



# St. John XXIII Catholic School

## Happy Summer!

### June News-2017

Dearest St. John XXIII families,

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy and happy summer!

We look forward to seeing you on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017!



Warmest regards,  
C. Mills, Principal

### **Catholic School Council**

Our Catholic School Council has worked very hard over the past year to raise funds to help support programs and activities that enhance the learning needs of students at St. John XXIII. Through your parental support, a variety of enrichment resources have been purchased and activities and initiatives undertaken. Not only has School Council initiated numerous fundraising initiatives, but many Council members and other parent volunteers have given so generously of their time and energy in support of a variety of school activities and events. For this we are truly blessed and most appreciative. Thank you as well for the hard work that went into organizing this year's BBQ-it was a huge success! A special thanks to Mrs. Hluchan and Mrs. Sabatini for their leadership!

We thank this year's hard working School Council for all that they have undertaken and supported over the course of this busy and productive school year.

Council Executive: Chair: Annette S. Vice Chair: Natalie R.

Co-Secretaries: Anna F./Nancy G. Co-Treasurers: Susan J./Karen T.

Voting Members: Normand B., Stephanie C., Elena C., Grace H., Savita J., Judy L., Jermaine W.

Teacher Representative: Nora FitzGerald

### **Virtue Recognition for May and June: Responsibility and Honesty**

Congratulations to the following students:

**Responsibility:** Jayden W., Ariel K., Summer H., Ethan C., Carol C., Brandon O., Jocelyn C., Hilary C., Tristan P., Mischa P., Aiden C., Chloe B., Theresa E., Rihanna A., Cameron B., Gloria A., Gabrielle M., Annelise A., Noah L., Tony Y., Jaden N., Christine C., Matthew M., and Natasha T.

**Honesty:** Mya S., Kaiyto S., Laiyto S., Doris L., Andyhong S., Ethan N., Christian S., Michael S., Taylan Y., Gianmarco B., Joanne J., Kevin S., Ashley Y., Alvin X., Emma F., George N., Ethan J., John G., Erica C., Julia C., Luke S., Jordan L., Jacob C., Matthew K., Brian L.

### **St. Justin Martyr Parish**

The school community wishes to thank Fr. Derek and for his spiritual guidance over this past year. Farewell and best wishes to Fr. Joe and Fr. Michael-thank you for the many years supporting our school community in their faith development and wish them every success in their upcoming assignments. A special thanks to Andrew Santos, St. Justin Martyr's Youth Minister, who helped around the school in so many ways. Your involvement with our students has been greatly appreciated!

### **Thank you for Your Generosity!**

Thanks to the hard work of Ms. Couchman, Ms. Burdi, Ms. Sculli and Mrs. McLean, all of the staff and the generous support of our entire community we raised over \$1000 for ShareLife and \$1000 for Markham-Stouffville Hospital. Many thanks to everyone!

## **ECO Bronze!**

Congratulations to our ECO Club, our lead teacher Mme Ciaravella and to all our students and staff for helping St. John XIII reach Bronze certification in the Ontario Ecoschools program. Well done!

## **Healthy School Certification Silver!**

Congratulations to our Healthy Schools Committee for their hard work in completing the Healthy Schools Certification progress and learning a Silver designation. St. John XIII school community should be proud of all the activities and positive energy and attitude that helped to earn this special recognition.



## **Thank you and Best Wishes!**

In June, we welcomed back Mme Lu to Grade 2 French Immersion. This June, we bid a fond farewell to the following staff members this: Ms. Bertola (FDK), Ms. Brady (EA) Mr. Bruno (Phys. Ed.) Mlle Ciaravella (Grade 1 French Immersion), Ms. Couchman (Core Resource), Mr. Grossi (Phys. Ed.), Ms. Ierullo-Anzalone (ESL), Mme Mantoura (Grade 2 French Immersion), Mme Miguelo (Grade 2/3 French Immersion) Mlle Nazar (French), Ms. Paniculam (Grade 5) Mr. Racanelli (Grade 3/4). We thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with us! We extend our warmest wishes for success in your future endeavours.

## **Message from our Superintendent of Education**

This past academic year has been a most fulfilling experience for me as the Superintendent of Area 2 with the YCDSB. I have had the pleasure of visiting blossoming schools and inquisitive classrooms, attending Catholic School Council meetings, and participating in various exhibits of the hard-work of students, staff and communities at school activities.

Throughout all this challenges have presented themselves this year with the anticipated consolidation of Holy Family CES and St. Joseph the Worker CES this coming June. I have witnessed the phenomenal accomplishments achieved through the continuing collaboration of our transition committee members, our schools' staff members, our students, our parents and our community priests during this transition year. Their joint efforts speak to the gospel values of acceptance and love as our students have participated in collaborative and welcoming activities throughout this experience. They have been welcomed and given the opportunity to familiarize themselves with their new school environments. I am truly blessed to work in such compassionate and caring communities. This year has also brought collaboration amongst the dedicated and hardworking parents and staff from the four Markham South schools: St. Vincent de Paul, St. Benedict, St. Francis Xavier and St. Mother Teresa. We have worked through the various stages of a Pupil Accommodation Review of Markham South and for all of your patience and understanding, I am grateful.

During this year of opportunities and challenges what prevailed most was the importance of the strengthened collaboration of school, home and parish. We continued to work together in partnership, to teach our students to be discerning believers formed in our Catholic Faith; students who have developed attitudes and values founded on Catholic social teachings, students who act to promote social responsibility and the common good of all. Through the work of student-led committees such as the Luke 4:18 Social Justice committee, our students live the Beatitudes on a daily basis and exemplify compassion, empathy, love and respect for one another and the community at large.

To our graduates, as you embark on a new chapter of your academic career, may your futures be filled with memorable experiences as you venture off on your various academic journeys. May you continue to live life with Jesus as your role model and may God bless you and your families as you enter this next stage of your academic lives.

May God bless you and keep you safe this summer.

Mrs. Di Nardo

Superintendent of Education: School Leadership

## **Thank you to our Graduates and their Parents**

A special thank you to our grade 8 graduates and their parents who so kindly donated a new stained glass window panel for our front foyer with the word 'Joy' on it. The panel was chosen by the Grade 8 students. This will be a long lasting memory of the graduating class of 2017.

