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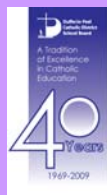
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Prayer for a New Year

*God of love, we thank you for one another
and for the wonderful blessings you bring
into our lives through other people:
our families, our friends, our teachers, our students.*

*May we in turn, help to bring your blessing into their lives
and the world at large too.*

May we recognize how much we depend on one another.

*May we be welcoming to our new members,
thoughtful to our past members,
and abide one another with humility and humour.*

*Bless our new year with grace to persevere.
May we prove ourselves to be the family circle
of Jesus by the way we carry out Your will.*

Amen.



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Happy New Year - 2010!

On behalf of St. Therese of the Child Jesus School, we extend to you and your family our best wishes for a **Healthy and Prosperous New Year**. We encourage all parents to keep in close contact with your school concerning your child's progress. Please contact the office or your child's teacher if we may be of assistance.

Virtue for the month of January

Self Control— I have self control. I know how to get things done on my own. I have control over my feelings. I make good decisions in the way I act and speak.

What is Self-Control/Decision Making?

Self Control/Decision making is a set of behaviours that help you:

- Understand that the only thing in life which you can change and control is yourself;
- Keep in check any unacceptable behaviours that may hurt yourself or others.;
- Realize that you are the master of your own destiny .
- Keep your life in balance and focused by helping you cope with new challenges that come your way.
- Keep your emotional responses in check or help you use moderation;
- Accept personal responsibilities in life and
- Reflect on your inner desire to grow up into a mature, responsible adult

Self Control is restraint practiced over one's own emotions, impulses or desires.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

A very special thank you to Mrs. Armstrong and to our St. Therese of the Child Jesus School community for stocking this year's Christmas Baskets. Overall, from the Canadian Tire Money and cash donations combined, we raised over \$ 500.

FAITH COMMUNITY

Parish News

St. John of the Cross Church
6890 Glen Erin Drive, Mississauga
905 821-1331

Reconciliation

Students in grade 2 and up are invited to the parish preparation program for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Please note the following dates:

First Communion Mtg. Sun. Jan. 17—2:30 p.m.

First Communion Mtg. Tue. Jan. 19—7:30 p.m.

Enrolment Feb. 6 & 7—all masses

Enrolment Feb. 13 & 14—all masses

FIRST COMMUNION - April 11—May 2nd—all masses

Confirmation

Students in grade eight are invited to join the parish preparation program for Confirmation. The schools will continue to do the initial preparation in the religion classes, but immediate preparation will take place in the parish.

Information meetings for **parents and candidates** to learn about the preparation process at St. John of the Cross Parish were held at the church in September and October.

Retreat & Reconciliation Sat. Feb. 13—9:30-12:15

Retreat & Reconciliation Sat. Feb. 20—9:30—12:15

Retreat & Reconciliation Sat. Feb. 27—9:30- 12:15

Retreat & Reconciliation Sat. Mar. 6—9:30—12:15

Rehearsals Tue. Apr. 20- 7:30 p.m.

Confirmation Sat. Apr. 24—10:00 a.m.

Rehearsals Tue. Apr. 20—8:30 p.m.

Confirmation Sat. May 1—10:00 a.m.

Rehearsals Tue. May 4 - 7:30 p.m.

Confirmation Sat. May 8—10:00 a.m.

Rehearsals Tue. May 4—8:30 p.m.

Confirmation Sat. May 15—10:00 a.m.

Helping Hands....helping hands to keep warm

Students worked very hard creating Christmas cards to help fundraise money to purchase gloves for needy children. We made enough money to purchase about 150 pairs of gloves. Students enjoyed helping other students in our Board who are in need. Thank you for your contributions in purchasing our unique Christmas cards. We are in the process of distributing them to the schools that have expressed a need. Thanks to Mrs. D'Andrea, Mrs. DaCosta and some of our Queen's student teachers for donating their lunch time for this endeavour.

The Extended French Information meeting will be held at St. Therese of the Child Jesus School on **Wednesday, February 3, 2010**, beginning at **7:00 p.m.** for the parents of those students currently in Grade 4.



DANCE-A-THON

Will be St. Therese of the Child Jesus School's Major

Fundraiser for 2009-2010 The fundraising campaign, being organized and co-ordinated by the School Council, will run from Jan. 12 until Feb. 5. It will be launched on Tues., Jan. 12 with kickoff assemblies in the morning and afternoon.

Each family (youngest and/or only) will receive a pledge form on Tues., Jan. 12, after the kickoff assembly.

As per the Board's fund-raising policy, door-to-door canvassing and public solicitation is not allowed. Alternate selling strategies that will be suggested to students include relatives and friends, neighbours, parent's places of work, teams and clubs. Participation will be voluntary but students who participate in the fundraiser will attend the Dance-a-thon. We want to make this campaign as user friendly and successful as possible!

Prizes will be awarded for top pledges. If you are able to donate any prizes for our fundraiser please contact Mrs. DeClerico or Mrs. Clugston our fundraising Chair.

Why do we request your support for this year's fundraiser? Well, there are a lot of things your support will do for our school. We have requests for additional literacy and numeracy books and resources for student use from K to gr. 8. We have requests individual class libraries in junior and intermediate grades. We have also had many requests for an electronic scoreboard to be used by athletic teams and all gym classes. Another request is also a school sign for the front of the school for parents and students to use with important information and reminders. Some of these items are "big ticket" items and will require more than one year of fundraising to bring to fruition. But rest assured, your support is targeted for some great goals for this year.



QSP Magazines

Thank you to all parents who renewed their subscriptions for our minor fundraising efforts. We raised \$2720 for our school.

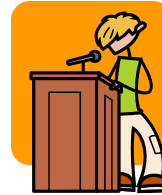
The next Early Release Day for students is Wednesday, January 14 at 12:00 p.m.

As before, there are no PM Kindergarten classes and all students will be sent home by regular transportation at 12:00 pm. Kindergarten students will return on the kindergarten bus in the morning as usual. No student will stay for lunch. Please make arrangements ahead of time to coordinate the supervision of your children to go home at that time.

PED POLICY

As part of our efforts to promote and maintain a positive Catholic climate in our schools, the Board has approved a new policy regarding Personal Electronic Devices (PEDS) on school property. In this regard, all PEDs (this includes cell phones) must be kept out of sight, turned off and not used within school premises or during school-sanctioned activities. To prevent the loss or damage of PEDs, we encourage students to leave their PEDs at home as the school cannot be responsible for their safe keeping. Peds that are used on school property will be confiscated and kept at the office until the end of the day to be picked up by a parent.

Parental support is requested and greatly appreciated.



Public Speaking Competitions for grades 4 to 8 will take place soon. Many students have already started working on speeches. Class competitions will take place the last week of January followed by the school competition the second week of February and the Family competition at the end of February.



Engineer-In-Residence Program

A big thank you to Ravi Mahabir and Andrea Rincon our Engineer-In-Residence partners who have been working closely with our Science Club under the direction of Mr. Bortolotto. Most recently the Science club met to participate in a little 'Christmas Chemistry' on December 16. The Science Club had a very merry time, building various structures. The members also

sang songs/cheers for their tower buildings! Remember, Science Rules!

The next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12 at 7p.m. Also, please note, there will be a special Mississauga North Family of Schools Parent Meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, at St. Albert at 7p.m.



Intermediate Basketball...

Practices for intermediate basketball teams are currently in progress. The regular season, for boy's and girl's, gets underway this week. Thanks to Dr. Singh and Mr. Murray who are coaching the girl's team and to Mr. Knapp and Mr. Bortolotto for contributing coaching time and guidance with the boy's team. Good luck to our 2010 team members: **GIRL'S-** Cassandra K., Hayley M., Madison C., Shayla B., Tiffany T., Natalie M., Brooke M., Victoria L., Stephanie D., Avery G. P., Tayah R., Cachet L., Sharon N., Elizabeth M., Rachel F., **BOY'S-** Mitchell D., Logan K., David P., Noah K., Tristan S.D., Damahli B., Andrew S., Ian S., Michael M., Adam T., Mitchell M., Joey L., Dylan F., Alex P., Renz Y., Benny Z., Lucio D.

Registration for 2010-11 Junior & Senior Kindergarten

Junior and Senior Kindergarten registration will be held on the following dates:

Monday, February 8 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*
**Snow Date: Tuesday, February 9 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 10, 11 & 12
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For more information, visit www.dpcdsb.org

Jr. & Sr. (new) Kindergarten Registration for September 2010 special information meeting for students with Special Needs will take place on Wednesday, February 3 at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre

COMING SOON.....

The Canadian Red Cross Babysitting Course

We have the opportunity for our students to participate in a Canadian Red Cross Babysitting Course. This is a 7 hour fun filled workshop that includes everything from diapering, first aid, safety tips, rights & responsibilities of everyone involved, physical capabilities of all ages of children, what makes a good babysitter, tips for SAFELY finding babysitting jobs and much more!

This course has valuable information for children that stay at home alone.

This course will be offered at St Therese of the Child Jesus on Monday March 1, 2010 (PA DAY) from 8:30am-3:30pm.

The course cost is \$35.00 and will include the Canadian Red Cross Babysitting Manual & wallet card.

Permissions forms will be given to all grade 6, 7, & 8 students in February 2010.

Registrations forms will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis, and the maximum class size is 30-35 students.

Catholic Ratepayers - Check your Tax Bill to Ensure Proper Tax Support

If you are a Catholic ratepayer, we urge you to check your property tax bill to ensure that your support is directed to your local Catholic school board, in our case, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. If you are a tenant, you can verify your support by contacting our Admissions Department at (905) 890-0708, ext. 24511, 24512, or 24519, or your local municipal office. By ensuring that you are accurately recorded as a Catholic school supporter, you can help deliver a powerful message to the government about the level of support for publically-funded Catholic education in Ontario. In order to be eligible to vote for your local Catholic school board trustee, you must be registered as a separate school supporter.

Attachments

1. January Calendar of Activities
2. Dance-a-thon Fundraiser
3. CCCSC presents Carole Bertuzzi Luciani
4. Parent Information for Children with Special Needs
5. Student Transportation - Bus Cancellations