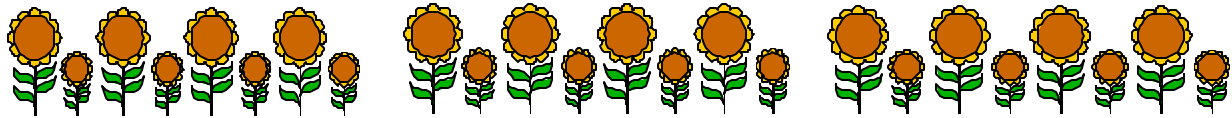


ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUMMER 2004 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Another wonderful school year is quickly drawing to a close. Students and staff have enjoyed many positive experiences together at Saint Patrick School. Yet again our annual School Picnic on Thursday June 3, 2004 was a tremendous success. Thank you to Mrs. C. Tang Yuk and her dedicated volunteers for once again making the School Picnic a great community event.

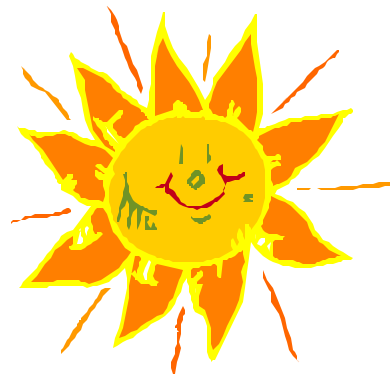
Mrs. A. Dias has volunteered to chair the committee for the Walkathon which will take place on Friday, October 15, 2004 (raindate Monday October 18, 2004). Please contact Mrs. Dias or leave your name at the office if you have any time to contribute or prizes to donate.

While September seems a long way off, I would like to inform you that our first Catholic School Council meeting for the year will take place in the school Library at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2004. Elections for School Council will take place at this meeting. Please consider serving on the Catholic School Council.

I hope that you and your family enjoy a relaxing and safe summer. I look forward to seeing you and your children in September.

Sincerely,

M. Simpson
Principal





CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

You will receive your child(ren)'s report card on Wednesday, June 23rd. Included in the report card will be their class placement for September 2004. Many discussions and meetings have taken place regarding class placements. The goal of the teachers was to ensure the best possible placement in order to meet student's academic needs. Thank you to all the parents who respected the time line in outlining their children's needs.

Please note that while we don't anticipate any changes to those placements, several factors beyond our control can necessitate a change in placement over the summer. These factors are: an increase or decrease in student population or a change in teachers. If a change occurs, information will be given out on Tuesday, September 7, 2004.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Mrs. Adam and Mrs. Cranston, our school secretaries, will be in the office until Friday, July 2nd with the exception of July 1st (Canada Day). Starting Friday, July 2nd the school doors will be locked on Fridays. The office will reopen on Monday, August 23rd from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

REPORT CARDS

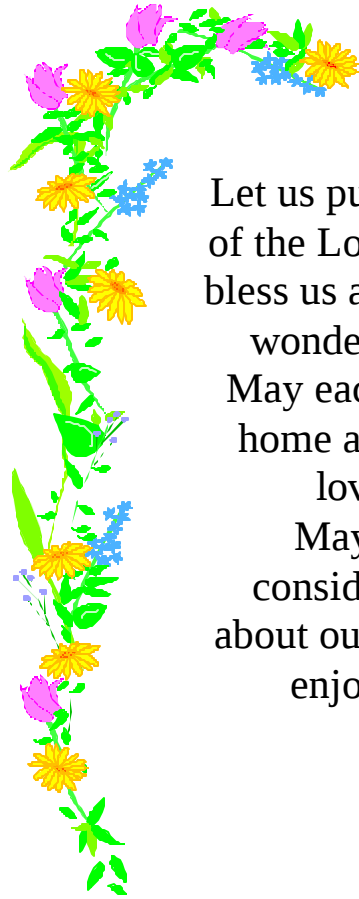
If your child is away on Wednesday, June 23rd, please pickup his/her report card during our summer office hours. We encourage you to complete page 3 of the report card and return it in September. Friday, June 25th is a Professional Activity Day for teachers. There is no school for students on that day, but they will return to school on Tuesday, September 7, 2004.

BRICS CORNER

Congratulations to the following **BRICS Wall of Fame Award Winners** for the third term:

Andrea M., Justin Y., Chad M., Jordan P., Melissa F., Jillian G., Connor W., Maegan E., Anthony G., Alyssa R., Joanna S., Anthony N., Tyler D., Patrick O., Daniel L., Madison D., Rachel M., Quentin B., Kevin R., Shaunyah W., Nahuel B., James O., Alex L., Brett H., Ryan M., Natalie S., Christopher K., Brittany T., Bethany F., Kelvin O., Akayla H., Helen L., Colin S., Bryce B., Robyn N., Daniel G. and Danielle D.

A **big thank-you** goes out to the parent school council for their unwavering support of BRICS.



Let us put ourselves into the hands
of the Lord, and pray that God will
bless us and our families during the
wonderful months of summer.
May each of us help to make our
home a place of relaxation, joy,
love, peace and safety.
May we be generous and
considerate, not thinking only
about ourselves but helping others
enjoy the blessings of the
summertime.

Amen.



SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to the Track and Field Team which competed at the Oshawa Civic Stadium on Friday, June 11th. The Team finished fourth overall and would like to thank all the parents that came out to cheer St. Pat's on. All the athletes should be proud of their performances.

Summer Basketball Anyone?

Summer vacation will soon be upon us. Students will kick back and relax; watch television, swim and play with friends. By August most kids (and parents!) are ready for a change to their leisurely schedule. How about some **HOOPS**?

The **Cougar Basketball Camp** is excited to be holding two camps during the month of August. The camps are being held at the newly built ***Notre Dame High School*** and will run from **August 9th to 13th and August 16th to 20th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily**. The Cougar Basketball Camp is sanctioned by Basketball Ontario and is open to **girls and boys ages 8 to 14**. The cost for each camper is \$145 per week which includes a camp t-shirt and medallion. Family rates are also available.

To register—call camp co-ordinators Shawn O'Hare at 905-686-4300 ext. 6922 or Pat Costello at 905-427-2866 ext. 6226 or visit the Cougar Basketball website at <http://ca.geocities.com/cougarbballcamp/index.htm>.



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
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ANNUAL REPORT

2003 - 2004

Council Members

Chair -	Susan Dowd
Vice-Chair -	Nina Cancellara
Secretary -	Judy LaPointe
Parent Representatives -	Angelique Dias, Leila Fattore, Julie Helps (resigned), Zsuzanna Porter, Tina Rocque, Debbie Simone, Lisa Stead, Cheryl Tang-Yuk
Parish Representative -	Michelle Kotlarovski
Principal -	Mary Simpson
Vice-Principal -	Lynda Morrison
Teaching Representative -	Barb Neubauer, Leah Van Roessel
Non-Teaching Representative-	Todd Batson

Council Activities

The following is a summary of the issues and council activities during the 2003-2004 school year:

<u>Spirituality:</u>	Parish News Evening of Reflection at Manresa
<u>Education:</u>	EQAO Improvement Plan Tips to Help Your Children Read Presentation Literacy Showcase
<u>Fundraising:</u>	Major Walkathon Pizza Days and Family Pizza Night Community Picnic
<u>Safety:</u>	PROPS BRICS Program Safety Committee Kiss and Drop
<u>Miscellaneous:</u>	Constitution (finalized) Playground activities School Facilities Survey Health Issues Graduation School Plan of Action Input on Board Draft Policies

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF JUNE 7, 2004

INCOME

Money carried forward from previous year	\$2,902.86	
Money received from Walk-a-thon	27,011.40	
Pizza Days - current account balance	2,907.22	
Picnic - current balance	<u>2,632.20</u>	
TOTAL:		\$35,453.68

EXPENSES

Walk-A-Thon Expenses	\$3,391.59	
Scientist in Schools	5,130.00	
Brics	3,000.00	
V.I.P	500.00	
Graduation	600.00	
Library	1,435.00	
Lunch Hour Supervisors	2,685.90	
RAK Awards	243.25	
Classroom Books	1,988.66	
Christmas Families	502.41	
Authors' Tea	172.81	
Learning Materials (kindergarten)	120.46	
Entry fees for contests/tourn.	471.25	
Rainbows	390.66	
PROPS	285.97	
Dry Erase Board (Gr. 2 class)	19.49	
I.D. Tags	125.00	
Sports Team (ribbons/lunches)	413.48	
Taxis (sport teams, contests etc.)	1009.95	
Volunteer Luncheon (flowers, supplies)	<u>113.91</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES:		<u>\$22,599.79</u>
FUNDS REMAINING:		<u>\$12,853.89</u>

St. Patrick Catholic School Council

June 2004

Dear St. Patrick Catholic School Community:

As our school year ends, the council would like to wish all families in our school community a safe, fun and healthy summer. Thank you to all the parents who attended our meetings during the course of the year and participated in discussions.

Council is pleased to support the spirituality, education, and safety of all the children in our school.

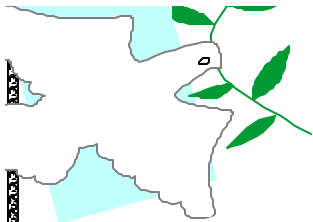
The council was given the opportunity to meet with Michelle Richard, our new Vice-Principal. She attended our last council meeting. The council looks forward to working with her next year.

The annual report of the councils' activities for the 2003-2004 school year will be available in the council binder in the library for all to see.

The election for next year's school council will take place Tuesday, September 14th at 7:15 p.m. in the Library. Please consider standing for election. Nomination forms will be available in September.

Have a great summer!

Yours sincerely,
Susan Dowd
Chair, St. Patrick Catholic School Council



St. Francis de Sales Parish

All glory comes from daring to begin

St. Francis de Sales

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

July 01 to August 31, 2004

WEEKENDS

Place: St. Patrick's School

Saturdays @ 5:00 p.m.

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Note that Sunday, June 27th, will be the last Mass at 12:00 noon. The Mass has been suspended for the summer months and will resume on Labour Day weekend, September 05th.

WEEKDAYS

There will be weekday Masses on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. at St Francis de Sales Church, 82 Church Street S.

Fr. Roy's Message

It is astonishing just how quickly the School Year passes. I'm still writing 2003 on my cheques and here it is already mid-2004. I hope it has been a rewarding year of growth. Family life is where God chooses to reveal his great love for us, and reveal himself to us. That makes our children precious gifts where we learn all about unconditional love, giving and receiving. That means we must look at our children with hearts of gratitude, for through them we encounter the divine, and in them we recognize eternity.

Peace and blessings over this summer of re-creation.

Take some time to reconnect with what is truly important, and give some time to God, and then return in the Fall re-invigorated to continue the journey of faith.

SACRAMENTAL UPDATES

St. Francis de Sales Parish was pleased to present 116 First Communion candidates to the Table of the Lord and 160 Confirmation candidates.

A reminder to all parents whose children will be in Grade 2 and Grade 8 in Sept. 2004, **to register with the parish where you worship** for the Sacraments (**not the school**). More information will be in the church bulletin in the Fall.

GROUND BREAKING NEWS

All parishioners are invited to our ground breaking outdoor Mass for our new worship space on
Sunday, September 12, 2004.

Our new church will be located at Ravenscroft Road and Rossland Road, Ajax.

PARISH WORKSHOPS

In the Fall, we will have a number of workshops for parishioners interested in developing their faith. Watch the bulletin for more information in the Fall.

Interested in the Catholic Faith ?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic please call the Rectory at 905-683-1403 regarding the R.I.C.A Program.

Have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer.

PARISH EVENTS

✠ **Strawberry Social & BBQ** will be held at the Rectory on Sunday, June 27th starting at 11:30 a.m.

✠ **Knights of Columbus Auction/Steak Dinner** will be held on Saturday, October 02nd. The Knights are presently looking for donations and advertisements from local businesses. The Knights will be making a directory for our parishioners; anyone wishing to advertise in this directory can contact Wayne Gow at 905-430-7122.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office hours for the summer are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. from Monday to Thursday.