

ST. PETER

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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CODING CLUB NEWS

By Ms. Ferrara

Coding, is a way of telling a computer what you want it to do. It involves typing in step-by-step commands for the computer to follow.

Our **Coding Club** at St. Peter is a 6 week program that runs every Monday and Wednesday in the library for 40 minutes during the lunch hour. Grade 4 students meet on Mondays and Grade 5 students program on Wednesdays. After the March break Grade 6 students will have an opportunity to code and work with VR, virtual reality software and equipment every Monday for 6 weeks. The club is lead by Ms. Ferrara, Ms. Mandarin, Ms. Scaramozzino and 5 intermediate students, Danna, Natalie, Rosa, Sandra, and Stephanie. The aim of the club is to engage the junior students at St. Peter in Computer Science, and to allow them to gain a practical understanding of basic coding.

Using computers and tablets, students learn to write and sequence instructions using drag and drop programming. They have an opportunity to create interactive stories and animations, and solve puzzles. Along with such programs as *Scratch*, students also code a mini robot. The benefits of learning coding include the development of problem-solving skills, computational thinking, collaboration, and a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts and language. Most importantly, our Junior students at St. Peter are having fun!



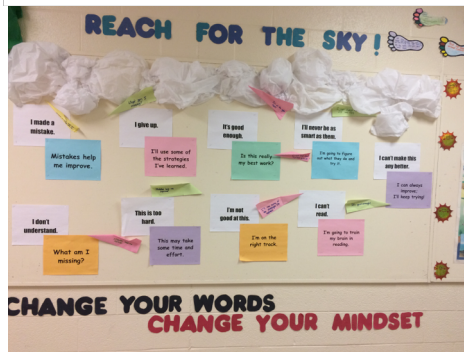
GROWTH MINDSET CAMPAIGN

By Amanda Scaramozzino

Growth Mindset is a belief and practice that hard work and perseverance will allow for individuals to succeed. To develop a growth mindset we must believe in ourselves and understand that it is okay to make mistakes. It is through our mistakes that we learn.

At St. Peter's we are initiating a Growth Mindset campaign to inform and encourage students to take on opportunities to adopt a growth mindset while learning.

Parent Tip: Look at mistakes as positive opportunities for learning.



VIRTUE OF HOPE

Congratulations to the following recipients:

- Mrs. Scarano:** Trinity J., Matthew P.,
- Ms. Sardena:** Sophia S., Lucas M.,
- Ms. Capone/Santeramo:** Holly D., Jessica K.,
- Ms. Scaramozzino:** Gabbana F., Gianluca R.,
- Ms. Venditti:** Kayla S., Gabriella K.,
- Mr. Pacheco:** Emma M., Tatyana R.,
- Ms. Tomei:** Anthony D., Santi G.
- Ms. Nadon:** Hailey C., Lily P.
- Ms. Suppa:** Joseph, Santino F.,
- Ms. Bancheri:** Jessica V., Nicolas G.,
- Ms. DiRaimo:** Lucia M., Olivia K.,
- Mr. Facca:** Cris and Diana
- Ms. Crudele:** Antonia C., Vallery C.,
- Ms. Dixon:** Sarah V., Matteo C.,
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Mission Statement

Guided by Gospel values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.

Vision Statement

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.

Core Values



Strategic Commitments



ALLERGY AWARENESS!

You may be aware of the recent news involving McDonald's Canada and the changes to its menu. McDonald's Canada is now serving products that may contain or come into contact with peanuts, tree nuts or other allergens. All YCDSB schools are nut and peanut products safe because we have students with a potentially life-threatening form of allergic reaction called anaphylaxis. The YCDSB recognizes that anaphylaxis management is a shared responsibility among allergic students, parents, caregivers and the entire school community. We are aware that, on occasion, parents drop off lunches for their children from various fast food outlets, and that some of these outlets are not peanut/nut free. In such cases, we will ask the students to consume them in the office and to wash their hands to ensure the safety of the rest of the students.

MORNING SUPERVISION

Please note INDOOR and OUTDOOR Yard Supervision begins at 8:15am. If your child arrives at school prior to this time, he/she is unsupervised. In the interests of safety, your child should arrive between 8:15 and 8:30 am. Do not wait until 8:30 am and get caught in the traffic congestion and rush to be on time.



Valentines at St. Peters

ENJOYING COLD WEATHER

(-17C) We must remind our children of the need to dress in clothing that will keep them warm and dry, during the winter months. The essentials include: a warm winter coat and hat, snow pants, boots, scarf, and a water-proof pair of gloves or mittens. It is also a good idea to send an extra pair of mittens and socks in your child's bag, as these items often get wet during the course of an active play-filled recess. Be assured that in severe weather situations, the children will remain indoors when the temperature drops to -17C or lower. For the most part, however, they will be going outdoors for recesses and lunch breaks. All children must have outdoor/indoor wear.



Carnival Cafe

MARCH:

- 1 – Ash Wednesday: Students encouraged to wear a purple item and donate \$1 to ShareLife
- 3- Orange Fruit or Veggie Friday
- 6- Intermediate Boys Basketball Tournament at St. Clair
- 7- Intermediate Girls Basketball Tournament at St. Clement
- 8- Golf Lessons for Primary Students
- 9- Rosary Apostolate
- 10- Orange Fruit or Veggie Friday. Wear a purple item for lent and donate \$1 to ShareLife
- 13- March Break begins
- 20- Students return from March Break
Earth Week begins – Boomerang lunches
- 22- Earth Hour
- 23- Grade 8's Graduation Pictures Day
- 31- Civvies Day: Wear a purple item for lent and donate Toonies to ShareLife (Check Website for April's Calendar)



Carnival at SPR – Bilingual Theater Performance

SAFE WELCOME PROGRAM

All visitors must request entry to the school, by pressing the buzzer. Your patience at these times is appreciated. As a reminder:

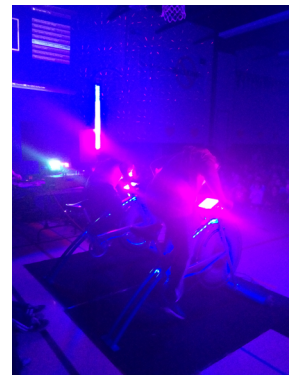
- When dropping off lunches, enter the school, label your child's lunch using a marker and please do not linger waiting to see your child at the front entrance.
- Do not open the door for other visitors. They must buzz in and be allowed access by school staff.
- Please know that the doors will NOT be opened during Opening Prayers and National Anthem. Thanking you in advance for assisting us with the implementation of the Safe Welcome Program.



More milk bag mats ready to be shipped to Africa

SPORTS..SPORTS..SPORTS

SPR Intermediate Basketball Teams have been training for the upcoming tournaments! Coaches Mr. Pacheco and Ms. Scarano are very proud of their teams: Vanessa L., Alessia G., Kiara M., Mackenzie R., Julia I., Nadia Y., Olivia K., Lauren C., Maddalena S., Vallery C., Adrian D., Daniel M.V., Jonathan D., Julian A.S., Joseph P., Eric C., Matthew M., Matteo B., Sal M. and Silvio N. : Go Falcons Go!



EcoTeam brought Rock the Bike to SPR

ECO TEAMS NEWS

By Ms. DiRaimo

St. Peter School will be celebrating **Earth Week from Monday March 20th-Friday March 24th**. The week promises to be fun, informative and rewarding! Here is what we have in store :)

EARTH WEEK

Students are encouraged to bring Boomerang Lunches which are, reusable lunch containers and water bottles in order to reduce waste. As well, classes will take turns during the week to learn how to weave milk bag mats.

Monday March 20th

Earth week begins with exciting morning announcements and daily class bingo game. Boomerang lunches

20 minute makeover All classes will clean up their own play area at 1:40 p.m. Each class will receive one glove per student and one large garbage bag. .

Tuesday March 21st

Wear blue/green day

Earth week prayer service at 1:00pm in the gym followed by a Special Eco Presentation Assembly. .Boomerang Lunches and .Class bingo continues.

Wednesday March 22nd

Recycling Art Competition. Each class will display their artwork on the hallways.

Boomerang Lunches.

Class bingo continues.

Thursday March 23rd

Trashless Thursday. Students are encouraged not to throw any trash out today. The class with the least trash will be announced at the end of the day.

Boomerang Lunches and Class bingo continues

Friday March 24th

Boomerang Lunches. Earth Hour from 1:00-2:00pm (all lights and computers off) Last day for class bingo. Prizes for winning bingo class and recycling art work class.

WALKING CHALLENGE...

Our Healthy Schools Committee is challenging our students and staff to walk 20 minutes a day for two weeks. The students will be asked to walk or run around the school from 12:00 to 12:20 p.m. Stay tuned for more exciting news.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SPOON

The office will no longer be providing plastic spoons or forks to students for lunch or snack time. Please ensure your child bring reusable ones from home.

Dear Parents, follow us on

<http://spr.ycdsb.ca> for the most recent news at St. Peter's Ms. Champagne