

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 11, 2019

Attendance: Cathy Haynes, Tammy Acquaviva, Sheena Paul, Ilze Jacko, Damian Julien, Shanonn White, Tracy Johnston, Previn Francis, Sahir Nasser, Ashley Bridgeman

Principal Report:

- LCBO/DRPS Think of Me Holiday Bag contest winner Vanessa Jackova, one of 5 winners from 40,000 entries!
- Advent Liturgy assemblies took place over the 4 weeks of Advent
- Annual Christmas Feast, thank you to all volunteers!
- Angels of Joy organized by Mr. Buffone & Mlle. Maniaco with the Social Justice Club to help bring Christmas joy to families within our community
- Supporting of Share Life through daily Spirit Days
- Bus Safety presentation
- Year of Joy celebration is visible on all bulletin boards throughout the school
- Christmas Concert
- Advent Mass with Fr. Joe & Mrs. Selda
- Teacher run parent appreciation – coffee served at morning Kiss N Ride drop off
- Primary students had a special field trip to visit with Soper Creek Wild Life Rescue
- DOC students music dept. visited SFDS to spread holiday cheer to our students
- Mr. & Mrs. Cauley along with the choir led a Christmas Carol sing along
- Joy awards were presented to 2 students from each class
- Robotics & Coding Club has been formed using fundraiser proceeds. Over 30 students currently participating
- Student led Hockey Development Clinic sessions
- Problem of the Fortnight (POTF) problems posted every other week on 2 bulletin boards for Primary & Jr/Intermediate students to solve
- MADD presentation to grade 7/8 students
- CGE for January – Discerning Believer
- Social Justice Club will be creating a fruits & vegetables garden at the school in the spring
- Math Night – new date Feb 13 @ 6:30 PM. Math at Home kits to be introduced
- Carol & Chryvonne along with “Cooper” the dog from the Values through Humane Education program visited the classes to teach about kindness to animals
- Legion Poster Contest winners – 8 students!
- Black History Month kickoff assembly & Liturgy
- CGE focus for Feb – Being a Caring Family Member
- 100th day of school, Primary students parade & 100 reasons we ♥ our school
- Feb 7th was Winter Fun Day & Sweater Day
- Pasta Lunch hosted by Leaving Ceremony committee will be served on Wed Feb 13th
- Term 1 Report Cards were sent home
- Popcorn days have allowed the school to purchase 2 collapsible soccer nets
- Stand up to Bullying Day – Feb 27th

Parish Update:

- Steubenville July 12-14, 2019 in Oshawa @ UOIT campus for youth Grades 8-12. Contact Jeannine Henry 905-683-1403 youth.sfds@gmail.com
- Confirmandi reminder, sponsor forms are due in confirmation class this week. No classes will be held over Family Day long weekend. Classes resume Sunday Feb 24 @ 4pm & Monday Feb 25 @ 7pm- Letters of Intent are also due on these dates
- First Reconciliation for First Communion students to be held on Feb 23rd. Times are listed for each school on the back of the passports. Reminder, passports will be reviewed on this date.
- For RCIC students, refer to the preparation schedule. There will be a break in classes after Feb 23rd until April 13th
- Our Parish group will be at St. Vincent's Kitchen wed Feb 13th. Contact Sandra for more info & to volunteer 905-683-8504
- Mother's Group meeting Wed Feb 13th @ 7:45pm in the south boardroom. Contact lisa@catholicmomsgroup.com or visit catholicmomsgroup.com for details
- Dynamic Women of Faith conference Sat March 23 at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre 4300 Cawthra Rd. Mississauga. Registration 8am, Mass 9:10am, Conference 10am. Speakers to include Dr. Ray Guarendi, Mary Wagner, Fr. Eric Mah & Dorothy Pilarski

Chair report:

- Our PRO Grant application has been approved in full. We will be having X Movement return to run their X Dance program for our students & their families. Family event will be held on the evening of April 26th.
- Pasta lunch to be served to students who bought the lunch on Wed Feb 13th. Proceeds to support the Leaving Ceremony. Burger lunches are planned in the spring and will be communicated as the dates approach.
- Teachers have started to book their Scientists in School presentations
- The Town of Ajax is considering to set the area of Church St between Mill St & Lincoln St as a Community Safety Zone. Report results should be completed by the summer but may be as late as the fall.

Next meeting Monday April 15th, 2019 @ 6:30pm in the school library