



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

The Royals' Review

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BELIEVE, LOVE, ACT

"The greatest among you will be your servant"

Matthew 23: 11

Message from the Principal :

It hardly seems possible, but half of our school year has come and gone. The month of February marks the midpoint of the school year and the beginning of a new semester. This edition of the school newsletter accompanies the final report of student achievement in the first semester courses. I encourage you to take some time to review these results and set some goals for this new semester. This process can serve as a valuable opportunity for students to build upon the lessons of first semester and apply them to their new course of studies.

On another front, on January 20th our Grade 8 Parents' Night was held and was well attended. It is evident that our school community will be continuing to grow. To plan for the growth in a timely fashion, our students will be given an in class session in February to assist them in selecting their courses for next year. Course selections are made online using a program called Career Cruising. If you have any questions regarding course selection on the Career Cruising software, please contact our Guidance Department.

At St. Stephen's our students have the opportunity to extend their learning beyond the walls of classrooms through their involvement in our numerous sports teams, clubs, excursions and student-centered leadership opportunities such as

Student Council. There is something for everyone at St. Stephen's and all students are encouraged to make the most of their year by getting involved -- it is never too late. Of course, it would not be possible to have all these events without the commitment and support of our teacher advisors, teacher coaches and support staff. Our staff work hard to maintain high standards of teaching excellence, incorporating differentiated instruction in course planning and delivery, and working cooperatively to facilitate student success and achievement. It is everyone's involvement and commitment to our students and school that make St. Stephen's such a great place to be.

Like our first semester, our second promises to be just as full and packed with activity. In addition to classroom learning, our staff and students will be participating in a host of activities, trips, plays and competition. I invite you to read on and catch the spirit of St. Stephen's.

Go Royals!

Spirit, Strength, Serenity, Service

God Bless,

Mark Joly



EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Royals of the Month

The staff at St. Stephen's proudly presents a monthly award to celebrate the positive engagement of our students.

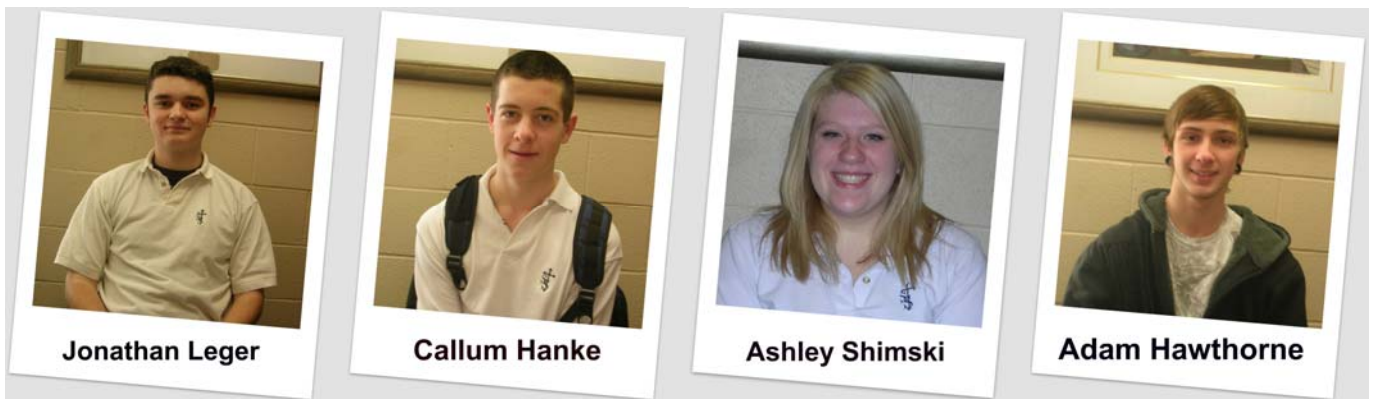
The Royals of the Month is awarded to a student who is respectful of peers, staff, family, and community. The recipient of this award exemplifies Christian leadership and demonstrates pride and commitment to our community.

Congratulations to our recipients for the month of:

NOVEMBER

***Junior Royals - Jonathan Leger & Callum Hanke**

***Senior Royals - Ashley Shimski & Adam Hawthorne**



Jonathan Leger

Callum Hanke

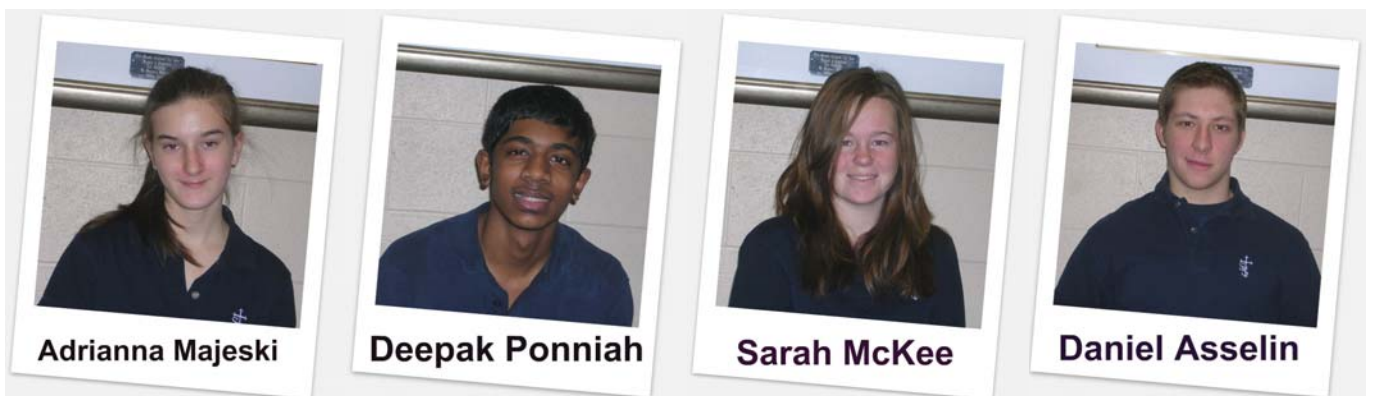
Ashley Shimski

Adam Hawthorne

DECEMBER

***Junior Royals - Adrianna Majeski & Deepak Ponniah**

***Senior Royals - Sarah McKee & Daniel Asselin**



Adrianna Majeski

Deepak Ponniah

Sarah McKee

Daniel Asselin



Computer/Business/Technology

Mr. K. McDaniel, Curriculum Chair

Congratulations are in order for Mr. Oliver, Guidance, Mr. Joly and the entire St. Stephen's Pathways team for setting up and getting anticipated approval for the school's first **Specialist High Skills Major**. The SHSM is in Manufacturing and will include specialized training in welding, conventional mills, CNC mills and opportunity for working with Durham College's Skills Trades Center. We need to thank Norm Fenton, Dean at DC's Trades Center, and CNC professor, Colin Cunningham, for providing on-site training to our students in CNC milling. Stay tuned for more news on the SHSM in Manufacturing.



Mr. Paige has the CNC router in full motion at the St. Stephen's Construction shop! A CNC router works a lot like a printer. Only, instead of putting ink to paper, Royals students are carving three dimensional designs into materials such as wood. You do the design and the CNC router takes care of the rest, but we won't tell anyone else that, will we. It's a St. Stephen's secret!

Child Development and Gerontology students received Emergency First Aid/CPR/AED certification training this semester when they participated in an intensive one day course. After a morning of instruction in our library, students were treated to a pizza lunch and then practiced their skills in the afternoon.

In December, our class delivered a Christmas program at Marnwood Life Care retirement residence and long-term care facility. Students were partnered with a resident and worked together to complete colourful crafts and decorate gingerbread houses. Students performed Christmas carols in the dining hall much to the delight of the residents and staff. The day was filled with warm conversation and laughter!

St. Stephen's has opened its doors to a new Hairstyling & Aesthetics program this semester. Our students will be introduced to an array of possibilities with the addition of such a course, which will incorporate not only hands on skills, but many creative and exciting projects. Students have the opportunity to take part in learning all aspects of the Hairstyling and Aesthetics industry, including nail and skin care. Ms. Tassielli looks forward to launching our new course and bringing forth a new element of teaching.



The Business Department, Mr. Davis and Mr. Mann, are looking

forward to partnership with Fleming College to support accounting students and The Dragon's Den wants to work with our Entrepreneurship Studies classes.

Communications Technology students continue to explore workflows to facilitate a narrow TV broadcast in the school using digital signage software, Sedna Presenter. We hope the Grade 12 students will be able to give leadership to the school's TV channel, "The Roar".

In addition, Comm Tech students look forward to working more with audio production and Pro Tools 8 in Semester 2. This version of Pro Tools will allow us to dub video directly in Pro Tools and enable students to create more elaborate sound tracks for their films.

Students are looking forward to Reach Ahead opportunities in second semester when they will travel to Durham College's MAD (Media Arts Department) to complete a workshop in compositing and to Toronto's NFB Mediatheque to do a Green Screen workshop.

It's getting close to the Skills Canada – Ontario qualifying competitions at Georgian College. We hope to once again send students to compete in TV/Video, 2D Character Animation, Photography, Team and Individual Carpentry, Hospitality and Welding. Next year, we can send some students to compete in Hairstyling and Aesthetics!!

Did you see the movie, *The Social Network*? It's about the founding of Facebook and indirectly computer programming. We have a lot of gifted computer studies students here at St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School and I'm confident that many will find careers in IT, programming and computer technology fields. This semester students studied Turing programming, robotics, computer electronics, hardware disassembly, software, "open source" and networking. Next semester, many senior students will be introduced to programming in Python.

Your son or daughter may already be an avid computer gamer, programmer or "geek" like Bill Gates, Grace Hopper and Mark Zuckerberg. If so, they can join the Computer Technology club ("ICE group") where they will meet people of like mind to explore gaming and computer technology after school on Wednesdays.



The entire department wants to wish everyone in the Royals family a great Semester 2!



Library

Read-A-Thon

St. Stephen's library is participating in a fund-raising Read-A-Thon, along with all PVNC Secondary Schools. This event takes place on Feb. 23 in the library and supports the PVNC Good Samaritan Fund. Students spend the day reading silently. Prizes are awarded to the top three fundraisers and the day includes refreshments, a reading related Jeopardy game, and a presentation by guest storyteller, George Blake.

To date, thirty students have received pledge forms and signed up for this event. We look forward to this celebration of reading that also supports the Good Samaritan Fund, which is available to our school families for emergency needs.

White Pine Reading Program

The library hosted an official kick-off event for this year's White Pine Reading Program. The Ontario Library Association sponsors this program to encourage students' recreational reading. This year's list of ten novels written by Canadian authors features a blend of realistic fiction, poetry, thriller, and humour. A highlight of this year's program is the anticipated visit of Richard Scarsbrook, the author of the White Pine listed novel *Monkeyface Chronicles*. Scarsbrook will make presentations to classes in the library and participate in a luncheon with White Pine readers. In addition, he will conduct a writing workshop for the Writer's Craft course. The program concludes with a trip to the awards ceremony at Harbourfront, Toronto on May 11, 2011.

Grade 10 Literacy Test

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) is a provincial test of reading and writing skills that students have acquired by the end of grade 9. The test is administered to all grade 10 students and to students in grades 11 and 12 who are re-taking the test. Students need to achieve a level 3 (about 75% or a score of 300) to successfully pass the test as part of the requirement for achieving the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

There are two test booklets. The test lasts for 2.5 hours and is administered on the morning of March 31, 2011. It is a full school day for all grades and those writing the test continue to have afternoon classes. A full practice test is scheduled for the morning of March 3, 2011 for grade 10 students only. Students have the opportunity to experience the test conditions and contents through the practice test. Teachers will grade the tests and provide feedback to students to help them succeed on the March 31st test.



Tips for success and details about the test have been shared with the grade 10 classes. More details and tips are posted on the St. Stephen's Library Wiki. The wiki can be accessed directly at [http://ssslibrary.pbworks.com/w/page/6988423/Ontario-Secondary-School-Literacy-Test-\(OSSLT\)](http://ssslibrary.pbworks.com/w/page/6988423/Ontario-Secondary-School-Literacy-Test-(OSSLT)). You can also follow the library link from the St. Stephen's website or the library home page at <http://destiny.pvnccdsb.on.ca>. Parents and students are also encouraged to look at the parent and student resources available on the EQAO website at <http://www.eqao.com/>.

Important Dates

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| February 15, 2011 | Deadline for submission of Semester 1 final marks to OUAC |
| February 21 2011 | Family Day |
| February 25, 2011 | Last day for Grade 12 to withdraw from a course deadline to request a timetable change |
| February 28, 2011 | Grad Photos Retakes |
| March 14 – 18, 2011 | March Break |
| March 24, 2011 | Parents' Night |
| March 31, 2011 | O.S.S.L.T. |
| April 8, 2011 | Professional Activity Day |
| April 18,2011 | Last day of CHV/GLC (Term 1) Grad Meeting 1:00 p.m. |
| April 19,2011 | First day of GLC/CHV (Term 2) |
| April 21, 2011 | Holy Thursday |
| April 22, 2011 | Good Friday |
| April 25, 2011 | Easter Monday |
| April 22, 2011 | Fourth data transmission of Semester 2 mid-term marks to OCAS |
| April 28, 2011 | Deadline for submission of Semester 2 mid-terms marks to OUAC |

Yearbook News

The new 2010/2011 St. Stephen's yearbook is now on sale in homerooms and the front foyer during both lunches for the cost of \$40.00. The sale ends on March 1st, so get yours today. Please note: Cash or Cheque made out to St. Stephen Secondary School are accepted.



From Father Peter Seabrooke

LENT: A TIME FOR GROWTH

Hi Folks: welcome to another Lenten Journey of growth. Our annual Lent—Triduum—Easter cycle can be imagined as a journey from the water, into the desert and back to the water. Immediately after his baptism, Matthew says, Jesus went into the desert wilderness, led by the Spirit. For forty days he was alone there, fasting, praying and confronting temptation. We, too, are called to imitate Jesus by going into the desert to keep a forty day fast.

I invite you to take advantage of the following aids as you set out on your Lenten Journey: Ash Wednesday Mass (with the school), Sunday Mass, (including the Youth Mass at 7:00PM), Stations of the Cross (Fridays 11:00AM, Taize Service (Mar.29,7:00PM) Penitential Service (Monday, April 11, 7:00PM), and healing Mass (Fri. April 15 at 1:30)

I invite you to continue to pray for our children who are preparing to celebrate First Communion (grade 2) and Confirmation (grade 7).

SPORTS



School Council Corner

Our meetings are the first Wednesday of each month !

Come out and find out about life at your child's secondary school. Hope to see you there !

For inquires contact: Susie 905-623-0082

Dates of our future meetings are: April 6th, May 4th, and June 1st, 2011.



Student Council

February Virtue: Compassion
Theme: Black History Month

Feb. 24th Coffee House/Dress Down Day

March Virtue: Forgiveness
Theme: Eco-Month

March 9th – Liturgy (Environmental Science classes/E-Team) LAUNCH Clean Water project

March 10th – Bottled Water Free Day

March 11th – Dress Down Day

March 24th – Spirit Wear/Green Shirt for Earth

March 29th – Cake Auction

April Virtue: Stewardship
Theme: Multicultural Month

April 5th – Liturgy (delivery of comfort dolls from K4K)

April 14th – Spirit Wear Day/Girls Night In

April 20th-21st – Thinkfast

April 25 – 29 – Multicultural Week

April 28 – Dress Down/Cultural Wear

May Virtue: Tolerance
Theme: Inclusivity

May 1 – 6 – Catholic Education Week

May 9 – 13 – Technology Awareness Week

May 12th – Spirit Wear Day

May 17th – Anti-Homophobia Day

May 26th – Dress Down Day

May 13th – Student Council Election packages due by 2:15

May 25th - Grad Retreat

May 26th – Dress Down Day

May 27th – Student Council Elections



Graduates of 2011

Attention Graduates of 2011

Grad meeting April 18—1:00 p.m.

Graduation Portrait Retakes
FINAL !



Monday, February 28th, 2011

<http://www.edgeimaging.com/ca/>

Book your appointment
online now!

(School code KSS)

<http://www.edgeimaging.com/ca/bookmygrad>

LINK IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE
ON THE MAIN PAGE
WWW.SSCSS.CA



2011 SUMMER SCHOOL!!

**REGISTRATION BEGINS
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011**

SECONDARY SUMMER SCHOOL COURSES

Grades 9 to 12

Full Credit - E-learning - Credit Recovery - Upgrading Credit Course

Registration deadline is Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Session #1 - Monday, July 4 to Friday, July 15, 2011

Session #2 - Monday, July 18 to Friday, July 29, 2011

For full credits, Secondary students must attend Sessions #1 and #2.

Time: 8:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Host Schools for Intermediate and Secondary Summer School 2011:

- Monsignor O'Donoghue Catholic Elementary School, Peterborough
- St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, Cobourg
- St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School, Bowmanville
- St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Lindsay

Brochures are available at all Catholic schools or on the Board's website.

Registration for Camp and Summer School is on-line at:

<http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca/schools/summer-school.asp> beginning Monday, April 18, 2011.

For further information about Intermediate or Secondary Summer School, call the Peter L. Roach Catholic Education Centre at (705) 748-4861, ext. 350 - toll free at 1-800-461-8009, ext. 350, or email summerschool@pvnccdsb.on.ca

Online Registration Instructions

To complete the on-line course selection, you will need your Username and Password for access to Career Cruising from a guidance counsellor or guidance secretary. These codes are private and should be treated in a confidential manner.

1. Go to the St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School website at <http://www.sscss.ca>

2. On the left hand side, you will notice a section titled **Career Cruising On-Line Course Selection**.

3. At the PVNCCDSB Login page, type in your **Username** and **Password**.

The Username is your OEN (Ontario Education Number) – located on your report card.

The password is your birth date (mmddyyyy)

4. Click on **Course Planner** – Located on the left hand side of the menu bar.

5. You will notice:

Mandatory Courses are highlighted in yellow.

Elective Courses are white.

Click on the grey circle with the "+" sign to select the level for each course.

You MUST select Elective courses.

Select a **school discipline**, click the arrow and scroll down to select **Grade Electives**.

Complete the selection based on your grade level.

6. Once you have finished selecting your courses:

Click the **"SUBMIT"** button at the bottom of the page.

PRINT the sheet and have a parent/guardian sign it.

CHANGES CAN BE MADE THROUGH A GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR AT THIS POINT ONLY.

To be handed into your period 1 teacher:

1. Course selection sheet with parent/guardian signature
2. Cheque for \$25.00 – please put the student name on the memo line.



From The Resource Department

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) will take place on March 31, 2011. Grade 10 students, with Individual Education Plans (IEP), will be writing the test with accommodations (excluding gifted students and identified students, who are exempt).

The permitted accommodations, in accordance with the Ministry of Education, are cited on your child's Individual Education Plan. Students with IEPs will be personally informed of their accommodations, by Resource Staff prior to the test. Parents will be informed by mail.

Both you and your child are encouraged to visit www.eqao.com to review practice tests and tips/strategies for successfully completing the OSSLT. Students with resource periods will be encouraged to complete OSSLT practice activities in preparation for the OSSLT.

Please note: Students in grades 11 and 12, with IEPs, who have previously not been successful with the OSSLT, will also be re-writing the test, with accommodations, as per their IEP.

Parent Presentation: Tania's Place

On February 16th, 2011 @ 1p.m. in room 121, the executive director and founder of Tania's Place, *Francie Trajkovski*, will be speaking to parents of developmentally delayed students. Parent invitations have been mailed and all other interested parents are invited to attend. Tania's Place offers a plethora of programs for students with special needs. Please R.S.V.P. Kelly Young if you plan to attend.

March Break

Students, with IEPs, who will be graduating this year and moving on to post-secondary in the Fall of 2011, are encouraged to visit college/university campuses over the March Break. This is the perfect time to schedule meetings at post-secondary institutions, with Disability Advisors at The Centre for Students with Disabilities. These meetings will give you the

opportunity to review your IEP and supporting documentation (ie. psycho-educational assessments, medical reports, etc.) with post-secondary staff to ensure that supports are in place for September.

Durham College Transition Program

Durham College will be hosting a transition program for students with Nonverbal Learning Disorders and Asperger's Syndrome. There will be a one-day Spring session (for parents and students) on Thursday, March 24th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. In addition, there will be a three-day summer session (for students only) on Wednesday, August 17 to Friday, August 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The final session will be held on Wednesday, August 17 (half day for parents only) from 9am to noon. Please contact (905)721-3123 for more information or visit www.durhamcollege.ca/csd.

Other News...

Grade 10 and 11 IPRC meetings will be taking place during the months of February, March, and April. You will be notified by mail of your appointment date and time.

