



# St. Edward News

Small in size, but big in spirit!

JUNE 2010

## SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Parents and students please review the dress code as outlined in the school handbook.

**Spaghetti straps, flip flops, backless tops, bare midriffs & short shorts/skirts are NOT appropriate for school.**

**-Shorts/skirts must reach beyond the fingertips when arms are relaxed at the side of your body.**

-The strap on tops must be 3 fingers wide approx 5cm; no bra straps to be visible.

-No midriff showing.

-Holes in pants must be below the fingertip line.

We also recommend the use of hats and daily sun screening to protect your children. **Please remember that children can only play on the play ground equipment if they are wearing running shoes.**

*Mr. A. Cipro*

## Host an Exchange Student

During the month of May, our school was given the wonderful opportunity to get to know Sarita – a girl from Colombia who spent the month in a learning English integration program. She lived with a local “host family” and spent the daytime in class at St. Edwards. The program also had exciting opportunities to enhance her English skills. Through English as a second language classes and in scheduled afterschool / weekend activities. The Blaszyński / Kilpatrick family enjoyed providing Sarita with a home for her month long stay in Canada.

The program is run by Hospitalite Canada and the Niagara Catholic District School Board. There is another group of students from Colombia arriving in September. If any St. Edwards families are open to becoming a host family – please find more information and apply on-line at : <http://www.hospitalitecanada.com>

Tara and John Blaszyński would also be more than happy to discuss this unique hosting a child experience with anyone who is considering. You can contact them at 905-562-9796.

*Last day of school Tuesday, June 29th*

*Report Cards go home Monday, June 28th*

## School Mass

Father Philip will celebrate mass with us in the school gym on **Friday, June 15th at 10:00 a.m.** The grade 2/3 class will prepare.

**Denis Morris Annual Uniform Exchange/Sale Date Tuesday, June 22 7:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.**

Denis Morris High School - Main Foyer  
 905-684-8731  
 40 Glen Morris, St. Catharines  
**Great Savings. Cash Sales Only!**

## Weekly Hot Lunches – Choose \$3 or \$5 menu

Friday, June 4 Grade JK/SK	Friday, June 11 Office	Friday, June 18 Council	Wed., June 23 Council
SWISS CHALET LUNCH PRE-ORDERS ONLY	<b>\$3.00</b> 2 Slices Pizza 1 Rice Krispy Square 1 Drink	<b>\$3.00</b> 2 Slices Pizza 1 Rice Krispy Square 1 drink	<b>PLAY DAY</b> Free Hot Dog & Drink For each student
	<b>\$5.00</b> 3 Slices Pizza 1 Rice Krispy Square 1 Fruit 1 Drink	<b>\$5.00</b> 3 Slices Pizza 1 Rice Krispy Square 1 Fruit 1 drink	

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Dear St. Edward Community;  
Our first annual St. Edward Trivia and Social was a HUGE success! After totaling all proceeds made from ticket sales, beverage sales, raffle tickets, and the silent auction, approximately \$3,500 was raised for our School Grounds Greening Project! The greening project will transform our school grounds into an outdoor education space. There are plans for an outdoor classroom, plants and shade trees, seating, and naturalized areas where lessons learned in the classroom can be experienced outside. The St. Edward School ground has been chosen by the Niagara Parks Commission School of Horticulture for their commercial design project for next year! Also, our school has received a \$2,000 grant from the Green Apple School Program sponsored by Metro food stores towards the greening project!

The trivia night would not have happened if it weren't for a team of wonderful volunteers. A huge thank you goes out to: Connie Hockey, Melanie Persia, Loredana and Alex Pijl, Barb Peters, Janet Gerden, Jen and Carl LeGrand, Linda and Mike Marcello, Ray-Anne and Chris Foster, Vicki Mahoney, Debbie Catterall, Vicki Bucsis, Kate Dyson-D'Onofrio, and Mr. Cipro. There are many, many more of you who also contributed by collecting and donating prizes, setting up, and cleaning up - and I would like to sincerely thank all of you. Special thanks to Anne & Tom Pennacchetti for donating all the wine that was served that evening. To the amazing band - the Psychedelic Frogs - you rocked the house! Thank you for giving us such awesome entertainment! But the night would not have been a success if it weren't for you, the St. Edward Staff and Community, who came out and showed such great support for our school - thank you.

See you at the Second Annual Trivia Night next spring!

*Leslie Foster*

June is here already! It seems like only a few weeks ago it was March break. What a great year we had: from the Family Fun Night in September, Christmas Turkey Lunch and Basket Raffle in December, to the Medieval Times and First Annual Trivia Night in May (and everything in between!). On behalf of the Parent Council, I would like to give a most sincere thank you to all the parents who help with all of our activities throughout the year including reading with our kids, cooking and serving hot lunches, chaperoning on class trips, and so much more. The kids always love seeing parents at the school. We would also like to thank every staff member at St. Edward school for everything that you do for our children every day. I would personally like to thank all of the Parent Council members who work so tirelessly all year making our activities and events successful. Thank you all for your dedication and selfless work.

The next Parent Council meeting will be Wed. Jun. 2 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is always welcome so I hope to see you there. Have a safe and happy summer!  
*Leslie Foster*

## B. T. CORNER

Visit our newly updated website at [www.blessedtrinitycss.ca/](http://www.blessedtrinitycss.ca/) which includes a wide variety of useful information about all of our departments, including Student Services, as well as weekly happenings and special events.

Grade 8 parents and students are reminded of our orientation day Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. The day will begin with a welcome breakfast, meet and greet in our Thunder Dome, followed by students receiving their new Sept. 2010 schedule of classes, locker number and combination. Any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Josephine Moretuzzo at (905)945-6706 ext. 2312.

On behalf of the Administration and Staff of Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School we would like to wish all of the students of our Associate Family of Schools a safe and blessed summer. See you in September!

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## ROOTS OF EMPATHY

This year Mrs. Trivieri's S.K. class had the pleasure of watching baby Griffin as he grew from mostly dependent on Mom, to doing so much on his own. The children watched Griffin's body language and facial expressions and learned about non-verbal communication and empathy. During each visit Griffin delighted us with his pleasant demeanor and beautiful smiles. We are very grateful to Griffin and Alison Marr for taking part in this program and look forward to our good-bye celebration this month. Happy Birthday

Griffin! For more information about Roots of Empathy log onto: [www.rootsofempathy.org](http://www.rootsofempathy.org)

***A Special Invitation to All Current SK Parents, Friends and Relatives!***

SK Graduation Celebration Friday, June 18th @ 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. in gym

*We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of our parents and volunteers who have helped shape such a successful year. To celebrate the year-end, a special celebration will be featured, as noted above. Please read your child's June calendar to determine if your child is to provide healthy, NUT FREE finger snacks for this event. We certainly hope you will support this memorable event. We look forward to seeing you there! Please RSVP, to the school at 905-562-5531, the number of people who will be attending no later than June 11th. Thank you.*

Wishing you a safe and restful summer.  
Mrs. Trivieri, SK Teacher

**Rankin Cancer Run**

On Saturday, May 23rd, St. Edward had over 40 participants in the second annual Rankin Cancer Run. A cheque was presented that day in the amount of \$761.86 on behalf of the school, once again showing we may be small in size, but we are big in spirit! Special thanks to all our parent volunteers who helped with the lunches and Mr. Lukacs for being the team leader. Thank you, St. Edward for your generous support of this worthwhile cause.

**BUSING for SEPTEMBER**

Anyone who has children going on buses to and/or from a babysitter at a different address, please advise the office **as soon as possible** and **no later than August 29th**. If we do not have this information at that time, your child may not have busing during the first week of school.

**GRADE 8 GRADUATION**

Graduation preparations have begun for a marvellous evening for our graduates. This year's graduation will take place on **Friday, June 25th at 5:00 p.m.** at St. Helens Church, followed by a reception at **Coppola's Restaurant** in St. Catharines. The grade 6 & 7 students are invited to join the graduates for a **dance** from **9:00-11:00 p.m.** There will be a reception area in the foyer for those parents who wish to remain at Coppola's during the dance.

Each parent of a grade 8 student is asked to send in \$25.00 for their graduating child and an additional \$25.00 for each parent wishing to attend the dinner at graduation.

Thank you  
Mrs. J. Duffy



**SCHOOL PLAY DAY**

On **Tuesday, June 23rd**, the Grade 1 to Grade 7 students will be participating in fun activities throughout the day run by the grade 8 students. The School Council will be providing each child with **a hot dog** and **a drink** for lunch. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately (running shoes, hat, sunscreen, water bottle, etc.) for this fun and active day.

**MAY - AWARD WINNERS**

grade	MERIT	CHRISTIAN LIVING	FRENCH
SK	Matthew D'Onofrio	Alexis Alderson	
1/2	Jeffrey Laforme Michael Hockey	Evan Bucsis	Rebecca Slykerman
2/3	Ryan Catterall	Victor Herner	Melanie MacLean
3/4	Danielle Catterall	Abbey Dyck	Alexandra Ianiri
4/5	Alexa Strumia	Thomas Scott	Vanessa Peters
6	Andrew Dyck	Dallas MacDonell	Katie Schlett
7	Alex Howard	Vanessa Viscek	Heather Williamson
8	Kyla Marcantonio	Nick Mencfeld	Emma Stevenson Jessica VanWyngaarden

## JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER

Congratulations to the Junior Boys Soccer team who played with determination and sportsmanship at the tournament on Thursday, May 27th. Team members are:

Nathan Bucsis	Jacob Tawil
Braden D'Amico	Jake Stevenson
Christian Balanowski	Adam VanWyngaarden
Sam Schenck	Ryan McDougall
Cameron Dykun	Dallas MacDonell
Jonah Schenck	Matteo Pennacchiatti
Reilly Marcantonio	Clayton Rizzardo

Special thanks to Mr. VanWyngaarden, Mrs. Trivieri & Mrs. Della Ventura for all their time, dedication and encouragement to the team!

## JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER

Congratulations to the Junior Girls' Soccer team, who participated in the Girls' Soccer Tournament on Wednesday, May 25th at Smith Field in Grimsby. Team members are:

Keanna Schuster	Ashley Anderson
Emma Tawil	Vanessa Peters
Isabella Monteforte	Genny Frick
Katie Catterall	Carly Schwenker
Sofia Pennacchiatti	Gracen Mahoney
Lauren Kelly	Stacey Kaczmariski
Jennifer Laforme	Kelsey Kilpatrick
Hannah Mahoney	Kate Emond
Adriana Ianiri	

Special Thanks to Mrs. Duffy & Mlle Owens for all their time, patience and dedication to the team. Thanks also to Kyle Huckalo, Josh Zizek & Matthew Healey for volunteering their time to help and support the team.

### How to Protect Yourself and your Family from West Nile Virus

- Wear shoes, socks, hats, long pants and long sleeved shirt when outdoors for an extended period of time or when mosquitoes are active.
- Wear light-coloured clothing.
- Use mosquito netting when sleeping outdoors and to protect infants when outdoors (e.g. cover strollers).
- Consider using personal insect repellents that are federally registered, such as those that contain DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) to exposed skin when at risk of mosquito contact.
- **Whenever you use a repellent, carefully read and follow the manufacturer's directions.**
- **Do not use** personal insect repellents containing DEET on children **under 6 months of age.**
- Use the least concentrated product (10% DEET or less) on children aged **6 months to 2 years.** One application per day applied sparingly may be considered in situations where high risk of complications from insect bites may exist. Do not apply repellent to the hands or face of the child and prolonged use should be avoided.
- Use the least concentrated products (10% DEET or less) on **children between 2-12 years of age** and apply sparingly no more than 3 times a day.
- Repellents containing up to 30% DEET will provide sufficient protection for **individuals 12 years of age or older.**
- **Insect repellent may reduce the effectiveness of sunscreen. When using them together, sunscreen should be applied 20 minutes before outdoor activities, followed by repellent just before going into an area with mosquitoes.**
- For further information on safe use of insect repellents refer to Fact Sheet: Safety Tips on Using Personal Insect Repellents  
<http://www.regional.niagara.on.ca/westnile/>

### SUN SAFETY TIPS

The nice weather is here and it is great to spend time outdoors, but remember to protect yourself and your family when out in the sun!

- REDUCE** sun exposure between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. or when the index is 3 or more.
- SEEK** shade or create your own shade.
- SLIP** on clothing to cover your arms and legs.
- SLAP** on a wide, brimmed hat.
- SLOP** on a sun screen with SPF of 15 or higher.

### Do you have a child between the ages of 4 and 6?

If so, please take a moment to ensure that your child's immunizations are up-to-date and that he/she has received:

- a booster dose of diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus and polio (DPTP/Quadracel) between the ages of 4 and 6; and,
- a second dose of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

If your child has **not** yet received these vaccines, your child can be immunized for free at one of our Public Health Immunization clinics. Please call 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 for more information and/or to schedule an appointment. You can also call your child's doctor to make an immunization appointment or visit a local walk-in clinic. If you are a parent/guardian not wishing to immunize your child, you can submit to us a notarized Statement of Conscience/Religious Belief Affidavit. Niagara Region Public Health is required by law to have an Immunization Record on file for every child attending a school in the Niagara region. The importance of having this information on file helps us to protect all children in the event of an infectious disease outbreak. Please report your child's immunization(s) to Niagara Region Public Health using ONE of the following:  
**INTERNET:** [www.niagararegion.ca](http://www.niagararegion.ca)  
**TELEPHONE (Immunization Report Line):** 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7459  
**FAX (a copy of your child's Immunization Record):** 905-688-8225

### Bike Safety:

Cyclists under 18 are required by law to wear a helmet. A bike helmet protects the head and brain from serious injury. Make sure that your child's helmet fits correctly and that he/she wears it on every ride.

Wear Your Helmet Right! Here's an easy way to put it on so it protects you:

The Helmet Salute Practice It!

1. The edge of the helmet should be two fingers above the eyebrows to protect the forehead
2. Straps should meet in a V shape just below the ears
3. One finger should fit between the chin and the chin strap

As a parent be a role model and wear your helmet to protect your brain too!