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NEWSLETTER



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Prayer for a New Year

God our Father we celebrate a new beginning today.
A beginning that reflects our history and our present actions, that gives us hope for the future.

We have worked hard to use the gifts you have given us to learn and discover, to listen and to discern,

to understand and appreciate this world you have entrusted to us.

Now, as we continue our journey, we ask that you help us continue to grow and to learn so that we can all become the best that we can be.

On behalf of the Mother Mary Ward staff, I would like to welcome you back and I hope that you and your family had an opportunity to enjoy a relaxing summer. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome new students and their families to our school. I'm sure you will find the entire Mother Mary Ward staff, students and parents to be very welcoming.

Each school year brings new and wonderful opportunities to make a difference in the lives of your children. This year promise to be an exciting and emotional one as we enter the last year of Mother Mary Ward existence. We hope to celebrate and revisit the history of MMW school over the year. The staff at Mother Mary Ward School remains committed to the education of the whole child; spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, physical as well as hands-on active learning in which your child's individual needs, strengths and interests are addressed.

In order to keep you informed of events at the school, you will be receiving a monthly newsletter the first week of every month. If it should fail to appear, please check the bottom of your youngest child's school bag! You can also visit our website which will be updated regularly.

If you have any concerns about your child(ren), please contact the teacher immediately to discuss them. A phone call at the onset of a concern usually resolves it before it becomes a problem. On our part, if we have any concerns about your child, we will also contact you at the earliest opportunity.

I wish each of you a year filled with rewarding opportunities and look forward to the celebrate the final year of Mother Mary Ward history.

"Always start your day with a smile on your face and a smile in your heart!"

S. Boulanger - Principal



WELCOME

I am pleased to welcome Miss S. Serino (Gr. 2), Miss N. Ramirez (F.S.L.). We also welcome three student-candidates. Ms. DeLeo (Grade 1), Ms. Bailey (Gr.5/6) and Ms. Inserra (Gr.4/5)

We also say goodbye to Miss Lambe who will be on leave for the next year and will continue her teaching career in Calgary.

As some of you may know, our secretary (Mrs. Macerola) has accepted a position at St. Martin Secondary School in Mississauga. Mrs. Macerola will be closer to home. We will all miss her and we thank her for all the contributions that she has made within Mother Mary Ward community. We wish her the best of luck in her new assignment. We would like to welcome Ms. J. Corvari as our new Head Secretary for the 2009-2010 school year.

SCHOOL HOURS

The following schedule will be in effect

Regular Program:	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
JK	8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
SK	12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Recess: Morning	10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Afternoon	1:50 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.

LATE STUDENTS

School begins at 8:30 a.m. All students are requested to be at school before this time. Our morning supervision begins at 8:15 a.m. Students arriving late must sign in at the office before going to the classroom. **Students are considered late if they do not come in at the same time as their classmates.**

SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S CONCERN

ATTENDANCE

- The purpose for calling in absences is to ensure that your child arrives safely at school. We appreciate your cooperation in calling the school to let us know that your child will not be attending or will be late.

- **Please call 458-4844 to report any absence or late arrival.**

- If you call the school early in the morning, your call will be forwarded to our answering machine. Please clearly state your child's name, grade, teacher, the reason, and length (if known), of the absence

- **Please help us to save valuable time and ensure the safety of your children by calling in all absences.**

STUDENT VERIFICATION SHEETS

These forms will be sent home this week. Please update the information provided and return to the school a.s.a.p. If at any time during the school year this information changes, please contact the office.

School Driveway and Student Pickup/Dropoff

The safety of the children, at all time, is a priority at Mother Mary Ward School. Therefore, we ask your continued cooperation and patience when picking up and dropping off students. It is important that the driveway and parking lot not be blocked so that the bus have a clear access and that students will be able to walk without interference from cars attempting to drive through and out of the parking lot. It is requested that **all parents/guardians NOT enter the parking lot**, but park along the curb on Maitland Street. Parents/guardians can meet their child outside their exit door and walk back to their vehicle.

Visitors to the School

At the school we have implemented policies and procedures to make the school a safe place by limiting access to the school and having all visitors sign in when they report to the office and sign out when they leave. **PARENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WALK THEIR CHILDREN TO CLASS.**

LUNCH/WALKING EXCURSIONS

To ensure your child's safety over the lunch hour we ask that you fill out the forms for each child (Gr.1-8) you have attending Mother Mary Ward and return it to your child's (ren's) teacher.

HEPATITIS B INOCULATIONS AND HPV VACCINE

Peel Health will continue to offer free immunization against Hepatitis B for students in Grade 7 and HPV vaccine for Grade 8 females (if parents approve). It is given as a series of two injections over a period of six months. If you have any questions please call Peel Health Department at 905-791-7800. The following dates have been assigned to Mother Mary Ward:

Dose 1: **October 16, 2009**

Health Departments, by law, must keep a current record of your child's immunizations. It is the responsibility of the parents to keep their child's records up-to-date.

HEALTH ALERT

Several students enrolled at Mother Mary Ward School have a life-threatening allergy to PEANUT/NUTS. We are asking your help to keep them safe. Please refrain from sending any food that may contain PEANUTS/NUTS. We are asking you to keep the obvious nut products from their lunch and recess snacks. Even the mere exposure to peanuts/nuts may cause a severe allergic reaction which could result in death.

Here is a list of some of the snacks containing PEANUT/NUTS and peanut oil:

(Do not bring the following)

Peanut butter/jelly sandwiches
Nutella spread (peanut oil)
Fruit Roll Ups (some have peanut oil)
Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
Peanut Butter Rice Krispies Squares
Granola bars (containing nuts)
Chocolate Bars with peanuts

We cannot emphasize enough that this is a life-threatening matter and requires the cooperation of all parents and students.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
(see letter included in newsletter)

PEDICULOSIS

This early in the school year, we would like to bring to your attention a problem which occurs at some time in most schools at least once a year.

The problem is head lice.

Head lice are parasites which have been common among human beings for centuries. They are not connected in any way with dirt, neglect and so on. Anyone can be infested with them. Unfortunately, in recent years, they have become quite common throughout North America.

In order to control these pests we shall do the following and request your full cooperation.

Whenever a case is found in the school, we will be checking friends and classmates and, if necessary, we will call in the Health Unit. However, we would ask that you also check your own children and if you find them to be infested, we would ask you to let us know so that we can help get the proper treatment. This information can also be obtained from a pharmacist or the Region Health Department.

Even if cases are not reported from the school, it is a wise precaution to check your children periodically.

Pediculosis is spread only by direct contact with a "case", often through the sharing of combs and brushes or exchanging of hats.

If your children are infested, we will be asking you to keep them out of school until they have been treated with the correct shampoo and their heads are entirely clear of both lice and nits (eggs).

If you should have any concerns about these proposed procedures please contact the school.

STUDENTS AGENDAS

Mother Mary Ward School Council has purchased school agendas for every student from grade 1-8. Please take some time to look over and discuss the agenda with your child. It is particularly important to emphasize that the agenda is to be

used daily to assist your child to organize their time and to keep parents informed on what is happening in class and in school.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

"As required by the Education Act and the Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost-effective student accident insurance coverage via student carrier. Although enrolment is voluntary, the board encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage, especially if their child/children participate in sports, excursions/field trips, or, if parents do not have dental insurance coverage.

Enrolment is required in writing -- there are two options for enrolment:
1) Complete the traditional form and mail it in
2) Photocopy the form and fax it to Reliable Life at 1-905-522-7211 or 1-800-463-KIDS (5437).

Parents alone have the right to insure their children. "

**P.A. DAY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009**

**STUDENTS DO NOT
ATTEND SCHOOL**

PIZZA DAYS

We will continue our Pizza Days every Friday except on short weeks (Thursdays). We will continue to use a pre-order form (2 months at a time). The first pizza day will on Friday, September 25th, 2009. The price will be the same as last year (\$2.00 a slice). All money raised from the pizza days are used for different school activities. Thank you for your support of Pizza Days. Fill out the form included in this newsletter if you would like to participate. Please return the form by September 11.

TERRY FOX RUN 2009

On Friday, September 25th, the students of Mother Mary Ward will participate in our 22nd Terry Fox Run.

The most important aspect of this event is to raise money for cancer research. Therefore it is imperative that we remember to bring in our pledge money in order to keep Terry's dream alive!

We are asking that all donations be in by **October 16th, 2009.**

As a Parent, I Promise...

- To read to my child because children learn from good stories to be compassionate; to treat others as persons, not objects; to have courage; to have hope; to take action; and to take responsibility.
- To promote my child's self-esteem by giving him opportunities to build competence and confidence; by giving her specific praise for her work and displaying it for others to see; by letting him share in family responsibilities and decisions.
- To encourage my child's curiosity and natural interest in science and math because all children need to learn both and all children can; to engage with my child in activities to observe and discover so she can see that science and math are part of our everyday lives.
- To pay attention to TV when my child is watching; to introduce him to programs like "Reading Rainbow," "Ghostwriter," and "Mister Rogers;" and to watch TV together so we can talk about what we see.
- To turn off the television more because both child and adult programs include enormous amounts of glamorized violence.
- To be involved in my child's education throughout the school years by showing in every way that I think education is important; by talking with my child's teachers; by volunteering my time and talent to the school.

- To enjoy my child as we grow and learn together.

Parent Resources available on Ministry Of Education abc123 website.

Parents of elementary school students can find information on helping their children develop strong skills in reading, writing and math on a new Ministry of Education website called abc123 at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng> “Helping Your Child Do Mathematics” and “Helping Your Child Do Reading and Writing”, and tips online are now available in 12 additional languages, including Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Korean, Portuguese, Punjabi, Spanish, Tagalog, Tamil, Urdu and Vietnamese.

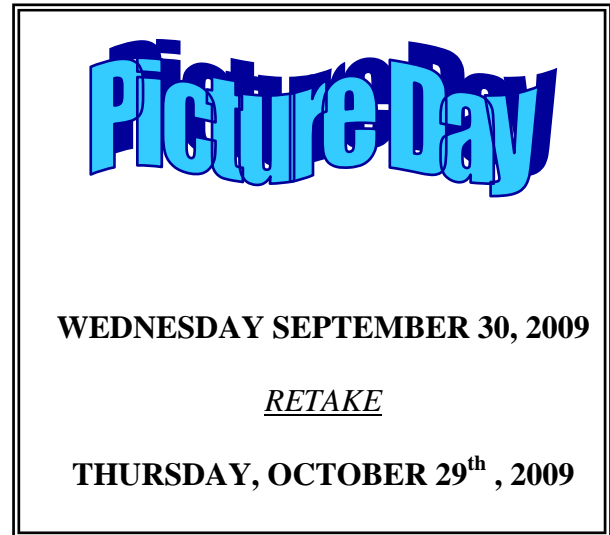
DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 18	P.A. Day
September 23	SCHOOL COUNCIL meeting (7:00 p.m.)
September 24	Open House (tentative)
September 25	First Pizza Day
September 25	Terry Fox Run
September 14-18	Nominations for Council Voting for School Council
September 30	Picture Day
October 12	Thanksgiving
October 16	Hep. B Clinic – Grade 7
October 16	HPV Vaccine – Grade 8

SCHOOL WEBSITE

<http://www.dpcdsb.org/MWARD>

The school website will be updated on a regular basis. Take some time to visit and feel free to give us some feedback!



“ Can we have our snacks now”

“I’m soooooo happy to be in Grade 7”

“I missed you so much over the summer”

“The Three Musketeers”

“ I love having recess”

“ Grade 5 is a breeze”

