



St. Francis de Sales School

September 23, 2009



Prayer

God of seasons, there is a time for everything; there is a time for dying and time for rising. We need courage to enter into the transformation process.

God of autumn; the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting go of what has been. We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves lying in coloured patterns on the ground, our lives have their own patterns. As we see the patterns of our growth, may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives. We always need to recognize your power-filled presence. May we gain strength from this.

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, may gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender. We must wait for harvest in faith and hope. Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and vision.

God of flowers and windows wearing wild designs, may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to choose life. For all this, we are grateful.

OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open House/Barbecue. It was great to see everyone out. We would like to thank Jack Wright who donated his barbecue and his time for the evening.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

We are happy to announce the names of our School Council Representatives for the 2009-2010 school year. There are: Terry Lee, Tracey Nichols, Lorraine Fenn, Robyn Miskelly, Karyn Coxon, Mieke Birley, Donnalynn Murphy, Sheila Jasiak, Anik Blanchard, Maureen Douglas, Derek Haime, Sebastian Amato and Dan Lesser. Our first school council meeting will take place on Monday, September 28 at 6:30 in the Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

LUNCH/MILK FORMS

Milk and hot lunches started this week. Forms will be sent home once a month for students to complete for the following month. It will be marked on the monthly calendar when forms will be sent home and when they are due back to the school. Please hand these forms in to the **morning** classroom teacher with a cheque or the proper change. It would be appreciated if these items could be placed in an envelope or a baggie and your child's first and last name and **morning** homeroom teacher's name are on the form. Also, if you are paying for multiple students, please indicate on all forms. If you do not receive a form or a calendar, please visit our new website at www.sfdscs.ca.

We have changed the lunch times for our grade 6 students. Grade 6 - 8 will now eat at 11:30 - 11:50 and our grade 4 and 5 students will eat from 11:50 - 12:10.

S'COOL LIFE FUND

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School received a grant last week from the S'Cool Life Fund. This grant will be used to help offset some of the costs of swimming lessons this year. We thank Kentucky Fried Chicken Restaurants and the S'Cool Life Fund for this generous donation of \$3500. Mr. Craig Richardson (Human Resource KFC, Mr. Jim Kim (Area Manager), Mr. Toni Najem (Area Manager) and KFC Smiths Falls Manager Mike Mavraganis visited the school last week to present the cheque to the Chair of the Catholic School Council, Lorraine Fenn.

FROM THE OFFICE

Breakfast club and homework club have both started and are available every morning at 8:30 a.m. Students should not be at school prior to 8:35 unless they are attending breakfast club or homework club.

If you have not already done so, please pay your classroom teacher for your child's agenda, math workbooks (grades 4 - 6), locks and gym clothes (grades 7 & 8.)

Information sheets have been sent home with all students. Please verify and make any necessary changes on these and return to the school as soon as possible.

YEARBOOKS

2008-2009 yearbooks are still available at the office. If you missed purchasing one, please stop by the school. The price of the yearbooks are \$12.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Professional Development Day – Friday, September 25

World Milk Day – September 30, 2009 – Milk will be given out to every student free of charge

Junior Cross Country Practice – September 28 – 3:00 – 3:45 – please pick your child up at the school at 3:45

Senior Cross Country Practice – October 1 – 3:00 – 3:45 – please pick your child up at the school at 3:45.

Junior Girls' Soccer Tournament – Beckwith Fields – October 6

Junior Boys' Soccer Tournament – Beckwith Fields – October 7

Senior Girls' Soccer Tournament – Beckwith Fields – October 8

Senior Boys' Soccer Tournament – Beckwith Fields – October 9

Picture Retakes – October 9 – a.m. only

Derek Haime, Principal

Dan Lesser, Vice-Principal