

***St. Christopher Catholic School Council
Monday, September 22, 2014 @ 6:00 PM
in the library***

AGENDA

Prayer – Syl

Elections – Roger

Chairperson - _____

Co-chair - _____

Catholic School Council Chairperson/Co-Chairperson (voting members) shall:

- Call Catholic School Council meetings in consultation with the Principal.
- Co-operatively plan the agenda with the Principal.
- Chair the meetings.
- Ensure the minutes of the meeting are recorded, maintained, and submitted to the Principal for review.
- Participate as ex-officio members of all committees established by the Catholic School Council.
- Ensure that any views presented in the capacity of Chairperson and/or Co-chair represent the position of the Catholic School Council.

Parent / Class Representatives (voting members) shall:

- Attend and participate in CSC meetings.
- Solicit views of other parents/guardians and members of the community to share with CSC.
- Participate in information and training sessions.
- Respond to requests from the Board.
- Observe the Catholic School Council's Code of Ethics and established By-Laws.
- Maintain a school focus on all issues. (meetings are not a forum for discussion about individual students, staff, CSC members or trustees)
- Promote the best interests of the Catholic school community

Discussion Items

- 1) ***Catholic School Councils Policy***,
- 2) ***School Councils – A Guide For Members*** Ministry of Education document 2002 revision
- 3) ***Plan for 2014-15*** – dates, activities, fundraising (finalize attached DRAFT)
- 4) ***SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) Report***
- 5) ***Parent Engagement Resource from Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE) - “What Parents Can Do To Help Their Children Develop Healthy Relationships”***

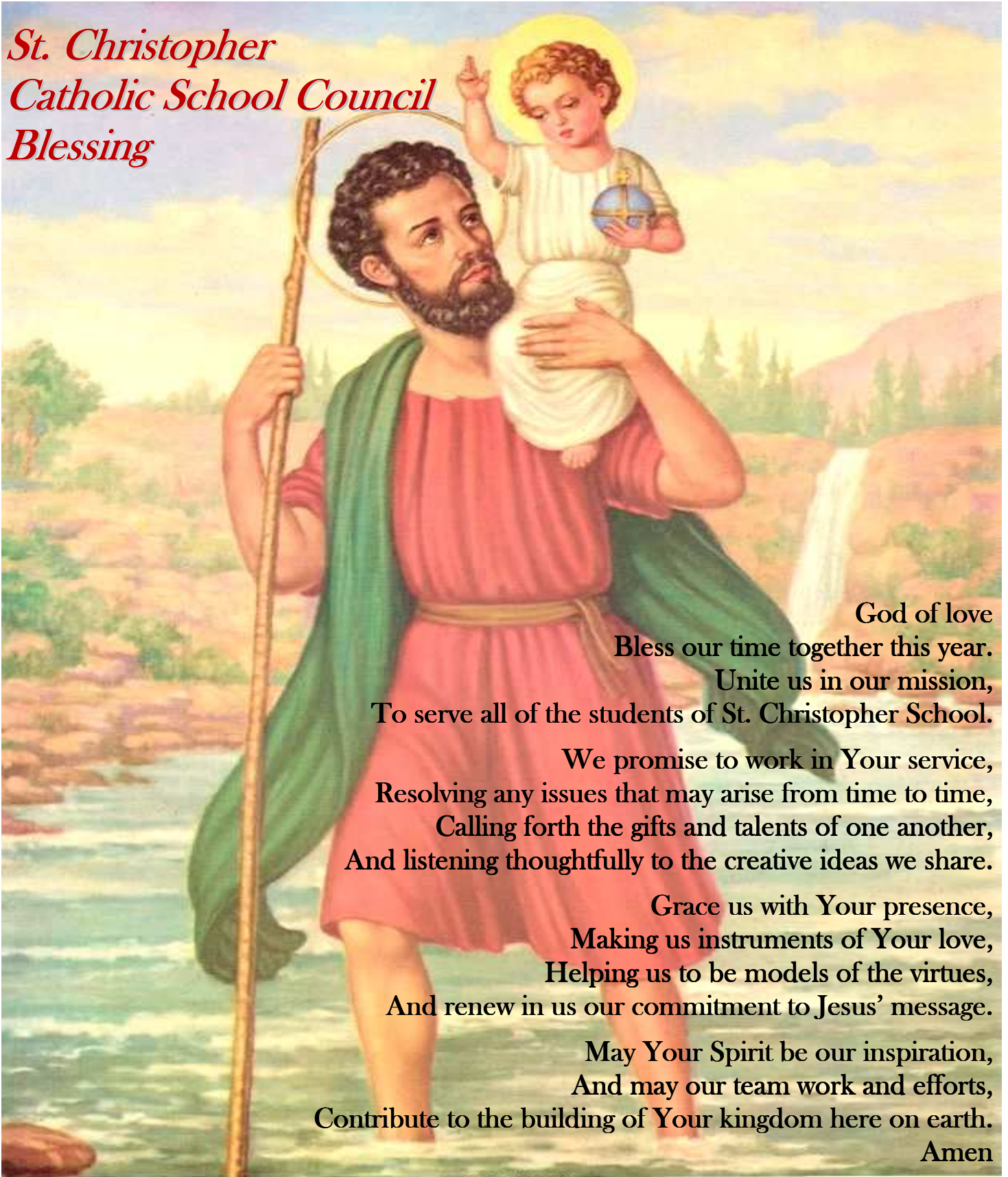
Correspondence

Spotlight - issued twice monthly and found on the Board website at: www.niagaracatholic.ca

Adjournment – _____ PM

Next Meetings – Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting in October
– St. Christopher Catholic School Council Monday, November 10th at 6:00 PM

*St. Christopher
Catholic School Council
Blessing*



God of love
Bless our time together this year.
Unite us in our mission,
To serve all of the students of St. Christopher School.

We promise to work in Your service,
Resolving any issues that may arise from time to time,
Calling forth the gifts and talents of one another,
And listening thoughtfully to the creative ideas we share.

Grace us with Your presence,
Making us instruments of Your love,
Helping us to be models of the virtues,
And renew in us our commitment to Jesus' message.

May Your Spirit be our inspiration,
And may our team work and efforts,
Contribute to the building of Your kingdom here on earth.

Amen

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Catholic School Council 2014-15 DRAFT Plan

Membership

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| Catholic School Council Chair & OAPCE Liaison Representative (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education) | |
| Co-Chair | |
| Principal / Secretary / Treasurer | Mr. Roger Demers |
| Parent / Guardian Class Representatives | |
| Teaching Staff | Miss Antoinette Nardelli |
| Community Representative | |
| Parish Rep | Mrs. Syl Roach |

Catholic School Council Meetings

(held in the school library)

| Dates | Details |
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| September 22 6:00 PM | Hold CSC elections, develop 2014-15 Action Plan |
| October - TBA | Niagara Regional Council Parent Involvement Committee evening |
| November 10 6:00 PM | Plan Christmas (date: _____), review Principal Profile & Bylaws |
| January __ 6:00 PM | Plan Shrove Tuesday (Tues., Feb. 17) |
| March __ 6:00 PM | Plan BBQ & Play Day |
| April 13 | Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast |
| May 14 | Partners in Catholic Education |
| June __ 6:00 PM | Finalize BBQ & Play Day, finalize annual report, Appreciation Night |

Goals

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| STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT Purchase the one remaining SMART installation for the grade 4 classroom | Insufficient funds raised for this purchase |
| PARENT ENGAGEMENT Organize an evening event for students and parents to attend, perhaps a movie for the students and an Internet bullying information session for parents/guardians | Council selected Triple P Parenting, but an appropriate date could not be arranged with trained Public Health staff. |
| STUDENT ACTIVITIES Provide free presentations at the school for the students (i.e. Drama, Music, Fitness, Bullying Prevention, etc.) | Presentations arranged by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Niagara Ice Dogs - Junior / Intermediate level author - Niagara-on-the-Lake Historical Museum - Carousel Players - Perpetual Peace Project (Drum Circle) - Heart Healthy Kids - Primary level author - St. Catharines Travelling Museum - CPR training - Drug Free Niagara - Mothers Against Drunk Driving - Don't Forget To Brush Your Teeth - YMCA Youth Gambling |
| ECO-SCHOOLS Create an outdoor learning space with seating, sun protection and using native species to create a naturalized area | A plan will be developed by CSC & Student leaders, facilitated by Board staff & community partnerships, to begin to build our outdoor class |

Fundraising

| FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY | PURPOSE OF FUNDRAISING | anticipated REVENUE | anticipated EXPENSES | anticipated PROFIT |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 12 Days of Christmas | | | | \$600 |
| Hot lunches | | | | \$2300 |
| Regal Catalogue | | | | \$200 |
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SEAC REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Mandate of SEAC:

- Makes recommendation to the Board regarding Special Education programs and services for our students
- Participates in the Board's Annual Review of the Special Education Plan and the Board's Annual Budget
- Provides information to parents

Membership:

- Comprised of up to 12 representatives of local associations and 2 Trustees

| Representative | Association |
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| Anna Racine (Chair) | The Tourette Syndrome Association of Ontario |
| Rob Lavorato (Vice – Chair) | Down Syndrome Caring Parents (Niagara) |
| Colleen Sword | Autism Ontario - Niagara Region Chapter |
| Connie Parry | Association for Bright Children of Ontario (Niagara) |
| Kerry Thomas | Community Living - Welland/Pelham |
| Sarina Labonte | Community Living - Grimsby, Lincoln & West Lincoln |
| Jay Gemmell | John Howard Society of Niagara |
| Sarah Farrell | Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara |
| Katie Muirhead | Ontario Brain Injury Association |
| Bill Helmeczi | Pathstone Mental Health |
| Carol Baldinelli | VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children (Niagara) |
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| Father Paul MacNeil | Trustee |
| Maurice Charbonneau | Trustee |

- Also in attendance at the meetings are an Elementary Principal Representative, Secondary Principal Representative, a Student Senate Representative, Superintendent of Education and resource staff.

SEAC Completed Goals:

- Letters to Ministry of Education regarding adding Special Education Part I as mandatory requirement in teachers college
- SEAC Tag line – Mission Statement of SEAC – *Supporting an Inclusive Catholic Learning Community*
- Special Needs Representative on Catholic School Council – promote parent of a student with special education needs to sit on Catholic School Council
- SEAC Report on Catholic School Council Agenda – promote awareness of SEAC

SEAC Meetings are held at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland, ON. at 7:00p.m.

Please check the 2014-2015 School Year Calendar for meeting dates.

For further information visit the Niagara Catholic District School Board website at <http://www.niagaracatholic.ca> – under Programs, Special Education, Special Education Advisory Committee; The Special Education Advisory Committee website; www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/speced/seac and the Ministry of Education Special Education website www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/speced/speced.html