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# ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Enclosures this month include:

- Trustee Update – S. Hobin
- Superintendent Update – C. Saytar
- 2011-2012 School Calendar
- Home and School Connection – Sept



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

Welcome back to a new school year! I am very pleased and thrilled to be joining the All Saints School community. I look forward to the upcoming school year and working with a talented and dedicated staff, enthusiastic students and supportive parents\guardians.

I have already had the opportunity to meet many of you, and would like to thank you all for being so warm and welcoming. I would like to extend a very heartfelt welcome to all the new families in our school community. Thank you to the All Saints staff for all your hard work in preparing to receive our students on the first day of school. We regard ourselves as partners with parents in the education of your children. Your support and input by contacting your child's teacher, volunteering in the school, or serving on our Catholic Parent Council is valued and vital to ensure the success of our students. Your involvement has been shown by research to have a major impact on student learning and success.

As part of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, we work closely with the Church community to live the gospel values and provide for the faith development of your child. Together with you, we assist the parish in preparing students for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.

I look forward to seeing you at our **Open House\Curriculum Night on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** or our **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Fair on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>!**

Together we will most certainly have a very enjoyable and successful school year!

Mrs. N. Levey  
Principal

All Saints Catholic Elementary School

## 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.*

## PEOPLE OF FAITH...

- KNOW THAT WE ARE ALL PART OF GOD'S FAMILY
- WANT TO BE GOOD LIKE JESUS
- PRAY REGULARLY AND FROM THE HEART
- KNOW THERE IS GOOD IN EVERYONE
- SEE GOOD IN THE WORLD
- USE AND RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE'S RIGHT NAMES
- ARE CONFIDENT THAT GOD LOVES US ALL
- BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES US NO MATTER WHAT
- LEARN FROM BIBLE STORIES
- LEARN FROM THE FAMILY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



## 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 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 an inhaler. 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.**

## GENERAL information

### 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 is 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.

### 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, the 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 by calling toll free at 1-800-463-KIDS (5437) or at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com)

### 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, BlackBerry handsets, palm organizers, iPods, MP3 players and digital cameras.

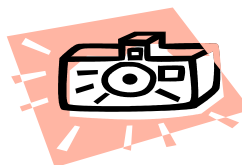


It is the policy of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School board that PEDs belonging to students and visitors are to be kept out-of-sight, turned off and not used within school premises or during school sanctioned events. To prevent the loss or damage of PEDs, **we encourage students to leave their PEDs at home** or in their knapsacks.

### Professional Development Day

Friday, September 16th, 2011 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.

### School Photographs



**Photo Day at All Saints School  
is on...**

**Tues. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**BRING YOUR SMILES!!!**

### Reporting Student Absences

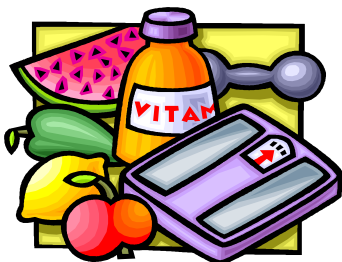
Daily attendance and punctuality are very important. Please remember to call the school if your child is going to be absent due to an illness or an appointment. If you would like to report a student absence, please call the school at 905-828-6348 And press 1 for attendance. If you are leaving a message,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

### All Saints 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.

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.** 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 and will comply with the Government of Ontario's New Food and Beverage Policy (PPM 150)  
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 cooperation!



### 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 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.**

### Greetings to All from the Kiss N Ride volunteers!

We do hope you had a great and rejuvenating summer and that you're all ready to take on the new school year as much as we are! It will be a fantastic year!

Here are just a few friendly reminders of our Kiss N Ride program so that we can get the students off and running with a real positive start.

1. The front driveway has recently been painted to highlight more clearly the path of Kiss and Ride and the Bus Route. Please observe these markings as these will be how you will be directed by those guiding traffic every day this year.
2. When you arrive at the school, please proceed all the way to the end of the driveway before stopping. We ask this to ensure that we fit as many vehicles in the driveway as possible for the most efficient dropping off of students.
3. Please do not speed in the school driveway. There are several very young students who do not necessarily know how to behave with traffic, and we want to be sure all the students have a safe experience.
4. If your child is not capable of getting out of your vehicle on their own, it may be best to park your car in a safe place on the road and assist your child out of the vehicle. We recognize that at times the driver will have to leave the vehicle to assist their child but, as a courtesy to those drivers behind you, we ask you to restrict that time to as fast as possible or not at all.
5. Please follow the directions of the Kiss N Ride volunteers as well as the teachers on site. We are all there for your child's safety.
6. Do not park in the parking spaces in front of the school between 8:30AM and 9:00AM. The backing in and out of these spaces hampers effective traffic flow and, again, is best to avoid for child safety purposes.
7. The school bell rings at 8:45AM every school morning. Please ensure your child is dropped off in ample time to get to class before the bell rings.

Finally, if you have some spare time in the mornings and would like to volunteer to assist in our Kiss N Ride program, don't hesitate to contact one of the volunteers or the school office. It just takes about 15 minutes on any given morning and we'll be happy to show you the ropes!

Let's all have a fantastic and safe school year!

## **From the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Continuing Education Department**

### **Welcome to General Interest Courses for Adults**

- General Interest programs in personal development, communication and health and fitness are available throughout the DPCDSB Region
- For details refer to our FALL 2011 Adult and Continuing Education Flyer posted on our website at [www.dpcdsb.org/cec/cne](http://www.dpcdsb.org/cec/cne)
- Or call 905-891-9263 ext. 0  
General Interest Programs are offered to the community by the DPCDSB. We encourage you to get involved and to join others with similar interests. Register now to ensure a place in the program of your choice. Registration deadline is **September 23, 2011**.

### **Welcome to Adult ESL Programs**

- Adult ESL and Citizenship Programs are offered throughout Mississauga and Brampton
- Registration is on-going for many of these programs that run during the day and in the evenings seven days a week
- Please see our Fall 2011 Catalogue posted on the board website at [www.dpcdsb.org/cec/cne](http://www.dpcdsb.org/cec/cne)
- or call 905-891-9263 ext. 0

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### **Welcome to Adult FSL (French as a Second Language Classes)**

- Adult FSL programs are offered at BJB Adult Learning Centre and St. Gabriel Adult Learning Centre
- Classes are offered during the day and in the evenings
- Please see our Fall 2011 Catalogue posted on the board website at [www.dpcdsb.org/cec/cne](http://www.dpcdsb.org/cec/cne)
- or call 905-891-9263 ext. 0

### **Secondary Night School Credit Fall 2011**

- Secondary students and adults may register now for Secondary Night School Credits offered by the DPCDSB
- Registration deadline is Wednesday September 14, 2011
- Information is available at all our DPCDSB secondary schools

### **Join the DPCDSB Adult Credit and COOP Programs**

- We offer Accounting, Office Administration, and Coop Work Experience for Foreign Trained Professionals
- Registration is ongoing throughout the year
- Please see our Fall Catalogue posted on the board website at [www.dpcdsb.org/coopcentre](http://www.dpcdsb.org/coopcentre)
- Call 905-362-0701 for classes in the North or 905-891-3034 for classes in the South



**From Your Catholic School Trustee**  
**Sharon Hobin**

Welcome back to the 2011-2012 school year. To those of you who are parents of children in Junior Kindergarten and new parents and families to Dufferin-Peel, welcome. I know you will be very happy with the education your children will receive.

Your children's teachers have been working hard to get ready for this new year and soon you will have an opportunity to visit the school on Curriculum Night to see the classrooms and meet the teachers. I encourage you to get involved in your children's education by attending or joining your Catholic school council, helping with homework and reading with your children. Studies show that when parents are engaged in their children's education children do better in school. Always feel free to speak to your children's teachers, vice principal or principal about concerns or questions you may have. And as you know transportation issues are dealt with by our Transportation Department –STOPR. You may find more information in the school newsletter and on our board web site at [www.dpdsb.org](http://www.dpdsb.org). As well look to our web site for an interesting document titled *Achievement - A Report to our Catholic School Communities*. This newsletter is being distributed to parents/guardians the first week of September, as we begin the 2011-12 school year. This document provides a quick snapshot of some of the Board's accomplishments and activities during the 2010-11 school year.

I am proud to be your Catholic School Trustee. If you have any questions please never hesitate to contact me. We have a provincial election coming in October and I encourage you to become familiar with the issues around education in Ontario and VOTE! As Canadians, we have a wonderful gift of democracy that many people in other countries do not have.

Dufferin-Peel is very proud of the relationship we have fostered between home, school and parish. For nearly 170 years Catholic education has been the foundation for millions of students to develop their full spiritual, academic, physical and social potential. With your faith and support we will continue this journey.

I wish you a wonderful school year and may the good Lord always hold you in the palm of His hand.

Sharon Hobin



Message from the Superintendent  
Cathy Saytar  
Mississauga South Family  
September 2011

Welcome back to another exciting school year. Special greetings to all those who are new to the Mississauga South Family of Schools. As the Superintendent of Mississauga South Family of Schools, I am excited to be a part of this vibrant and diverse community. Mississauga South consists of 26 schools; 4 secondary and 22 elementary, as well as 8 parishes, each of which supports our students' faith formation and catechetical programming. Four trustees represent our family's jurisdiction: Sharon Hobin, Peter Ferreira, Bruno Iannicca and Mario Pascucci, each of whom is a strong advocate 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, limiting 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.

Cathy Saytar