

St. Therese of the Child Jesus School

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THE THERESE TIMES

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*Dear God
During this season of Lent,
May you help us:
to thank you for the new life
you gave to our world
and to our spirits,
to find your presence around us
in the sparkle of sunshine,
a word given in encouragement,
a smile shared in passing,
to open our hearts to your call
to serve one another
with your loving compassion,
to have the courage
to ask for help as we journey
and to know when we have gone off path,
to remember what Lent is all about
and to turn our lives toward you.*



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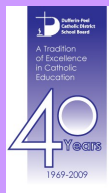
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Virtue of the Month

What is Kindness?

Kindness is caring about what happens to others. It is doing things to make others happy. Being kind is showing that you care about anyone or anything because everything is part of what God has made.

Why Practice Kindness?

Kindness should be practiced because it brings us together and celebrates diversity. It is a virtue of inclusion because kindness is a universal language that everyone understands. When we are kind to each other, we no longer use hurtful language or ridicule anyone, this produces a safe environment where everyone can increase in self-esteem and feel comfortable to participate. Through the kindness we give we receive, we begin to understand how we are connected to those around us. Giving and receiving kindness are vital to our health, harmony, and hope.



Bus Information in Case of Emergency

(Board number for transportation is 905 890-0614)

Kindergarten Bus Route 4080

First Student 905-275-1615

Bus 1 am Route 0198

Trott 905 826-6629

Bus 1 pm Route 0025

First Student 905-275-1615

Bus 2 am Route 0020

First Student 905-275-1615

Bus 2 pm Route 0212

Trott 905 826-6629

Bus 3 am Route 0175

Trott 905 826-6629

Bus 3 pm Route 0256

Attridge 905 855-7771

Bus 4 am Route 0179

Trott 905 826-6629

Bus 4 pm Route 0076

First Student 905-275-1615

Bus 5 am Route 0121

First Student 905-275-1615

Bus 5 pm Route 0319

Stock 905 829 2014

Bus 6 am Route 0120

First Student 905-275-1615

Bus 6 pm Route 0186

Trott 905 826-6629

Bus 7 am Route 0021

First Student 905-275-1615

Bus 7 pm Route 0006

First Student 905-275-1615

Bus 8 am Route 0180

Trott 905 826-6629

Bus 8 pm Route 0188

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SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The next St. Therese of the Child
Jesus School Council meeting is
scheduled for Thurs April 8 at 7p.m.
All are welcome to attend.

Cancellation of Service Reminder

If there is inclement weather this 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 am and will be announced on the following radio stations, plus the school boards website.**

CHUM 1050

CKFM 99.9/CFRB 1010

CFNY 102.1

CJCL 590

TALK 640

CFTO

FOXY 88.5

CBC 740

CHEZ 297.3

CFTR680

CityPulse, Global News and CBC TV stations constantly report cancellations.

Please listen carefully as there are FOUR different messages. The ones concerning St Therese are

1. " **THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES ARE CANCELLED.**"

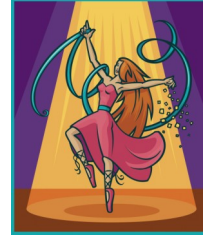
> *this means all buses are cancelled*

2. " **THE SCHOOLS AND OFFICES OF BOTH THE DUFFERIN PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ARE CLOSED**

> *this means ALL schools and offices are closed for staff and students*

OLYMPIC PLAY DAY

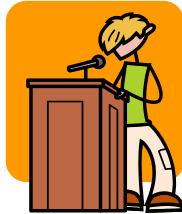
February was an exciting month as Olympic fever swept throughout Canada and St. Therese. On Thursday Feb.18, the grade 6 to 8 students took part in a skating trip to Meadowvale 4 Rinks. Everyone enjoyed a great afternoon of skating. Thank you to all the parents who joined us at the rink.



On the morning of Friday Feb. 19, the grade 1 to 5 students participated in a Winter Olympic Play Day. Students came dressed to school in various colours representing numerous countries and took part in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Special thanks go out to Mr. Powers for organizing both events and for the help of numerous staff members, including: Mrs. Abbott, Miss. Del'Anno, Mrs. Lusk, Mlle. Packalen, and to Mrs. Racine, a parent volunteer, who helped make this event such a success. "Way to go St. Therese," and of course, "Way to go Canada!"

THUNDER DANCE IS HERE AGAIN!

We are proud to announce the Thunder Dance Ensemble for this year. It gives us great pride to introduce the members of the 2010 Thunder Dance Ensemble: Cassandra K., Beniah L., Althea F., Ana Marie I., Tavia C., Rachel F., Shayla B., Jasmine W., Katarina M., Sabrina D., Jermin S., Danielle N., Georgina O., and stage managers Lindsay H. & Kristine P. Thanks to staff U. Urac, T. Packalen, J. Lusk for their leadership of this exciting extra curricular.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PUBLIC SPEAKING WINNERS!

The following students won class Public Speaking Competitions in February. Congratulations to Matthew F., Sofia M., Annesha M., Liliane T., Chloe K., Kaley R., Alessia Z., Anna Y., Chelsea D., Samantha R., Taylor P., Trevor D., Adrian I., Kristen L., Sarah P., Katherine C., Ryan D.

Sophie R (gr. 6) and Kristina P (gr. 8) advanced as our representatives to the MN Family Public Speaking Competition on Tues., March 2.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

Plans are already in the works for this year's grade 8 graduation. On Thurs., Jun. 24, during the day, a graduation mass followed by a special graduation luncheon and dance at the Mississauga Convention Centre are scheduled. The Gr. 8 Graduation Mass will start at 10a.m. at St. John of the Cross Church. All grade 4 to 8 students will attend along with any parents who are available. The same day, June 24, in the evening at 7p.m. there will be the Graduation Diploma and Awards Presentation at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School. The air conditioned cafeteria at the high school will provide a more comfortable setting for this event. The evening Awards Ceremony will be followed by a reception. Mark your calendars. More detailed information with costs will be sent home later in the spring.

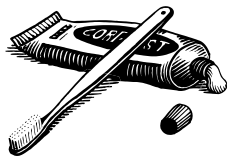
ST. THERESE DANCE-A-THON A HUGE SUCCESS!

Our 2010 Dance-a-thon generated a profit of close to \$9,000!! This accomplishment is superb and the result of a lot of hard work by students and their families.

Thank you to everyone for embracing this project and participating with such enthusiasm. A special thanks to School Council members and parent volunteers who donated time and energy in the co-ordination of this initiative. Special thanks to Vivian Clugston for her leadership. One final thank you to J. Lusk, our head secretary, for her daily support and assistance throughout the entire campaign. We couldn't have done it without you!

Prizes for top sales went to Lauren L., Hailey C. Cassandra C., Joseph L., and Kathleen O. Ice Cream parties are awarded to Mrs. Davis' class, Mrs. Mills' and Mrs. Urac's classes. Prizes too numerous to list were won by students in a raffle fashion. Each student who submitted an envelope got a ticket in a school wide raffle. Prizes such as itunes cards, blockbuster gift cards, movie passes, etc. were awarded. All students had opportunities to purchase glow in the dark novelty items and every child in the school was given a flexible pen.

Parents are welcome to attend the **Thursday, April 8th School Council Meeting, 7p.m.** Decisions regarding disbursement of profits will be made at this time. We have ordered the scoreboard we fundraised for and hopefully will be able to reap the rewards of using it in our gym classes soon! Thank you to all parents for your support.



ST. THERESE PERSONAL NEEDS DRIVE

The "Personal Needs " fundraiser will continue during the month of March. We have already received many generous donations from our community and will continue to collect these items up until April 1. Thank you to all the parents and children for your active participation and spirit of kindness, of giving to those in need.

DETERMINING CLASS PLACEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2010

The staff of St. Therese of the Child Jesus School will meet in the spring to begin discussing appropriate placement for each student for September 2010. When determining placement some of the criteria we

consider are: academic ability, individual work habits and study skills, maturity, date of birth, social factors, and placement history. We aim for classes that have a balance of gender, ability and behavioral needs.

As you know your child best, we appreciate your input concerning special needs for your son or daughter. With this in mind, if you have concerns about your child's class placement for September 2010, we ask that you put your concerns in writing. A 'Parent Request for Class Placement Form' is provided for this purpose. **A new form is to be completed each year as we do not retain requests from one year to the next.** Parents/Guardians are asked to include in your request the strengths and needs of your child along with a description of his/her learning style. You may wish to include the type of learning environment in which your child has experienced the most success. Please do not make specific requests for teachers as staffing is always tentative and changes can and often do take place between the time of tentative class placement and September. All completed forms should be returned to the school by Apr. 16, 2010.

When staff meets to determine tentative student placement we will consider your input as well as input from the classroom and resource teachers and if we can accommodate your wishes, we will do so. It is not always possible, however, to respond to all requests and we ask for your indulgence and flexibility. Rest assured, that our decisions are made only after careful consideration of all the information and are based on the individual good of each child balanced with the common good of the entire community.

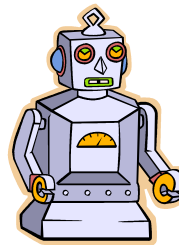


MEDICATION & STUDENTS

For safety reasons, and as per board policy, children are not permitted to self administer medication, including over the counter medicines. All medication must be administered by the office and forms need to be filled out and signed by parents. Please call the school to let us know when your child requires medication and we can make the necessary arrangements to ensure everyone's safety.

ARE YOU MOVING?

To help us with our planning for next September, it would be appreciated if you could let us know now, if you will be moving out of our school area over the summer. If you know of any families moving into the area with children who plan to attend St. Therese of the Child Jesus, it would be helpful if you could alert us. The more information we have, the better we are able to organize staff and students for September. In the absence of accurate information, schools often have to reorganize classes in September due to unexpected fluctuations in population. All we need is a quick note or call. Thanks!



The Robots are coming to...

St. Therese of the Child Jesus is excited to have booked a student interactive robotic show with **Robocation on Thursday, March 11th, 2010.**

Students will be active participants and amazed as they learn in a very entertaining ways how robots work, where they are in our society and more importantly the huge role they will play in their future.

The cost is **only \$2 per student.** We welcome parents to attend this exciting program.

TERM 2 INTERVIEWS

Please refer to the attached calendar for events taking place in March. Second Term report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, March 23. Parent-Teacher-Student conferences will be scheduled for the evening of Thursday, March 25. Please refer to the interview request letters that have been sent home the week of March 1 to March 5.

SPORTS NEWS



Congratulations to the Intermediate Girl's Basketball Team who competed at the School Board Finals. The girl's received a silver medal for finishing in second place out of a total of 122 schools.. Which represent all of Mississauga, Brampton and Dufferin County.

The girls silver medal performance makes them the most successful basketball team St. Therese has had in 10 years. Thanks to the coaches : Mr. Murray and Dr. Singh.

This year's Jr Girls and Boys basketball teams have been chosen . Congratulations to the following students who will represent St. Therese. The girls are: Marilyn H., Sydney L., Sara M., Lauren V., Anna Y., Melissa O., Victoria J., Sabrina S., Megan C., Sofia M., Megan G., Deanna L., Jamne B., Dana F.

The boys are : Jonas K., Matthew C., Matthew I., Noah B., Arvin F., Justin M., Mario D., Noah C., Linden L., Justin A. and Kieran C.. Coaches are Ms. Stephen, Mlle. Packalen and Mr. Racine (co-op student).

MARCH BREAK
March 15-19 Inclusive
Classes Resume Monday,
March 22



French Cafe

St. Therese of the Child Jesus School is hosting a French Cafe on Wednesday May 5, 2010. Various French classes throughout the school will be performing skits, songs, and dances. All students will be invited to attend this event and will be able to purchase croissants and juice. More details and order forms will follow at a later date. Salut!

**GR. 8 OTTAWA TRIP
FINAL PAYMENT DUE
THURS., April 1**



GRADE THREE AND GRADE SIX 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, vacation 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.

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.

PED's (Personal Electronic Devices)

SCHOOL POLICY ON THE USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (PEDs) by Students on School Property

To promote respect for the dignity of all members of our school community and to enhance student achievement and safety, the use of a PED is strictly prohibited in the school or during school related activities (such as retreats, field trips, sports events, etc.). Failure to comply with this policy may result in the confiscation of the PED and/or disciplinary action as outlined in the Catholic Code of Conduct 2001. The school

and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board assume no responsibility for the loss, recovery, repair or replacement for any PED brought onto school property.

It is the policy of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board that PEDs are to be kept out-of-sight, turned off and not used within school premises or during school sanctioned events. To prevent the loss or damage of PEDs, the school encourages students to leave their PEDs at home or in their lockers.

It has been reported to the office that cell phones have been used by students to make calls from within the school. As the Board Policy states, these devices cannot be used at school. Students caught using their cell phones or other PED's will have them taken away and turned in to the office. It will be the responsibility of the parent(s) to come in and pick up the item.

Once again we would like to stress that these items are very expensive and should not be brought to school. Students can use the phone at the office in the case of an emergency. There is also a pay phone just outside the office that students may use.



Traces of Nuts is Not a Safe Treat.
Thank You for Your Support helping to keep our students safe!!

ATTACHMENTS

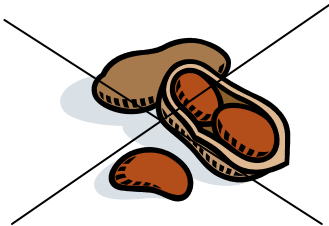
March Calendar of Activities.
French Café flyer.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On April 1st we will be gathering in the gym for the re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross. Following this we will have the unveiling of the painted Stations of the Cross that were done from some of our past/present students and we will acknowledge the wonderful work that they have done. All parents are welcome to join us for this special celebration.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1—Stations of the Cross
April 2—Good Friday
April 5—Easter Monday
April 8—School Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
April 28—School Council Chairs Mtg.
May 5—French Café
May 31—June 11—EQAO



PEANUT FREE TREATS AND SNACK IDEAS

Fresh Fruit, Veggies and Dip, Mott's Apple-sauce, Chapman's Popsicles, Ice Cream Bars, Ice Cream

Crackers: Goldfish, Large Plain Ritz, Graham Crackers (Honey Maid Brand), Wheat Thins, Saltines, Triscuit Oreo Cookies, All DARE Products (Peanut Free Facility)

Teddy Grahams, Jello, Raisins, Yogurt McCain Chocolate Cake + Icing

Quaker Brand Granola Bars (with the Peanut Free label as some of their Granola bars have nuts in them)

Canned Fruit Cocktail Smartfood Popcorn Tostitos

Restaurant Style Nachos

Cheesies Ruffles Chips Cheese Strings Fig Newton

Bear Paws

Dunkaroos Fruit Loops Nestle Chocolate Bars - Kit

Kat, Aero, Coffee Crisp (Treat Size only!)

Chipits Chocolate Chips

Not Peanut Free: Timbits, Bulk Food Items (Candy, chocolate chips, etc...), M+M's, Trail Mix,

Crackerjack, Reese's, Skippy, Planters Products. **TIM**

HORTON DONUTS AND KRISPY KREME

DONUTS.

Remember to Always Read the Label... May Contain

