



# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Elementary 2011 September Newsletter

## Spiritual Theme:

### Believe, Love, Act:

“The greatest among you will be your servant.”

Matthew 23:11

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## “In Peace, Hope and Joy”

### Reaching for the Three “Rs”

Many parents may remember that at school we learned the three Rs, Reading, (w)Riting and (a)Rithmetic. I trust that all students are Rested, Rejuvenated and Ready to Reach for the three R's that we now call reading, writing and mathematics.

We begin our school year with new and past teachers, custodians, secretary and support staff who make up our St. Francis of Assisi School team. We also welcome new students with whom we will share new skills and learning.

The staff at St. Francis of Assisi look forward to the privilege of guiding the development of your child in his/her spiritual, academic and social growth. Please remember that staff take great pride in teaching your child as their successes multiply. They welcome your questions, concerns and suggestions.

Please read the school and classroom newsletters each month since they contain pertinent information and dates on the happenings of the school, Catholic School Council, Parish and community.

Let me also personally encourage everyone in the school community to become active participants in the education of our children.

Mr. Charette and I are pleased to serve St. Francis of Assisi as the Vice Principal and Principal and welcome all your communication. Together our Catholic school will thrive and shine as an example of God's love.

Ms. L. Bier,  
Principal

Mr. G. Charette,  
Vice Principal.

### Safe Arrival and Departure

You may have noticed some physical changes to our school grounds. The changes have been made to support the safety of your children when arriving and leaving the school. The trees at the front of the school have been removed to enhance visibility. The driveway and parking areas have been repainted to ensure lane guidelines, parking locations and handicapped spots. The Municipality of Clarington has moved the No Stopping sign to the north of the school, further away from the driveway. This has been done with consultation from Durham Region's Traffic Department as a continued strategy to reduce congestion by the driveway. If you must drop your child off from a vehicle, it is recommended that you do so south of the school and crossing guard. Your ongoing and continued adherence is greatly appreciated.



*The Mission of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Elementary School is to provide a spiritual, academic and social learning environment that is safe, inclusive and inspiring.*

*We support and celebrate the individual gifts and talents of our students.*

*We are committed to teaching a challenging curriculum, assessing progress and collaboratively responding with support to ensure excellence for all.*

The Staff of St. Francis of Assisi

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## STAFFING UPDATE FOR 2011-2012

We had several changes to staffing over the summer months.

Please extend a warm St. Francis welcome to the new and “seasoned” staff who will be working with your children this year.

| <u>Grade</u>       | <u>Teacher</u>     | <u>Rm.</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| JK (Mon./Wed.)     | Mrs. McMillan      | 137        |
| JK/SK (Mon./Wed.)  | Mrs. Megan Hegarty | 141        |
| SK (Tues./Thurs.)  | Mrs. Gray          | 141        |
| Gr. 1              | Mrs. Terveld       | 128        |
| Gr. 1/2            | Ms. Punshon        | 129        |
| Gr. 2              | Mr. Foley          | 146        |
| Gr. 2/3            | Mrs. Biss          | 147        |
| Gr. 3              | Mrs. MacLean       | 239        |
| Gr. 3/4            | Mrs. Bruckmann     | 231        |
| Gr. 4              | Mrs. Kearney       | 229        |
| Gr. 5              | Mr. Dafoe          | 235        |
| Gr. 6              | Ms. Armstrong      | 237        |
| Gr. 6/7            | Mrs. Williams      | 232        |
| Gr. 7              | Mrs. Temple        | 226        |
| Gr. 8A             | Mr. Hancin         | 223        |
| Gr. 8B             | Mr. Fitzgerald     | 225        |
| CASA               | Mrs. Dears         | 130        |
| BEST               | Mr. McCarthy       | 240        |
| French             | Mr. Payne          | 234        |
| French             | Mme Stephenson     | 228        |
| Literacy Programme | Mrs. Leddy         | 145        |
| Resource           | Mrs. Carmichael    | 214        |
| Resource           | Mrs. Martin        | 127        |
| Librarian          | Mrs. Cormack       | 103        |

### Educational Assistants:

|             |               |                |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| Mrs. Austin | Mrs. Barrette | Mrs. Deschamps |
| Ms. Tavares | Mrs. Hodgson  | Mrs. Lemieux   |
| Ms. McBride | Mrs. Post     |                |

**ASD Worker:** Mrs. Hegarty Ms. Haywood

**CYW:** Mr. McDonald  
**Behaviour Resource:** Ms. Cunningham

**Custodians:** Mr. Thomas Mr. Elacqua Mrs. Sawdon

**Secretaries:** Mrs. Ryckman Mrs. Blainey

**Vice Principal:** Mr. Charette

**Principal:** Mrs. Bier

## “At St. Francis of Assisi we will fill each others’ buckets with God’s love.”

At our first school meeting I will read “Have you filled a bucket today?” to the students. We hope to fill everyone’s bucket with acts and words of kindness, love and respect for each other. Our school bucket will be on the wall in the front lobby. It will be filled to overflowing as the year progresses. Each month we will acknowledge some of the acts and words in our newsletter. Please help us celebrate your child’s and other’s acts and words.

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## Catholic Virtues Into Action

Each month throughout this year, the school will deliberately focus on a specific Catholic virtue. Our prayers, lessons, assemblies and liturgies will teach how this virtue can come alive through our actions. We will work closely with the parish and our Catholic School Council in this regard and encourage support from our families. By modeling these virtues we can provide numerous opportunities for our students to become faithful, giving members of our Catholic Community.

### Catholic Virtues Into Action

|           |                       |          |                    |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------|--------------------|
| September | <b>RESPECT</b>        | February | <b>COMPASSION</b>  |
| October   | <b>EMPATHY</b>        | March    | <b>FORGIVENESS</b> |
| November  | <b>JUSTICE</b>        | April    | <b>STEWARDSHIP</b> |
| December  | <b>PATIENCE</b>       | May      | <b>TOLERANCE</b>   |
| January   | <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> | June     | <b>HONESTY</b>     |

## RESPECT

“When we do good things, our self-respect grows”

Abraham Heschel

As the school year begins, we pay particular attention to our calling to learn about God’s creation and our human response to these blessings.

Blessed Mother

Remind us always to be respectful of others as you were respectful during your life, both in good times and in bad times.

Teach us to never give up. Remind us that winning is not achieved by the last person to score in a game, but by the whole team. Help us be supportive of everyone with whom we work or play.

Teach us not to look for the glory, but for the good.

Amen.

The Virtue of Respect is highlighted in our vision of the learner as a “caring family member” who attends to family, school, parish and the wider community. In a time when there is little reverence for the image of God in the human person, we are summoned to care for human life with an ultimate respect. We have respect for the sacred part of one another and God.

## TRANSPORTATION

All students and parents must know their bus route number. If you are unsure of the number or bus company, call our secretary, Mrs. Ryckman, or our Vice Principal, Mr. Charette. Then keep it posted in a handy location. Buses cancelled in the morning **do not** run at dismissal. Listen to the following radio stations for any bus failure problems, cancellations or delays:



|                |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Oshawa         | <b>CKDO 1350 A.M.</b>  |
| Ajax           | <b>KX96 A.M.</b>       |
| Lindsay        | <b>CKLY 91.9 F.M.</b>  |
| Northumberland | <b>CHUC 14.50 A.M.</b> |

### LAIDLAW

| Bus #  | Route |
|--------|-------|
| Bus 1: | 973   |
| Bus 2: | 1027  |
| Bus 3: | 075A  |
| Bus 4: | 036A  |
| Bus 5: | 076A  |
| Bus 6: | 077   |
| Bus 7  | 1023A |

### PHOENIX

| Group  | Route |
|--------|-------|
| Bus #8 | 375   |
| Bus #9 | 103   |

### School Bus Safety Policy

**SAFETY** is our first priority. Together we can ensure that all our students are transported safely to and from school. Students are required to keep the same bus stops throughout the school year. **Students are not allowed to ride on a bus other than the one they are assigned.** We thank you for your cooperation.

## SCHOOL BUS DISCIPLINE

Our “Code of Conduct” and Safe School Legislation applies stringently to students while they are on the buses. For the sake of safety and the comfort of all students, misbehaviour will not be tolerated. Suspension of bus privileges is a likely consequence. Students must obey the authority and direction of the bus driver at all times. **Riding on the school bus is a privilege, not a right.** Students who break the rules of conduct will be reported to the Vice Principal. The Board’s discipline reporting procedure will be followed. Bus drivers will report misconduct to the Vice Principal using the “Student Behaviour Report” forms. The incident will be discussed with the student. Parents will be notified of a report. Repeat offences may result in a suspension from riding the bus. Busing inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Charette, Vice Principal.

### To Welcome You

In order to welcome you,  
to prepare our earth,  
to believe in you,  
great Lord,  
nothing extraordinary need  
be done.

I need only have a heart  
that is pure and free of  
deception;  
I need only have an attitude  
that is kind and free of mal-  
ice;  
I need only put on my lips  
a smile and words of joy;  
I need only open my hands  
in order to give and share;  
I need only be attentive and  
faithful to your Word;  
I need only love,  
without keeping track of my  
kindness.

I need only listen to your  
call, Lord,  
and change my life.

You may come, Lord:  
the earth and its peoples  
are changing the colours of  
life  
for you.



## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY RULES

Our school board provides our students with bus service for their convenience and safety. In order to keep the ride to and from school safe for everyone, students are expected to behave in a responsible and respectful manner. Following the rules below will help to keep our buses safe and comfortable for everyone.

1. STAY SEATED (be seated when the bus is moving)
2. KEEP AISLES CLEAR (driver needs to be able to see the back of the bus)
3. OBEY THE BUS DRIVER (driver is responsible for the safety of students )
4. NO FOOD OR DRINK PERMITTED (keep the bus clean)
5. NO LITTERING, VANDALIZING THE BUS OR ANYONE'S PROPERTY (respect property)
6. NO YELLING, FIGHTING, OR USING PROFANITY (respect the safety and dignity of others). USE ONLY APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE.
7. NO POSSESSIONS SUCH AS LIGHTERS, WEAPONS, OR OTHER BANNED SUBSTANCES.
8. PERSONAL BELONGINGS MUST REMAIN IN SCHOOL BAGS
9. DO NOT THROW ANY OBJECT ON THE BUS OR OUT OF THE BUS (can danger the safety of others)
10. STUDENT MISCONDUCT REPORTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VICE PRINCIPAL. REPORT CONCERNS TO OFFICE PERSONNEL

### Seating Plans

Bus drivers, with the Vice Principal, will prepare a seating plan in early September. All students must sit in their assigned seats. Please contact the Vice Principal if you have any concerns.

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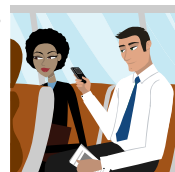
## CUSTODY ALERT/ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Our Resource staff is currently updating information on custody, medical alerts or life-threatening conditions among our student population. If you believe we need new information on your child, please contact our Vice Principal, Mr. Charette.

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## SAFE ARRIVAL: Call 905 987-4797

If you know your child is going to be absent from school or late, please let the office know before 8:25 a.m. The school has an answering service that may be accessed 24 hours a day so that you can leave a message at a time that is convenient. Otherwise, our secretary must spend time tracking down parents to ensure the student is safe. If students are late, they must report to the office for an admit slip.



## LIBRARY NEWS

Students will soon be visiting our school library to do research, explore the Internet and sign out books to enjoy at home. Please help your children keep track of those precious library books. We all need to work together to keep the library well stocked and vibrant! If texts or library books have been found over the summer, please send them to the office.

## HINI PLANNING

We have a HINI plan in place—you can see it at:  
[www.pvnccdsb.on.ca/fluupdates](http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca/fluupdates). Schools will be sending out more about this soon.

Check out our school website: <http://schools.pvnccdsb.on.ca/stfra14>

**INDOOR SHOES**

*All students require a second pair of shoes at school. These are kept as their indoor shoes and if non-marking, can also be their gym shoes. This helps eliminate mud and dirt coming into the classroom environment. Black soled shoes often leave unsightly marks, requiring hours of clean-up work. It is a good idea to label shoes with the family name.*

**Dress Code**

Students are to be appropriately dressed for the business of school. Clothing with pictures/slogans/words suggesting drugs, alcohol, violence etc. is not permitted. Hats are not to be worn in the school. Summer clothing is to be cool but modest. Bare midriffs, tank tops, pajama bottoms, muscle shirts and "spaghetti straps" are inappropriate.

"We cannot do great things, only small things with great love."

Mother Teresa

**INFORMATION SHEETS**

**Each year the school must collect updated information for each student. This information is required for Transportation Planning, Ministry of Education and School Board Records. Its most crucial use, however, is to provide us with the information we need to contact you or your designate in the case of an EMERGENCY. Please assist us in protecting your children by returning this yellow form to our school by WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2010.**

**VISITS TO SCHOOL**

St. Francis School prides itself on its openness to the parent community. There are likely to arise occasions when parents need to come to the school to deliver messages, books, lunches, money or information. Any person visiting the school must introduce themselves at the main office and state their business. If you are going to a classroom, you must sign in/sign out at the office and wear a volunteer or visitor tag. In many cases staff can assist you with your errand with the least possible disruption to classes.



Also, knowing who is in the school is important in keeping all our students safe. If you need to talk directly to your child's teacher, please set up an appointment by telephone, even for later in the day. Most of the time our teachers are either in charge of a class or on supervision. Unexpected visits or interviews can interfere with those duties. Please avoid walking your child to class or picking them up outside their classroom doors. We are trying to foster independence in our hallway routines.

As well, if you would like to volunteer in your child's class, these arrangements must be mutually arranged through the teacher to ensure appropriateness and maximum benefit for your child and his or her classmates. Volunteers require a Police Check. You will need a form letter from the school to take to the Police Department. If you already have a Police Check on file with the school, a "declaration" must be signed annually. Please contact Mrs. Ryckman, our secretary. As always, we encourage your involvement in our school.

**SCHOOL DAY**

|                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>START:</b>        | 8:25 a.m.               |
| <b>RECESS:</b>       | 10:05 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. |
| <b>LUNCH:</b>        | 11:40 - 12:40           |
| <b>RECESS:</b>       | 2:00 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.   |
| <b>DISMISSAL:</b>    | 2:50 p.m.               |
| <b>BUSES DEPART:</b> | 2:55 p.m.               |

## LUNCHTIME ON CAMPUS

St. Francis of Assisi School encourages its students to participate in the active life of the school by staying on campus during each lunch period. This enables the staff to provide a safe, secure, environment for students throughout the day and furthers our goal of social development for our children through appropriate work and play. Students who are designated as “Walkers” are expected to walk directly home and then return to the campus a few minutes prior to the entry bell. They may, however, also remain for lunch. Students who are bused are expected to stay at school for the duration of the lunch period. Parents or guardians wishing to take their children out for lunch are welcome to do so at any time. Please sign them out at the main office.

This procedure addresses safety and security issues, allows for greater order and discipline within the school and is a component of our school mission. It fosters the safe management of 400 students with the view of a better educational environment for all.

The staff, our priest, Fr. Seabrook, our School Superintendent, Ms D. Thomas, Director, Mr. G. Reeves, Catholic School Council and local police support this policy. However, for parents who wish to have their children spend the lunch break away from home or school, a release form is available, along with daily school permission forms. **Hand-written notes are not accepted.** New forms must be requested for the **2011-2012** school year. Parents are asked to contact the principal, vice principal or secretary to obtain a package.

## PEANUT SAFE AT ST. FRANCIS

Because of the life-threatening peanut allergy of students in these classes, in January 2007 **St. Francis of Assisi School went completely peanut safe.** We have had full compliance and thank the community for your cooperation and respect for our new process.

|               |       |         |
|---------------|-------|---------|
| Mrs. McMillan | JK    | Rm. 137 |
| Mrs. Terveld  | Gr. 1 | Rm. 128 |
| Mr. Dafoe     | Gr. 4 | Rm. 235 |
| Mrs. Temple   | Gr. 7 | Rm. 226 |
| Mr. Hancin    | Gr. 8 | Rm. 223 |

Many of our children have a mild or life-threatening allergy to **Peanuts and peanut products** (e.g. peanut butter). Consequently, it is critical that there are no peanuts and peanut products in our school. Please be vigilant in ensuring that no peanut related foods or snacks come into the school or on the bus. Since peanut butter is a sticky and oily substance, it is difficult to eliminate all traces of it from surfaces within the class. Even the smell of peanut butter can cause a life threatening allergic reaction for some students. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Vice Principal, Mr. Charette. Your cooperation and understanding in this matter are greatly appreciated

**St. Francis School  
Community Open  
House/BBQ—  
Tuesday, Sept. 20  
5:00—7:00 p.m.**

Please join us as we celebrate the opening of another school year. Classrooms will be open and students will introduce you to their new teachers. Pray for good weather! Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Come and enjoy the many free activities. Look for the upcoming flyers for more details. This event is sponsored by our Catholic School Council. Volunteers are needed. Contact Maria Kraemer at 905 983-6289



### Valuables

Students should not bring items of value to school unless so directed. The school cannot repair or replace items damaged, lost or stolen.

### Parent Handbook

If you have not received a Parent Handbook, please ask Mrs. Ryckman to send one home with your child.

### Volunteers—the Heart of our School

St. Francis is fortunate to have dedicated volunteers. If you would like to become a new volunteer, please complete the volunteer information form and return to the school ASAP.

### Reading Tips

1. Cuddle up and read together
2. Visit the local library
3. Be a reading role model
4. Keep books, magazines handy in the car and at home



### Cell Phone/Hand Held Devices

Please review the information on page 5 of the school agenda. Taking pictures of others with phone and cameras is prohibited.



## Parking Lot/Student Pick-Up, Drop –Off

Parent parking is at the front of the school. **Under no circumstances are cars to enter the parking area at the back of the school from 8:10 a.m.- 3:05 p.m.** Be careful and most importantly **NEVER WALK BETWEEN BUSES.** The best place to meet your children is the flagpole area at the front of the school. Please respect the FIRE ROUTE signs. Respect “No Parking” signs on Rudell Street. There is a designated area on the street where you may “stop” to drop off or pick up students while staying in the driver’s seat. This routine has been approved by the police department for the safety of everyone. Your compliance will help prevent a potentially serious accident.

JK and SK parents will receive a special “K” pass for their windshields. Parents of Daycare students also receive a pass. Please display this at all times to enable you to enter the back lot.

A crosswalk and crossguard enable walkers to cross safely. Staff and student patrollers are also there to assist.

## AGENDA BOOKS/PEDICULOSIS

All students in Grades 1 to 8 will be issued a St. Francis Student Agenda Planner the first day of school. You may choose to send **\$7.00** to help cover the cost of the agenda. The agenda planner is an important tool in your child’s school programme. It may also be used as a communication book between parents and teacher. Teachers will sign the book each day. There is information in the opening pages (pg. 1-8) of the planner about St. Francis’ School routines, important dates, transportation and procedures. Additional pages provided by the Board contain essential information.

### Parent Checklist

- Yellow Emergency Forms
- Bus Driver
- Medical info, custody alerts
- Send \$7.00 for Agenda
- Join our Catholic School Council
- See you at the BBQ, Sept. 20, 5:00 p.m.
- Internet Permission (New forms to be signed for grades JK, Grade 4 and new



Our gardens continue to bless us with new life! We are grateful and extend a heartfelt thanks to our recent custodian, Louise Passey, who worked tirelessly during this extreme summer heat to care for our gardens. Thank you from the St. Francis of Assisi School community.

## RESPECT FOR ST. FRANCIS STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY

St. Francis' School Community has adopted 5 Golden Rules. Help us by encouraging your children to learn and practise them.

### FIVE GOLDEN RULES

1. Treat others as you wish to be treated.
2. Aggression, violence, harassment and profanity are not tolerated.
3. N.o  
B.ody  
C.ontact
4. Respect the authority of supervisors.
5. Look out for each other.

### School Meetings

As we continue to build a caring school community we will gather together each week. We will be having weekly school meetings at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School. These meetings will be in the gym and will be held at 8:25 am each Tuesday morning. Our first school meeting will be Tuesday, September 20, 2011. At each school meeting we review our Five Golden Rules, sing O'Canada, pray together, share student achievements, appreciate the talents of others and invite special presenters.

Our school masses will also be on Tuesday mornings and our first mass will be on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at the church. Parents and family members are always welcome to attend the meetings and masses.

Hopefully we will see you there!

### CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT REPORTING PROCEDURES

It is the policy of the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board that all Board employees report promptly to a Children's Aid Society if they suspect that a student is or may be in need of protection.

This means that information about possible physical, sexual or emotional abuse, neglect or risk of harm of students must be taken seriously by all Board employees. If employees suspect that a student under the age of 16 is in need of protection, they must contact a local Children's Aid Society to seek advice or report their suspicions. It is an offence for Board employees not to report if they have a suspicion that a child may be in need of protection. The policy also applies to any suspicion of abuse or neglect by Board staff, service providers, volunteers, or visitors to a school.

If a student is 16 years or older and experiencing potential abuse or harm, it may be appropriate for Board employees to report to the local Police Services.



#### School Newsletters

St. Francis sends home a newsletter at the first of each month with the youngest or only full time child in the family. Please read it carefully as it contains important information and dates.

#### Nutrition Programme

Thank you to the people who have volunteered to continue this programme. It operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A special thanks to Dennie Radcliffe for leading our Nutrition Programme. She spends many hours shopping and organizing the food items and schedules.



**"I would have you learn this great fact: that a life of doing right is the wisest life there is. If you live that kind of life, you'll not limp or stumble."**

Proverbs 4:11, 12

## SACRAMENTAL/LITURGICAL

School Masses are attended by all students. A reminder that the sacraments are celebrated as follows this year:

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| First Eucharist and First Reconciliation | Grade 2 |
| Confirmation                             | Grade 7 |

If your child has “missed” receiving their sacrament for whatever reason, please let Mrs. Ryckman, our secretary, know immediately. Children in grade 3 and above should have received First Eucharist and First Reconciliation. Children in Grade 8 should have already been confirmed. All students preparing for sacraments must have baptismal certificates on file at the Church. We have school wide masses which will take place in the gym or church and divisional or grade retreats which take place at the Church. Check the monthly newsletter for dates and locations. Parents are always welcome at all celebrations at the church or school.

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## St. Francis of Assisi Parish Message

“The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.” (Fr.Peter Seabrooke)

This psalm response expresses the kind of Summer I had and I hope you had too. Wasn't the weather great! Even if you had serious problems during the school vacation period and no doubt some of us unfortunately did, God's countless blessings through nature remind us that He does care for us, that He breathes His life into us.

Well! It's time to gather for another school year and I am looking forward to sharing it with you in both the school and parish communities. Speaking of the rest of the parish, there are some great events coming up so please pick up the bulletin on the web site [www.sfarcc.org](http://www.sfarcc.org) or at Sunday Mass. If you are new to the parish and even if you're not, I would like to meet with you at the school's annual BBQ, Sept. 20 so drop by and introduce yourself.

## CHURCH CONNECTION

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH  
214 King Street East  
Newcastle, ON  
905-987-5446  
[www.sfarcc.org](http://www.sfarcc.org)  
Pastor: Father Peter Seabrooke

Parish News: Saturday evening mass 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.\*\*  
\*\*includes children's liturgy

Parish Secretary: Patricia Elcome  
Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We have a wonderful children's Liturgy of the Word at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. It currently runs during the 11:00 a.m. Sunday mass and is aimed at children JK to Grade 2. We focus the liturgy on the week's scripture readings and try to make them come alive for the children at a level they might understand. We welcome everyone and understand that some children may like their parents to accompany them until they are comfortable with the program. We are also looking for new leaders to help - you can commit as much, or as little, time as you are able. We aim to schedule leaders once every two months, but also need occasional helpers on busy days or for activity preparation. please contact Gemma Gillis (905-446-0297) or Cindy Pearce (905-987-1597) if you can help or have any questions. Children's Liturgy will also be hosting coffee and treats in the Gathering Room after the mass on Sunday, September 11th, and we would love to meet you then!

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Welcome back! We hope you've had a relaxing summer and are ready for another exciting school year.

Save the Date! There are two important dates on the CSC calendar this month:

The Open House BBQ will be held on **Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** from 5PM to 7PM at the school. Come out for dinner, free activities and to meet your child's teacher.

Catholic School's Council's first meeting and elections will be held on **Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** from 6PM to 7:30PM in the school library.

**Council Elections:** The first order of business for the CSC is to elect the Council for the 2011/2012 school year. Parents are encouraged to join Council and if you would like to be considered for a Council position, submit your election form (there is one enclosed in this newsletter) or bring it with you to the CSC meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Candidates must be present at the first meeting to be elected. All meetings are open to the school community.

**Volunteering:** Council encourages all parents to volunteer at the school, whether on Council or elsewhere. Criminal Records Checks are required for all volunteers (including those sitting on the CSC) and must be submitted to the school office. Those with a Criminal Records Check on file should contact the office to fill out a declaration as soon as possible.

Questions and comments for the Catholic School Council can be sent to [st.francisesc@gmail.com](mailto:st.francisesc@gmail.com). Any other communications for the school (principal/vice-principal/office/teachers) go to the office.

Susana Gomes  
Vice-chair, Catholic School Council

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## Safe Schools Reporting Line

At St. Francis we strive to maintain a safe learning environment. The safety and the welfare of the students at St. Francis are of paramount importance. In light of the reluctance of some students to report wrong doing, bullying, or to discuss concerns publicly, we have created a new anonymous Safe Schools reporting line. It is hoped that students who call will be able to provide enough information when reporting a concern so that the school can look into the issue as soon as possible. Please note that the voice mailbox is only accessible to the administration at the school. Students can phone the school after hours to access the voice mailbox at extension #548.

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## 1st Newcastle Scout Group

Registration Night: Monday, September 12, 2011  
St. Francis of Assisi School Gym  
6:30—8:00 p.m.

Beavers 5-7 yrs.; Cubs 8-10 yrs., Scouts 11-14 yrs., Venturers 14-17 yrs.  
New members should bring birth certificates and health card numbers.  
For more information call Dave at 905 987-4153



# September 2011—Respect

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat |
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| <b>Looking Ahead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oct. 4 Feast of St. Francis—School Mass</li> <li>• Oct. 10—Thanksgiving</li> <li>• Oct. 13 &amp; 14—School Photos</li> <li>• Oct. 18—Gr 8 Retreat at church</li> </ul> |  |  |  | 1   | 2  | 3   |
| 4  | 5<br>LABOUR DAY  | 6<br>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL<br>  | 7  | 8   | 9<br>Gr. 6 to Orono Fair<br> | 10  |
| 11   | 12   | 13<br>9 a.m. Mass at Church  | 14<br>All yellow information sheets returned | 15  | 16   | 17  |
| 18   | 19   | 20<br>First School Meeting 8:25 a.m.<br>School BBQ with parents<br> | 21   | 22  | 23   | 24  |
| 25   | 26<br><b>Catholic School Council Mtg. 6:00 pm, Library</b> | 27<br>School Meeting—guest speaker   | 28<br>Cross Country                          | 29<br>Terry Fox Fun Day 12:45<br> | 30<br>P.A. DAY   |     |