



# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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THE THERESE TIMES

### *A Blessing Before Summer Vacation*

*Let us put ourselves into the hands of the Lord,  
and pray that God will bless us and our families  
during the wonderful months of summer.*

*May we all help to make our homes  
a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.*

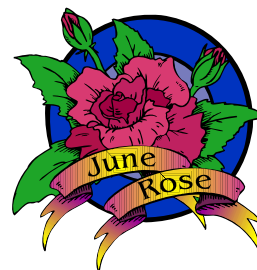
*May we be generous and considerate,  
not thinking only about ourselves,  
but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime.*

*Keep each of us in your care during the coming summer  
and throughout our lives.*

*Guide our steps and strengthen our hearts  
until we meet once again.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*



## CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

\* **Mrs. Walsh** on her retirement June 30, 2008, after 28 years in the profession. Thanks for your excellent work on behalf of students and their families. You will be missed a lot!

\* **Mrs. Mills** & her husband on the May 1 birth of their beautiful 7lb. 8oz. baby boy Gabriel Douglas Mills! Mother & baby are doing well.

\* **Grade 2 students** who have received the sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation.

\* **Grade 8 students** who have received the sacrament of Confirmation.

\* **The cast & crew of our musical production Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs** that was staged May 14 and 15. The play was a complete joy and pleasure to watch. Big thank you to directors L. Parovel, E. Lanza & U. Kania and their support staff- J. Lusk, G. Langfeld, S. Ribeiro, S. Gloutnez, M. Ramlogan, L. Stephen, C. Dinis & J. Raposo. You all went the extra mile!

\* **Jr. Heads Up Team**- Michael M., Kristen L., Vissy E., David P., & Joshua W. for its participation at this year's competition. Thanks to M. Ramlogan for coaching this dynamic team!

\* **Int. Heads Up Team**- Chris L., Nathan C., Holden C., Michael C., & Angelika Z. for outstanding performance and to Mrs. Timpano for her coaching support.

\* **Indoor Girl's Soccer Team**- Nicole B., Vanessa B., Carla C., Nicole F., Emily F., Maria G., Jade L., Pauline L., Christina M., Rachel P., Megan R., Alexa R., Victoria S., and Melissa T. Thanks to coaches Mr. Murray & Dr. Singh.

\* **Indoor Boy's Soccer Team**- Jordan A., Connor B., Nathan C., Winston C., Tristan F., Kyle F., Thomas G., Alex G., Nicholas K., Leonardo L., Adam M., Andrew P. and Paul S. Thanks to coaches Mr. Murray & Dr. Singh.

\* **Int. Co-ed Soccer Team**- Jordan A., Nicole B., Connor B., Nathan C., Winston C., Stephanie D., Rachel D., Kyle F., Laura G., Alyssa G., Leonardo L., Adam M., Megan M., Megan R., Alexa R., Paul S., Natalie S., Melissa T., Eric W. and Shynice W. Thank you to coaches Singh and Knapp.

\* **Co-ed Softball Team** members- Sean C., Kenzia D., Stanislaus E., Thomas G., Nicholas K., Jenna L., Brooke Mc., Hayley Mc., Mitchell Mc., Michael M., Andrew P., Paul S., Brock S., and Luke S. Thank you to coaches Parovel & Austin.

\* **Track Team Members**—Avery G.P., Patrycia W, Alex P., Spencer G., Heather P., Stephanie H., Neil J. K., Yannick N., Emily F., Blossom L., Winston, C., Alex Mc., Ben C., Christopher C., Larisa S., Stephen H., Jade L., Tristan F., Sierra K., Jacob B., Beniah L., Patty K., Maciej L., Jasmine W., Vissy E., Dylan F., Angelika Z., Elizabeth S., Michael C., Cody B., Nick K., Stephanie D., Elizabeth M., Mitchell Mc., Jordyn L., Iesha A., Daniel A., Paul S., Claudia R., Emily F., Brock S., Anthyn S., Melanie G., Tatiana E., Aren S., Megan R., Victoria S., Kyle F., Nathan C., Georgina O., Nicole B., Shynice W., Madison C., Joseph L., Reuel L., Emily F., Paula S., Brandon Z., Luke S., Naomi G., Andrew P., Jaylord C., Kevin L., Pauline L., Daniel A., Vanessa B., Thanks to U. Kania, D. Knapp, M. Timpano, B. Ierullo, S. Ribeiro, J. Trinca.

On Tues., Jun. 24 we will be holding our **Annual Awards Assemblies** (Academic/Clubs/Teams) to recognize other award winners in our community. We have alot to be proud of!!!



## GOODBYE ...

\* Mrs. Parovel- It is with sadness we say goodbye to L. Parovel, ERW at St. Therese for the past 9 years. We wish Mrs. Parovel the best of luck as she moves on to her new assignment at St. Joan of Arc High School for September. Thank you for all your great work!

\* Ms. Ierullo- Ms. Ierullo, gr. 5 teacher, will leave big shoes to fill. She has accepted a new assignment at St. Jude school for September. We'll miss you!



## 2008-09 ADDITION APPROVED FOR ST. THERESE

We are excited to report, at its May Meeting, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board approved site plans detailing a new 4 classroom addition for St. Therese of the Child Jesus School. See attached. While construction of the addition will not commence

until the spring of 2009, in preparation, portables will be moved to the west side of the school this summer. We will provide additional information closer to the commencement of construction to outline strategies for managing the necessary rerouting of foot, bus & car traffic, school entry & dismissal procedures, yard boundaries, etc. during the construction phase. Stay posted!

### SHARE LIFE

The students and staff of St. Therese of the Child Jesus School deserve to be very proud about their charitable efforts for Share Life and United Way again this year. Through activities such as dress down days, Halloween Fling for Charity, the Advent Mass and ice cream sandwich sales we have raised close to \$4000. for Share Life and United Way. Wow! As you know, Share Life is the primary Catholic charity for our archdiocese. It provides funds, through recognized agencies, to needy families and their children. A cheque will be presented on behalf of St. Therese of the Child School to St. John of the Cross Parish at our Gr. 8 Graduation Mass on June 23. Thank you for supporting us in these charitable efforts!

### EQAO ASSESSMENT

Thank you very much to the staff and students for their hard work during the recent provincial EQAO testing. Thank you also to the parents of Grades 3 and 6 students for their efforts in ensuring their child's attendance at school during the assessment period. All grade 3 & 6 students will be treated to a pizza lunch to congratulate them on a job well done after all the EQAO testing is complete!!



### PIZZA LUNCH

The last pizza lunch for this year will be on Thurs., Jun. 19. **Please note: there will be NO Pizza Lunch on Thurs., Jun. 26.**

### YEAR END REPORT CARDS & SEPTEMBER PLACEMENT

Your child(ren)'s third term report will be sent home on Tues., Jun. 24. Their last day of classes will be on Thursday, June 26. Students will be dismissed at the regular 3:45p.m. time. **Please note: as in past years we will not list tentative class assignments on the June report cards.** Given the dynamics created by factors such as declining enrolment in the elementary panel along with the 'primary hard cap' requirements, changes to class assignments may be necessary right up to starting day September. This could be followed by additional reorganization throughout September. To avoid or at least minimize disappointment no teacher names will be listed on June report cards. Class lists will be posted the morning of Tues., Sept. 2 detailing tentative class assignments.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to our 2007-2008 School Council for their support this year. We extend sincere appreciation to Isabel Holmes, Karen Matzo-Kuryluk, Ellen Guinyou, Kim McElhone, Jane Gillis, Monique Portelli, Joelma Brasil, Enza Fenech, Patricia Lattimore, Steve and Anne Haley for their guidance and participation on this year's council. All parents are encouraged to get involved in council activities next year. Our first meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Nomination forms for 2008-09 School Council will be sent out the first week of September. Think about throwing your name in the ring!!



### OPEN HOUSE/MEET THE TEACHER/FAMILY BBQ

Mark Tues., Sept. 23 on your calendars. School Council and staff will host an Open House- Meet the Teacher- BBQ Night. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be available between 5-6:30p.m. Parents will be invited to meet their child's teacher between 6:30-8p.m. Watch for more details early in September!!

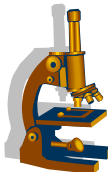


### GRADE 8 GRADUATION

As we count down the days, our grade 8's are eagerly anticipating their graduation. On Mon., Jun. 23, graduates will participate in a mass, a special luncheon and dance at the Mississauga Convention Centre. The same evening, at 7p.m., the graduation diploma and award presentation and reception will be held at St. Aloysius Gonzaga High School.

### 2008-2009 JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN & SENIOR KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

Letters will be sent home soon regarding next year's Junior Kindergarten visits and assignments. Also, we ask JK & SK parents to mark 7p.m. Tue., Sept. 16, 2008 on their calendars. The school will host a workshop for kindergarten parents that evening called, 'Journey Into Learning'. The workshop will provide valuable information so that the home & school can work together to support each child's learning and development.



### YEAR END SCIENCE CLUB ACTIVITY

On Fri., May 30 our Science Club under the leadership of teacher J. Bortolotto and our 'Engineers in Residence', A. Rincon & R. Mahabir, participated in a special culminating year end activity. Club members enjoyed an afternoon workshop presented through the University of Toronto's Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering (Science Outreach) on 'Beams and Bridges'. Science is Everywhere!

### PLAY DAY & BBQ LUNCH

Summer Play Day for all grade 1 to 3 students is scheduled for Wed., Jun. 18. Please make sure your child (ren) is dressed appropriately for warm weather and that the necessary sunscreen has been applied. Students may want to bring their own water bottle. If you'd like to drop by and watch on the 18th in the morning feel free!



### HOT DOG DAY- 2008

On Wed., Jun. 18 School Council is hosting the Annual Hot Dog Lunch for all the grade 1 to 8 students. We will make sure to provide an alternate treat for our Kindergarten children at another time. For lunch on Jun. 18 all students (gr. 1-8) will be given a hot dog and a drink. If they want dessert, they will need to bring their own. Thank you to the St. Therese of the Child Jesus School Council for providing the funds to subsidize this special event!

If you are available to volunteer on Fri., Jun. 18 between 11a.m. and 1p.m. please call Vice Principal T. Declerico. Thanks!

### 2007-08 YEARBOOK

The deadline for yearbook orders is Fri., Jun. 13. *We are unable to accept late orders.* The yearbook will be soft covered with coloured photos. The cost remains at \$25. Only a limited number will be printed. Don't be disappointed. Order early.

### COLLECTING ALL BOOKS- PLEASE HELP

June is the time we try and recollect all the textbooks and library materials loaned to students throughout the year. Most students are very co-operative and return these items on time and, in the same condition which they received them. Teachers will be notifying parents if their children are missing books. Library materials are due no later than June 15. Most hard covered textbooks currently cost between \$50. and \$75. Hard covered library books often run any where from \$25. to \$50. Students are aware that they are responsible for paying for any lost, missing or damaged books. Your help to encourage your child to bring these items back to school and meet deadlines is appreciated.

### SAFE SCHOOLS ACTION TEAM

In our ongoing efforts to enhance the safe, caring, healthy and inclusive nature of our school all gr. 4 to 8 students (456 students in total!) completed an online School Climate Survey. Survey results were shared with staff at our May Staff Meeting and with parents at the May 27 School Council Meeting. We were pleased to see that the survey reflected the vast ma-

majority of students always or mostly always felt safe while attending St. Therese of the Child Jesus School. Having said this however, the Safe School Action Team analysed the survey data further to identify hot spots and areas for improvement. Enhancing bullying prevention initiatives was identified as a specific goal for next year.

For more information go to <http://www.dpcdsb.org/CEC/Schools/Safe+Schools/> where you will find the complete Safe Schools Dufferin-Peel: Progressive Discipline and School Safety (Bill 212) Parent Guide.

**VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

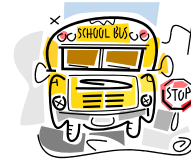
We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the many parents and members of our school community who have given generously of their time, energy and talents to benefit the students of St. Therese of the Child Jesus School. A Volunteer Tea will be held on Tues., Jun. 10 to express our appreciation to volunteers. Volunteer contributions have made a positive difference in the lives of our students. Together we make our school a success.

**LOST AND FOUND**

We have collected quite an assortment of shoes, boots, sweaters, etc. in our "Lost & Found" box. During the third and fourth week of June, in the front hallway of the school, Mr. Costa will display all 'Lost & Found' items. Please feel free to drop by and look for specific items your child(ren) may have lost. On June 26, we will be packing up whatever is left and forwarding to Goodwill or St. Vincent de Paul.

**STUDENT AGENDAS FOR 2008-09**

Student agendas or planners have been ordered for September 2008. All students, grade 1 through 8, will be using a planner to help them organize and track assignments, due dates, special events, etc. The student planner is also a useful tool to support parent-teacher communication. Agendas will be distributed the first week of school. Planners are being sold for \$5. Order forms were sent home the week of May 26 and are due back by Jun. 20. Please contact the office if you need an additional form. Thanks.



**TRANSPORTATION 2008-09**

During the last week of August, information about bus-ing will be posted outside the front doors. Please do not assume the bus numbers will be the same. Routes are determined by the transportation department and worked out according to address. No bus requests are processed in the first several weeks of school as the Transportation Department is working out changes. If you are moving during the summer, please inform the school to avoid bus issues in the first month. Also, if you require transportation due to babysitting changes, the department will accept changes received before July 18 to take effect Sept. 2. If you are in doubt of the transportation address that the dept has please contact them directly at 905-890-6000.

Transportation Eligibility is as follows:  
Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board :

Kindergarten	1 km
Grades 1-4	1.6 km
Grades 5 & 6	2 km
Grade 7 & 8	3.2 km



**2008/09 PIANO LESSONS AT ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS SCHOOL**

In 2008/09 Jana Skarecky (M.Mus., A.R.C.T.) will again be teaching individual piano lessons at the school, during school hours, and she has some openings. If you are interested or would like more information please contact her at (905) 855-0582 or [jana.skarecky@utoronto.ca](mailto:jana.skarecky@utoronto.ca) as soon as possible. Information sheets are also available at the office.

**MARK YOUR FALL CALENDARS FOR THE SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MEETINGS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS CHURCH**

**Confirmation- Gr. 8**

**Parent & Candidate Meeting-**

- attend one on either:

Sun., Oct. 5 at 7:30p.m. or

Mon., Oct. 6 at 7:30p.m.

**Rite of Enrolment-**

Nov. 8-9 all masses

Nov. 15-16 all masses

**Retreat-**

Feb. 10 (6:30p.m.), Feb. 12 (6:30p.m.), Feb. 14

(9:30a.m.), Mar. 3 (6:30p.m.), Mar. 5 (6:30p.m.), Mar. 7

(9:30a.m.)

**Confirmation-**

Apr. 25- 10a.m. (rehearsal Apr. 21 7:30p.m.), May 2-

10a.m. (rehearsal Apr. 21 8:30p.m.), May 9- 10a.m.

(rehearsal May 5 7:30p.m.)

May 23- 10a.m. (rehearsal May 5 8:30p.m.)

**First Communion- Gr. 2**

**Initial Parent Meeting**

- attend one on either:

Sun., Sept. 14 at 2:30p.m. or

Tues., Sept. 16 at 7:30p.m.

(Children are expected to prepare for First Reconciliation (Confession) before First Communion)

**Parent Meeting**

Sun., Jan. 18- 2:30p.m.

Tues., Jan. 20- 7:30p.m.

**First Communion Enrolment**

Feb. 7-8 all masses

Feb. 14-15 all masses

**First Communions**

April 18-May 10 all masses

**First Reconciliation (Confession)- Gr. 2 & up**

**First Reconciliation Meeting**

- attend one on either:

Sun., Sept. 28 at 2:30p.m. or

Tues. Sept. 30 at 7:30p.m.

**Reconciliation-**

Tues., Nov. 18- 7p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 20- 7p.m.

Tues., Nov. 25- 7p.m.

**ATTACHMENTS**

June Calendar of Student Activities.

Site Plans for New Addition.

LAST DAY OF CLASSES IS  
THURS., JUN. 26. STU-  
DENTS WILL BE DISMISSED  
AT THE REGULAR 3:45p.m.  
DISMISSAL TIME.

THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES  
IN SEPTEMBER  
IS TUES., SEPT. 2.  
SEE YOU THEN.  
HAVE A WONDERFUL & SAFE  
SUMMER!!

