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# ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message

As the days begin to get shorter and the darkness comes to us a little bit sooner each day, it is time to reflect on a very positive September at All Saints Catholic School. Our annual Open House\BBQ evening and Fall Fun Fair were both - once again - very successful events. Thank you to everyone involved in making these events possible, and to all who gave of their time in order to attend. Your support is greatly appreciated!

While we managed to avoid reorganizing classrooms there was one very notable change to our staff in September. Mrs. C. Boulanger has been transferred to St. Francis of Assisi school and Mr. P. Cahill has joined our staff as our new Vice-Principal. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Boulanger for her contribution to the All Saints school community during her time here, and I would like to welcome Mr. Cahill; we feel blessed to have you join this wonderful and welcoming school community!

On behalf of the staff of All Saints Catholic School, we would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving. We encourage you to take the long weekend to gather friends and family for a time of prayer and fellowship.

## Thanksgiving Prayer

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;  
When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;  
When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home;  
When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,  
And by remembering, help me to destroy my compliancy; bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help;  
By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

### - EMPATHY

This month we will celebrate the virtue of **empathy**.

God has given us the ability to form connections with each other – to live together.

Empathy helps us to connect and live together in safe, caring, inclusive and healthy school communities.

We understand empathy to mean the ability to identify with and feel other people's concerns. We believe that in Faith community we are nothing without relationships. We have relationships that grow in a spirit of communion – an understanding that we share an identity based on being created in the image and likeness of God and being imbued with one Spirit. We are many parts of one body.

An empathetic person...

- Listens attentively
- Watches people's body language
- Notices and responds when someone is upset
- Can name her/his feelings
- Can see a situation from another person's point of view
- Knows that different people may feel differently about the same thing



Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. Vecchiarino and Mr. Cahill

## SCHOOL NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS DUFFERIN PEEL CATHOLIC TEACHERS....

... for the caring and generous ways in which you help our students grow in their Catholic faith and expand their knowledge, while developing important life skills and their love of learning. Your dedicated service to students, families, parishes and the broader community is instrumental in helping our students to excel. You inspire and help students to realize their dreams to build a better world! We commend you on **World Teacher's Day, October 5, 2010!**

### INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

iWALK is an annual event designed to motivate children and parents to adopt an active mode of transportation. Walk, bike or skip to school on Wednesday, October 6, 2010. Demonstrate support of improved air quality, reduced traffic congestion around schools, increased physical activity among children and youth, and an increased sense of community. As always, please let the teacher know if any arrangements are being made that are not the norm and ensure that children travel to and from school safely.



### HALLOWE'EN

All students from Kindergarten to Grade eight are encouraged to wear their Hallowe'en costumes to school on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that guns, swords, or weapons of any kind are not permitted at school on this day. Also, due to safety reasons, students are not allowed to wear full masks to school.

### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

In the spirit of thanksgiving, we encourage all students to donate one non-perishable food item (canned goods, pasta, baby formula, etc.) for our food drive. The food drive will be held during the week of **October 4–8<sup>th</sup>**. All collected food items will then be forwarded to the Eden Food Bank on behalf of All Saints School. Once again, we thank you in advance for your unwavering generosity.

## FROM THE OFFICE

### NEW REPORTING PRACTICES !

The Ontario Government has made changes to the elementary reporting process which includes a new *Elementary Progress Report Card* to replace the previous first term report card.

Report cards will now be sent home, as follows:

Term One *Elementary Progress Report Card* - **November 2, 2010**  
(Grades 1-8)

Term Two *Provincial Report Card* - **February 1, 2011** (Grades 1-8)

Term Three *Provincial Report Card* – **June 28, 2011** (Grades 1-8)



### OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup> IS PHOTO RE-TAKE DAY!

Our school photos were taken during the last week of September. However, another opportunity will be provided for photos to be taken. Please remember to send your child(ren) to school prepared to take their picture for Photo Re-Take Day on **October 27<sup>th</sup>**. A reminder will be sent home prior to this date.



### HEPATITIS B. / HPV INOCULATIONS

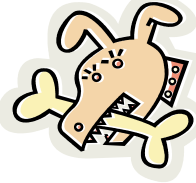
Peel Health will continue to offer free immunization against Hepatitis B for students in Grade 7 and HPV for Grade 8 girls. It is given as a series of two injections over a period of six months. If you have any questions, please call the Peel Health Department at (905)799-7700.

The following date has been assigned to All Saints School.  
Dose #1 – Wed., October 20, 2010

Second date to follow

## DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

You will soon notice new signs that indicate that **dogs are not permitted on school property**. Many students, especially little ones, have a strong fear of dogs (no matter the size of dog). We ask for your cooperation by leaving your dog at home when you bring your child(ren) to school or pick up after school. Thank you in advance for your continuous support.



## VISITORS IN THE SCHOOL

As you can imagine, it is very difficult to keep track of the many visitors we have each day at All Saints School. Staff and supply teachers cannot possibly know all of our parents on sight. In an effort to ensure the safety of our students, we are asking for your understanding and cooperation in following these requests. Please, at all times, report to the office when entering the school.

- Leave forgotten lunches on the lunch table in the school entrance. Please inform your child if you will be dropping off a lunch so that classrooms do not need to be disturbed.
- Leave messages for students at the office.
- Adults should not be in the school halls before, during or after class time
- At dismissal, please wait for your child outside their respective exits
- If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please make an appointment

## VISITORS IN THE SCHOOL YARD

This year we have more classes exiting out the primary doors. We have noticed an increase in the amount of congestion surrounding these doors during drop-off and dismissal times. Therefore, we respectfully ask that parents attempt to stand on the path or grassy areas while waiting for their children. Please leave the pavement area by the primary doors for the students to use as a play area. We would appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.

## MedicAlert's "NO CHILD WITHOUT PROGRAM" IS AT ALL SAINTS

The No Child Without program offers a free MedicAlert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 to 14 years. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis you should consider a MedicAlert membership through this program.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or visit [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca). To register your child, you will need a No Child Without brochure from our office. If your child is already part of the No Child Without program and there have been changes to his/her medical condition or medication, call MedicAlert at 1-866-679-3220 Ext. 1 to update your child's file.



## GUIDELINES FOR HAND SANITIZER USE IN SCHOOLS

Sanitizers are NOT a replacement for washing with soap and water. Hand washing with soap and water should be vigorously promoted, especially after washroom use or if there is visible dirt on the hands, i.e. after playing outside.

The following shall be followed with respect to use and product permitted:

- Products used shall be between 60-90% alcohol
- The alcohol content makes sanitizers flammable
- Do not use or store near open flames
- Over use may cause skin irritation due to the drying affect on the skin
- Only unscented products shall be used in schools
- Use of sanitizers by students shall be supervised
  - no horseplay with sanitizer
  - no consumption of the product
  - use is controlled under supervision
  - all students shall be informed of the procedures for use



## ANAPHYLAXIS UPDATE

At Halloween we must be very vigilant as to what our children bring to school in the way of treats. Our school has a number of students who have LIFE THREATENING allergies. All of our affected children have been well prepared to avoid the potential for a life threatening allergic reaction while at school. However, as a community, let us try to minimize the risks for this segment of our student population. Our **All Saints Allergen Awareness Committee** had its first meeting in September. There are teachers and parents represented on the committee as well as a representative from School Council and administration. Please refer to communication included with this newsletter.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

### VOLLEYBALL

The Intermediate Volleyball teams will soon begin their seasons. Both teams are practicing diligently in preparation for making the playoffs in late October. Thank you to S. Zanatta and M. Szeto for coaching the teams. Best of luck to both teams this season!



### CROSS-COUNTRY

Since mid-September, a group of dedicated students have been training for the cross-country meet on October 15, 2010 at Centennial Park in Etobicoke. These students have discovered that long distance running is a fun way to improve their physical fitness. We wish the athletes the best at the meet and wish to thank M. Falconi and G. Baile for coaching the All Saints team.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ALL SAINTS FUN FAIR

The All Saints Catholic School Fun Fair was held on **Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**. The day was a tremendous success! Thank you to all members of the community who volunteered their time, donated gift items and prizes, contacted sponsors and volunteered to work stations during the event. An incredibly fun time was had by all who attended!!!!

### GOOD BEARS OF THE WORLD CANADA

Gently loved teddy bears and stuffed animals are once again being collected to be delivered to children in war-torn regions such as Afghanistan or remote areas of the Canadian Arctic. Please donate any stuffed animal that is washed and free of stains, rips or tears. Unfortunately, no hard plastics or electronics will be accepted as part of this teddy bear/stuffed animal drive.



### CUPCAKE DAY

All Saints school will be having it's first Cupcake Day of the school year on **October 28<sup>th</sup>**. The bakers will be students in Grades JK, 1, 3, 5, and 7 and the theme will be Hallowe'en. Parents of children with allergies are reminded to advise their child(ren)'s classroom teacher(s) about any issues related to their child's participation in this school wide-event.



### EXTREME PITA

Our next Extreme Pita Day is October 20.

### ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Special appreciation is extended to the following members of our school community for assisting with our 2010-2011 School Council this year. Our first Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 7:00pm** in the library.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Our new Council for 2010-2011 has been established:

S. Baird	- Chairperson
L. Graham	- Vice-Chairperson
M. DiDomenico	- Secretary
R. Fernandes	- Treasurer
C. Simpson/B. Dei	- Fundraising\Special Events Co-Chairs
E. Lehman	- Education Chair
B. Derks	- Parish Representative
R. Marotta	- O.A.P.C.E Representative
A. Stranges	- Community/Safety Representative
D. Rogers	- Parent Representative
M. Vecchiarino	- Principal
P. Cahill	- Vice-Principal
M. Falconi	- Teacher Representative
R. Caves	- Non-teacher Representative

Meeting dates for the year are:

Oct 12	Feb 08	June 14
Nov 09	April 12	
Jan 11	May 10	

**It is not how much you do, but how much love you put into doing it." -Mother Teresa**

