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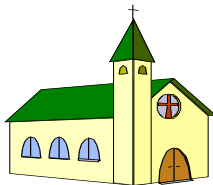
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**Weekends:**  
Sat: 5:00 p.m.  
Sun: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00  
p.m., 5:00 p.m.  
**Weekdays:**  
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 9:00 a.m.  
Wed., 7:15 p.m.

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## NEWSLETTER

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### *Reflections on the Child*

*As in Nature—*

*No two trees or flowers,  
although seeded at the same time,  
grow and bloom at the same rate,  
at the same height, or to the same degree of colour -  
so also in Children.*

*Although the same age,  
each child is like an individual  
flower requiring different amounts of light, water,  
air and nurturing to grow to fullest potential.  
Given basic necessities, children will survive,  
but it is important to determine  
what each needs to truly flourish.*

*We are the true gardeners  
in the greenhouse of learning.*

*Dear Parents / Guardians:*

Welcome back everyone! January is the month we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. This is the time we are reminded of how the northern star guided the Three Wise Men or Magi who brought gifts to the child Jesus. They were the first to acknowledge Jesus as the incarnate Christ, the one who came for all people, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few. This reminds us that we are called to be the light for others, leading them to experience Jesus through our words and our deeds.

We want to take this opportunity to thank our St. Teresa of Avila community for your generosity and support during the Advent and Christmas seasons. It was wonderful to see so many parents, children and friends sharing our Faith at the Advent Mass evening in December. Thank you to all the families that supported our

Operation Christmas Child initiative and The Giving Tree. Your generous donations benefitted those less fortunate.

On behalf of the St. Teresa of Avila staff, we wish you and your families all the best for 2012.

*Sincerely, W. Matos, Principal*

### Report Card Update and Reporting Dates

Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home with students in Grades 1—8 on **Tuesday, January 31, 2012**.

Parent Interview Evening will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2012. Interviews will continue during the morning of Friday, February 3, 2012.

**There will be no classes for students on February 3, 2012.**

### Statutory Holiday - Family Day

This statutory holiday has been implemented by the Provincial Government. **There will be no school on Monday, February 20, 2012.** We hope everyone enjoys this day with the family.



### Cold and Flu Season

Please use discretion when sending your child back to school after they have been ill. A child who is coughing, wheezing, etc., is not in a state to learn and will only infect others.

**As well, please understand that if your child is well enough to attend school, they should be well enough to go outside at recess.** We do not have the staff availability to have some students inside and some students outside. Therefore, all students are required to go outside, weather permitting.

### Changes to Emergency Numbers

Throughout the school year there may be any number of changes which occur at home. Please ensure that the school **always** has current home, work and cell numbers. It is also important that you have a network of support for your children in case you are not available and let us know the numbers to reach these people. Our first concern is always for the wellbeing and safety of our students.

**We would also like to request that parents / guardians please call the school when their children are going to be absent or late. This, too, is a safety issue for our students.**



**To our parents who do notify the office on a consistent basis, thank you.**

## Full Day Kindergarten Registration, 2012—2013

### Peel Region Schools:

Registration for the 2012—2013 Full Day Kindergarten program will take place at all Catholic elementary schools in Peel Region (Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon and Bolton) on the following days:

#### Monday, February 6, 2012

7:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m. \*

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

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

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### Children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2012.

(If your child is currently enrolled in Junior Kindergarten, it is not necessary to register.)

Depending on parent interest, before and after daycare will be made available for Full Day Kindergarten children. Representatives from PLASP will be available to speak to on the evening of Monday, February 6, 2012.

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

- Proof of age (Birth Certificate or Passport).
- Original Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (for parent and child) or Baptismal Certificate of other rites in communion with the Holy See of Rome (if the child has not been baptized, and the parent or guardian is a baptized Roman Catholic or is baptized in another rite in communion with the Holy See of Rome, the parent / guardian should bring their own baptismal certificate).
- Updated Immunization records.
- Proof of Canadian citizenship or of Landed Immigrant status.
- Proof of address (utility bill, bank or credit card statement; name and address)

**\*All documentation must be submitted in English\***





### Dates to Remember

- Jan. 25** - Pizza Lunch Day.  
**Jan. 25**—Virtue of Self Control Liturgy at 1:00 p.m.  
**Jan. 30**—School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the School Library. All parents welcome.  
**Jan. 31**— Term 1 Report Cards for students in Grades 1—8 go home.  
**Feb. 1**—Intermediate Muffin Day for the Breakfast Club.  
**Feb. 2**—Primary/Junior Muffin Day for the Breakfast Club.  
**Feb. 2** - Term 1 Report Card Interview Night.  
**Feb. 3** - **P.A. Day - No classes for students.** Report Card interviews continue during the morning.  
**Feb. 6**—Full Day Kindergarten Registration 7:00—9:00 p.m. Information enclosed in this Newsletter.  
**Feb. 8, 9 & 10**—Full Day Kindergarten Registration 9—11:00 a.m and 1—3:00 p.m.  
**Feb. 8** - Pizza Lunch Day  
**Feb. 14**— **Happy Valentine’s Day**  
**Feb. 15** - Extreme Pita Lunch Day. More information to follow.  
**Feb. 20**—**Family Day**—Provincial Holiday. **No classes for students.**  
**Feb. 21**—**Shrove Tuesday.** Pancakes anyone?  
**Feb. 22**—**Ash Wednesday**  
**Feb. 23** - Virtue of Respect Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.  
**Mar. 8** - School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the School Library. All parents welcome.  
**Mar. 10**—Daylight Savings begins. Set your clock one hour ahead before you go to bed.  
**Mar. 12—16 Mid-Winter Break.** We hope all our families have a great week off!  
**Mar. 17— Happy St. Patrick’s Day** Wear your green proudly!!  
**Mar. 27** - Grade 8 Graduation Photographs, morning. Information to follow.  
**Mar. 29** — Aerial Photograph of entire school.  
**Apr. 6—Good Friday**  
**Apr. 8**—**Easter Sunday**  
**Apr. 9**—**Easter Monday. No classes for students.**



### Premier’s Awards for Teaching Excellence

The Premier’s Awards for Teaching Excellence honour the extraordinary work of teachers, support staff, principals, vice-principals and school board staff. This is an opportunity to give these remarkable professionals the recognition they deserve.

Everyone who works in a publicly funded Ontario school or school board is eligible.

The deadline for nominations is Monday, February 6, 2012. For more information, and to review the award categories please visit [www.ontario.ca/teachingawards](http://www.ontario.ca/teachingawards) or call 1-800-387-5514.

### Important Immunization Message from Peel Public Health



Peel Public Health will be reviewing immunization records of all students at our school beginning Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

Peel Public Health must have proof that your child has been fully vaccinated (immunized) according to the Ontario Immunization Schedule.

If you receive a letter, please ensure that your child has received the required vaccine(s), then give the date(s) your child received these vaccine dose(s) to Peel Public Health immediately to update your child’s record.

For more information, please call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 or visit [www.ImmunizerPeel.ca](http://www.ImmunizerPeel.ca). Translation services are available.

### Postmedia Canspell National Spelling Bee

This year, St. Teresa of Avila students in Grades 4—8 were invited to compete in the *Postmedia Canspell National Spelling Bee*. This program promotes literacy and learning through a series of spelling bees. Last year, over a quarter million Canadian students participated in this activity!

During stage one, students completed a written spelling test that consisted of 60 words. It was great to see approximately 30 students take part in this phase of the competition. Two students from each of the grades moved on to stage two: Patria T., Erik K., Michael G., Rhea J., Caitlin V., Jonathan D., Brandon K., Kristina C., Jeremy H. and Daniella A.

On January 10, 2012, these students competed in our second annual oral school spelling bee here at St. Teresa of Avila. It took a lot of courage, dedication and commitment to prepare and then participate in this event, while other students, staff and parents listened attentively to each letter being said! After many rounds and a very enthusiastic audience, Rhea J. was announced the winner of this year’s competition. Well done, Rhea! Congratulations also goes out to Patria T. for earning second place and to Michael G. for coming in third.

Rhea will now move on to complete a written bee via CD, and the results from this will determine if he will represent our school in the next level, the Regional Spelling Bee, to be held in February in Toronto.



We acknowledge Ms. Zanini, Mrs. Carriere, Mrs. Santangelo, Mrs. Ako-Adjei and Mr. Abraham and his crew for assisting in making our spelling bee competition such a success!!

## **St Vincent de Paul Society**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society through St. John of the Cross Church has asked us to express to our families and staff their sincere appreciation for your support over Christmas and blessings for the new year.

The Christmas Toy drive was a tremendous success! Through your generosity there were many families from our community helped with both unwrapped toys and cartons of foodstuffs.

It is wonderful to witness the true meaning of Christmas and to have our children involved in helping others.

### **Catholic Ratepayers—Check Your Tax Bill to Ensure Proper Tax Support**

If you are a Catholic ratepayer, we urge you to check your property tax bill to ensure that your support is directed to your local Catholic school board, in our case, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. If you are a tenant, you can verify your support by contacting our Admissions Department at (905) 890—0708, ext. 24511, 24512 or 24519, or your local municipal office.

By ensuring that you are accurately recorded as a Catholic school supporter, you can help deliver a powerful message to the government about the level of support for publically-funded Catholic education in Ontario. In order to be eligible to vote for your local Catholic School Board Trustee, you must be registered as a separate school supporter.

### **What has been the history of Catholic Education in the Dufferin-Peel Region?**

Catholic schools were fundamental in the early development of our region. With the support of local parishes, bishops and parents, Catholic schools were formed as an expression of a world view differing from other schools. In 1837 in Mono Township (Dufferin County), a school was dedicated and housed at St. Cyprian Church. Later, a log church housed a local Catholic School at St. Patrick's in Melancton Township. In 1864, the first formal Catholic School was developed in Melancton Township. In Peel, Catholic Schools were formed well before confederation as an expression of the Catholic communities developing in our region. A more detailed history of our Catholic education in our region can be found in the book entitled [Catholic Education in Dufferin Peel—A Story Worth Telling.](#)

### **All Star Reading Program**

#### **Wanted: All Star Reading Coaches**

The All Star Reading program provides primary students with a variety of reading strategies to increase confidence and reading fluency. Parent coaches are needed Monday mornings to work with students on an individual basis. No experience is required, training is provided, and the benefits of volunteering are substantial.



Please contact Mrs. Menary at the school if you have further questions or would like to volunteer as a coach.



