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A Message of Love from Mother Teresa

Spread love everywhere you go:

First of all in your own home...

*Let no one ever come to you
without leaving better and happier.*

Be the living expression of God's kindness:

*Kindness in your face,
Kindness in your eyes,
Kindness in your smile,*

Kindness in your warm greeting.



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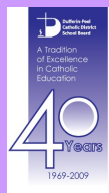
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LENTEN SEASON

When you send forth your spirit you renew the face of the earth. Psalm 104:30

This year the Liturgical Season of Lent begins on Wed., Feb. 17 with Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the first step on the Lenten Road to Easter. The cross of ashes that we receive on our foreheads is a sign that we have sinned and that God has forgiven us. The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water. Lent is a time of preparation, reflection, and spiritual renewal. The Church sets aside the forty days of Lent as a special time for us to prepare for the celebration of Easter. Let us all use this time of Lent for personal reflection and prayer as we live our lives to serve and love our God.



ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wed., Feb. 17, 2010, all students will participate in our Ash Wednesday Liturgy. This year our liturgy will be over the PA and led by the Youth Faith Ambassadors. Students will receive ashes, reflect on readings and pray together as a class in preparation for Lent and the Easter season.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

Respect.....

- See God's presence in themselves and others.
- Treat others as they would like to be treated.
- Welcome others with smiles and friendly greetings.
- Always display good manners
- Say 'Excuse Me', 'Please' and 'Thank you'
- Avoid the temptation to swear or gesture inappropriately
- Look for ways to encourage and praise others
- Talk kindly about others and avoid gossip

**FAMILY DAY IS ON
MON., FEB. 15, 2010
NO SCHOOL.**

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is 'Black History Month'. This is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians, who, throughout history have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today. It is also an opportunity for the majority of Canadians to learn about the experiences of Black Canadians in our society and the vital role they have played throughout our shared history.

Students in all grade levels will be reading and discussing novels, stories or poems about Black History and ethnic diversity. Some classes are also engaged in art, trips and religion lessons focusing on black history

**NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING is on Tues.
Feb. 9 at 7p.m.**

**MARCH BREAK will be
the week of
Mon., Mar. 15 to
Fri., Mar. 19 inclusive**

DANCE-A-THON PLEDGES- GOING GREAT!!

Thank you to all students and parents for supporting our major fundraiser, our Dance-a-thon. The campaign continues until February 5 at which time we ask all students to return their pledge-a-lopers. Once again, we ask that all payments be made by cheque (payable to the school). This way we can redistribute to students who still want to sell. Prize winners and total funds raised will be announced later in February and shared in the March Newsletter. As per parents' surveyed last year, most parents prefer a fundraiser without sales of merchandise. We are honouring that request. Please support our efforts to purchase an electronic scoreboard with timer for our gym to be used with gym classes at all levels and team sports. We have many other items on our "wish list" which include literacy and numeracy resources, such as individual "classroom libraries", library resources, computer resources, classroom resources, etc. Our prizes are as follows:

Wii Playstation
iPod Nano
iPod Touch
Principal for the day

And SPOT Dance Prizes(throughout the day...movie passes, iTunes cards, Blockbuster cards and more!)

EXTENDED FRENCH REGISTRATION

Registration for the September 2010 Extended French program, for students currently enrolled in grade 4, will take place until the deadline on Wed., Mar. 3 at 3p.m. Late applications will not be accepted. Please call the school office for more information if you missed the parent meeting on Tues., Feb. 3.

Mt. Carmel SS. Open house takes place on March 8, 2010

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 from 8:30am-3:30pm (PA DAY)**. The course cost is \$35.00 and will include the Canadian Red Cross Babysitting Manual & wallet card.

Permissions forms will be given to all students in grades 6, 7, & 8.

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

The next P.A. DAY is on Mon. March 1 2010. No school for students

GRADE 3 AND 6 EQAO/PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENT

Each year grade three and grade six students in Ontario are assessed in reading, writing and mathematics. The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has developed the assessment that is used in all schools. This year at St Therese of the Child Jesus School the dates for the Primary and Junior Division Assessments will take place between May 31 and June 11. Kindly avoid booking dental,

doctor and other appointments, vacations or activities during the test period in order to support maximum participation by all students. More information for grade 3 and 6 parents will follow with exact dates and times.

HAITI FUNDRAISING

We would like to thank the students and community of St Therese for their generosity for the people of Haiti. We raised approximately \$1500 for ShareLife in cash donations on line at www.sharelife.com.

BEHAVIOUR IN THE PLAYGROUND

We regularly remind students that rough play in the school yard can lead to injuries. We ask for their co-operation and self discipline to make wise and safe choices so as to encourage a safe and injury free environment for all. Pushing, shoving, snow jobs, snow balls, play fighting and wrestling moves are all forms of unacceptable play that compromise student safety. At St. Therese students know we have the rules, 'Keep your hands to yourself' and 'If it's on the ground, leave it on the ground'. We appreciate your support reinforcing these rules with your children. Regardless of these reminders and precautions however, from time to time, accidents occur and students are hurt. Please remind your child to let their teacher or the office know in the event they are hurt. Sometimes students do not communicate this information to an adult and as a result they do not get the required care and attention needed.

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.



PUBLIC SPEAKING

Throughout January and early February all gr. 4 to 8 students will have prepared and delivered public speeches in class. All students should be congratulated for the time and energy they invested in preparing for this year's speeches. Winners from our school competition on Mon. Feb 22, will advance to the Mississauga North Family of Schools Competition on Tues. March 2 at St. Albert of Jerusalem School. Thank you to Mr. Bortolotto, Ms. Stephen for coordinating this activity for us.

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for September 2010 Junior Kindergarten has been set for the evening of Mon., Feb. 8 from 7-9 p.m. (SNOW DATE, ONLY IF NEEDED Tues., Feb. 9, 7-9p.m.) and during the day on Tues., Feb. 9 through Fri., Feb. 12, 9:30-11:30a.m. and 1:30-3:00p.m. Parents are required to bring the following documents: child's birth certificate, child's baptismal certificate, child's immunization record, child's health card and parent's baptismal certificate or catholic marriage certificate. In addition to these documents, children must turn 4 yrs. old before the end of 2009 to be eligible for registration.

Attachments

- February Calendar of Student Activities
- Tax dollars to Reach Your Child's School System
- Home & School Connection—Motivation Methods That Work

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