

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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The Advent Path



The season of Advent is upon us, a time when we plan to celebrate the coming of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. We are caught up in a multitude of tasks: buying gifts, baking treats and visiting loved ones. Some of us may have travel plans but we know what is said about the best-laid plans. There is no guarantee that our plans will ever be realized.

The Present of Presence

**God of love, You were so generous,
sending the presence of your Beloved to
dwell among us and to tell us who you are.
Encourage me during this Advent season to continue
in the sharing of this loving presence
through my attentiveness,
given in prayer and in deeds.
You who dwell within me,
remind me often to let go of my busyness and my
hurriedness
so that I can with be with others in a loving way.
Convince me that "being"
is as important as "doing".
Thank you for your strengthening presence.
Thank you for being with me.
Amen.**

December 2007

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 4
Report Cards home

December 5
Vocal Team at
Sheridan Centre

December 6
Interview evening

December 7
Interviews and
P.D. Day

December 8
Vocal Team at
Sheridan Centre

December 11
Vocal Team @ Board
Office
School Council
Meeting

December 12
Advent Mass (10:30)

December 14
Pizza Lunch

December 19
Pizza "Deluxe" Lunch
Assemblies

December 21
Last Day of Classes

January 7, 2008
First Day of Classes

St. Nicholas—December 6 Feast Day: A citizen of Patara had lost all his money, and had to support three daughters, who, because of their poverty, were going to be given away. This came to the ears of Nicholas, who thereupon took a bag of gold and, under cover of darkness, threw it in at the open window of the man's house. Here was a dowry for the eldest girl. At intervals Nicholas did the same for the second and third; at the last time the father was on the watch, recognized his benefactor and overwhelmed him with his gratitude.

St. Nicholas is venerated as the patron saint of several classes of people, especially in the East of sailors and in the West of children. The legend of the "three children" gave rise to his patronage of children and various observances, ecclesiastical and secular, connected there with; such were the boy bishop and especially in Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands, the giving of presents in his name at Christmas time.

OUTREACH AT ALL SAINTS

Candies For Kids

This Halloween, the students of All Saints Catholic Elementary School answered a challenge, initiated by the Catholic School Council, to make a difference in the lives of impoverished children in Central America. The grade 8 students designed colourful posters and created lively morning announcements to encourage all the student body to share their Halloween loot and donate it to Dr. Andrew Simone's Candies for Kids Campaign; through Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children, these candies will be shipped to several locations in Central America and distributed to children who have never tasted a treat before. The candies will do more than provide a moment of delight; they also serve to stimulate their appetite.

The response of the school community was absolutely overwhelming! On Friday, November 9, Vice-Principal B. Pullara and four student ambassadors accompanied a van fully loaded with candies, chocolate and chips to the Canadian Food for Children warehouse on Lakeshore Blvd. Congratulations to the All Saints community for sharing their Halloween candy and making a difference in the lives of young children across the globe.

EXTENDED FRENCH

St. Christopher School will be hosting an Extended French Program Information meeting for parents of grade four students who wish to register in the program. Students in this program receive 50% of curriculum instruction in the French language. Parents are encouraged to speak to your child's classroom teacher and French teacher to discuss the suitability of this opportunity for your child. Interested parents and students are invited to this presentation on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the school gym. (1195 Clarkson Road, Mississauga)

PATHWAY TO SUCCESS



The IONA CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL ARTS & CULTURE PATHWAY will be open for applications to all Mississauga Grade 8 students entering Grade 9 in September, 2008. This intensive Arts & Culture Pathway will require students to partake in an intake process, which will include an application, recommendations, interview, audition, portfolio and preparation session. The Arts and Culture Pathway is designed to meet the diverse learning needs of all students in areas such as dance, drama, vocal music, instrumental music, photography and visual arts. Students living outside the Iona's Catchment are also welcome to apply.

Important Reminders

All Saints is an Allergen Aware School

Please continue to be mindful that some students are allergic to nuts and other foods and substances – we ask that you are careful when providing lunches and other food for your child(ren) and their classes.

Anti-Bacterial Sanitizers

Anti-Bacterial Sanitizers, such as Purell, although convenient for use, are prohibited on school property as they are harmful if swallowed.

Kiss-and-Ride

The staff at All Saints School is happy to support families as they drop their kids off at school in the morning. In order to keep our Kiss-and-Ride program working smoothly, please refrain from entering the driveway between 8:15 am and 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm and 3:30 pm. Please do not park in the Bus Lane, or stop in the Drive-Thru lane as this is illegal and dangerous.

Students Arriving Late to School

We continue to a number of students who arrive late. Especially as more wintry weather approaches, it is very important that students arrive to school on time and ready to work, as late arrivals disrupt instructional activities and classroom routines.

From the Front Office

- Mrs. Hughes, Vice-Principal of All Saints, was appointed Principal of St.Christopher School in late October. We wish her well in her new role. We welcome to All Saints, B. Pullara, who will be Vice-Principal at All Saints and St. Christopher.
- To promote respect and dignity for all members of our school community, and to enhance student safety, **use of PEDs (Personal Electronic Devices) by students/parents/visitors is strictly prohibited in the schools, on school property, or during school related activities (such as retreats, field trips, sporting events, etc.).** *These devices should be kept out of sight and turned off in the event that they must be brought to school.*
- To enhance student safety, **use of skateboards or rollerblades by students is strictly prohibited on school property**

PEACEMAKERS

P. A. L. S.

Thank you to the students who have taken on leadership roles in our P.A.L.S. program (Playground Activity Leaders). These students are working hard to increase physical activity and decrease bullying by engaging primary students in fun activities during recesses. Please encourage your child to participate in this program.

A VIEW ON THE VIRTUES

In the month of November, we celebrated the virtue of **conscience**. God has given us the ability to know the right and decent way to act and then to act that way. We trust that the common Spirit we share inspires us and guides us to make good decisions if we allow our conscience to be well-formed. A person of conscience allows prayer and scripture to influence him/her. A person of conscience...

- Chooses to do the 'right thing' and feels good about it
- Can see how his/her actions may hurt others
- Admits his/her wrong-doing and feels badly
- Says 'sorry' and tries to make up for mistakes
- Keeps promises

The students of All Saints had conscience on their minds as they engaged in writing activities focused on the meaning of conscience in their own lives. We are proud of all of our students for sharing their thoughts about conscience and then acting in good conscience on a daily basis.

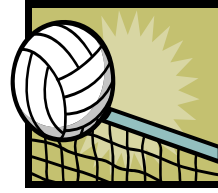
In December, we celebrate the virtue of **hope**. God helps us to keep on working for a more peaceful world even when we feel discouraged.

A person of hope...

- Sees more good than evil in the world
- Acts legally and morally

December is a true month of hope because we wait in joyful anticipation for the birth of Jesus, the light of the world, our saviour.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK



Junior Volleyball

Our Junior Volleyball season is well underway and both teams have been quite impressive on the court!!

Congratulations to the following girls and boys for a super season so far:

Girls: Jessica Renaud, Katie Lough, Nichole Pacheco, Monica Rebelo, Trinez Constantine, Rachel Rygus, Megan Porco, Tara Rayner, Jeanine Fontyn.

Boys: Jacob Ewen, Liam Morris, Kevin Warner, Jordon Fransen, Michael Mikula, Jamie Marino, Branden Tozer, Michael Daum, Matthew Ewen, Alex Montag.

Thanks to Coach A. Droniuk for all her efforts!!

Hockey



Hockey is just around the corner as hockey players at All Saints begin gearing up for another sensational season. Tryouts are taking place in December in preparations for the upcoming season.

WINTER WARNINGS

DRESSING FOR COLD WEATHER

We have begun to experience cold weather and, with winter on its way, we need to prepare. It is important for students to come prepared to participate in all activities, including outdoor recess. Please ensure that your child(ren) is/are dressed appropriately for colder weather: by having hats, scarves, boots and mittens or gloves.

For our 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, many items make their way to the Lost and Found bin and are never claimed. Labeled items can be returned more easily and 'mixed up' items sorted out more readily.

INDOOR/OUTDOOR SHOES

In order to keep our students warm and comfortable and to help keep their workplace clean, please ensure that your child has a pair of "indoor shoes." This will reduce the amount of dirt and mud brought indoors. It will also assist our custodial staff in keeping our school clean.

COLD AND FLU SEASON

In colder weather, we receive requests to allow children to remain indoors when students have a cold, or the flu. Please note that we cannot comply, as we have neither the facilities nor the staff to supervise these students. Please use discretion in keeping your child at home to recover if they are ill. A child who is coughing, wheezing, etc. is not in a state to learn and will only infect others. If your child is well enough to attend school, he/she should be well enough to go outside at recess.

On extremely cold days, we limit the amount of time that students spend out of doors. We obtain our weather information from the Environment Canada Weather Information Line and follow Board guidelines. With the exception of these occasions, it is our expectation that all children will go out for recesses and the lunch break.

USE OF SNOW

Despite the ever present temptation to use snow in inappropriate ways, throwing snow or snowballs on school property is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. Although it may seem to be a fun activity, the practice of throwing snow is unsafe and can lead to serious accidents.

Inclement Weather, School Closure and Bus Cancellations

During the winter months inclement weather may cause disruption to bus transportation and regular school operations. A decision to cancel school transportation and/or to close schools is usually made by 6:00 a.m. and will be announced on the following radio stations:

CKFM 99.9	CHUM 1050
CFTR 680	CFNY 102.1
CFTO	CBC
CJCL 590	CHFI 98.1
CFRB 1010	CHEZ EZ Rock
CJBC (FR) 860	Z103.5
CHIN 100.7	FM/1540 CJEZ
CJMR/CHWO 1250	FOXY 88.5

The message usually takes the following form:
"All buses for the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board have been canceled." This means that buses are cancelled for the entire day.

Or, to indicate school closures:
"The schools and offices of the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board have been closed."

Should the announcement refer to cancellation only in the COUNTY OF DUFFERIN, this does NOT affect All Saints School.



Advent Prayer

Come, long expected Jesus,
Excite in me the joy of love and peace
It is right to bring to the manger of my Lord.
Raise in me, too,
Sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude
for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.
I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail.
Amen.