

OPEN HOUSE

We thank all parents who took the time from their busy schedules to attend our Open House on September 24th. I am very happy to say that we had a great turn out. This was an evening for parents to visit the school, meet teachers and learn about the curriculum, expectations, school routines, and more. Your participation in events such as this and cooperation in working together with our staff will ultimately benefit the academic and spiritual growth of our children. A special thanks to our teachers for their time and hard work in preparing for the evening.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Congratulations to the following parents who were acclaimed to the Catholic School Council for 2009-2010

Mary Gibson - Chairperson
Gina Smith - Secretary
Katrina O'Neill - Fundraising

Members:

Kerry Pearson
Priscilla Graff
Monica Tegjeu-Ngiam

Mrs. S. Burchill – Staff Rep
Ms. J. Corvari – Non-teaching Rep.

TERRY FOX RUN 2009

On Friday, September 25th, the students of Mother Mary Ward participated in our 23st Terry Fox Run.



The most important aspect of this event is to raise money for cancer research. So 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 as soon as possible.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

This month, we will focus on the virtue of **EMPATHY**. God has given us the ability to form connections with each other – to live together.

EMPATHY helps us to connect and live together in safe, caring, inclusive communities.

We understand **EMPATHY** to mean the ability to identify with and feel other people's concerns.

We believe that in a faith community we are nothing without relationships. Relationships that grow in a spirit of communion – an understanding that we share an identity based on being created in the image and likeness of God and being imbued with one Spirit. We are many parts of one body.

An *empathetic* person believes that we all share one Spirit ; that we are many parts of one body because we are all created in the image and likeness of God.

An empathetic person...

- Listens attentively
- Watches people's body language
- Notices and responds when someone is upset
- Can name his/her feelings
- Can see a situation from another person's point of view
- Knows that different people may feel differently about the same thing

HALLOWEEN

It is that time of the year already when our students will want to visit their neighbours for trick-or-treating. In school we will remind them about the safety rules so that they can both enjoy the evening and stay safe and well. In addition, we will also be stressing the fact that the most important aspect of our activities at this time of year is the celebration of two great Feast Days. As you know, November 1st, we honour all the Saints of our church, and we are encouraged to pray that we might all emulate their example in our daily lives. On the following day, November 2nd, is a day to remember all those who have gone before us in faith by celebrating the Feast of All Souls. Again, we are reminded that while those who have died are out of sight, they are not out of mind or beyond our prayers.

Throughout our school activities, we will focus on these essential aspects of the two great Feasts. We will enjoy the day and the fun while remembering the essentials of the feasts.



Sign up TODAY!

Parents and guardians of Dufferin-Peel Catholic students can stay up-to-date with the latest board news and information by joining the Dufferin-Peel eCommunity. Members will receive the latest news and information by email, including news releases, school activities and events, board meeting highlights, school and bus cancellations, plus useful tips for parents and students. Sign up online at www.dpcdsb.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 7	Int. Softball Tournament
October 8	School Mass
October 9	Jr. Softball Tournament
October 12	Thanksgiving
October 14	Gr. 2 Parents Meeting @ church (7 pm)
October 16	Hep. B/HPV vaccine
October 19	Blue Veil Concert – 1:00
October 21	Gr. 8 Parents Meeting @ church (7 pm)
October 28	Farewell Celebration Committee Meeting – 7pm
October 29	Re-take Day

We are in the beginning process of planning the Farewell Celebrations for Mother Mary Ward. We will have a meeting on Wednesday, October 28 @ 7 pm. All are welcome to participate in the planning of special events.

School Web-site

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

