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Enclosures this month:

- Home & School Connection

Principal's/Vice-Principal's Message

Waiting. It's something that none of us likes to do for very long, yet we spend so much of our lives waiting for one thing or another! Waiting is tied to expectation: when we wait for something we expect that they thing we are waiting for will come to pass. During the season of Advent, we wait "in joyful hope", and we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. At All Saints Catholic School, students and staff are engaged in the spirit of the season by helping those in our community who need our assistance. As a school community, and in conjunction with our parent and parish partners, we have many special activities planned for this Advent season that serve to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas.

On behalf of the staff of All Saints Catholic School, may your family have a peaceful and joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Wishing you a blessed Advent and Christmas season!

Mrs. Levey and Mr. Cahill

Advent Prayer

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and 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.

In the month of December, the **Virtues Assembly** will be held on Wednesday, December 21st at 1:15 pm. We welcome all visitors to come celebrate the virtue of **Hope** at this assembly.

Our school **Advent Mass** was held on Monday, December 6th at 10:30am in the school gymnasium. Thank you to Father Silvio as well as all the parents and families who joined us in celebrating the season of hope and preparation for our Lord, Jesus Christ!

PEOPLE OF HOPE...

- EXPECT THE BEST TO HAPPEN FOR EVERYONE
- HOLD ON TO THEIR DREAMS
- ALWAYS COUNT ON GOD TO HELP THEM IN TOUGH SITUATIONS
- TRUST THAT THINGS WILL WORK OUT IN GOD'S WAY
- LOOK FOR SOMETHING GOOD TO COME OUT OF PROBLEMS
- ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO LIFE'S BLESSINGS
- SET AND STICK TO THEIR OWN GOALS

HOPE



School News

Extended French

The Extended French Program begins in Grade 5 and continues up to Grade 12. Please see the Board website (<http://www.dpcdsb.org>) for program description, eligibility, registration, transportation and location information.

An Extended French Information Meeting is scheduled in on **Wednesday, January 18, 7PM at St. Christopher School** for the 2012-2013 school year. Anyone interested in the Extended French program should attend. Registration packages and application forms will be distributed at that time.

French Immersion Program

French immersion is a Canadian educational program designed to give students whose first language is not French the opportunity to learn in the French language. Students registered in this program will spend 90% of their day learning in the French language. All subjects and activities in the French Immersion classroom, except for English language arts, will be delivered in French. The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is pleased to offer the French Immersion Program starting in Grade 1 at eight sites, starting in September 2011. These eight sites include the six schools currently offering French Immersion, as well as two new French Immersion sites for the 2011-12 school year.

Senior Kindergarten parents/guardians, who wish to enrol their child in a Grade 1 French Immersion class for September 2012, are invited to attend an information meeting at:

St. Margaret of Scotland
2266 Council Ring Road
Mississauga, ON

Wednesday January 11, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Allergen Awareness

We hope that you have had the opportunity to read our notice regarding the All Saints School Protocol for Allergen Awareness. We would like to remind you that Christmas treats for other students in the class should only be sent in at the teacher's request (i.e. in the event of a classroom social, etc.) This will provide teachers the opportunity to inform parents that treats will be served on a specific day and parents will be able to opt out of the activity if they wish.

Please note that any treats that arrive at the school on an unplanned day will remain in the office and will be returned home with the student at the end of the day.

We appreciate your constant support in the matter of Allergen Awareness at All Saints School.

Our Catholic Heritage

1. How long have Catholic separate schools been educating Catholic children and contributing to the public good in Ontario?

For about 170 years. In the early 1800s there were separate schools in many cities, towns and townships. In Peel, three separate schools opened before Confederation (1867): St. James in Malton in the 1830s, St. John's Agricultural College (1861) and St. Patrick's (1861), both in Wildfield.

2. Has the Ontario government always supported separate schools?

Yes, as did its predecessor, the United Legislature of Canada East (now Quebec) and Canada West (now Ontario) during its total life from 1841 to 1867. One of the first pieces of legislation it passed in 1841 was the *Common School Act*, with a separate school clause.

3. Why did the United Legislature of Canada East and Canada West keep improving separate school legislation?

It responded to Catholic parents, trustees, bishops and priests, editors of the four Catholic newspapers, members of the business and professional world, all of whom argued for legal and financial rights for separate schools.



4. Was there opposition to separate schools before Confederation?

Yes, as now, there were advocates of one school system. Protestant spokespersons believed in the adequacy of the common (now public) school's basic non-denominational Christianity, which constituted an important element of the common school's religion lessons and their readers. They held that beliefs specific to certain religions should be taught in the churches and homes.

5. Why did Catholics find the non-denominational religious education of the common school unsatisfactory?

Catholics wanted separate schools where all the beliefs of the Catholic Church would be taught, where the pupils would live their faith in a sacramental and community manner in proximity to the parish church and priest, and where religion would permeate the reading, literature and history curriculum. Furthermore, as modern times arrived, the multiculturalism of the public school's student body necessitated the eradication of the teaching of Christianity.

Quebec Excursion



Planning is well underway for our Grade 8 trip to Quebec. The trip is scheduled to take place from June 5th and 8th, 2012. A number of details have been provided to parents to date including: on-line sign up instructions, Quebec information packages and details about insurance packages associated with the excursion. Please note that deposit money becomes non-refundable once the trip is confirmed. The price quoted is based on a minimum of 30 student travelers. However, the price may change, particularly if the number of students who travel is substantially less than 30.

Outdoor Play

Our first major snowfall could come any day now. Please ensure that your child is properly dressed for outdoor play in a Canadian winter. It is a school expectation that all students go outside for recess for exercise and fresh air. If your child is unable to go outside for recess because of illness, please consider keeping them home until they are feeling better. **We also ask that your child have a pair of indoor shoes for classroom use, labeled with their name for easy identification. Many students are not remembering to bring a separate pair of shoes, and are tracking the mud from the field into the classrooms, hallways and bathrooms. Your help with this is appreciated.**

We would appreciate your support in reinforcing the school rule that all snow stays on the ground. For everyone's safety we do not allow snowballs, kicking snow, or any other snow\ice activity that could lead to potential harm or injury.

Fire Drill\Lockdown

All Saints is required to practice fire drills and lockdown procedures throughout the school year. We hold 6 fire drills each year as well as 2 lock down drills.

During fire drills, students are asked to move safely and quickly to the nearest exit, and proceed to their designated class area outside the building. If an exit were to be blocked, students are to leave the building via an alternate exit.

In a lockdown, students are alerted over the PA that the school is "initiating a lockdown." Students are directed to move away from all windows and doors. Classroom doors and windows are secured. Students remain this way until the alert is cancelled.

Discussing these procedures with your child will help underscore and support the importance of these safety measures.

PA Day\ Parent Teacher Interviews

January 16, 2012 has been designated a Professional Activity Day, for teachers to work on assessment and evaluation of student progress. There will be no classes for all students on that day.

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 Board website at www.dpccsb.org.

St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Campaign

Families are assigned to All Saints from the St. Vincent de Paul group at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish and baskets will be delivered to families through Parish volunteers. Last year we sponsored 18 families including 23 adults and 44 children. In 2010, we are helping 15 families including 27 adults and 38 children. Please remember that our food and gift donations go a long way to help these families celebrate Christmas. Gifts for the families can then be sent in the week of December 6th – 10th. Every gift should be wrapped and labeled with the basket number and gender/age of the recipient (i.e. basket # 1, girl age 2).

Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next school council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Library. Detailed information (including meeting dates, minutes of past meetings as well as the Out and About Newsletter) is available in the School Council section of the school website. Please visit

<http://www.dpccsb.org/ALLST/School+Council/>

Registration for Secondary Winter Night School

Classes run from February 8 to May 23, 2012, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Night School Locations:

St. Aloysius Gonzaga S.S. (Mississauga)
Philip Pocock S.S. (Mississauga)
Notre Dame S.S. (Brampton)

Registration forms are available from your Guidance Department or online at

<http://www.dpccsb.org/CEC/CNE/Night+School/>

Registration closes Wednesday February 1, 2012.

The **Winter 2012 Adult and Continuing Education Flyer** (with program descriptions) will be delivered to the community by the week of January 2, 2012 and posted online at

<http://www.dpccsb.org/CEC/CNE>.



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4105 Colonial Drive
Mississauga

Peel Regional Police is pleased to announce another breakthrough concept in crime prevention. The crime prevention experts at Peel Regional Police have designed a certificate program for parents that will help keep your child safe and out of trouble. You will learn the basics of:

- *Developing a healthy family environment* • *Streetproofing* • *Cyberproofing* • *Drug and alcohol education* • *The importance of self-esteem* • *Communicating with your child* • *The dangers of truancy, gambling, gangs, dance parties, graffiti, organizing house parties over the internet* • *and much, much more!*

We spend most of our early lives attending school, preparing for the job market even learning how to drive. Yet few of us are given an opportunity to prepare for life's biggest challenge, the challenge of being a parent. Think about it! Whether its developing a healthy family environment, communicating with your child, building self esteem, the realities of streetproofing, internet dangers or avoiding those activities that may lead to trouble, the average person is ill prepared to meet these challenges.

The Peel Regional Police recognizes this fact and has developed a better alternative! The **PEEL REGIONAL POLICE – PARENT'S CRIME PREVENTION ACADEMY** will teach you the basics of keeping your kids safe and raising responsible teens. This fun, interactive and informative course will be taught in three sessions by the experts at Peel Regional Police and Credit Valley hospital. At the conclusion of the course, you will feel more confident and your family will be much safer. A certificate* will be issued acknowledging completion of the course.

The course is offered FREE of charge to residents of the Region of Peel who are 16 years of older. All you have to do is invest 10.0 hours of your time.

* All sessions must be attended to receive a certificate.

Seminar Dates & Times

Seminar 1Thrs. Feb. 167:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Seminar 2Thrs. Feb. 237:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Seminar 3Thrs. Mar. 01.....7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Seminar 4Thrs. Mar. 08.....7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

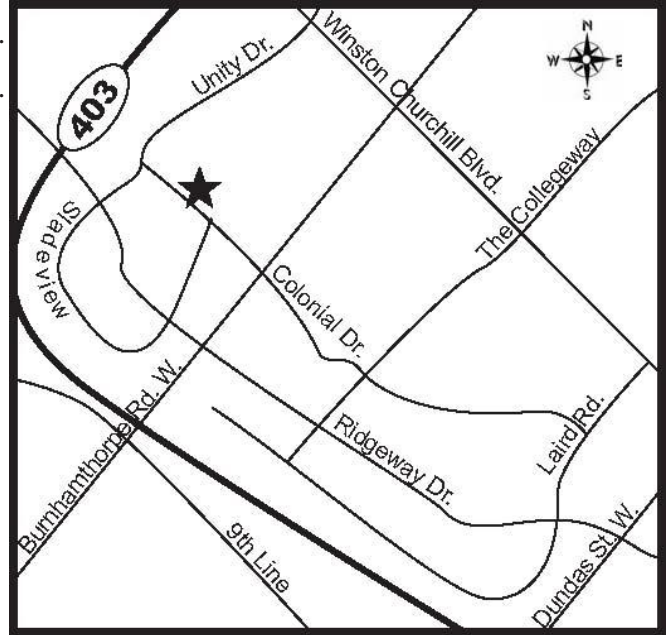
www.peelpolice.on.ca

Check our website for dates, time and locations of



upcoming courses

Seminar Location



ALL SAINTS SEPARATE SCHOOL
4105 Colonial Drive, Mississauga

Registration Form

To register please forward or fax this form to:

Peel Regional Police, Crime Prevention Services
7750 Hurontario St., Brampton, Ontario
L6V 3W6 • Fax 905-456-6106

PLEASE PRINT

Name : _____

Address : _____

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Home Phone : _____

Business Phone : _____ Fax : _____

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Information Meetings for the 2012-13 Extended French Program

Date	School	Telephone
January 17, 2012 Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Anne 124 Vodden Street Brampton	905-459-7621
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Philip School 345 Fairview Road West Mississauga	905-306-8420
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Therese of the Child Jesus 6930 Forest Park Drive Mississauga	905-785-0066
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	San Lorenzo Ruiz 100 Barondale Drive Mississauga	905-501-0400
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Andrew 50 Meadow Drive Orangeville	519-942-0262
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Monica 60 Sterritt Drive Brampton	905-454-6346
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Jean Brébeuf 63 Glenforest Drive Brampton	905-791-8529
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Cornelius 16066 Innis Lake Road Caledon East	905-584-2245
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Christopher 1195 Clarkson Road North Mississauga	905-822-0721
January 19, 2012 Thursday 7:00 p.m.	St. Thomas More 3270 Tomken Road Mississauga	905-279-6472
January 19, 2012 Thursday 7:00 p.m.	St. Rose of Lima 4590 The Gallops Mississauga	905-828-4076

Dufferin-Peel Catholic schools to hold Public Information Meetings for 2012-13 *French Immersion Program*

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board will hold a series of public information meetings in Mississauga and Brampton for parents and guardians interested in enrolling their children in the board's *French Immersion Program* for the 2012-13 school year. The information sessions are intended to provide parents and guardians with an overview of the *French Immersion Program*, the criteria for admittance, and changes that can be expected from the regular program.

Dufferin-Peel offers the French Immersion Program starting in Grade 1 at eight school sites. Students registered in this program will spend 90% of their day learning in the French language. All subjects and activities in the French Immersion classroom, except for Religion and Family Life, will be delivered in French. In Grades 2 and 3, 70% of the instruction will be in French, with the proportion of English increasing to 50% in Grade 4 to 8.

Students in the *French Immersion Program* usually attain a mid-range level of competency in the language. Students should be able to read newspapers and books, with the occasional help of a dictionary, as well as watch and understand radio and television news and other programs. The student should also be able to participate adequately in conversation, demonstrate knowledge of the culture, society, customs, economy, government and institutions of a French-speaking community and, after a few months residence, and function quite well in a French-speaking community.

In cases where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available at a school, a lottery will be held at a predetermined and advertised date, if required. More detailed information will be available at parent/guardian meetings to be held at three French Immersion locations:

French Immersion Sites	Session Location	Date and Time
Our Lady of Providence St. Angela Merici St. Joachim	St. Joachim	Tuesday January 10, 2012 7:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy St. Elizabeth Seton St. Margaret of Scotland	St. Margaret of Scotland	Wednesday January 11, 2012 7:00 p.m.
St. Gertrude St. Pio of Pietrelcina	St. Gertrude	Thursday January 12, 2012 7:00 p.m.

For information contact:

- Micheline Goguen, Extended French Consultant, 905-890-0708, ext. 24307
- Nancy Marshall, Communications Officer, 905-890-0708, ext. 24278

Kindergarten Registration Information

Junior and Senior Kindergarten Registration for 2012-13

Registration for Junior and Senior Kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year, will take place at St. Simon Stock on the following days:

Monday, February 6, 2012*

7:00-9:00 p.m.

*Snow Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2012 - 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 8, 9 & 10, 2012

9:00-11:00 a.m.

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Parents/guardians should bring the following documents when registering their child:

- proof of age (Birth Certificate)
- original Roman Catholic baptismal certificate (for child and/or parent/guardian) or baptismal certificate from an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome. If the child has not been baptized, and the parent/guardian is a baptized Roman Catholic or is baptized from an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome, the parent/guardian must bring their own baptismal certificate.
- updated immunization records
- proof of Canadian citizenship (Birth Certificate or Passport) or of Landed Immigrant status
- proof of address (tax bill, utility bill, bank statement)
- for schools in Caledon and Dufferin County: emergency rural address numbers for identifying your property

Junior Kindergarten students must be 4 years of age, and Senior Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age, by December 31, 2012 to register.

More information, over . . .

In September 2012, Dufferin-Peel will offer the Full-Day Kindergarten Program for four and five-year-olds at 55 schools:

Caledon	Dufferin
Holy Family St. John the Baptist St. Cornelius	St. Peter

Brampton	
Bishop Francis Allen	St. Brigid
Father C.W. Sullivan	St. Cecilia
Father Francis McSpiritt Catholic	St. Joachim
Georges Vanier Catholic	St. John Fisher
Good Shepherd	St. Leonard
Guardian Angels Catholic	St. Mary
Holy Spirit Catholic	St. Monica
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic	St. Patrick
Sacred Heart	St. Rita
St. Aidan Catholic	St. Ursula
St. Anne	Venerable Michael J. McGivney
St. Anthony	Catholic

Mississauga	
Blessed John XXIII Catholic	St. John of the Cross
Father Daniel Zanon	St. Joseph
Holy Cross	St. Louis
Queen of Heaven	St. Luke Catholic
San Lorenzo Ruiz	St. Margaret of Scotland
St. Alfred	St. Pio of Pietrelcina
St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic	St. Raphael
St. Catherine of Siena	St. Raymond
St. Charles Garnier	St. Teresa of Avila
St. Dominic	St. Thomas More
St. Elizabeth Seton	St. Timothy
St. Faustina	St. Valentine
St. Francis of Assisi	St. Vincent de Paul
St. Gerard	Sts. Peter & Paul

For more information, parents/guardians should contact their local Catholic school, visit the board website at www.dpccsb.org, or call the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board at 905-890-1221.

Dufferin-Peel hosts parent information session for Kindergarten entry planning for children with special needs

On Tuesday, January 17, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Special Education and Support Services Department will host a Kindergarten entry planning information session. This meeting is for parents and guardians of children with special needs which affect their learning, such as vision, hearing, physical, developmental or autism, who are entering Junior, Senior or Full-Day Kindergarten in September 2012. The meeting will be held at the Catholic Education Centre from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. For more information about this session, call 905-890-0708 ext. 24011.

WHAT: Kindergarten Entry Planning for Children with Special Needs - Parent Information Night

WHEN: Tuesday, January 17, 2012

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Catholic Education Centre – Room 301 (Third Floor)

40 Matheson Boulevard West, Mississauga (Huronario & Matheson)

- **Accepting Schools Act\Kids Help Phone**

Ontario is strengthening its partnership with [Kids Help Phone](http://kids helpphone.ca) to ensure bullied children and youth have the support they need to grow and reach their full potential.



The Province will continue to support Kids Help Phone, which offers confidential 24-hour counseling services over the phone and online, for another three years. This is part of Ontario's commitment to make children and youth feel safe and accepted, whether at school, at home or in the community.

The province recently introduced the *Accepting Schools Act*, which, if passed, will require all school boards to take preventative measures against bullying, issue tougher consequences for bullying, and support students who want to promote understanding and respect for all.

Supporting the Kids Help Phone and introducing legislation are parts of a comprehensive action plan to make our schools safer, more accepting places to learn. The plan also calls for:

- Bringing mental health support workers into schools -- as part of Ontario's 10-year mental health and addictions strategy -- and continued support for Kids Help Phone.
- The creation of an Accepting Schools Expert Panel to provide advice about resources that focus on a whole school approach, including prevention and early intervention.
- Direction to Ontario's Curriculum Council to report back next year on integrating equity and bullying prevention across the curriculum.
- A public awareness campaign, which will stress that all Ontarians have a role in preventing and ending bullying

**From Your Catholic School Trustee
Sharon Hobin**



Well the school year is moving quickly as it always does (especially as we get older)! I am pleased to report that to date this has been a wonderful start up with many exciting events happening in our schools. Thanks to everyone who organized the many tributes to our veterans on November 11th. Both my parents were veterans of World War II. It is very important that our children know and understand the terrific sacrifice made in the past and continues to be made by our armed forces. As the Christmas season approaches it also means it is time for the school board to hold its elections for chair and vice chair as well as committees chairpersons. The organization board meeting will be on December 6th. Information as to who has been elected will be on our board web site at www.dpcdsb.org.

We welcome the opening of another Catholic school in Brampton. Our Lady of Lourdes opened its doors in September. It will serve a large population in the Brampton area and is predicted to grow in numbers every year. The new Loyola is moving along and is right on time if not ahead of schedule. We look forward to the opening in September. Course choices will include many of the new programs. And while writing about Loyola, sincere congratulations to the Loyola Senior Girls Basketball team for winning the AAA (ROPSSAA) Tier 2 Championship. This is Loyola's 27th championship team in the last eight years. Congratulations also go to the entire Cross Country team! They participated in the ROPSSAA championship on October 28th. It was a very cold day and the course was muddy but this did not deter the Loyola Warriors for a ROPSSAA gold medal!!! Many of our elementary schools are winning Family and board wide championships as well...too many to list. Sincere congratulations to all.

Congratulations to MPP Laurel Broten who has been appointed Minister of Education. We look forward to a positive partnership and wish her all the best in her endeavours. Congratulations to MPP Bob Delaney who has been appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education. We will be inviting our local MPPs to meet with the board of Trustees and senior staff in the New Year to discuss goals, concerns and issues. I hope that our local MPP will be able to attend.

I am hoping that you will make an effort to attend your Catholic school council meetings. This is an opportunity for you to hear the latest news about your children's school and to ask pertinent questions. Thank you so much to our school council members and volunteers for your time and talent.

As I visit my schools I am acutely aware of our outward signs of our Catholicity. It is crucial that we continue to make our elected representatives aware that we expect that they will stand for Catholic education in this province. I wish each and every one of you a blessed Christmas and all the very best for the New Year. May the good Lord always hold you in the palm of His hand.