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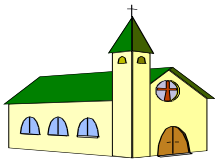
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MASS TIMES

Weekends:

Sat: 5:00 p.m.
Sun: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00
p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 9:00a.m.
Wed., 7:15 p.m.

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Fr. Joseph Kalluvila, O. Carm
Jocelyn Flaman, Pastoral Associate
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NEWSLETTER

Volume 1

September, 2011



Prayer of Return

O Lord we return
from a time of rest, vacation, visiting.
We return from camps, travels, cottages.
Thank you Lord for the summer.
It eases the mind.
Relaxes the body.
Soothes the soul.

We return to work, school, routines.
We return to meetings, sports, lessons.
Thank you Lord for our jobs,
teachers, coaches.
Strengthen all who instruct.
Guide all who learn.

Lord keep us from getting so organized
that there is not time left for you.
Let us seek and serve you in everyone we
meet, everywhere we go, everything we do.
As we return to our routines, let us not
forget who sent us on this journey in
the first place.



Dear Parents / Guardians:

As the new school year begins, I would once again like to extend a welcome to all our returning families and staff and especially our new staff members: Ms. Candiano and Ms. Santos. A special welcome to all our new families this year. We trust that all have had a restful summer and are ready for an exciting and challenging year.

In the best interests of safety for our children and in keeping with Board policy, all visitors to the school **must** report to the office. Particularly in the first days of school, it is important that we all work together to ensure that there are no adults on school property other than those adults who are staff at the school and can be identified by wearing an orange safety vest. Please make arrangements to meet your child(ren) at a specific place off school property at the end of the day. Please do not have your child walk through the parking lot at the end of the day.

Our Kiss and Ride program ensures a safe arrival for your child at school while providing the convenience of a drop off. Parents are in the Kiss and Ride lanes beginning at 8:15 a.m. each morning. Please adhere to the posted signs and do not park in the drive-thru lane. Thank you for following these rules and to our parent volunteers for their valuable time.

May we all enjoy a safe and positive year together at St. Teresa of Avila.

Sincerely, Mr. W. Matos, Principal

Sacramental Preparation, 2011 / 2012

Sacraments are parish, not school events. *Initial* preparation is done by the schools through the religion program. *Immediate* preparation is the responsibility of the parents and the parish. **Children do not receive a Sacrament just because they are in a particular grade at school. Registration for Sacraments takes place at meetings at the church.**

For All Baptized Children

Grade 2 (and above) - First Communion—parent meeting: Sunday, October 2, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Meeting will be approximately one and a half hours in length.

Grade 8 (and above) - Confirmation—meetings for parents AND candidates: Sunday, September 26, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. **OR** Thursday, September 29, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. Meeting will be approximately one hour in length.

For Children Not Baptized—Grade 2 and Above—Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation—Please call Kate at the Parish Office by Oct. 1 (905-821-1331, ext. 226)

School Mass

Our Feast Day School Mass, St. Teresa of Avila, will take place at St. John of the Cross Parish on **Friday, October 14, 2011, at 10:15 a.m.** All parents / guardians are welcome to join us.



School Agenda / Planners

The Premier Student Organizers have arrived. Information regarding purchase has been sent home via letter.

These organizers have been effective in helping children understand and practice the following

— **“If I plan to learn, I must learn to plan”.**

The cost of our organizers is **\$6.00**. It is our hope that **all students** will make use of the organizers on a daily basis.

School Council

Elections for positions on our School Council will be held if necessary this month on Tuesday, September 27, 2011. We ask that any parent interested in becoming a member of our School Council please complete a nomination form.

Nomination forms can be picked up from the main office beginning Monday, September 13, 2010.

Nomination forms must be submitted to the office not later than Friday September 23, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.

Professional Activity Day

The first Professional Activity Day for this school year will be held on **Friday, September 16, 2011**. Any school reorganization due to numbers will take place on this day.

As a staff, we will be spending the day planning curriculum for this school year. There will be **no classes for students**.

Open House

Open House will be held on **Thursday, September 22, 2011, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** for Kindergarten to Grade 8 classes.

Students are encouraged to bring their parents to meet their teacher(s) in the classroom on an informal basis. We look forward to meeting all our parents.



Medication

If your child requires medication prescribed by a doctor, to be taken at school, you must contact the office to obtain **board approved forms**. We are required by Board policy to keep on file forms that must be signed by the parent / guardian and child's doctor.

A number of our students must have an Epi-Pen kept at school due to life-threatening allergies. These families will be contacted by the school to complete the required forms. Families must supply a **recent** picture of the child.

Health Alert

As there are a number of students and staff in our school who have a severe, life threatening allergy to nuts, we ask our families to refrain from sending to school any food, etc., that contains nut

products (i.e. peanut butter sandwiches, snacks containing nuts, etc.). While we cannot guarantee a “Nut Free” or “Allergen Free” environment, you can help to reduce the risk to our students by not sending in peanuts or any food that MAY have come in contact with nuts of any kind. We would also kindly ask that parents consider sending in non-food items when celebrating a child’s birthday.

Your continued cooperation in support of our efforts to create a safe and healthy learning environment for all is greatly appreciated.

School Photographs

The date scheduled for school pictures for all students at St. Teresa of Avila School this year is:

Wednesday, October 19, 2011.



Reminders will be sent home prior to picture day.

Communication

It is of vital concern that the school and home should be in close communication. Throughout the year, we will be sending home newsletters and various communiqués and we would ask that you read these in order to obtain information concerning school matters. Please contact the school at any time when you have a concern.

Please keep in mind that newsletters will be sent home with the youngest or only child in the family. It is only the first newsletter which is sent home with every child in the school.

Information Required By the School

At the start of each new year we go through a process of updating and adding new information for each child in our school. We are asking for your assistance by completing the two forms attached to this newsletter and returning them to your child’s teacher as soon as possible. The title and a brief description is provided here to identify the forms.

Lunch Option Form—This provides us and your child’s teacher information regarding their specific lunch arrangements. Please identify the option and return the form **signed** to your child’s teacher.

Emergency Inclement Closure Letter and Form—The letter outlines the Board’s Policy on Early Dismissals. Please complete the form outlining the procedures for each child and return the form signed to your child’s teacher. Please review the information provided on this form with your child.

Accident Insurance

As required by the Education Act and the Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost-effective student accident insurance coverage via student courier. Although enrollment is voluntary, the board encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage, especially if their child / children participate in sports, excursions / field trips, or if parents do not have dental insurance coverage.

Enrollment is required in writing so there are two options for enrollment: 1. Complete the traditional form and mail it in or; 2. Photocopy the form and fax it to Reliable Life at 1-905-522-7211 or 1-800-463-KIDS (5437). Parents alone have the right to insure their children.

School Hours

i) School hours at St. Teresa of Avila School for 2011-2012 School Year will be as follows:

Regular programme for Grades 1 to 8.

8:30 a.m.	Morning Start
10:30—10:45	Morning Recess
11:30-12:30	Lunch Hour
12:30 p.m.	Afternoon Start
2:00—2:15	Afternoon Recess
3:00 p.m.	Dismissal Time

Morning JK & SK - 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Afternoon JK & SK - 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ii) Office Hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Transportation

Bussing is provided to and from school for students who live more than the following distances by road, path or walkway from the school:

JK-Grade 1- more than 1 km.
Grades 2-4 - more than 1.6 km.
Grades 5-8 - more than 2 km.



Parents and guardians are encouraged to use the Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) website www.stopr.ca for contact information, cancellations and eligibility status.

For the most part, students in Grades 2 to 8 **do not** meet bussing eligibility requirements. Should there be extra seats on busses, parents / guardians will be able to apply for the **Empty Seat Policy**. Forms may be picked up at the office. **Please note that we have been assigned only one bus for this school year.**

Available seats are not assigned until approximately the middle of October.

PLASP - After School Program

PLASP Child Care Services operates a Before and After Program at this school .

The Before School Program begins at 7:30 a.m. The After School Program begins once school is dismissed and goes until 6:00 p.m. Children participate in recreational activities, are served a nutritious snack daily and have time for homework.

Fee assistance is available. Registration currently taking place.

Updated Tentative Staffing List for September 2011



<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
JK/SK am	L. Pimentel-Fagundes
JK/SK am/pm	J. Black
1	F. Fernandes, V. Zumpano
2	T. Beckett, I. Lotesto
2/3	M. Ako-Adjei
3	J. Flynn
3/4	M. Evans
4	S. Rodrigues
4/5	L. Ceccomancini
5/6	L. Walker
6	B. Carriere
7	R. Santangelo
7	J. Viscardi-Zuzzi
8	M. Watters
8	J. Farrell
SERT / ESL	B. Menary V. Zanini
Reading Recovery	B. Menary
Planning Time	L. Pimentel-Fagundes, K. Tintinalli, R. Zawadzki
FSL	S. Fleury, R. Zawadzki
SERC	A. Abraham
Librarian	V. Zanini
CYW	P. Wilson
ERW	G. Candiano, M. Santos
Custodial Staff	J. Pinto, R. Fonceca, B. Knapik
Secretary	M. Ramer
Vice Principal	D. Carpe
Principal	W. Matos

Dates to Remember

Sept. 16—P.A. Day. No classes for students.

Sept. 22—Open House, 7:00—8:00 p.m. All parents and guardians are welcome.

Sept. 23 - Nominations for School Council are due in the office by 4:00 p.m.

Sept. 26—School Advisory Council Meeting at 6 p.m.

Oct. 11—Thanksgiving. Enjoy your turkey! No classes for students.

Oct. 14 - School Mass. 10:15 a.m. at St. John of the Cross Parish. All are welcome.

Oct. 19— School Picture Day All students from JK to 8.

For your future calendar . . .

Dec. 26—Jan. 6 - Christmas Break. Classes back on Monday, January 9, 2012.

Mar. 12—16, 2012- Mid-Winter Break (March Break)



Parenting and Family Literacy Centre

Our Parenting and Family Literacy Centre and its program help young children make an easier transition to Kindergarten and fosters early literacy and numeracy skills.

Parents and caregivers with young children from birth to age six are welcome to participate in this program here at St. Teresa of Avila. The program is FREE and is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please contact Parent Worker, Ms. Markowski, for more information.

School Advisory Council

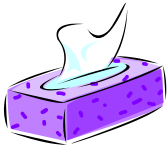
We encourage parents and community members to participate in their child's education. This is why we are asking for parents and/or caregivers to consider joining our School Advisory Council. The Council plays a large role in goal setting, planning of school-community initiatives and connects parents and caregivers to their child's education. The Council meets once a month in the school library. For more information about participating in the School Advisory Council please contact Mr. Matos.

Volunteers Needed!

We are also asking for parents / caregivers to consider volunteering their time for as little as one hour per week. Volunteers are needed in the following areas: The Breakfast Club, Kiss and Ride, and All Star Reading.

Achoo! Bless You!

Cold and flu season will soon be upon us. Facial tissues help promote personal hygiene and stop the spread of germs and viruses. Please consider donating a box of tissues to your child's classroom.



Parent Representatives Wanted

If you cannot commit to joining the School Advisory Council perhaps you would consider being your child's classroom representative. We are looking for two classroom representatives to help in organizing and/or assisting in school-wide functions often specific to your child's class or grade.

Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested by **written communication**.



Please let Mr. Matos if you are interested in volunteering and thank you for your consideration.

