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School Mission Statement

Canadian Martyrs is a diverse community dedicated to the Catholic faith and to educating all students to reach their full potential in God's light.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*"Having gifts differing to the grace that is given to us, let us use them."
Romans 12:6*

Every believer has gifts and every believer is a steward of these gifts. How we maximize each person's gifts is one of the values we strive for in Catholic education. As our 2008-2009 school year winds down, we can look about and see how the gifts of so many have added to a culture of faith, unity, community and achievement at our school.

Each of our students has been challenged to strive to be their best, to achieve and to model for younger students the gifts bestowed upon them. Despite bumps along the developmental road, these gifts have continued to develop, deepen and grow this school year. Congratulations to our students for being who you are and being genuine in sharing your gifts.

The staff at Canadian Martyrs readily shares their gifts and help develop and support the vision we have for the whole child and for Catholic education. Thank you staff for being a part of such a dynamic, professional school community.

Our parent community who continue to support and guide our vision certainly share their gifts with us. Their belief in Catholic education, in the strong curricular program and support of high standards of behaviour assist the school staff daily in helping all children live up to the Gospel values. Many thanks to each of you.

As the winds of change move through our community, keep an eye on the gifts we see in others and continue to share your gifts to make Martyrs the special place it has become. Many thanks to each of you for the many gifts you have shared which has made Martyrs what it is today.

NEW VICE PRINCIPAL

Please welcome Mrs. Sandra Donaghue as Vice Principal for September 2009.

FAITH ACTIVITIES

STS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday

12:10 p.m. English

Tuesday

7:30 p.m. Italian - Novena to St. Pio

Wednesday and first Friday

7:30 p.m. - Novena to O.L.P.H.

Saturday

9 a.m.

5 p.m. English

Sunday

7:45 a.m. English

9:00 a.m. Italian

10:30 p.m. English

Noon English

VIRTUE FOR JUNE: FAIRNESS

This month we will celebrate the virtue of fairness.

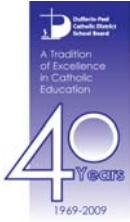
When we spend a lot of time immersed in a variety of different media - TV, movie, internet, magazine, radio we can sometimes forget that life is not a competition.

We are made by God to live together, to share and to help each other. You can't be a Christian alone. Christianity is all about living together in community - ideally, one big happy family.

When the urge to be superior takes over a person's life then fairness can go out the window. Fairness, the belief that everyone deserves an opportunity to succeed, is not always about making things exactly equal. Some people need a bit more time, space, money and support to have an equal chance to succeed. And they deserve that chance.

A fair person...

- Listens to all sides before forming opinions;
- Shows good sportsmanship at all times;
- Knows that the same rules apply to everyone;
- Refuses to twist the rules to avoid consequences;
- Works to bring about peaceful solutions to problems;
- Cheers on the success of others;
- Can balance their own rights and responsibilities with those of others.



CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our grade 8 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 23,24,30 and 31. These young people have joined us at the Table of the Lord. Welcome.

CURRICULUM NEWS

REPORT CARDS

Your child's third term Provincial Report Card will be sent home on June 23. We wish to bring to your attention once more, Page 3, called the *Response Form*. This page provides you the opportunity to comment on your child's achievement and goals. Please complete and sign this page and return it back to your child's teacher by June 24.

EQAO PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENTS

All grade 3 and 6 students in Ontario will again be participating in the Education Quality and Accountability Office Provincial Assessments. The grade 3 assessments will take place May 27, 28 and June 3 the grade 6 assessment will take place May 26, June 2 and 4.

It is **critical** that students are present each day of the assessment and that they arrive on time. We ask the cooperation of parents in ensuring the attendance of their children by not scheduling family vacations or appointments during this time.

SCHOOL EVENTS AND NEWS

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Welcome to Grace Metallo who will be our new Assistant Secretary until the end of June.



FATHER'S DAY

June 15 is Father's Day. Happy Father's Day to all the fathers in our community. May God Bless.

VOLUNTEER TEA

Our Volunteer Tea Social is scheduled for June 3. Invitations have been sent out. Please join us in thanking all those who enrich and share their gifts with our school.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

Our grade 8 Graduation will take place on June 22 at **5:30 p.m.** at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. We wish our graduates well as they enter the next phase of their school careers in secondary school.

SK GRADUATION

On June 23 at 9:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. our Senior Kindergarten group will graduate. We wish these young scholars well as they prepare for full day school in September.

LIVING OUR FAITH AWARDS

Living Our Faith Awards were presented to the following students for the month of May: Ludwig A., Sareena P., Emily G., Miguel V., Nicole C., Oscar R., Tea P., Rodian O., Nelson C., Julian A., Anthony A., Juanita C., Farrah C., Curtis C., Yanmarcos F., Anapaula B., Melissa D., Abril A., Colleen M., Maria N., Brandon O., Joanna O., Thomas S., Christiana S., Alejandro M., Emily B., Fabrizio G., Isabel B., Mikayla P., Adam I., Elisa B., Ana M., Lashini F., Nassif H., Patrick S., Franchesqa F., Marian D., Melanie A., Adam W., Jonathan L., Justina M., Cindy d., Justin C., Jasmin I., Jessica B., Andrea V., Jaime R., Katrina C., Szymon B., Rachel I., Jacqueline G., Jennel M., Adriana R., Rocco M., Cassidy R., Julian M., Jorge G.: James L.; Matthew M.; Kristin C.; Agata K.; Carolina M.; Karlo V.; Jhon C.; Samantha A.; Daniel B.; Isaac G.; Elizabeth G.; Stefan F.; Ashley M.; Elaine R.; Sebastian Z.; Kira M.; Illiyannah S.; Nicole C.; Vincent M.; David K.; Olivia S. Congratulations to all! Well done.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The staff and students wish to thank our Catholic School Council representatives for their incredible support this school year.

Mrs. M.J. Ribeiro, Chair, Mrs. P. Iacovino, Secretary, Mrs. S Martins, Treasurer and Mrs. Sequeira, Parish Representative.

In addition, thank you to the other members of our Council: Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Cascun, Mrs. Coppola, Mrs. Falduti, Mr. Iacovino, Mrs. Perera and Mrs. Stojanov for their support as well.

Many thanks to our teaching representative Mrs. Ennis, and our non-teaching representative, Mrs. Bartolotta, who have worked to make Martyrs a pleasant and positive place for our students.

Thank you to our Catholic School Council who have funded the following activities this year:

- Supported our Peace Garden
- Supported a Saturday Parent Session.
- Supported a Bullying prevention presentation.
- Supported the re-painting of pavement games.
- Supported children going to Summer Literacy Camp.
- Supported the Scientists in the Classroom program.
- Supported students going on trips and for events.
- Supported Grade 8 Graduates.
- Supported Sacramental preparation.
- Supported the Rosary Apostolate
- Supplemented the cost of classroom agendas.
- Supplemented the cost of our school Yearbook.
- Purchased two grade 1 independent literacy libraries.

The Council has been a valuable support for our day to day operations and helping us achieve our goals. They have also been instrumental in keeping the Friday Pizza Days going.....a real service to our busy parents. A summary of Council activities for the year will be included in our last newsletter in late June.

Information regarding membership criteria for the Council and Self-Nomination forms will be sent home in early September. All parents/guardians are welcome - and encouraged- to become involved.

PIZZA DAY UPDATES...

The remaining Pizza Days scheduled for the 2008-2009 school year are: Friday, June 5, 12 and 19. and WEDNESDAY June 24. June 24 will be our final pizza day for the year.

In September, our Catholic School Council will be organizing advance sales for pizza. An order form will be sent home the first week of September. Parents will order for September; After September, advance sales order forms will be for 3 month block ie Oct to Dec; Jan to March; Apr to June.

Volunteers are always needed for pizza days. Please let Council or the school office know if you can lend a hand.

JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to Erica, Grace, T'Ziah, Sachin, Angela, Pranay, Anthony and Taylor who presented excellent speeches on May 7 to the junior division. 1st place to Pranay for his speech on Ghosts; 2nd place to Anthony for his speech on 1999; 3rd place to Taylor for her speech on Homework. Well done students!

HARMONY GROUP

Over an eight week block, 32 students from grades 7 and 8 have voluntarily given up one hour a week to participate in Harmony. The Harmony program helps students examine the world around them with a critical eye and thereby promoting a more peaceful, unified student body. Thank you to Leslie Cohen of the Harmony Group for facilitating the program and Mrs. Hilton for coordinating.

The students involved are: Cindy D, Nikki T, Andrea A, Sara S, Janice N, Matthew E, Lawrence V, Adman W, Joshua M-D, Justin C, Isabella A, Mateusz C, Rachel I, Paula I, Sara K, Alexandra M-S, Raina N, Max T, Mahima T, Lorena V, Karlo V, Ibrahim H, Pranay N, Benjamin L, Elie A, Racquel D, Julia Z, Samantha T, Melanie A-J, Ledyia A, Karolina S and Vibusha D.

Many thanks to our Family of Schools Superintendent E. McGuire for her financial support.

NEWSLETTER CONTEST WINNERS

At the end of our newsletter please find a coupon to complete and submit to the office indicating you have read this newsletter. A draw will be held for a prize. Deadline for submission is June 12. Congratulations to Cassandra R who won the May newsletter reading contest.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation eligibility is determined based on the home address of the child. Please be aware that until the bus companies settle their routes at the end of October, students who are ineligible for transportation will not be permitted to travel on the bus. If your home address does not make your child eligible for transportation then the child(ren) are not permitted to ride the bus. Please contact

the school office if you are unsure whether your child qualifies or not for transportation.

Parents/guardians may write a letter to the principal to request a seat through the Board's Empty Seat Policy. These seats would be assigned at the end of October. **Please be aware that these seats probably will not be available this Fall due to increased and ever changing school enrolment.**



ATTENDANCE

Please call the school and let us know if your child is going to be absent. If you call before 8:00 a.m. or after 4:00 p.m. please leave a message on the answering machine.

Also we cannot allow children to leave the school grounds during the day without written permission from their parent/guardian. Please send a note with your child if they are leaving the school grounds for lunch. If you are picking your child up for lunch please sign them out at the office.

Many students continue to come to school after our 8:30 a.m. start time, which results in the disruption of instructional time. Please make every effort to have your child(ren) at school on time.

SUN SAFETY/DRESS CODE

The effects of the sun can be detrimental. We encourage parents to have their children wear sunscreen and hats during the sunny weather. Please do not send sunscreen to the school as teachers cannot apply sunscreen to children. The Health Department suggests lightweight protective clothing which covers the skin.

We ask for your support in assisting students to make appropriate clothing choices when attending school. Teachers have been reviewing dress expectations with all students. Thank you for your co-operation in helping to instill the values of age appropriate good taste and modesty in students who attend our school.



SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS

Your kind assistance in ensuring that all books and materials belonging to the school are returned by the end of June is greatly appreciated.

LOST AND FOUND

Once again, many items have accumulated in our school lost and found box. Parents are welcome to visit the school to check for materials belonging to their children. Any items in the lost and found box not claimed by the end of June will be donated to a charity.

SAFETY

Please walk bikes, scooters, skate boards, roller blades when on school premises. If at all possible, please leave these items at home

because they are not permitted to be used during the school day. Also, protect yourself by wearing a helmet.

A reminder that baseball bats and hard balls are not to be used on school property unless students are under the direct supervision of a staff member. Students may use tennis, soccer and basketballs in the designated areas.

CLASS LISTS

Tentative class lists for September 2009 at Canadian Martyrs have been developed in collaboration with staff. Please do not call the school prior to the first day, as class placements are very tentative, and are changed to reflect enrollment. These will be finalized in early September.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

- Remove your drawstrings to avoid strangulation
- Tie your shoelaces and never wear sandals
- Leave skipping ropes at home
- Stand clear from moving objects
- Slide feet first and sit upright when using the slide
- Wait your turn
- Always use two hands when swinging and climbing
- No pushing or rough play
- ... **and remember to have fun!**

GET THEM MOVING

With the warm weather upon us, it is the perfect opportunity to spend some quality time doing things as a family and enjoy the beautiful weather this country has to offer.

Some activities that you could participate in are:

- Hiking Walking Playing Tag
- Sports (road hockey, touch football, soccer, basketball, baseball)
- Fly a kite Throw a Frisbee Boating (canoeing, rowing, paddle boating, etc)
- Swimming In-line skating Biking Gardening
- Wash the car Jump-rope Sidewalk chalk games
- Tennis Badminton Hit a golf ball Play catch
- Go to the zoo Go to the local playground



I have read the June Newsletter and would like my child's name entered to win a prize.

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Please cut out and submit entries to the office by the June 12 deadline.

Canadian Martyrs Catholic School Prayer

Dear Lord,

Speak to us so that we members of the Canadian Martyrs Catholic School community witness that each of us is special in our own way.

Make each one of us like a little light that glows in the darkness of this world, A little flame that shines brightly, spreading Your peace, love and joy throughout the world.

Guide us through each day and night and let Your light shine through us.

Amen



أيها الرب, الكنديين الكاثوليكية

خاطبنا نحن أعضاء جماعة مدرسة الشهداء
الكنديين الكاثوليكية
لكي نشهد أن كل فرد له ميزته الخاصة.
واجعل منا شرارة متوهجة في ظلمة هذا العالم.
شعلة صغيرة تلمع ببهاء,
لنشر سلامك
ومحبتك وفرحك في
جميع أنحاء العالم.
وجّهنا في كل نهار و ليل
وليشع نورك من خلالنا.
أمين