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A PRAYER TO LIVE LIFE MORE FULLY IN THE NEW YEAR

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We move too fast, God, and sometimes we see so little in our daily travels. Slow us down. Create in us a desire to pause.

Help us to pursue moments of contemplation. Help us to see in a deeper way, and to become more aware of what speaks to us of beauty and truth.

All of our ordinary moments are means of entering into a more significant relationship with you, God. In the midst of those very common happenings, you are ready to speak your word of love to us, if only we will recognize your presence.

Teach us how to enjoy being. Encourage us to be present to the gifts that are ours.

Grant us the courage to be ourselves. Help us to let go of being overly concerned about what others think of us or of how successful we are.

May our inner freedom be strengthened and our delight in life activated. Life is meant to be celebrated, enjoyed, delighted in and embraced in all its mystery.

Guide us to our inner child. Draw us to your playground of creation, God of life, so that we will live more fully.

Amen!

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: Self-Control

In January we will celebrate the virtue of self-control. God has given us the ability to choose. We are able to control how we react to what happens around us. We may sometimes feel pressure from inside or from outside ourselves to react inappropriately to a situation. 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 temptation to do something that we will regret. It helps us to resist the temptation to do something that will harm ourselves or others and 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.

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

Our next Virtues assembly is scheduled for Jan. 30th at 1:30 p.m.



SOCKS, BOOTS AND EXTRA CLOTHES

We are asking that all students have an extra pair of socks and track pants at school at all times, just in case they get wet during recess. Waterproof boots are also a necessity. Students need to have indoor shoes. Students must wear shoes at all times. The halls get wet and it becomes a safety issue when children have their outdoor boots on inside. We do not have the capacity to call home for all students who gets wet below the knees, and we will not be calling home.



Kindergarten Registration Dates



Registration for Junior and Senior Kindergarten for the 2012—2013 school year will take place as follows:

- Monday, February 6, 2012 from 7 to 9 pm.
- **Snow Date Only**—Tuesday, February 7, 2011 from 7:00—9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Feb. 8, 9 & 10, 2012 from 9:00—11:00 a.m. and 1:00—3:00 p.m.

To register your child, you will need:

1. Proof of age.
2. Original Catholic Baptismal Certificate of the Roman, Greek, or Ukrainian Rite, for one parent and child (if the child has not been baptized, a letter of counseling with the parish priest, to complete the process will be accepted).
3. Updated immunization records.
4. Proof of Canadian citizenship or Landed Immigrant status.
5. Proof of address (utility bill, bank or credit card statement).
6. For schools in Caledon and Dufferin County, emergency rural address numbers for identifying your property.

SCHOOL POLICY

School and board policy does not allow for any water guns, gun replicas or toy guns at school. This also includes any type of toy weapon or replica (i.e. swords) Please review these rules with your children as we have had a few incidents of children bringing inappropriate toys to school.

WINNERS OF THE HOCKEY HALL OF FAME TICKETS

Tanner F. and Nick B. won two Hockey Hall of Fame tickets each. All students that won the November virtue award had their names placed in a jar for an opportunity to win the tickets, that were donated by Mrs. Ramos. Thank you Mrs. Ramos.

Congratulations Tanner and Nick!



APPROPRIATE DRESS - COLD WEATHER

As our cold winter weather continues, we ask that students dress appropriately; i.e. coats, gloves, mitts, boots etc.. If they are dressed warmly, they are better prepared to participate in outdoor activities during recess and noon hour.

Please be advised that students are kept indoors at recess during the winter only when the weather conditions are extremely cold. (When the wind chill equivalent temperature is minus 25 degrees Celsius or lower, as per school Board policy.)

THE CANADIAN CHILDREN'S BOOK CENTER-GRADE 1 BOOK GIVEAWAY



A special thank you to the TD Bank for giving every child in grade 1 a Canadian children's book. This year's book is entitled Gifts, by Jo Ellen Bogart and illustrated by Barbara Reid.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF PEEL REGION (STOPR) BUS CANCELLATIONS/SCHOOL CLOSING DUE TO BAD WEATHER 2011-2012

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 6:00 a.m. and will be announced on the following radio and television stations:**

VIRGIN RADIO FM99.9	CHUM AM1050	CFTR AM680
CFNY FM102.1/AM640	CJCL AM590	CHFI FM98.1
CFRB AM1010	EZ ROCK FM97.3	CJBC (FR) AM860
FM Z103.5	FM93.1	FM Q107
CHIN FM100.7/AM1540	CBC99.1	
CITYPULSE	GLOBAL NEWS	CTV

We will be communicating one of four standard messages to the radio stations. The four announcements and their effect on the transportation system are as follows: (Please note that the **highlighted text only** will be communicated by the radio stations).

“DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES SERVING ST. ANDREW, ST. BENEDICT AND ST. PETER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND R.F. HALL SECONDARY SCHOOL ARE CANCELLED FOR TODAY.”

2. **“THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES IN THE TOWN OF CALEDON AND THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN ARE CANCELLED”**. This means that all runs listed under announcement #1 PLUS the following are cancelled.

All schools in the Town of Caledon and all school runs that begin in the Town of Caledon.

Individual schools will be notified if this cancellation affects their school.



3. **“THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES ARE CANCELLED.”** *This means that:*

ALL Transportation services provided by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and The Peel District School Board, including buses, vans and taxis have been cancelled for the entire day.



SAFE KIDS CANADA

Looking to purchase helmets? Safe Kids Canada and Canadian manufacturer, Seven Star Sports, announce a new relationship to provide low-cost helmets for all sports, including cycling, skiing, snowboarding and hockey. A portion of all sales will go to supporting Safe Kids Canada. [Visit our website](#) to download an order form and view the models available. For more information and to download an order form, please click on the link below:

<http://www.safekidscanada.ca/Professionals/Tools-and-Resources/Helmet-Order-Forms/Order-helmets.aspx>

BULLYING PREVENTION

P.A.L.S. IS BACK

We are pleased to report that our school "Playground Activity Leaders in Schools" program is being implemented again. This program, offered by Peel Health, encourages all children to participate in organized activities during the outdoor lunch recess period. This program is available to children in grades 1- 3, with the help of grade 5 student leaders.



TERM ONE STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTING



Please be reminded that a **Term 1 Report Card, will be sent home on Tuesday, January 31st** and a Term 2 Report Card to go home at the end of June. **Parent / student / teacher interviews will be scheduled for the evening of Thursday, February 2 and during the day on Friday, February 3.** Parents will receive interview scheduling forms. **There will not be report cards for junior and senior kindergarten students at this time of year, however interviews will be available for the parents of our kindergarten students.**

LATE STUDENTS AND KISS AND RIDE

There have been students who are consistently late in the morning. It is an expectation according to section 21 of the Education Act that requires students to attend school regularly and on time until the age of 18. It is the school's expectation that students arrive on time to school. While the Kiss and Ride lane is busy from 8:40 to 8:45, we would ask that you drop your child off between 8:30 and 8:40 when the kiss and ride lane is nearly empty. Teachers are on duty to supervise students at 8:30. Thank you in advance for supporting the school in teaching children the importance of punctuality.

CONTACTING PARENTS

We will be making phone calls home or writing in the agenda if your child gets bumped in the head. We will also call home if the staff believes it to be a major issue and parents need to be notified. Office staff deal with enormous amounts of issues during a school day. Please be aware that staff will not call home for every issue that comes to the office.



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES A HUGE SUCCESS

Throughout the Advent / Christmas season students and staff contributed to our Christmas Food and Toy Drive. A large quantity of food and many toys were donated. All of these items were donated to the local Caledon Community Services agency.



Thank you sincerely to Ms. D. Viola, Ms. T. Scarpone and Mrs. Vassallo for organizing and coordinating this very important community project. Many residents of our community have been helped and served because of your commitment and generosity.

Our Advent mass was a beautiful celebration of our faith as we prepared for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Sincere thanks are extended to Fr. Larry for his ministry with our school community.

Our primary Christmas concerts were also a huge success with a "full house". Sincere thanks are extended to all students, staff and parents who contributed to these successful showcases of talent and spirit. Particular thanks are extended to Mrs. Ciccocelli, Ms. Scalamogna, Mrs. Marchi, Mr. Graham and Ms. Rosa for coordinating the concerts and helping backstage.



DPCDSB Community Programs from Adult and Continuing Education

Winter 2012 DPCDSB Adult and Continuing Education program flyers arrive at your doorstep the week of January 2, 2012.

You are invited to join in these exciting community programs.

- Computer ABC's Day Program
- Car Maintenance for Women
- Secondary Night School Credit
- French as a Second Language
- Adult Coop and Credit
- General Interest Programs
- International Languages
- English as a Second Language
- Citizenship and ESL Classes
- Health and Fitness
- Much Much More

Register now for lifelong learning opportunities!
Call 905-891-9263 ext.0 or www.dpcdsb.org/cec/cne

JANUARY 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Back to School	10 Skating Gr. 1 and 1/2 at 9:30 & Gr. 2 at 1:30	11 Spelling Bee for grades 1-4 at 1 pm in the gym	12 Skating Gr. 3 at 9:30 & Gr. 4 at 1:30	13 Subday Gr. 7 & 8 Skiing	14
15	16 PA DAY	17 Skating Gr. 5 and 5/6 at 9:30 & Gr. 6 at 1:30	18 Extended French Meeting at St. Cornelius at 7 pm	19 Skating Gr. 1at 9:30 & Gr. 1/2, 2 at 1:30	20 Sub Orders Due	21
22	23	24 Skating Gr. 3 at 9:30 & Gr. 4 at 1:30 Comic Book Presentation 4, 5, 6	25	26 Gr. 7 & 8 Skiing Skating Gr. 5 and 5/6 at 9:30 & Gr. 6 at 1:30	27 Subday	28
29	30 Virtue Assembly at 1:30	31 Report Cards Go Home Graduation Pictures				

FEBRUARY 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Gr. 7 & 8 Skiing	2 Interview Night	3 Interviews & PA Day	4
5	6 JK/SK Registration 7-9 pm	7 Gr. 7 Meningitis Shots Gr. 8 HPV Shots	8 Extended French Application Due JK/SK Registration 9-11 am & 1-3	9 JK/SK Registration 9-11 am & 1-3	10 JK/SK Registration 9-11 am & 1-3 Sub day	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Family Day	21	22 Ash Wednesday Liturgy	23	24 Sub Day	25
26	27 Virtues Assembly 9:30 am	28	29			