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Enclosures this month include:

- Home and School Connection
- Audit Committee information

### Principal's/Vice Principal's Message

Welcome back!

In the month of January we celebrated the Epiphany of the Lord. We are reminded time and again how the light from the northern star guided the three wise men to Christ's birthplace in the manger, in the city Bethlehem. The story is central to our faith and reminds us that **we** are called to be the light to others, leading them to know and experience Jesus through our words and our deeds. We are also encouraged to see each other in a new light - with new energy and insight, new openhandedness and new liveliness.

We wanted to take this opportunity to offer a very special thank you to the entire All Saints community for your generosity and support during the recent Advent and Christmas seasons. It was wonderful to see so many parents and friends sharing our Faith at the Advent Mass in December. Thank you also to the families who supported our St. Vincent de Paul Outreach program. Your generous donations of non-perishable food items and gifts benefited those less fortunate.

On behalf of the All Saints School community, we extend to you and your family our best wishes for a healthy and prosperous year in 2011.



Yours sincerely,  
Mr. Vecchiarino and Mr. Cahill  
January 2011

The Virtues assembly this month will be held in the school gymnasium on **Tuesday, January 18, 2011** at 9:15a.m. As always, all members of the All Saints parent community are more than welcome to attend!

### PEOPLE OF SELF-CONTROL...

- FOLLOW THEIR CONSCIENCE
- ARE PATIENT WITH THEMSELVES AND OTHERS
- SHARE AND TAKE TURNS
- ARE ABLE TO USE PRAYER TO CALM THEMSELVES DOWN
- THINK BEFORE THEY REACT (W.W.J.D.\*)
- LOOK FOR PEACEFUL WAYS TO SOLVE CONFLICT
- TRY TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR EVERYONE
- HAVE THE POWER TO STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT

\*WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?



**SELF-CONTROL**

## FROM THE OFFICE

### **CLOSING DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER**

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

CKFM 99.9	CFRB 1010
CHUM 1050	CHFI 98.1
CFTR 680	CFNY 102.1

- or - Please check our Dufferin-Peel CDSB website at <http://www.dpcdsb.org>

### **WINTER PLAYGROUND RULES**

Now that the winter weather has arrived, it has become necessary to review the rules we have in place to keep the All Saints School playground a safe place for all students during recess. These rules include:

- No throwing or kicking of snow or ice in any direction;
- Remaining off of ice patches on the field or pavement;
- Keeping off of high snow banks;
- Keeping snow on the ground;
- Not standing under icicles that accumulate along the roof's perimeter;
- Staying off the field, and on paved areas of the school yard, on days that it is designated unsafe for students.

When students fail to follow these rules, they put their own safety and the safety of others in jeopardy. Therefore, ongoing failure to follow the playground rules will result in loss of recess time. Students will also be asked to complete an incident sheet (Resolutions) that will be sent home to be signed by a parent.



### **WINTER WEATHER CLOTHING**

We would like to remind all parents that students remain outside for recess for two 15 minute periods and one 40 minute period each day. All students are required to go outside during these times so please send students with appropriate winter-wear. Only in cases of severely colder weather will students remain inside the school during recess.

### **EXTENDED FRENCH PROGRAM**

Grade four parent(s) / guardian(s) who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 5 Extended French class for September, 2010 are invited to attend a parent information meeting at:

St. Christopher School  
1195 Clarkson Road North, Mississauga  
(905) 822-0721  
on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at 7:00pm.



### **FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION EVENING**

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board will hold public information meetings in Mississauga and Brampton for parents and guardians interested in enrolling their children in the board's French Immersion (FI) Program for the 2011-2012 school year.

The Mississauga meeting information is as follows:

**Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

St. Gertrude  
815 Ceremonial Drive  
Mississauga, ON L5R 3S2

### **INFORMATION NIGHT FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Dufferin-Peel's Special Education Department is hosting an *Information Night for Parents of Students with Special Needs such as Vision, Hearing, Physical/Medical, Developmental, Autism* on Wednesday January 26<sup>th</sup> 2011. The information session is for students registering for JK, SK and Full Day Kindergarten programs in a Dufferin-Peel school for 2011-2012, and will run from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Room 301 at the Dufferin-Peel Catholic Education Centre, 40 Matheson Blvd W, Mississauga, ON.

### **JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Registration for JK/SK Kindergarten for the 2011-12 school year will take place at All Saints as follows:

- Monday, February 7, 2011 from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
(Snow Date - Tuesday, February 8, 2011 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm)
- Wed., Feb. 9, Thurs., Feb. 10 and Fri. Feb. 11, 2011 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am and 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

## UPDATE – STAFFING

There have been a few recent changes to staffing at All Saints. Our Teacher-Librarian, **Mrs. S. Smith**, has left All Saints to take on a new role as a Special Assignment Teacher with the Mississauga/Brampton Central Family of Schools. We thank Mrs. Smith for her time and her commitment to the All Saints school community. We will miss Mrs. Smith, and we wish her well in her future endeavors!

**Mrs. K. Huntsman** leaves her Grade 2 class to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Smith, and she now serves as our Teacher-Librarian. **Ms. M. Kosmrlj** has joined the All Saints staff, and will fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Huntsman in Grade 2.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The January meeting of the All Saints Catholic School Council will take place on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome to attend! Please visit the school council section of the All Saints school website at [www.dpcdsb.org/ALLST/School+Council](http://www.dpcdsb.org/ALLST/School+Council)



## STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF PEEL REGION (STOPR)

STOPR is a consortium, formed by agreement between the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and the Peel District School Board, for the purpose of providing a common administration of transportation services for students residing in the Region of Peel. The STOPR website <http://www.stopr.ca> provides access to up-to-date information regarding delayed buses as well as bus cancellations due to inclement weather. This website also contains transportation policies, procedures, forms, frequently asked questions, and links to each Board's website.

For busing delays and cancellations please visit the following website: <https://businfo.stopr.ca/Cancellations.aspx>

## ASSESSMENT and EVALUATION

Teachers will be preparing Report Cards on the upcoming PA Day on **January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011**.

Reports will be sent home on **February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**.

Parent-student-Teacher interviews will take place on the evening of **February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011** as well as during the PA Day on **February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011**.

## WINTER WALKING DAY

**It's winter! Don't hibernate – walk to school and celebrate!**

**Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011** is Ontario's Winter Walk Day for schools. Walk to school or at school for daily physical activity, a healthier environment, safer streets, making friends and ... having fun!



**It's simple to be active in winter.**

**Here are some tips for dressing for winter walking:**

- \* Keep hands and head covered to prevent heat loss
- \* On really cold days wear a scarf over your face and mouth
- \* Wear warm, waterproof boots
- \* Wear a warm coat that deflects the wind
- \* Woolen clothing helps to retain the heat
- \* Wear clothing or carry knapsacks with reflective material
- \* If possible, change wet clothes at school – tuck an extra pair of socks and mitts into knapsacks
- \* Below -25°C is considered too cold for walking so move your walk in-doors or select another day for outdoor activities or walking to school

Further information is available online. Please visit: [www.saferoutestoschool.ca](http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca)

## INTERMEDIATE ICE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

All Saints will be hosting their 4th Annual Intermediate Ice Hockey tournament at Erin Mills Twin Arenas on the following dates:

Jan 19, 20, 25, and 27.

The tournament has expanded from 8 teams in the first year - this year's tournament features 20 teams! This year's format has also introduced a tiered system with two levels of play. This has allowed All Saints to create a second intermediate team for our Tier 2 tournament.

The 2nd Annual Junior tournament will follow (also at Erin Mills Twin Arenas) on February 15 and 16, 2011

Go Wildcats!



## **KISS AND RIDE TIMES - REMINDER**

Teachers are on duty in the Kiss and Ride area from 8:30 - 8:45 a.m., as well as 3:15 - 3:30 p.m. Please use the Kiss and Ride and Bus lanes in the afternoon as you would in the morning. You are kindly requested not to park in the bus lanes after school.

We would like to thank the parents who volunteer during the drop-off times. If you would like to volunteer either before or after school in the Kiss and Ride program, please notify the office.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Based on direction from the Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is seeking two (2) volunteer community members with financial expertise and business knowledge to serve on its Audit Committee for a three (3) year term effective February 21, 2011 to Feb. 21, 2014. The primary role of our Audit Committee is to provide assurance to the Board of Trustees that the School Board has the appropriate culture, personnel, policies, systems and controls in place to safeguard the School Board's assets and to accurately report financial information to internal and external users.

The appointment becomes effective Feb, 21, 2011, with the first meeting to take place by March 31, 2011.

See the enclosure in this month's newsletter for more information.

## **VIGIL CANADA**

The office at All Saints received a note this month from the Executive Director of Vigil Canada. The note reads:

**“On behalf of RH Thomson and Martin Conboy, co-producers of Vigil Canada and the International Churchill Society – Canada, I would like to thank All Saints Catholic School for its most generous donation to the Vigil project. By offsetting the expenses we incurred in bringing the project to your school, you made it possible for other schools who could not contribute to participate. In this way many more students were made aware of the lives and deaths of the young Canadian men and women who perished in the Great War.”**

From sunset to sunrise, from November 4 until November 11, Vigil Canada undertook to project the names of the 68,000 Canadian soldiers who died in the First World War onto the National War Memorial in Ottawa, as well as feature the broadcast live online. The link for the project can be found at [www.1914-1918.ca](http://www.1914-1918.ca)



## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please notify Mrs. Caves in the school office 905-828-6348 if you have changed any contact information since September 2010. It is vital that we have current home, work and mobile phone numbers, in the event that we need to contact you during the day. Thank you!

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

This is the second instalment in an ongoing series of questions and answers about Catholic Education, compiled by our own Director of Education, John Kostoff.

### ***What sacrifices did Catholics have to make to send their children to separate schools?***

Because the United Legislature of Canada East and Canada West roughly had consisted of members advocating non-denominational common schools and half were in favour of them, separate school legislation, for about fifteen years, contained three obstacles to their existence:

- (a) Catholics could establish and support a separate school, but had to continue paying common school taxes. Thus, they paid tuition for their children in the separate school;
- (b) The separate school had no permanence of existence. If the local common school board hired a Catholic as one of its teachers, then the separate school ceased to exist. Separate schools kept opening and closing in the early years;
- (c) In the cities the separate school board required the permission of the common school board to open a new or an additional separate school. Sometimes the permission was not forthcoming.
- (d) The legislation required twelve Catholic heads of family resident within a city, town or township common school section. The townships' common school sections were so small that often there were not twelve resident Catholic families.

### ***Were these four obstacles removed?***

Yes. The United Legislature of Canada East and Canada West in 1853, 1855 and 1863 removed all four hindrances. There was no more double taxation. It did not matter if there was a Catholic teaching in the common school. The separate school board did not need the permission of the common school board to open a new or additional separate school. The number of Catholic heads of family to establish a separate school was lowered from twelve to five. As a result, the number of separate schools grew considerably.