

January 2012

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January's Virtue: Self-Control

This month we will celebrate the virtue of **self-control**.

A person with *self-control*...

- Is patient
- Knows how to wait his/her turn
- Can calm him/herself down and think before reacting to situations
- Knows how to avoid physical aggression (hitting, kicking, pushing, fighting, etc.)
- Can think things through and do what is best for everyone

Through prayer and concentration, we can get better at controlling our reactions. We can get better at showing *self-control*.

- Self-control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that we will regret.
- Self-control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that will harm ourselves or others.
- Self-control is one of the marks of a spiritually mature person.

When we all use self-control, we can be sure that our school will be a safe, caring and inclusive place to live and to learn.

The Feast of Epiphany

Lord, of light and love,
let the radiance of your presence
be a light to our path and a guide on our journey.
Banish from us all deeds of darkness,
that we may come to your presence
and walk before you as children of light;
through him who is the light of the world,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Happy New Year

We wish you all of God's blessings during 2012.

The staff of Bishop Scalabrini extend to you and your family best wishes for a very prosperous and happy 2012. We look forward to continuing to work together over the remainder of the school year. Sincere gratitude is extended to all for their participation in our Angel on the Tree drive. Your generosity helped make a difference in the lives of many families in the Bishop Scalabrini community at Christmas and it is sincerely appreciated.

Also, our school raised almost \$2,000 for the Catholic charity *Chalice*. Your generosity funded such items as doctor visits, wheelchairs, infant supplies, sanitation systems, food, and mattresses for needy families in developing nations around the world.

Thank you for helping us to put our Catholic faith in action—both locally and globally—during this Christmas season!

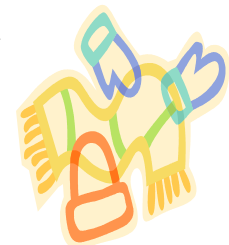
IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

Parents, please remind your child(ren) of the importance of dressing appropriately for the cold weather. With temperatures regularly below freezing, winter coats, hats, boots and mittens are necessary to insure warmth, protection against illness and prevent frost-bite. We regularly have to remind students to put coats, hats and gloves on and to do up coat zippers. Your support is appreciated.

In accordance with Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Policy, we will consider reducing recess time outside, and/or call inclement recess, if temperatures drop to the -20 degree range.

Mittens on the Tree—Our Catholic Faith in Action

To assist others during this cold time of year donations of new mittens/gloves/scarves and hats are being accepted for our mitten tree beginning Monday January 9th 2012 and ending Friday January 27th 2012. Donations will be delivered to a charity serving needy families in our community. Once again, thank you for your generosity and support.



Junior & Senior Kindergarten Registration for 2012-13
Registration for the 2012-13 school year will be held at
all Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools on the following dates:

Monday, February 6, 2012 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*

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



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

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Junior Kindergarten - Children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2012

Senior Kindergarten - Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2012

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

- proof of age of the child (birth certificate or passport)
- original Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (for parent/guardian and child) or Baptismal Certificate of other rites in communion with the Holy See of Rome (if the child has not been baptized, a letter of counseling with the parish priest, to complete the process will be accepted)
- updated immunization records
- proof of Canadian Citizenship or Landed Immigrant status
- proof of home address (utility bill, bank or credit card statement)
- proof of English Separate School Support (may be done at the time of registration by completing an *Application For the Direction of School Support* and/or a *Separate School Lease Agreement* available at the school)

For more information, contact the school office at 905-896-3665.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Upcoming P.A. Days (There will be no school for students on PA Days):

Monday, January 16 - Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress

Friday, February 3 - Parent Interview Day (please note that interviews will also be available on the evening of Feb. 2)

Term 1 Report Cards Sent Home:

Tuesday, January 31



Parent Interview Evening:

Thursday, February 2

PARENT OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT LITERACY



Parents in Grades JK –3 please plan to join us for a discussion of **Supporting Your Child's Literacy**. We know that strong reading and writing abilities are the key to success in school and in fact in all areas of life so we will discuss how we can best support your child both at school and at home. We will have interpreters available so the presentation can be accessed in English, Spanish, Polish and Arabic. We will offer the same session twice. One session will be offered during the day (January 17th) and another will be offered during the evening (January 16th). We hope that this will allow all parents the opportunity to attend one of the sessions. Both sessions will take place in Bishop Scalabrini Library. Registration is requested and further information has been sent home with your child.



Canadian Tire Money

You can help our efforts here at school by sending in any Canadian Tire money that may be accumulating at home. We use the money for various fundraising efforts here at the school and your contributions would be appreciated.

Kindergarten Entry Planning -Information Night for Parents of Students with Special Needs in the areas of Autism, Developmental, Hearing, Physical/Medical, or Vision:

There will be an information session for parents of children with special needs such as vision, hearing, physical/medical, developmental, or autism who are entering JK or SK in September 2012.

The information session will be held at the **Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (40 Matheson Blvd. W., Mississauga-- Catholic Education Centre Room 301 on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Parents are also reminded to register their child here at our school office as soon as possible in order to plan a successful entry for September.

Bishop Scalabrini Catholic School Council

The next meeting of our school council is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00 pm.

All parents of children in the school are welcome to attend School Council meetings. The meetings are usually scheduled for the evening of the first Tuesday of the month. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm, and usually take place in the school library.

School Council Family Skating Night

On the evening of January 25th the Bishop Scalabrini school Council will all head to Celebration Square at Mississauga City Centre to enjoy an evening of family skating. Our families look forward to spending an evening with your family to join in this wonderful Canadian tradition!



Indoor Shoes:

During the winter months, it is **critical** that all students- from Kindergarten to grade 8- keep a pair of indoor shoes at school. This helps the children's feet stay warm and dry, it helps us keep our school hallways and classrooms clean, and most importantly, it helps prevent slips and falls from wet pavement, maintaining a safer environment for all in our school. We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child(ren) have a pair of indoor shoes at school and the safety of all at Bishop Scalabrini School.

Hands are for helping, not hurting.

We continue to remind our students regularly that they are to choose activities that do not involve “body contact” of any sort. We are finding that most of our students are clear on the meaning of this and would ask that at home you to help us reinforce this rule so that there is consistency. We applaud our students for continually improving behaviour on the yard, but we can always do better. Remember; ‘hands and feet are for helping, not hurting’.

Snowball Reminder

Due to injury concerns arising from snowballs being thrown, snow must be kept on the ground. Students who choose to throw snowballs will receive a snowball letter and may lose recess privileges.

Snow Forts

At Bishop Scalabrini we encourage students to engage in activities during recess that are safe, active, and co-operative. During the winter months in particular, many students enjoy building snow forts or other structures. To help insure respect and safety for all, a Snow Fort Code of Ethics has been put in place during the snow fort building months and is as follows;

Snow Fort Code of Ethics

At Bishop Scalabrini we enjoy building snow forts and structures.
We will abide by the following:

- **We do not destroy snow forts. This agreement is in effect during and after school hours.**
- **Everyone who builds a fort has to agree to changing it or breaking it down.**
- **We need an invitation to go into a snow fort.**
- **We do not take snow blocks from other group’s structures unless we have their permission.**
- **We do not take over other groups snow fort.**



This agreement is effect during and after school hours.

If we abide by this code of ethics, then all can enjoy the snow as well as the efforts of others.

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Feast of the Epiphany	9 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	10 Pizza Day Circles of the Rosary	11	12	13 Pizza Day	14
15	16 PA Day Supporting Your Child’s Literacy 7:00 PM	17 Pizza Day Supporting Your Child’s Literacy 10:00 AM School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	18	19 Sub Day	20 Pizza Day	21
22	23	24 Pizza Day	25 Family Skating Night	26 Sub Day	27 Pizza Day	28
29	30	31 Reports home				