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January 2012 Newsletter



Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus,
As you led the Three Kings to You by
the light of the star, please draw us ever
closer to You by the light of the Faith.
Help us to desire You as ardently as
they did. Give us the grace to overcome
all obstacles that keep us far from You.
May we, like them, have something to
give You when we appear before You.
Mary, Our Mother, help us to know
Your Son.

Amen

Junior, Senior and Full-Day Kindergarten Registration for 2012-13

Registration for Junior, Senior and Full-Day Kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year, will take place at all Catholic elementary schools in Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon, Bolton and Orangeville 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.

Junior Kindergarten - Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2012

Senior Kindergarten - Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2012

Full-Day Kindergarten - Children must be 4 or 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2012

Bishop Francis Allen will be a Full-Day Kindergarten centre as of September 2012.

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

- proof of age (Birth Certificate)
- original Roman Catholic baptismal certificate (for child and/or parent/guardian) or baptismal certificate from an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome. *If the child has not been baptized, and the parent/guardian is a baptized Roman Catholic or is baptized from an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome, the parent/guardian must bring their own baptismal certificate.*
- updated immunization records
- proof of Canadian citizenship (Birth Certificate or Passport) or of Landed Immigrant status
- proof of address (tax bill, utility bill, bank statement)
- for schools in Caledon and Dufferin County: emergency rural address numbers for identifying your property

**All documentation must be submitted in English.*

Visit our updated school website at <http://www.dpcdsb.org/BFALN>

Kindergarten Students with Special Needs

There will be an information session for parent(s)/guardian(s) of children with special needs such as vision, hearing, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays who are entering JK, SK, or Full Day Kindergarten in September 2012. The information session will be held at the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board—Catholic Education Centre, Room 301 on January 17, 2012 from 7:00 –8:30 p.m.

Extended French Information Meeting

Grade 4 parent(s)/guardian(s), who wish to enroll child in a Grade 5 Extended French class for September 2012 are invited to attend an information meeting at:

St. Monica School
60 Sterritt Drive
Brampton, Ontario
(905) 454-6346
Wednesday, January 18th, 2012
7:00 p.m.



Collecting of money for Pizza Days, School Trips, etc.

Please ensure that when you are submitting money with your child for trips, food orders, etc. to please treat them separately and send in the exact change. **Please do not combine siblings or single child orders together.** This creates confusion for our Accounting Department. Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated.

A reminder that the Pizza Order forms for January to June are due to the school on Friday, January 13th, 2012 .

Minimizing Disruptions to Classes

We appreciate continued parental help and support in minimizing disruptions to classes, whenever possible. By trying our best not to disturb classes, except in very important situations, we are reducing disruptions to quality teaching and learning time. To this end, we ask the following:

- If you wish to discuss something with your child's teacher, we ask that you set up an appointment with the teacher. Approaching the teacher, before, during and/or after school makes it difficult for the teacher to focus on her/his students. This also becomes a safety issue. Please leave a message with the office and the teacher will call you back.
- If your child is late please have him/her report to the office. **PLEASE DO NOT ESCORT YOUR CHILD TO CLASS.**
- Send a note in advance, to your child's teacher when your child needs to be picked up early, then meet them in the office and sign them out.
- If delivering lunches to your child at school, write your child's and their teacher's names on lunch bags and leave them on the table in the front foyer. This would be greatly appreciated.

Lost and Found

The "Lost and Found Boxes", located in the school are a good place to start looking for missing items. Periodically, we remind students to check the box for any items they may have lost. Please remind your child(ren) to check the Lost and Found Boxes if anything is lost.



Please Don't Be Late!

Recently we have noticed an increase in the number of students arriving late for school and classes. All students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, should start school on time. This prevents interruption of classes and loss of information for the students. Please encourage and assist your children to recognize that punctuality is a responsibility, which all students should be developing. A reminder that school begins at **9:00 a.m.** in the morning and **1:00 p.m.** in the afternoon.

Dressing For Winter

While we have been blessed with moderate Fall weather, we can expect this to change at any time. Please assist us in encouraging the children to dress adequately for this weather. When on yard supervision, teachers are checking, not only on the activities/games children play, but also not-

ing that they are wearing boots, hats, gloves and scarves when necessary. Except when the weather is extremely cold or wet, the students will be going outside during the recess and lunch periods. The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School policy states that consideration should be given for keeping students indoors during recesses when the wind chill reaches -20°C . At -25°C students will be kept indoors. Playing outdoors is a pleasant & healthy activity when students are wearing suitable clothing. For the younger students, it would be helpful if parents were to label items of clothing with their child's name, so that each person can more easily locate his/her own clothing from the class coat rack area. Each term, items make their way to the Lost and Found and are never claimed. Labelled items can be returned more easily and mixed up items sorted out more readily. If your child brings home an item by mistake, please return it to the school so that this mix up may be corrected the next day!



Indoor Shoes

Soon we will begin to experience wet and slushy weather. In order to avoid tracking mud, water and snow into the classroom, it will be necessary for each student to have a pair of indoor running shoes. Students will change into this additional pair of shoes as soon as they come to their class. We are also requesting that the shoes the students will wear indoors, have LIGHT coloured soles so that there will be no black scuff marks on the floors. We appreciate your assistance in this endeavor.



Student Illness – Staying in During Recess

Students who are ill should be kept home where they are most comfortable and can get better, sooner. A child who is too ill to go out for recess is too ill to be at school. Your co-operation to keep your child home when he/she is ill is appreciated.



Weather Cancellations

During the winter months, inclement weather and/or poor road conditions may cause the disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations. In these cases, parents/guardians should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

A decision to cancel bus transportation and/or to close schools is made by 6:00 a.m. Decisions are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature and road conditions. A decision to cancel bus transportation may be system wide (where all buses in Dufferin County and the Region of Peel are cancelled) or municipality specific (where buses in one or more municipalities are cancelled).

If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents require the same transportation home.

Notification

Parents/guardians, students and school staff are asked to monitor the following radio/television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation/school closure information.

Radio and Television:

CKFM 99.9	CHUM 1050
CFTO	CJCL 590
CJBC (FR) 860 AM	Global
CHFI 98.1	CJEZ EZ ROCK 97.3
CP 24	CFTR 680
CFRB 1010	CBC
FOXY 88.5 FM	Z103.5
The Weather Network	
CFNY 102.1	CHIN 100.7 FM / 1540 AM
93.1 FM	CJMR/CHOW 1250
102.7 FM (Caledon)	

A bus cancellation and/or school closure message will also be available online at www.dpcdsb.org or by calling 905-890-1221



Snow Stays on the Ground

As the winter weather begins, students are reminded that “**Snow Stays on the Ground**”. Every child in the school will be made aware of the importance of this rule in preventing injury to others. Students are encouraged to constructively use the snow that winter brings to build snowmen, forts, snow sculptures, etc. Please assist us by reviewing with your child the dangers of throwing snowballs and the importance of preventing injury to other children. Together we will continue to create a school yard which is safe for all during winter.

Reporting Student Absences

As in the past, we ask that you call the school on the morning or afternoon that your child is absent or late. This measure is to ensure the safety of your child.

Students who leave early must be signed in and out at the office by a parent or with written notification.



Emergency Contact

Please ensure the school has updated information with regards to emergency contacts and phone numbers.

Have you moved?

If you have changed your phone number(s), address or workplace it is *imperative* that you notify the school promptly. It is extremely important that our records be current and up-to-date. In the event of an emergency, we must be able to contact you immediately.

Virtuous Actions

The Virtue for the month of December was HOPE. The following students were the Virtue of the Month students in their classes for demonstrating the Virtue of HOPE on a regular basis:

Mrs. Spadafora	(am) Nolan H. (pm) Keann P.
Mrs. Sciberras	Ava. T
Miss. Nedumpara	Phil T.
Mrs. Beaton	Dylan C.
Mrs. Grainger	Ben D.
Mrs. Ricci	Maddix P.
Mrs. Ricciuto	Cristina B.
Mrs. Peterka	Amber P.
Ms. Serrentino	Emily G.
Mrs. Basha	Melissa H.
Miss Giovinazzo	Ethan F.
Mr. Virdo	Bonny V.
Mr. McCollum	Patrick H.
Mrs Dunne-Leslie	Brittany G.
Mrs. Ginn	Seamus F.
Mr. Srsa	Jayden T.

January Virtue of the Month is SELF CONTROL

God has given us the ability to choose. We are able to control how we react to what happens around us. We’ve all “lost it” at one time or another. We are never proud of those moments. As soon as they happen we make a promise that they will not happen again. Through prayer and concentration, we can get better at controlling our reactions. We can get better at showing self control. When we all use self-control, we can be sure that our school will be a safe, caring, and inclusive place to live and learn.

A person with Self-Control:

- Is patient
- Knows how to wait his/her turn
- Can calm him/herself down and think before reacting to situations
- Knows how to avoid physical aggression
- Can think things through and do what is best for everyone

As always, if you have any questions, or require further clarification about the Virtues Program, we encourage you to contact us at the school.