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February 2012 Newsletter



A Prayer For Love For Others

*Precious Lord Jesus, Wonderful Holy Spirit,
Awesome God, help me not to be selfish.
When I am alone, give me a heart to think not
about myself, but about others.
When I am with others, give me a heart that
forgets about myself and reaches out to them.
When I am in pain, push the pain aside so I may
be consumed by the needs and hurts of others.
Inspire me to be a beacon of your love to my
friends, family, and co-workers.
Give me a heart to make new friends regardless
of who they are.
When I meet others who are very different from
me, give me a heart to see these people as they
are where they are.
Help me to trust others even when I might be
hurt by them.
Help me to never hold a grudge or be resentful
because of what others have done.
Remind me every day to do what Jesus did in
healing and loving others.
Help me be a healing force by pushing my wants
and needs aside.
Help me to sacrifice myself for others as you
sacrificed yourself for us.
All these things I humbly pray in the name of
the most Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, the Mighty
God, and the Ever-present Holy Spirit upon
whom we can rely.*

Amen

Saint Valentine

In the month of February we celebrate Saint Valentine's Day. Saint Valentine was a bishop who bravely died for his faith. The name Valentine means "Valiant" or "Strong".

This day is connected with love because of a legend that birds pick their mates on February 14th. Secret notes of love and friendship sent on this day are called Saint Valentine's notes or Valentines.



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.*

PLASP Before and After School Programs

PLASP operates Before and After School Programs at this school. The Before School Program runs from 7:30 a.m. until school begins. A nutritious breakfast is served daily.

The After School Program runs from the end of the school day 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.

Register your child with the PLASP Staff before or after school. For further information, call (905) 890-1711 or visit the website at www.plasp.com

For parents enrolling their children in Full Day Kindergarten—PLASP will be present on the evening of Monday, February 6th, 2012 during Kindergarten Registration.

Bishop Francis Allen Catholic School Council

Our next Catholic School Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 1st, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Library. All parents are welcome to attend.

Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Interviews

First term report cards will be sent home on **Tuesday, January 31st, 2012**. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be on the evening of **Thursday, February 2nd** and **Friday, February 3rd, 2012** during the day.

Professional Activity Day

A reminder that there is no school for students on **Friday, February 3rd, 2012** as this is designated as Parent/Teacher Interviews.

Jump Rope for the Heart

On the morning of **Tuesday, January 31, 2012**, representatives from the Heart and Stroke Foundation will be attending our school 'Jump Rope for Heart' campaign "Kick Off Assembly". Students will receive their pledge forms to take home on that same day. We are hoping that the community will continue to support this worthwhile endeavor by collecting pledges and returning them to the school on (or before) our Jump Rope Day which is **Tuesday, February 14, 2012**. Students are encouraged to wear Valentine colors. Please ensure that envelopes are filled out clearly for tax receipt purposes.

Family Day

A reminder that **Monday, February 20th, 2012** is Provincial Family Day. There is no school on that day. We hope you all have an enjoyable Family Weekend.

Kiss "N" Ride

We would like to thank those who have been using the Bishop Francis Allen "**Kiss and Ride Program.**" However, in order for it to run smoothly and safely both before and after school for all our students, everyone needs to follow the same procedure:

1. When dropping off students at the school please drive into the driveway on the front of the school.
2. In order to ensure the safety of your children, please do not let your child out of the car until you have come to a complete stop.
3. Students should be let out at the front of the school in the **Kiss "N" Ride Lane** not the **Bus Lane**.
4. Never drive or park in the **Bus Lane** at the front of the

- school. This is strictly reserved for busses all day.
5. Never leave your car unattended in the **Kiss "N" Ride Lane**. It is against the law and you may be ticketed.
 6. If you need to walk your child to school or you need to stop at the office, please park in the parking lot. **DO NOT PARK** in the **Kiss "N" Ride Lane**. We appreciate your co-operation in following these procedures.

We are currently asking the school community to assist us with the **Kiss "N" Ride Program**. If there are any parents/guardians who would be interested in volunteering with the **Kiss "N" Ride Program** please contact the office.

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.

Region of Peel

Region of Peel will be mailing out the first of letters regarding outstanding immunization on February 1st, 2012. Peel Public Health maintains and reviews the immunization records of all students to ensure they meet the requirements to attend school. Students with incomplete immunization records will be suspended.



Emergency Contact

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

School Access

Parents/guardians and visitors please remember to come to the office first if you have something for your child. We

really need to control access to the classrooms for the safety of our children. Also, we try to minimize the disruptions to the classrooms, and so your coming into the office will allow us to help you without interrupting the class.

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.

Footwear

Students are reminded that during the winter, students are expected to change into a pair of indoor shoes, helping to keep the floors clean, dry and safer for everyone. Please remember that students must wear shoes at all times while inside the building in the event of an evacuation.



Hand Washing is Important

Hand washing, when done correctly is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of infectious diseases such as the flu. Please help us reinforce the proper techniques with your children.

Follow these four simple rules:

1. Wet your hands with warm running water
2. Add soap and rub your hands together, making a soapy lather. Do this away from the running water for at least 15 seconds. Wash the front and back of your hands, between your fingers and under your nails.
3. Rinse your hands well under warm running water. Let the water run back down the sink, not down the elbows. Turn the water off with a paper towel and place it in the garbage.
4. Dry your hands thoroughly with a clean towel.

Using good hand washing techniques helps to reduce the spread of infectious diseases. In the event your child does get sick, please use discretion in keeping them at home to recover and reduce the potential for them to spread the infection/illness to others.

Safe Play in the School Yard

We continue to remind our students regularly that they are to choose activities that do not involve “**rough play**” or “**body contact**” of any sort. We are finding that most of our students are becoming more clear on the meaning of **NO “body contact”** and we would ask that you also encourage the rule at home in an effort to support our school rules and maintain consistency and safety for all students.

We applaud our students for improving their behaviours on the playground, and we encourage them to continue to work together as a caring, catholic community.

Snow Stays on the Ground

As the winter weather continues, 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.

School Yearbook

The *Bishop Francis Allen Catholic School Council* is pleased to announce that they are preparing a School Year Book with the assistance of Lifetouch Publishing Inc. The yearbook will be bursting with photos, student pictures, activities, highlights, and of course, space for special auto-graphs. The smiles and memories of your child’s year at Bishop Francis Allen will be remembered forever in a yearbook.

As you make your choices about purchases for your child, please consider the long-term value of a yearbook. For the price of a CD or a few music downloads, your child can have a book that captures **forever** the special moments of this year. A yearbook grows more valuable over time. Can you say the same thing about at CD or a music download?

Make sure your child doesn’t miss out on this opportunity!

We look forward to a wonderful year – and an equally wonderful yearbook!

Special thanks to our Catholic School Council for this initiative!

Virtuous Actions

The Virtue for the month of January was SELF CONTROL. 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) Kayden M. (pm) Brian M.
Mrs. Sciberras	Kaitlyn L.
Miss. Nedumpara	Harlie P.
Mrs. Beaton	Alex I.
Mrs. Grainger	Jayden T.
Mrs. Ricci	Maddex P.
Mrs. Ricciuto	Stephanie N.
Mrs. Peterka	Ross G.
Ms. Serrentino	Wendy O.
Mrs. Basha	Victoria F.
Miss Giovinazzo	Ben W.
Mr. Virdo	Dominika C.
Mrs. Barbour	Byron B.
Mrs Dunne-Leslie	Jules G.
Mrs. Ginn	Gabrielle G.
Mr. Srsa	Harlie P. from Ms. Nedumpara’s class

February Virtue of the Month is RESPECT

During the month of February, we celebrate the virtue of “Respect”. God has given us the virtues of friends and companions to keep us company and to help us to get along.

A person with Respect:

- 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