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Dates to Remember:

Jan 11: Band Concert for 7/8

Jan 11: 7/8 Breakfast Program

Jan 12: Marguerite
Bourgeoys Feast Day

Jan 13: 7/8 Breakfast Program

Jan 17: 7/8 V-ball @ StFX

Jan 17: Board Meeting, 7pm
Kemptville

Jan 18: 7/8 V-ball @ St. Jude

Jan 18: Ski Trip Camp Fortune

Jan 19: 7/8 V-ball @ RDHS

Jan 19: WINTER CONCERT
7:30pm, Rockland + Art
Auction

Jan 20: 7/8 Breakfast Program

Jan 20: Dress Down Day

Jan 24: Gr9 Math EQAO

Jan 24: 7/8 V-ball @ StFX

Jan 25: Gr.9 Math EQAO

Jan 25: SEAC Mtg, 7pm
Kemptville

Jan 27: High School EXAMS

Jan 27: Start of 7/8 MS Read-
a-Thon

Jan 30: High School EXAMS

Jan 31: High School EXAMS

Feb 1: High School EXAMS



Feb. 1: 7/8 V-ball @ L'Escale

Feb 3: PD DAY

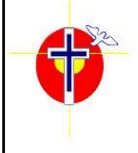


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January 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Happy New Year! Bonne et Heureuse Annee!

Welcome back to school - we are ready to undertake 2012 with renewed spirit, energy and enthusiasm. The staff at St. FX hopes that everyone had a joyful and blessed Christmas. We witnessed countless acts of generosity by students and parents prior to the Christmas holidays. We collected many non-perishable food items; we gathered great amounts of money for our Christmas Angel campaign, and we also helped several families in need with our Christmas food baskets and monetary donations. A huge thank you goes to Ms. Goodfriend, Mrs. Beaudin, Father John and the Shout Team; to the Catholic School Council and Student Council for organizing these many special events. As we prepared our hearts for Christmas during the month of December, we focused on serving our local community.

Many events took place throughout the last week before the holidays; the teacher vs. student hockey game, the Gr. 7/8 Evening of the Arts and the 7/8 Christmas dance. We are most grateful to parents who were able to attend these events and a big thank you to our dedicated staff for going above and beyond the call of duty to make the last week before Christmas special for all of our students.

Our high school students are busy preparing for culminating tasks over the next three weeks and for exams, which run from **January 27 - February 1st**. Our grade 9 students will take the **EQAO Provincial Math Assessment on January 24th and January 25th**. If you have a son or daughter in grade 9, please ensure that you do not schedule appointments on these dates.

We wish our grade 9 students much success with their EQAO testing in two weeks and also our high school students with their first semester exams. *Good luck to all!*

We wish all of our families good health, happiness and blessings in 2012! We look forward to seeing you all at our Winter Music Concert in Rockland, January 19th.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Danny Conway

Danny Palumbo

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Ski/Snow Boarding Club

Mr. Hamilton is running ski/boarding trips to Camp Fortune for our students who enjoy these exceptional sports. The evening trips will take place on Jan. 18, Feb. 8 and Feb. 16. Buses Leave school at 3:30pm and participants must be picked up at the school by a parent at 10pm. There will also be a day long trip to Mont Ste Marie on Thursday, Mar. 8, leaving the school at 8:30am and returning at 4:30pm.

Ski trip packages (available in the office) are due to Mr. Hamilton, with money and all forms completed, by Thursday, January 12th. Spots are available on a first come, first served basis.

Gr. 9 Math EQAO ASSESSMENT

Dear Parents/Guardians,

All students currently enrolled in Grade 9 applied or academic mathematics courses must participate in the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics. It will be administered on **Tuesday January 24th** and **Wednesday January 25th, 2012**, during period one. The EQAO tests will count towards your child's overall final course mark.

Your support will help your child in the assessment. **Please reschedule any appointments that conflict with the assessment schedule.** Encourage your child to do his or her best work, to come to school on time, and to be well rested.

To help students prepare for the test, additional *Support Materials* are posted on the EQAO website at www.eqao.com. You are invited to review these materials and to encourage your son or daughter to respond to some or all of the questions.

Extra help is offered daily by math teachers, and extra practice at home for applied or academic students can be done using Mr. Warner's website at <http://teacherweb.com/CAD/STFX/Warner/calendar1.aspx> and then access the MPM1D-Links or MPM1D-Extra Practice pages. Please refer to the letters sent home January 13th, or contact the school for additional concerns and questions.

The Mathematics Department

ST.FX CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

We have been very busy working on a few projects. We've been working on updating our Catholic School Council's Constitution. We'd like to send a special thank you to Karen Gilmore-Thomson, a St. Francis parent, for her help and involvement on our sub-committee.

Your CSC is hosting a **Symposium Night**. The invitation is open to all St. Francis parents and parents of our community. Please feel free to spread the word and block off your calendars for **Thursday April 26**. This year's Symposium is covering a very popular subject, "**Safety on the Internet**". Karen Sparks, an Internet Specialist, has accepted our invitation and will be presenting us with ways we can protect our children on the internet. There will be some great giveaways, a free supper and free babysitting services. It will be a night you don't want to miss!!

We're also updating the CSC's corner on the school's website. Please visit our website at www.cdsbeo.on.ca/hasfhs/csc.htm for more information.

We'd also like to remind parents you are always welcome to attend our meetings.

Should you have any topic that you would like to see covered at our meetings, please do not hesitate to contact the school to forward to the CSC Chair on your behalf.



"Canada and the World Wars" trip to Europe!

There will be an exciting student educational trip coming up for **March 2013**. From **March 8th to March 17th, 2013**, students will get to explore **countries where our Canadian soldiers fought in WWI and WWII** with EF Educational Tours!

During the trip, students will visit and learn about the culture and famous landmarks in **Germany, France and Netherlands** such as the **Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, Anne Frank House, Vimy Ridge Memorial** and more!

There will soon be posters up around the school and there will be a meeting held in the next few weeks to determine the interest level. Please see Mr. Warner for details.

News from Student Services

The semester 1 exam schedule will be given to our high school students next week. The students will be writing exams from Friday, January 27, to Thursday, February 2. All exams will be from 9:15AM to 11:15 AM. Noon buses will be available to take our students home after their exams. Students should also be busy working on exam reviews and culminating tasks at this time in each of their classes. Therefore, It is very important that students avoid missing school at this time if possible.

Mark your calendars! We will be having an open house on Thursday, Feb. 23rd at 7 PM for all families who are thinking of enrolling their daughter/son at St. Francis Xavier in grades 7, 8, and 9 for the 2012 – 2013 school year.

Believe it or not, it is also time for our students to start thinking about what courses they will be taking next year. Course selection sheets will be distributed in February. Mr. Levac and Mrs. Mulligan will be visiting classrooms to help students make appropriate choices. All course selection sheets also have to go home for a parent/guardian signature.

We have many graduating students who have still not completed their community service hours. Parents, could you please encourage your sons/daughters to do so before the beginning of June. Please feel free to call student services if you would like more information about his graduation requirement.

Mrs. Mulligan is finalizing placements for our second semester Co-op students at this time. She would be glad to hear from anyone who might have suggestions about work placements near our school.

The Chaplain's Corner

A big "Thank you" to all staff, especially Ms Beaudin, Ms Goodfriend and Mr. Briere for their work to make the *Christmas Angels Program* a great success last month! Also, thanks to the entire school for another fantastic Christmas food drive. The food has been donated to the *Rockland Food Bank*.

There are no special liturgies this month because of high school preparation for exams.

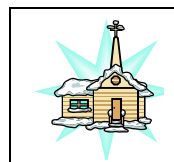
January Event Schedule

Jan 9	Food collection items picked up by the Rockland food bank
Jan 11, 13 & 20	Breakfast Program for Grade 7/8
January 12	Marguerite Bourgeoys feast day

A Canadian saint, Marguerite Bourgeoys was the founder of the Congregation of the Notre Dame (the first Canadian community of religious sisters). In 1653 the governor of Montreal, Paul Chomedey de Maisonneuve, was in France looking for teachers for the New World. He invited Marguerite to come to Montreal to teach school and religion classes. Marguerite Bourgeoys faced many challenges in her years in the wilderness of Canada but she never gave up. Due to her work with establishing schools and churches as well as her work with the hospital, she is considered one of the founders of Montreal. She died on January 12, 1700.

St Marguerite, pray for us!

Fr. John Whyte, Chaplain



LIBRARY NEWS / JANUARY 2012

The Library club members worked very hard before leaving school in December for their break. They held a Christmas bake sale, which was very successful. Cameron Stolzman donated a beautiful gingerbread house which was raffled off the last week of school. The lucky raffle winner was Mrs Oldford. I would like to thank our staff, students for their support, and all the club members for their baking creativity.

The next club meeting will be on Monday, February the 6th. At that time we will be brainstorming together to come up with new ideas for our Valentine's Day fundraiser. Details will be announced at school.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Jo Ann Coccia: Librarian



Trustee News

CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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Brent Laton, Chair (Grenville County and Elizabethtown-Kitley Township)
Todd Lalonde, Vice-Chair (Cornwall-Glengarry)
Ronald Eamer (Cornwall-Glengarry)
Nancy Kirby (Lanark)

Karen McAllister (Stormont-Dundas)
Robin Reil (City of Brockville, Town of Smiths Falls, and Leeds County)
Sue Wilson (Prescott-Russell)
Sarah Norton (Catholic Student Trustee)

Trustee Elections

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario begins its new term with a new Chair, and Vice-Chair. Mr. Brent Laton, Trustee for Grenville County and Elizabethtown-Kitley Township was acclaimed to the role of Chairperson, after Mr. Ron Eamer, outgoing Chair, declined his nomination. Mr. Laton served as Vice-Chair last term, and is now in his ninth year as Trustee.

Mr. Todd Lalonde, Trustee for the City of Cornwall and Glengarry County, was elected to the position of Vice-Chair. Mr. Lalonde is now in his sixth year as Trustee.

The Board would like to thank Trustee Eamer, who held the position of Chair for ten consecutive terms. Mr. Eamer has been a strong advocate for Catholic education in Ontario over the last decade, and his representation has left an extraordinary mark. The Board and Trustees are grateful for his years of dedication and leadership as Board Chair, and look forward to working with Mr. Laton and Mr. Lalonde as they assume their new roles.

Director's Report

Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland, presented his Annual Report to the Board of Trustees. The Report, consisting of a document and video presentation, celebrates the Board's successes in 2011 and provides an opportunity for reflection on the good work the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario has been involved in over the last year. It is a chance to review and celebrate the Board's accomplishments, as it continues to demonstrate an unwavering commitment to the strategic plan, and its three goals: Achieving Literacy for All, Living our Catholic Faith, and Making Resources Matter.

Both the video and hard copy versions of the report are available for viewing on the Board's website, www.cdsbeo.on.ca.

Dominican Experience

Each year, the CDSBEO's Catholic high schools send students on a poverty exposure trip to the Dominican Republic, called the Dominican Experience. This year, a new project has evolved from the trip after the students had a chance encounter with Brett Wilson of the television show *Dragon's Den*. Mr. Wilson asked about the students' trip and then donated \$10,000 to the Dominican Experience on behalf of the students.

The donation is being used to build a school in the Dominican Republic, that will be run by the Brothers of Lasalle, a group of Christian Brothers dedicated to the education of children, young people, and mature students. Also known as The Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, the educators are present in 82 countries, and have more than 1,000 teaching establishments educating over 1 million students.

The Student Senate is currently raising funds to be directed toward the annual salaries of two teachers for the new school. The goal is to raise funds annually to continue to provide the \$7,000 required for two teachers' salaries. They plan to hold a dress-down day to raise the necessary funds. The first dress-down event is scheduled to take place in February 2012.

Kindergarten Registration

Beginning January 23, 2012, the CDSBEO will be accepting new registrations for Kindergarten, for September 2012. Our schools offer full-day, everyday learning programs at many locations, as well as core and immersion French programs. Please check your local newspaper for our advertisements in January, or, visit our website at www.cdsbeo.on.ca for more information on how to register your child for Kindergarten.

Board Meeting Date: January 17, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m., Kemptville Board Office

Visit our website at www.cdsbeo.on.ca for information, news on school events, bus cancellation updates, Board Meeting Highlights, or to visit our Trustee section under *Board Information*.

MUSIC NEWS

The St. FX Winter Concert

Thursday, January 19th at 7:30

**Optimiste Performance Hall in Rockland
(1535 Avenue du Parc- adjacent to the YMCA)**

Featuring the 100 member Senior Concert Band performing selections from: Aerosmith, Van Halen, Men Without Hats, Lady Gaga, Bonnie Tyler, The Producers, Lion King, Avenue Q, Wicked, Spamalot, How To Train Your Dragon and much more!

Tickets are only \$5.00 at the door (ages \$12.00 and under are free)



75 music students in Grades 10-12 will be attending the NAC production of 2 Pianos, 4 Hands. This is hilarious musical comedy about life as a music student.

The senior concert band performed for our grade 7/8's on Wednesday, January 11th. It was great to see our school's younger generation supporting the older!!

The 3rd deposit for the Washington trip of \$250.00 is due during the exam period. Please refer to the handout students were given if you owe less than this amount because of the House of Terror.

50 music students will soon be selected to represent our school at the Ottawa Catholic School Board's Band Showcase. Details will be announced soon.



The St.FX Arts Department is combining music and visual art again! As part of this year's Winter Concert, senior art students are creating pieces of art inspired by the Senior Concert Bands' repertoire! Art will be displayed on the evening of the concert and each piece will be sold to the highest bidder. All funds raised will go to support the St.FX Arts Department.



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JANUARY 2012

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Feb. 15 – Catholic School Council Meeting

March 12 – 15 – MARCH BREAK