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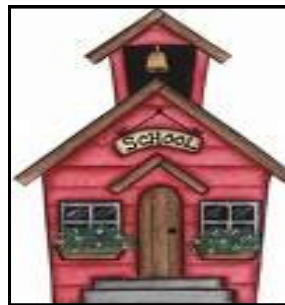
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The Virtue of Acceptance

Dear God,
You have done such a marvelous job of creating us and the world around us.
You have placed this creation, including all the people we meet, in our care.

We come to you now asking for the grace and strength to be accepting of others.
We admit that we can never fully know your plan for the people around us.

Grant us the strength to admit that our role is to invite others to participate in your saving plan and then to accept the choices



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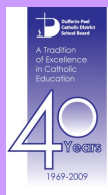
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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2010-
MAY 3 to 7

Catholic Education Week this year takes place from May 3 to 7. During this week the Catholic community celebrates the unique and distinctive contribution that Catholic schools make to our students, our community and our Province. Catholic Education Week is a welcome opportunity to celebrate the Mission of our Catholic schools as they strive to integrate the Gospel values of Jesus Christ in every aspect of the school's life and curriculum. This year's theme is "Catholic Education: Rejoicing Hope". In a world that so often seems devoid of Hope, that often seems to sink into a dulling despair, we are asked to give an account of the Hope that is in us. It is sometimes difficult, perhaps even often difficult, to find good news in today's world. The disastrous earthquake in Haiti is vivid and fresh and chilling and as we ponder the death and destruction and plaintively and sometimes angrily ask " Why'. Amazingly, we witness the tenacious resilience of the human spirit and fresh, bold glimmerings of Hope. And in this world and at this time, we in Catholic education, are the feet who bring good news, who speak of peace, who say to people yearning for hope, "Yes we can!"

The five sub-themes, one for each of the 5 days of Catholic Education Week 2010, help us to understand the rich meaning of this year's theme:

1. Hope In our Hearts
2. Hope In Our Homes
3. Hope In Our Schools
4. Hope In Our Communities
5. Hope In Our World

Catholic Education Week begins on a Sunday to highlight the partnership that remains the foundation of Catholic education. We particularly want to underline the relationship of Catholic Schools with the broader Church community, especially with the parishes that remain the center of the worshipping faith community.

Throughout Catholic Education Week, we ask you to reflect on the significance of Catholic Education's presence and contribution in our Church and in our society. We invite all members of our community, especially our parents, to participate in the celebrations and activities that will mark the celebration of Catholic Education Week 2010 at our school. Special activities and prayer celebrations will occur throughout this week. Please take a special opportunity to join us for the following:

Mon May 3- Curling Gr. 2-6
7:30 School Council presentation by Ken Dryfout on "Understanding Youth Cultures: Positive Parenting"
Tues. May 4- Curling Gr. 2-6
Wed. May 5- French Café @ 9:30; 11:00 & 1:00.
6:00pm -Welcome To Kindergarten
Thurs. May 6 9:30 Year End Mass



CONFIRMATION

For our grade 8 students registered to receive the sacrament of Confirmation throughout the month of April and May at St. John of the Cross Parish. Contact the church for further details. Congratulations and our prayers of support are sent out to all candidates.

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to all our grade 2 students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion throughout April and May. Best wishes and prayers to all!

EQAO

This is a reminder to parents of Grade 3 and Grade 6 students that EQAO, the government standardized testing will be conducted as follows:

Grade 3: May 31 to June 3

Grade 6: June 7 to 9

It is highly recommended that students be in attendance during this period and refrain from dental and doctor's appointments if possible. A good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast are also helpful. Children need to be punctual at school because they will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. Morning announcements will be postponed until later in the day to accommodate the testing time.

Every effort will be made to ease any anxiety and make this experience as pleasant as possible for students. Teachers have been preparing students for sometime so students will be familiar with the language and format of the assessment.

LE CONCOURS/FESTIVAL D'ART ORATOIRE

The Boardwide French Public Speaking Contest with categories for Extended French students and FSL students took place on Thurs April 15. Congratulations to Anthony M. in Grade 5, Meghri M. in Grade 7 and Michelle S. in grade 8 for all of their hard work. Felicitations pour le bon travail!!!



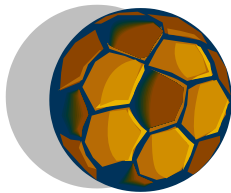
HEADS UP COMPETITION

On Tues., April 27 & Wed., April 28 our Junior & Intermediate Heads Up Team competed in the Mississauga North Family of Schools Heads Up Competition. The team members were: Junior Heads Up Team Members: Jillian R., Melissa O., Jordan F., Kieran C and Cameron O. Coaches M. Ramlogan; Intermediate Team Members: Michael M., Kristen L., Lucio D., David P., and Christopher C. Coach: U. Urac.

The Junior team showed good perseverance and team effort. They had a positive result of 2 wins and 2 losses. The Intermediate Team came in first for our Family of Schools. Congratulations to the Intermediate Team. Go Thunder!

JR. BASKETBALL

CONGRATULATIONS to our junior girls and boys basketball teams for a great season! The girl's had a good season and the boy's were successful to go to the Family tournament. The boys team came in third for our family. The coaches were impressed with the players sportsmanship. The coaches Mlle. Packalen and Ms. Stephen appreciated the help from a high school student Ben R. for his valuable time and assistance.



SOCCKER TEAM

Thank you to everyone who tried out for the team. Congratulations to the following students who have made the team.

Arvin F., Kieran C., Anthyn S., Matthew L., Russell G., David P., Adam T., Colin S., Kevin C., Nicolas L., Matthew F., Mitchell M., Shynice W., Lindsay H., Danielle N., Natalie S., Megan C., and Sofia M.

The tournament is on May 20.

SOFTBALL

Thank you to everyone who tried out for the team. Congratulations to the following students who have made this team: Brooke Mc., Hayley Mc., Lucio D., Dylan F., Stephanie D., Mitchell Mc., Elizabeth M., Kenzia D., Michael M., Spencer G., Michelle V., Kyle D., David M., Linden L.

DRESS CODE

As we prepare for the warm weather to arrive, we would like to remind our students of the expectations that are in place, especially for our older students, regarding appropriate dress. Dressing appropriately for school promotes a positive learning environment.

Sleeveless tops are permitted however halter, tank, and shrink tops are not permitted. The midriff must not be visible. Short shorts, short skirts and clothing of suggestive nature, including offensive wording or pictures are not appropriate attire at school. As a guideline, the shorts and skirts should come to the bottom of your fingertips with your arms and hand fully extended. Clothing that is suitable for a six or seven year old may not be appropriate for an older student. Beach wear and special outfits can be enjoyed after school and on weekends.

Thank you for your support helping students comply with dress code expectations.

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS SCHOOL COUNCIL

**The next School Council meeting will
take place on Mon., May 31 at 7p.m.
This will be our last Council meeting
for this year.**

**REMINDER:
DEADLINE FOR SUMMER
LITERACY CAMP & SUMMER
SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS
June 4.
SEE APRIL NEWSLETTER
FOR DETAILS.**

SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

2009/10 School Yearbooks will go on sale later in May. Order forms will be distributed shortly. The cost of each yearbook (soft covered & coloured) will be \$30. In order that we are able to include all student activities including June activities i.e. Play Day, Graduation, yearbooks will not be ready for distribution/pick up until September 2010. *Limited copies will be printed. Order early. Don't be disappointed.*



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We would like to thank Father Abraham for blessing our Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday. Also thank you to Ester O'Toole our trustee and Denise Oude-Reimerink our Superintendent for their presence. Also thank you to our wonderful parents that volunteered their time to help organize the reception and also we appreciate the parents that were able to attend.

BOOK FAIR

Mrs. Abbott is hosting another wonderful book fair. The selling days are Wed. May 12 and Thurs. May 13 from 9:30—4:00.

" There is no mightier conquest than to teach a child the magic of reading" J. McBride

KISS AND RIDE

Thank you to the parents who are using the designated Kiss and Ride location. We are asking that parents do not drop their child off at the south end of the school as this is for Kindergarten children only. It is too busy with all the busses to have cars drive through to the other end of the school and we want all of our students safe. Please exit at the same entrance as you enter for Kiss and Ride.

Also if you are joining your child on a field trip, please park at the same side as the Kiss and Ride as the busses will block you in at the end of the day. The busses pull right up so that children are safe crossing the driveway to walk home. Thank you very much for your understanding.

**ARE YOU PLANNING
ON MOVING?
PLEASE CALL THE
SCHOOL OFFICE
AND LET US KNOW.**

STUDENT AGENDAS

All grade 1 to 8 students will purchase a student agenda/ planner to use this coming year 2010-2011. The cost will remain at \$5.00 per agenda. Order forms will be sent home early in June. Use of agendas by students is strongly encouraged in our board. The student agendas/ planners are used at St. Therese School to help students stay organized, track assignments and monitor due dates. It is also a helpful tool to enhance the home-school link. Parents can regularly check their child's agenda to review homework and important dates with them daily.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

PLASP Child Care Services operates 'Before and After School Programs' at this school.

The Before School Program operates from 7:30 am and continues until school begins. A nutritious breakfast is served daily.

The After School Program begins once school is dismissed and goes until 6:00 pm. Children participate in recreational activities, are served a nutritious snack daily and have time for homework.

Fee assistance is available.

Registration for September 2010 starts on May 10, 2010.

To register your child, visit the PLASP Program Director, 'Before or After School'. For further information, call 905.890.1711 or visit the website at www.plasp.com.

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.

SPIRIT DAYS AT ST. THERESE

The Executive Youth Faith Ambassadors have come up with a number of spirit days.

Fri. May 7- Pajama Day

Wed. May 12- Wacky Hair Day

Tues. May 18- Crazy Hair Day

Fri. May 28- Superhero—Dress like your favourite cartoon

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 3-7 Education Week

May 3- 7:30 pm Ken Dryfhout Presentation

May 5—French Café

May 5- Welcome to Kindergarten @ 6 pm

May 6- School Mass in the gym @ 9:30

May 12- Speaker from Sharelife @ 11 to Gr. 7 & 8s

May 12 & 13 Book Fair 9:30—4:00

May 17- Team pictures in the am

May 20- Soccer Tournament

May 24- Victoria Day

May 28- Softball Tournament

May 31—June 11—EQAO

June 1- Flag Football Tournament

June 2-4- Gr 8 Ottawa Trip

June 24-Gr 8 Graduation

Mass @ 10:15

Luncheon & Dance 11:30-3:15

Ceremony @ Gonzaga @ 7pm

