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# ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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### Principal's and Vice Principal's Message

....We are not called by God to do extraordinary things, but to do ordinary things with extraordinary love.

— [Jean Vanier](#)

### **WELCOME BACK!**

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we welcome both new and returning students, staff, and families to the 2010-2011 school year. The staff has been hard at work planning, preparing curriculum materials, and creating faith-filled and welcoming learning environments for all our students. A sincere 'thank-you' is extended to our custodial staff, Mr. S. laboni, Mr. P. Reale, and Ms. E. Furtado, for their many hours of work over the summer - the school looks wonderful! Ms. Caves has also worked countless hours to ensure that this school year will be a great success – her unstinting commitment and dedication to All Saints is both a gift and blessing to our school.

We welcome staff new to All Saints School: Mr. Discenza (FSL), Ms. Hicks CYW, Ms. Alvarez ERW, Ms. Follow (ERW), Ms. Zanatta (Ms. Atkinson's grade 7/8 class), Ms. Szeto (Ms. Caves' grade 6 class, and Ms. Langenfelds (Ms. Cicerone's JK class). It is with open hearts that we welcome each of these staff members to our All Saints community.

Our student population is declining slightly; we have approximately 402 students at the school. Therefore, **all staff assignments and student placements will remain tentative until the end of the first two weeks of school.** In the event that the school has to be reorganized due to unpredictable enrolment trends, this will take place on Friday, September 17, 2010.

We are both very much looking forward to working with all parents, students and staff in the coming year, as, together, we embrace the task of guiding students on the path of learning and achievement. As we move forward in the coming days and weeks, we welcome your input and involvement in the learning of your children. If you have any questions, feel free to contact your child(ren)'s teacher(s) or the office.

Mr. Vecchiarino and Mrs. Boulanger

### *OPENING PRAYER*

*Good and gracious God,  
As our new school year begins,  
Fill the hearts of our students with an  
eagerness to learn about the world you  
have created, about themselves and  
You.*

*Bless our teachers with gifts of wisdom  
and patience that they may help  
students find the truth.*

*Give our parents generous hearts to  
encourage their children.*

*Help us to work together to form a  
community of learning that teaches,  
not only the skills for success, but all  
that we need to live our faith fully in  
the world.*

*Amen*

### Virtue of the Month

In the month of September, we celebrate the virtue of faith. God made us to live together as a family community. A faithful person believes that we are guided by and destined to be reunited with God. A faithful person believes that God's plan for us includes the right to be safe, especially at school. A faithful person...



Knows that we are all part of God's family



Prays regularly and from the heart



Knows there is good in everyone



Is confident that God loves all



Believes that God loves us unconditionally

**The Virtues assembly will be held on September 21st at 9:15 in the gymnasium. We hope you are able to join us!**



## FROM THE OFFICE

### SAFETY AND SECURITY IN THE SCHOOL

The safety and security of all children in our care is one of our prime concerns. In order to ensure safety and security, we are asking all visitors to the school, including parents, to come to the office through the front door when you arrive. No parents should be accessing the school through any other doors. This will allow us to welcome you and to ask you to sign in at the office and to wear a tag as a visitor or volunteer while in the building. In addition to ensuring the security of the children in the school, this will allow the staff to get to know parents more quickly. We ask for your cooperation in making this system work.

### STUDENT EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Your child has received a package which contains a number of forms requiring your attention. Of particular importance is the Information Verification Form. We ask that you take a few minutes and check over this information to ensure that it is accurate. Please make any changes needed directly onto the sheet and return to your child's teacher this week. Please add area codes for all phone numbers. ALL SHEETS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL as soon as possible, even if there are no corrections needed. It is very important that we have accurate phone numbers and emergency contact persons in case we need to contact you in an emergency.

### DISTRIBUTION and STORAGE of MEDICATION

Some of our students require medication during the school day. All medication is to be stored in the office except where directed by a physician. Board Policy requires that we have signed request/authorization forms from the parents and the supervising physician in the office. These forms are available in the office. We have sent information home to each parent in this situation that we have been made aware of and encourage you to follow up. If you have not received these forms, especially for epipens, please contact the office. In some cases of asthma, the doctor may advise that a student should carry a puffer. We comply with advice of doctors in these situations, but we must be made aware of the arrangements.

When medication is approved for storage, it must be labeled with the student's name, name of medication, prescription information and dosage. The medication is to be brought to the school in the bottle that was provided by the pharmacist. Please do not have students deliver medication to the office; it should be brought in by an adult. Medication that is sent to school without the proper documentation will not be stored or dispensed by school personnel. **This also applies to over-the counter medications such as, Tylenol, aspirin, ibuprofen, cough medicine, Benadryl, and allergy medications.**

### ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Please examine the student insurance information sent to you. Parents may send the completed forms directly to the insurance company if they wish coverage. In addition, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities. You may purchase coverage for your child at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com) or by calling toll free at 1-800-463-KIDS (5437).

### INSTRUCTIONAL PERIODS

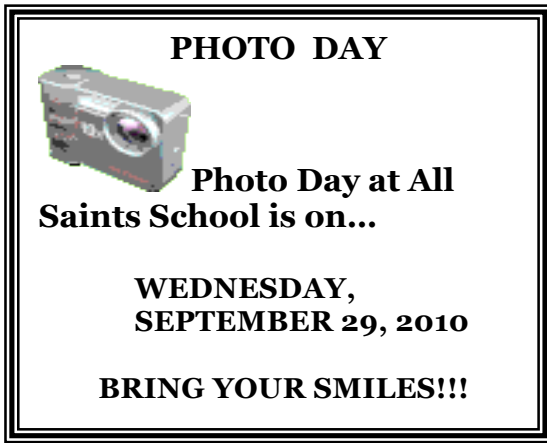
The year's timetable of the school day is outlined below. We strive to have large, uninterrupted blocks of time as these types of instructional periods will allow students to benefit from sustained literacy instruction, incorporating the principles of balanced and cross-curricular literacy instruction.



TIME	PERIODS
8:45 a.m.	School Day Begins
8:45 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	Instructional Period 1
10:40a.m. – 10:55 a.m.	Recess
10:55 am - 11:45 pm	Instructional Period 2
11:15 a.m.	Kindergarten a.m. classes dismissed
11:45 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.	Instructional Period 3 Kindergarten p.m. instruction begins
2:10 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.	Recess
2:25 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Instructional Period 4
3:15 p.m.	Dismissal

### STUDENT AGENDAS

Every student from grades 1-8 will be receiving a **Student Agenda**. The cost for the agenda is \$9.00. These student agendas act as an organizer for students and a communication tool between school and home. All students are expected to use these agendas daily. We ask that each child's parent signs the agreement on page 2 of the agenda which states that he/she has reviewed all introductory pages of the Agenda, including those which follow on General Guidelines, the Catholic Code of Conduct, and Dufferin-Peel's Homework Policy.



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**REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES**

Attendance and punctuality are very important. Please remember to call the school if your child is going to be absent due to an illness or an appointment. If you would like to report a student absence, please call the school at 905-828-6348 and extension 1 for attendance. If you are leaving a message, please indicate the date, your child's name and your child's teacher.



**KISS AND RIDE**

The staff at All Saints School is happy to support families as they drop off and pick up their children at school. In order to keep our Kiss-and-Ride program working smoothly, **please do not park in the Bus Lane, or stop in the Drive-Thru lane as this is illegal and dangerous.** If you have other caregivers picking up your child(ren), please inform them of this necessary policy. If you would like to volunteer to assist in our Kiss N Ride program, please notify the office.

**ALL SAINTS SCHOOL IS AN ALLERGEN AWARE SCHOOL**

As a caring community, All Saints School is committed to supporting the needs and safety of all our students. Our student population includes students who are susceptible to anaphylactic reactions and who have severe life-threatening allergies. For this reason, during the previous school year, we assembled an Allergen Awareness Committee. The role of this committee is to review school policies regarding allergies in the school and communicate these policies to the All Saints School community. This committee is comprised of parents, staff and an administrator. If you would like to become part of this Allergen Awareness committee at All Saints School our first meeting is on September 27, 2010, at 3:45pm. Please phone the school to express your interest. Although we have always tried to ensure that the products we provide to our students are safe (Easter chocolates, Terra Cotta Cookies, etc.), we would like to take an additional step to ensure the safety of all our students. **We continue to ask that parents avoid sending food products to school for special celebrations (i.e. birthdays).** If you would like to send treats in to your child's classroom, we encourage you to send non-edible items such as stickers, erasers, pencils, small toys, etc. Please be informed that if food products are sent to school **they will remain in the office and sent home with the student at the end of the day.** In the event of classroom celebrations (i.e. classroom Christmas party, classroom Valentine's Day party, etc.), at the teacher's request, parents may send in food products that clearly indicate all ingredients and stipulate that they are nut-free on the packaging. **NO HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE CLASSROOM TEACHER.**

Please rest assured that many of the exciting school sponsored activities at All Saints (i.e. pizza days, pita lunch, cupcake days, etc.) will continue. Parents will be informed well in advance that these activities will be taking place. Specifically for classroom parties or Cupcake Days, if you do not wish your child to participate, please inform your child's teacher that your child is not permitted to consume any treats. Through a cooperative effort, we are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all our students by adopting these policies. If you have any questions, please contact the school office or your child's teacher.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and



**LUNCH ROUTINES AND EXPECTATIONS**

If you plan to drop off your child's lunch, please assist us in efficient distribution of lunches, by reminding your child to come to the office at lunch time. Please label the lunch bag with your child's name, teacher, and grade. A table in the front foyer will be available for the lunch drop-off. A reminder that students who regularly stay for lunch are NOT permitted to leave school property without a signed and dated note from parents each time they wish to leave school grounds. Thank you for supporting this important safety routine.

**PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (PEDs)**

**PEDs are prohibited on school property.**

What is a PED?

PEDs are wireless and/or portable electronic handheld equipment that include cell phones, smart phones, walkie-talkies, pagers, black berry handsets, palm organizers, iPods, MP3 players and digital cameras. It is the policy of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic district School board that PEDs belonging to students and visitors are to be kept out-of-sight, turned off and not used within school premises or during school sanctioned events. To prevent the loss or damage of PEDs, schools encourage students to leave their PEDs at home or in their knapsacks.



**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 is a Professional Development Day for all staff members. There will be no classes held on this day. Please make sure to mark your calendars and make appropriate arrangements for your children.

## VOLUNTEERING

It is only with the help of volunteers that the events at All Saints School can be run. We are always looking for dedicated parents/guardians to help with events during the school year. If you are interested in sharing some of your time with us, please call the school office and register your name.

Anyone working in our school as a new employee or volunteer must have a Criminal Reference Check completed by the Peel Police. CRCs are free of charge for volunteers. A Volunteer Application Form is included in your child's package and is also available at the Community Information Board.

Ms. Zingone  
Ms. Molliconi  
Ms. Watler  
Ms. Caves  
Mr. Reale  
Mr. Furtado

ERW  
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Secretary  
Custodian  
Custodian  
Custodian

## CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

All Saints School welcomes the teacher candidates who will be working in their classroom placements throughout the school. We welcome these students to our Catholic community and wish them well in their endeavours.

## NO CHILD WITHOUT PROGRAM

The Medicalert Foundation is introducing the *No Child Without* program at no cost to families. With the rise in childhood diabetes, asthma and allergies, it is estimated that one in five children has a medical condition, allergy or special need that should be communicated to emergency medical personnel in an emergency. Pamphlets have been sent to students with health concerns, JK and SK students. If you wish to receive a pamphlet from the school please contact the main office.

## Tentative Staff List for 2010-2011

	On leave (Ms Cicerone)
Ms Langenfelds	JK
Ms. Doroniuk	SK
Ms. Nelson	Gr. 1
Ms. Vogel	Gr. 1
Ms. Rab	Gr. 2
Ms. Huntsman	Gr. 2
Ms. Parker	Gr.3
Mr. Gabrielli	Gr. 4
Mr. Osterman	Gr. 4
Ms. Bergie	Gr. 4/5
Mr. Hartnett	Gr. 5
Mr. Carrabs	Gr. 6
Ms. Szeto	Gr. 6 (Ms. Caves)
Ms. Lima	Gr. 7
Ms. Castro	Gr. 7/8
Ms. Zanatta	Gr. 7/8 (Ms. Atkinson)
Ms. Falconi	SERC
Ms. Baile	SERT
Ms. Gabaldon	ASD
Mr. Discenza	FSL
Ms. Demola	FSL
Ms. Marcoccia	ESL
Ms. Smith	Library
Ms. Alvarez	ERW
Ms. Fallow	ERW
Ms. Corman	ERW
Ms. Pammenter	ERW
Ms. Curran	ERW
Ms. Gouveia	ERW
Ms. Lawson	ERW



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### OPEN HOUSE AND COMMUNITY BBQ

The annual All Saints School Open House / BBQ is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, from 5:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** The evening will be comprised of our traditional barbecue, followed by classroom visits. A flyer including more details is included in your child's package. We are looking forward to meeting and reconnecting with all parents/guardians and families.

### ALL SAINTS SCHOOL FALL FUN FAIR

The annual All Saints School Fall Fun Fair will take place on Saturday, September 25, 2010, from 11:00am to 3:00 pm. The day promises to be a fun time for all. Hope to see you there!



### CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Any parents interested in being part of the All Saints Catholic School Council, please complete the nomination form that was included in your child's package. Our Catholic School Council will be comprised of parents, school faculty members (teaching and non-teaching) and

an appointed parish community representative. All nomination forms should be completed and returned to the school office. In the event that we need to proceed to the next step and hold elections, the elections will be held on **September 21, 2010. We hope to see many parents at our monthly meetings.**



ing TV, MSN messaging, video games, and talking with your children about the importance of education. Your child's faculty have worked hard in preparing for the upcoming school year. The administrative team is prepared to ensure that programming and safety are paramount to your child's success. As parents, you must also set high expectations for your school. We welcome your involvement, support and suggestions which can help us to improve. Specifically, get involved with your children's schoolwork and tell us right away about any possible problems, for example, whether work is too easy or too difficult. Get to know your child's teacher and form a partnership.

I wish all our students a successful academic school year and many blessings.



**MESSAGE FROM MISSISSAUGA SOUTH SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CATHY SAYTAR**

September 2010

Welcome back to another exciting school year. Special greetings to all those who are new to the Mississauga South Family of Schools. As the new Superintendent of Mississauga South Family of Schools, I am excited to be a part of this vibrant and diverse community. Due to a re-alignment of schools throughout the board, Mississauga South now consists of 26 schools; 4 secondary and 22 elementary, as well as 8 parishes, each of which supports our student faith formation and catechetical programming. Our family's jurisdiction is represented by 4 trustees: Sharon Hobin, Luz del Rosario, Bruno Iannicca and Mario Pascucci, each of whom are strong advocates for our schools and Catholic Education. It is our collective hope that you find your school to be a safe, caring, healthy and inclusive Catholic learning environment. It is our aim to provide excellence in Catholic education for your children.

Our Catholic teachers ensure that our young people become more appreciative of the gifts of our faith and realize their distinctive legacy as Catholic citizens. As parents and educators, you are witnesses to the hope that nourishes each child's faith formation and thus are empowered to help these young people in their journey.

Education is a co-operative endeavour and as parents and guardians, you play an absolutely essential role in your children's success. We ask you to set high expectations for your children's academic success. A parent's expectation of success becomes a driving force to motivate a child. When children aren't expected to do well, they often don't. So please don't accept mediocre grades and poor study habits; rather get involved and expect your child to achieve to their fullest potential. There are many ways to do this, such as by supervising homework, fostering reading at home,

**MESSAGE FROM YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEE SHARON HOBIN**



I saw many of you doing the "happy dance" the first day of school! We were blessed with a wonderful summer and if history repeats itself we will have a magnificent September. Welcome Back! As many of you know I will from time to time include an insert in the school newsletter to bring you updates from the school board. We will be embarking on **Full Day Learning** which means full day junior and senior kindergarten at St. Louis

Catholic Elementary. In year 2 we will have Full Day Learning at St. Francis of Assisi. Within five years all kindergarten classes will be full day.

**Are You Ticked?**

Direction of school support (taxes) has long been an issue for Catholic school boards in Ontario. The fact is that, unless the municipality is notified, the school support designation, for assessment purposes, automatically defaults to public school support when an individual or family moves to a new address. This may have an impact on students' eligibility to attend Catholic elementary schools, trustee representation on school boards, and on government perception of support for Catholic education. We want to bring a greater awareness around this matter and have created the **Are You Ticked?** campaign as the communication vehicle for this awareness. If you would like more information on school support designation or would like us to help you check or change your school support designation to the Catholic system, please call us at (905) 890-0708, ext.

24512. If you are a member of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish you may pick up a form at the church office.

### Transportation Revised Eligibility

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board has enhanced eligibility standards by reducing the distance criteria for eligibility from 1.6 kilometers to 1.0 kilometers for grade 1 students and by reducing the distance criteria for eligibility for grades 7 and 8 students from 3.2 kilometers to 2.0 kilometers. This means that students currently in Senior Kindergarten who are bussed will continue to be bussed next year. Additionally students currently in grade 6 will continue to be bussed next year and some students currently in grade 7 and ineligible for transportation will be eligible for transportation in grade 8. Secondary walking distances have remained the same because of budget restraints. For those who may wish to apply for **Courtesy Ridership** please check the STOPR web site at [www.stopr.ca](http://www.stopr.ca). Click on School Forms at the side of the page and find form TFL004 –Courtesy Seat Procedure.

### Access to Bus Information

Please be advised that the following website, [businfo.stopr.ca](http://businfo.stopr.ca), is now available to students, parents, school administrators, and school bus operators. This website provides basic information for students and parents, specific to what school do I attend?, and am I eligible for transportation? Also, parents of students who are eligible for transportation will be able to login to the [businfo.stopr.ca](http://businfo.stopr.ca) site and access the specific details of only their child's transportation arrangements.

### Combined Classes

Many of you will see your children in combined classes. This is due to declining enrolment and more importantly due to the legislation which tells boards that we may not have more than 20 children in a class in grades 1 to 3. This is a hard cap that cannot be changed as per this legislation. I repeat that this legislation comes from the ministry and not from the board of trustees. Principals and staff will do their very best to see that students are placed in the best possible situation for them.

### Catholic School Councils

Members of Catholic school council must be in place 30 days after school begins. I encourage you to join school council to add your expertise to the council, volunteer your talent and to join committees that help the school flourish. As a veteran of Catholic school

councils I can tell you that I had so much fun, made wonderful friends and was able to contribute to my community. Do not leave it to someone else. Children whose parents are involved in their school do better

### DATES TO REMEMBER

September 7	-First day of classes
September 17	-PA Day
September 21	-Virtues Assembly 9:15 -School Council Elections
September 22	-Meet the Teacher BBQ
September 25	-Fall Fun Fair
September 27	-Allergen Awareness Committee Meeting
September 28	-Early Release Day
September 29	-Photo Day

*Lord, a new year is unfolding. Let this year be filled with the things that are truly good, with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those in need, and the humility and openness to accept help from others. As we prepare for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be made possible with your hope and guidance.*

*Amen*

er in school. Give it a try!!!!

All the very best for this school year. You may reach me at (905)301-1210 or [sharon.hobin@dpcdsb.org](mailto:sharon.hobin@dpcdsb.org)  
May the good Lord always hold you in the palms of His hands.

