2 pm—Clap Out	28 Play Day rain date	29 <b>Last day of school</b>	30 P.A. Day		