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Happy New Year!



Prayer for the New Year

The new year, like a new born child,
is placed in our hands as the old year passes away.
The days and weeks to come are God's gift;
they carry God's blessing. As a blessing we welcome them.
Our hope for the year ending is that all that was good in it remain
with us and all that was harmful be left behind.

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone in the Georges Vanier School community for bringing the true meaning of Christmas to our school through your generosity towards our Mitten Tree, Christmas Ornament sales, and Food Drive.



On behalf of the recipients of the many gifts, toys, vouchers and non-perishable food items, I would like to thank you!

The staff of Georges Vanier Catholic School would like to wish each of our families in our community a Happy New Year!

Go Make A Difference!



Important

Reminder

January 16th is a PA Day.

March Break is March 12 to March 16.



Full-Day Kindergarten Registration for 2012-2013



Registration for Full-Day Kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year, will take place at Georges Vanier Catholic School on the following days:

Monday, February 6, 2012*

7:00-9:00 p.m.

*Snow Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2012 - 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 8, 9 & 10, 2012

9:00-11:00 a.m.

1:00-3:00 p.m.

For more information visit www.dpcdsb.org.

Parents/Guardians should bring the following documents when registering their child:

- Child's birth certificate
- Original Catholic Baptismal Certificate
 - Updated immunization records
- Proof of Canadian citizenship or of Landed Immigrant Status
 - Proof of address

Dufferin-Peel hosts parent information session for Kindergarten entry planning for children with special needs

On Tuesday, January 17, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Special Education and Support Services Department will host a Kindergarten entry planning information session. This meeting is for parents and guardians of children with special needs which affect their learning, such as vision, hearing, physical, developmental or autism, who are entering Junior, Senior or Full-Day Kindergarten in September 2012. The meeting will be held at the Catholic Education Centre from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. For more information about this session, call 905-890-0708 ext. 24011.

WHAT: Kindergarten Entry Planning for Children with Special Needs - Parent Information Night

WHEN: Tuesday, January 17, 2012
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Catholic Education Centre – Room 301 (Third Floor)
40 Matheson Boulevard West, Mississauga (at Hurontario)



Bullying Prevention Corner

January – Conflict is Inevitable; Bullying is Not

The key message in January is “*conflict is inevitable, bullying is not*”. The grade specific activities provide opportunity for students to learn to differentiate bullying from the daily conflict situations everyone faces. Students also learn how to use an assertive form of communication known as “I-messages” to deal with conflict and prevent bullying. Everyone faces conflict in daily life and through it can learn to negotiate and build relationships. Bullying is a form of violence that leaves no room for negotiation and seeks to tear others down rather than build relationships.



Tips for Parents:

- help your children apply the definition of bullying to determine if a situation is bullying or conflict
Does one person have more power than the other? Is the behaviour intentional / on purpose? Does it keep happening? (Answering yes to these questions indicates bullying; answering no indicates conflict)
- use teachable moments and ‘what if’ scenarios with your children to help them differentiate bullying and conflict
- talk with your children about the difference between being passive, aggressive or assertive
- encourage the use of assertive communication such as “I-messages” in your family
I feel....when...and I would like (or I need).... Rather than ...You made me....when you...and you need to...

DPCDSB Community Programs from Adult & Continuing Education

The winter 2012 DPCDSB Adult and Continuing Education program flyers will be arriving at your doorstep the week of January 2, 2012.

You are invited to join in these exciting community programs.

Computer ABC's Day Program
Car Maintenance for Women
Secondary Night School Credit
French as a Second Language
Adult Coop and Credit
General Interest Programs
International Languages
English as a Second Language
Citizenship and ESL Classes
Health and Fitness
Much, Much More

Register now for lifelong learning *opportunities!*
Call 905-891-9263 ext.0 or www.dpcdsb.org/cec/cne

Reporting

Please note that Report Cards will be coming home on January 31st. Parents will have an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher on the evening of February 2nd and during the day on February 3rd. More information to follow.



Knights of Columbus Council 10402
Basketball Free Throw
Championship
boys and girls ages 9 - 14
will be held on
January 21, 2012
at Cardinal Newman School
Balmoral Drive - registration at 9:00 a.m.
Free throw to start at 10:00 a.m.

All Star Reading

A number of our grades 1, 2 & 3 students were able to participate in our All Star Reading Program, where they learned strategies to help develop their reading. These students were able to receive additional support from our volunteer Reading Coaches. Thank-you to our All Star Reading Coaches for their time and commitment to our reading program.



We are in desperate need of volunteers for our next Reading Session. Volunteers are needed to continue this worthwhile program. Each Reading Coach comes into the school once per week for 1-2 hours. Besides helping out at the school, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn strategies that will help you at home with your own children. If you have some additional time, please consider being an All Star Reading Coach.

Please contact Ms. Cautillo at 905-792-2251.

Go Vikings!

Intramural Basketball

We are excited to introduce the beginning of Georges Vanier's first ever intramural basketball league. The league's 8 teams include:

The Outback Jacks,
Great White Sharks,
Three-Point Pandas, and
Dazzling Dingoes and more...

The league includes older children from grades 5-8, mostly boys, about 65 in total. So far, the league has featured some incredibly competitive games. There are 4 teams currently fighting for first place. The playoffs begin in January and it is anyone's guess who will win the first ever title.



Intramural Soccer

Congratulations to both The "Running Radishes" and the "Pita-Pocket Penguins." Both teams were winners of the grades 1-4 intramural soccer league at Georges Vanier. Runner-ups were the "Boston Bean Sprouts" and "Sun-Dried-Tomatoes." Over 75 girls and boys participated and had fun in this truly exciting two months of play (as well as some intermediate coaches). The league MVP's were Ade and Antonio.



Winning teams are:

Running Radishes - Stephanie H., Antonio C., Isabel N., Katherine L., Julian B., Sophie C., Roland A., and Hannah B.

Pita-Pocket Penguins - Yousef W., Ashley P., Semilore T., Nathan S., Mary P., Ethan R., Dylan A., and Jordan F.

Special thanks to coaches and equipment helpers: Jesse, Ruben, Jasmine, Mario, and Chelsea. Also to teachers Ms. Dulinas, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Mintz.