

MAY 9, 2015

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of St. Augustine School:



In the absolute quiet of this Saturday afternoon, it is a privilege to put fingers to the keyboard and bridge some of the exciting news of what is happening around school, with what is to come.

April and May have proved to be extremely exciting and student-centred times. As is our tradition, our students created our *Holy Thursday retreat*, we took our annual 'school photo', our parents, staff and students did lots to ensure that this year's *PTT* event was a huge success, we began to plan for our *Spring Intermediate Camp* (May 19-22), field trips took place for many grades, and in this past week we celebrated *First Communion* for our Grade 2's, enjoyed the reception that the Grade 1 parents hosted, loved the 3 performances of this year's musical, *The Rockslinger and His Greatest Hit* and everyone participated in our annual '*wacky hat and sock day*' benefit for *Free the Children*. Running club for our primary children has been completed and our intermediate students begin their sessions May 11th. We have welcomed many new families into our school for the fall, have launched our *AFTER SCHOOL CLUB* for the Fall of 2015, and have watched as our new school grows closer to completion.

We will be hosting a *St. Augustine Feast Day Assembly* this coming week, and we welcome Fr. Oscar Pauwels, OMI as our guest speaker.

In many ways, May and June in schools are full, happy, celebratory times – teachers and staff, students and parents can proudly look back on this year and be glad that so many good things have occurred for us – and we can all look forward to all the excitement and challenges of the coming five months as we prepare for our *BIG MOVE*. I want to thank the many families who have already signed up for our *ON VOLUNTEER* registration of hours to help with our *MOVE*. Between the 4 waves that are available, almost 100 persons have pledged their time and energy for which we are most grateful.

I am asking all parents to critically look at your child's uniform: many students need new clothing for the fall and we would appreciate it if you purchased or ordered items now as the Fall will be exceptionally challenging. Thank you. Store hours are Friday 2:30.

About moving forward – over the coming six weeks, the following activities and experiences will take place to which you are invited.

May

Monday, May 11

Confirmation Mass, 7:00 at the Church/

Tuesday, May 12

Parish Education Committee, 6:00 PM, staff room

Wednesday, May 13

Monthly Mass, 9:30 AM, hosted by Grade 2's

Thursday, May 14

Non-Uniform Day as a THANK YOU TO STUDENTS for their help with the Raffle

Friday, May 15

St. Augustine Feast Day – NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS

Monday, May 18

VICTORIA DAY – NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS

Tuesday, May 19

INTERMEDIATE CAMP – TILL May 22

Monday, May 25

PRO-Day for STAFF – NO CLASSES for students

Tuesday, May 26

Vancouver College Concert Band Performance – 2:10 in the gym

Wednesday, May 27

Talent Show Auditions, 8:45 – noon

12:45 Presentation for Grade 5&6 for their participation in OUR BAND programme September, 2015

7:00 PM – THINK TANK dinner and meeting for Grade 8-11 students at the PC

Thursday, May 28

Kindy Parent Reception, 7:00 – 8:30 at the Parish Centre

June**Monday, June 1**

7:00 PM: Meeting for Parents of Grade 5 & 6 who want to have their child in our BANK PROGRAMME beginning in September, 2015: hosted by Mr. Arntzen

Wednesday, June 3

Monthly Mass, 9:30

5:00 – 8:00 City of Vancouver hosting an Open House in our gym about the changes to 7th Avenue – you are welcome to attend if you wish

Friday, June 5

FINAL PRO-D DAY – No Classes for students

Monday, June 8

Talent Show Day – (we expect it to be 2 sessions:

10:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 onward... times to be confirmed.

Wednesday, June 10

Primary Arts' Day = time to be announced

Tuesday, June 16

Parish Education Committee, 6:00 PM, staffroom

Wednesday, June 17

Gr. 7 Farewell Assembly – 10:30, followed by lunch
Gr. 7 Farewell Mass, awards and reception, 7:00 PM

Thursday, June 18

Blessing of our School day – and our final full day together in our school

Friday, June 19

Last day in our School, Mass at 9:30, followed by final blessing – dismissal expected at the conclusion of this celebration, usually about 11:00

June 22 – onward –

ON VOLUNTEER support to help us pack up our school for our MOVE.

Which brings me to our staffing for next year...

it is always with gratitude and recognition of the immense talents that comprise our staff community that I share the following news with our entire community.

Teaching Staff:

Kindergarten

Mrs. Chau and Miss Faherty

Grade 1

Miss Kwok

Grade 2

Miss Siy

Grade 3

Mrs. Yule (90%) & Mrs. Vetro (10%)

Grade 4

Mrs. McFaul

Grade 5

Mrs. Kozak (40%) & Mrs. Patzer (60%)

Grade 6

Mrs. Vales

Grade 7

Miss O'Hara

Learning Resource team:

Mrs. Beggs, Miss Byrne, Mrs. Moffat

Music

Mr. Arntzen

French

Mrs. McLean

Physical Education

Mrs. Kozak

Education Assistants:

Catherine O'Sullivan, Cheryl Bastone, Helena Templeman,
Lynette Vetro, Dale Hannebauer (one additional EA will
be added to this team)

Support staff:

Secretary – Heidi Battiston

School Psychologist – will be named by the CISVA

(Mrs. Bourassa will be on a leave of absence for the
following year; we thank Miss Mazzei for her work with
us this year, as she will not be returning to staff in
September)

Please continue to do all you can to love, honour and
support each other and our school – I am immensely
grateful to everyone for the big and small things that have
been done to make this year so full and good,

Blessings to you all,



Principal