

**September 2011**

**ST. PETER AND PAUL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
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**September's Virtue: Faith**

Faith is the great virtue of believing in God and trusting that God is with us.

A *faithful* person believes that we are created, guided by and destined to be reunited with God.

A *faithful* person believes that God's plan for us includes the right to be safe, especially at school.

**A Faithful person...**

- Prays regularly and reverently
  - Learns from Scripture stories
  - Honours people's God-given names
  - Assumes that there is good in everyone
- Accepts the God-given worth of themselves and others

**OUR DAILY PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER**

Let us now pray... for the grace and strength to be people of *faith* – people who can truly believe that God's plan for us includes the right to be safe at school.

AMEN

**NEW SCHOOL YEAR BLESSING**

**JESUS YOU ARE OUR LIGHT  
AND WE ARE YOUR CHILDREN  
WE KNOW YOUR LOVE FOR US,  
HELP US TO WALK WITH YOU  
AND WITNESS TO YOU LOVE IN ALL WE DO**

**GIVE US THE STRENGTH AND COURAGE  
TO ALWAYS WALK WITH YOU,  
AS WE SHARE YOUR LOVE AND JOY,  
WE LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE FOR ALL TO SEE**

AMEN

**Welcome back!** On behalf of the entire staff at Sts. Peter and Paul School, I would like to welcome back both students and parents to the start of a new school year. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new members of the Sts. Peter and Paul community; welcome to our House of Peace. We trust that you will soon feel comfortable in your new surroundings. Sts. Peter and Paul School has much to offer and we are confident that your children will adjust quickly to the warm, friendly and caring environment that exists in our school.

Staff have worked hard over the last weeks of August to prepare their classrooms for their students. As well Mr. Aguirre and Mr. Quiambao have worked hard to make to Sts. Peter and Paul clean, fresh and ready for staff and students.

A reminder that at any time, if you have concerns about your child(ren) we encourage you to contact their teacher directly to discuss them immediately. A phone call at the onset of a concern usually resolves the issue before it becomes a problem. On our part, if we have concerns about your child, we will contact you at the earliest convenience.

We are all looking forward to a successful year.

God Bless  
D. McKnight  
Principal.

**ST. PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL RECEIVES SILVER ECO-SCHOOL CERTIFICATION & SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**School newsletters** are sent home monthly and are sent by the first Friday of the month. School newsletters will also be posted to our school website <http://www.dpcdsb.org/PPaul>. If you would like to help us to reduce our carbon footprint, please complete the bulk school communication letter that was enclosed as part of your child(ren)'s student verification package and we will send them to you via email. Alternately, if you do not require a monthly newsletter, please indicate so on the same form. Please be assure you will continue to receive hard copies of all other school and board communications. Thank you for your support of our EcoSchool efforts.

## 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 courier. 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 so there are two options for enrolment:

1. Complete the traditional form and mail it in or
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. These forms were sent home on the first day of school.

### Final School Council Meeting

Please join us for the final 2010-2011 Catholic School Council meeting on **Tuesday September 13th at 7:00 p.m.** in the school library.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School Council for the 2011-2012 school year you are reminded that elections will be taking place soon. **Nomination forms may be picked up from the Main Office. Completed nomination forms must be received in the Main Office no later than 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday September 27th, 2011.**



**Voting (if necessary) will take place on Wednesday, September 28th, 2011 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**A reminder that; in accordance with Board Policy parents or guardians seeking election must be nominated or self-nominated in writing, must have children registered, and must declare if he/she is employed by the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board. The first meeting of the 2011-2012 School Council will be Thursday September 29th, 2011 at 7:00p.m. in the School Library.**

## STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents/Guardians are required to call the school (905-276-1888) and leave a message regarding student absenteeism. Upon reaching the school's answering service, please leave the following information:

1. Student's full name
2. Grade level and teacher's name
3. Brief reason for absence.

Please do not leave messages on the answering machine regarding changes in picking up or transporting your child. We are not always able to hear these messages in a timely fashion. All changes to your child's routines should be written in a note addressed to your child's teacher on the day the change in routine is to occur.

**Please call the school each day your child is absent.**

## KISS AND RIDE AT STS. PETER AND PAUL

The Kiss and Ride program allows parents to **safely** drop off their children at the school. There are two lanes in the front driveway of the school designated for the Kiss and Ride Program. The lane closest to the school sidewalk is intended for parents to drop their child(ren) off. The left lane is the **Drive Thru lane**. Students must **exit on the right side** of the vehicle and proceed directly to the sidewalk. The Kiss and Ride area is supervised, but please remind your child to look both ways as they exit the vehicle. Parents are asked to drive as far as they can to the west end of the lane so that we can accommodate as many cars as possible.



The **Drive Through Lane** is the left lane furthest from the front of the school building. **Everyone must drive extremely slowly in the Kiss and Ride designated area.** Please be aware that there are two speed humps along the driveway and a stop sign at the end of the driveway, before the pedestrian walkway. We respectfully request that parents do not park in the round-about, Kiss and Ride area, or the staff parking lot at the beginning and end of the day. This is a fire route and, by law, must be kept clear at all times. If you leave your car in these lanes you risk being ticketed by Municipal By-Law Officers. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

It is the responsibility of everyone to ensure the safety of all Sts. Peter and Paul students, staff and school community. Thank you for following our safety procedures and for ensuring the safety all.

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Parents are reminded to update the school with any new or changed information for;

**ADDRESSES:** (work place, home, emergency contact, day care provider)

**PHONE NUMBERS,** (cell phone, home phone, emergency contact, day care provider).



In the event that your child becomes ill at school or is injured in an accident, it is imperative that we contact you or a person designated by you as an alternate. **Our information on file must be accurate and current.** If there is a change in pick-up routine, please inform

your child's teacher in writing on each occurrence.



### MEDICAL ALERT

At Sts. Peter and Paul we have several students with severe life threatening nut (peanut), shellfish and sesame allergies. Due to the severe nature of allergies to peanuts, sesame and shell fish we ask you to consider that no snacks or lunches containing these products be sent to school. As well, we respectfully request that you send no **birthday snacks**. Please be aware that snacks such as potato chips, granola bars, and cookies may contain or have come in contact with nut products. For more information regarding Anaphylaxis at Sts. Peter and Paul School please check out

<http://www.dpcdsb.org/PPAUL/General/Anaphylaxis+at+Sts.+Peter+and+Paul.htm>

### MEDICATION

If your child uses an Epi-Pen, or is on any other medication, please ensure that it is stored at the main office. According to Board procedures, in order to store and administer medication and /or Epi-Pens, a form must be completed and signed by your family physician and returned to the Main Office as soon as possible. These forms may be obtained via the main office. Please be advised that all medication (including Tylenol) must be stored in the main office and administrated in the presence of school administration. Our secretary is unable to administer any medication.

### LUNCH ROUTINE AT STS. PETER AND PAUL

All parents are requested to complete a **Lunch Contract Form** indicating their child(ren)'s lunch routine. In keeping with our policy of safety for all students we have implemented the following protocol with respect to lunch hour procedures; Students may either stay at school for the entire lunch hour or they may go home for the entire lunch hour.

If going home, students from **grades 1 to 6** must be escorted by a parent, older sibling or caregiver. Students from **grades 7 to 8** may walk on their own. If there is a change in schedule from what is indicated on the Lunch Contract, you are requested to send a **dated**, and **signed** note indicating the change in routine. As verbal permission is insufficient for us to release students from the school, students will not be permitted to use the telephone to call parents to make arrangements for lunch.

You are asked to complete the Lunch contract and return it to your child's teacher by **Friday September**

**ber 16th 2011.**

Please also be aware that inappropriate behaviour that occurs off school premises may result in the appropriate authorities being contacted, and will be consequenced by the school administration, according to the Board's Catholic Code of Conduct. Thank you for your ongoing support with respect to the safety of your children.

### ARRIVAL/PICK UP AT SCHOOL

In order to provide a welcome and safe environment for our students we ask you to observe the following procedures.

1. Students are to be picked up or dropped off at their appropriate exit doors.
2. If parents, guardians or visitors come to the school they **must** report to the office. The office staff will help you.
3. If you are staying to help/volunteer, or going anywhere within the school, then you must sign in at the office and obtain a visitors tag that you must wear at all times while you are in the school.
4. If you wish to meet with a staff member, please call the school or drop in at the office to make an appointment.
5. In a school it is often difficult to determine who the parents are and who may be an unwanted guest or a stranger. When bringing your child/ren to school, we are asking that you please **say goodbye at the edge of the yard /playground and allow your child the opportunity to develop independence and a sense of responsibility as they play with their peers, line up, and enter the building**. Please help us make Sts. Peter and Paul School a safe environment. A reminder that at no time should parents engage other student on the yard. Although you may know the child, you could be a stranger to others and this is unsettling. If a concern arises on the yard, parents are instructed to advise the main office of the issue where it will be addressed. **Your cooperation in the above procedures is greatly appreciated.**

### STUDENT AGENDAS

Students from grades 1 to 8 will receive a Student Agenda. Please take time to go through the agenda and discuss it with your child(ren). All teachers at Sts. Peter and Paul will take time to instruct students on how to best utilize this important organizational tool so that it can be of maximum benefit to them. **Cost to each student for an agenda is \$5.00.** Please submit monies to your child's teacher by **Thursday September 15th,**

**PEDS (Personal Electronic Devices) Policy**



A part of our efforts to promote and maintain a positive Catholic climate in our schools, the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board approved a policy regarding Personal Electronic Devices (PEDS) on school property. In this regard, all PEDs (cell-phones, ipods, mp3 players, digital cameras etc) **must be kept out of sight, turned off and not used within school premises or during school sanctioned activities such as retreats, field trips, sporting events, etc.** PED's will be confiscated and returned to parents if students choose to use them or if visible during any of the times indicated above. To prevent the loss or damage of PEDs, students are encouraged to leave their PEDs at home as the school **is not** responsible for their safekeeping nor replacement if damaged. This procedure will be reviewed with all students by school administration, and parental support in this regard is appreciated.

**STUDENT PICTURES** Picture day is **Wednesday September 21st**. A reminder will be sent home the day before.

**OPEN HOUSE** Our open house along with a Book Fair in our library will take place on the evening of **Thursday September 22nd, 2011**. Watch for details in the next few days.

**School Hours 2011-2012**



- 8:30** School office opens
- 8:45** Supervision begins in the yard  
***Students are not permitted in the yard prior to 8:45 a.m.***
- 9:00** Morning Bell – classes begin
- 11:00-11:15** Morning Recess
- 11:30** Morning Kindergarten Dismissal
- 12:00 -1:00** Lunch
- 1:00** Afternoon Kindergarten classes begin
- 2:20-2:35** Afternoon Recess
- 3:30** Dismissal
- 4:00** School office closes

Your assistance in helping minimize disruptions during the school day is greatly appreciated. We respectfully request, when possible, appointments be scheduled in such a way that students may depart the school at natural breaks during the day (i.e. recesses or during the lunch hour) there-by helping to minimize disruptions to the learning environment.

**Fire Evacuation Policy** Sts. Peter and Paul has a detailed fire/emergency evacuation policy. In accordance students are required to wear shoes in the school building at all times. In the event of an alarm, students will not be permitted to stop to put on shoes, coats, hats, etc. Student safety is our first priority; as such we ask that you insure your child has an indoor pair and outdoor pair of shoes at school at all times.

**FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION INFORMATION** An information meeting regarding the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation will take place at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish on Monday September 12th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for parents of students in grade 2 and from 8:00 to 9:00 for parents of students in grade 8. Information packages were sent home with students in grade 2 and grade 8 currently registered at the parish.

**CUSTODY OF CHILDREN** On rare occasions, we are faced with difficult situations in which non-custodial parents arrive at school asking to visit their child or take their child home after school. We are best able to serve and protect students when we are made aware of legal custody arrangements, visitation rights and other special instructions. If legal custody matters affect your family, please ensure that our office and classroom teachers are aware of any custodial arrangements that may affect your child during school hours.

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| Sun | Mon  | Tue   | Wed            | Thu   | Fri                               | Sat |
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|     |  |   |                | 1   | 2                                 | 3   |
| 4   | 5 Labour Day   | 6 First Day of School                                   | 7              | 8   | 9                                 | 10  |
| 11  | 12 Information Meeting for parents at Parish re First Communion 7-8 p.m. and Confirmation 8-9 p.m. | 13 Toonie Pizza Day -Final Meeting of 2010-2011 Council | 14             | 15  | 16 P.A. Day Reorganization /Faith | 17  |
| 18  | 19   | 20 Toonie Pizza   | 21 Picture Day | 22 Open House                                       | 23                                | 24  |
| 25  | 26   | 27 Toonie Pizza Catholic Council Nomination forms due   | 28             | 29 First Catholic School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.- | 30                                |     |