

# St. Therese of the Child Jesus School

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## Prayer for February

*Spread Love*

*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.*

*Mother Teresa*

## Virtue of the Month— Respect

The virtue of February is respect. 'What goes around comes around' is a popular expression used to send the message, If you respect others, people will respect you. People Who Act With 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

This month we will be taking time in our Virtues Assembly to celebrate acts of respect among our students. In classes we will be discussing the characteristics and importance of respect in our relationships.



### **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.

St. Therese is also holding a school-wide trivia contest on great figures from Black History in the areas of sports, research, civil rights, and so on.



### **JK/SK REGISTRATION**

Registration for JK/SK took place on Monday, February 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Daytime registration will take place on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.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 2011 to be eligible for registration.



### **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Throughout January and early February all gr. 4 to 8 students prepared and delivered public speeches in class. The date of the school competition is February 9, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.—Intermediates and 1:00 p.m.—Junior. 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 Wednesday, February 9, will advance to the Mississauga North Family of Schools Competition on Thursday, February 17 at St. Albert of Jerusalem School. Thank you to Mr. Bortolotto and Mrs. Ramlogan for coordinating the Junior and Intermediate speeches.

The French speeches will take place on March 1 in the school gym.

### **EXTENDED FRENCH REGISTRATION**

As you know, St. Therese of the Child Jesus School is the designated Extended French Centre for our area. Application packages are available from St. Therese of the Child Jesus. Admission is based on a lottery system. The Extended French application deadline is February 9, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. The lottery for selection into the program is on February 14, 2011. Late applications will not be accepted. Please call the school office for more information if you missed the parent meeting on Thursday, January 13.

### **FRENCH IMMERSION**

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board presently offers the French Immersion in Mississauga at St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude, and Divine Mercy. Expansion of the French Immersion program to new sites in September has been approved. Transportation is NOT provided for students. Detailed information will be available to parent(s)/guardian(s) at the three new French Immersion locations:

- St Pio of Pietrelcina: 7:00 pm - Tuesday, February 22
- St Peter: 7:00 pm - Wednesday, February 23
- St Elizabeth Seton: 7:00 pm - Thursday, February 24

Completed applications will be accepted at the French Immersion school office from February 28, 2011 up to a deadline of 2:00 pm on Friday, March 11, 2011.

### **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 30 and June 10. Kindly avoid booking dental, doctor and other

appointments, vacations or activities during the test period in order to support maximum participation by all students.

Grade 6—May 30—June 3

Grade 3—June 6—June 10

## Sports

### INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL

Our Girls' and Boys' Intermediate Basketball teams have been practicing for two weeks under the guidance of Coach Bor-tolotto (Boys) and Murray (Girls). Their first games took place at home against St. John of the Cross on February 1. The Family Basketball tournament takes place on February 24 at St. Aloysius Gonzaga (8:00 a.m. start for Boys; 11:30 for Girls). The Board Tournament is March 1 (location TBA). We congratulate all the athletes who made the teams.

Boys: Damahli B., David P., Jose B., Noah K., Justin S., Mitchell D., Anthony B., Rayven M., Darren C., Tristan S., Anthon S., Logan K., Paul F., and Noah B.

Girls: Tayah R., Natalie M., Victoria L., Tiffany T., Avery G., Victoria J., Monica K., Ania S., Sarah E., Liliane T., Dana F., Zoe F., Alex A., Megan G., Jane B.



### SKATING DAYS

Grades 4-8 students will be attending an hour of skating at Meadowvale Four Rinks Arena on February 8 and 17.



### ROCKS & RINGS

On February 16 grades one and six, and on February 22 grades two and five, representatives from 'Rocks and Rings' will visit St. Therese to teach the sport of curling in our gymnasium. This is a great opportunity for students to learn a unique Olympic winter sport.

### INTRAMURAL SOCCER

Grade fives have been playing indoor soccer when the gym is available during lunch recess. Thank you Mr. Murray for providing this opportunity for students.



## Fundraisers

### QSP DRIVE

Thank you to all parents who renewed their subscriptions for our minor fundraising efforts.

## School Events

### PEEL SAFETY VILLAGE

Grade 5 classes are attending Peel Safety Village this month. Thank you Mme Pires, Mme Trinca, Ms. Austin, Mrs. Donnelly, and Mrs. Kasza for organizing this fun, informative trip.

### PUPPETEER MIKE HARDING VISIT

Puppeteer Mike Harding from Applefun Puppets is coming to do a show called Purple Pirate. He'll be in the library on Friday, February 11th. Proceeds from pizza days funded this great event.



### DANCE WORKSHOPS

**BOLD DANCE COMPANY** continues to provide St. Therese with dance workshops throughout February. We have had lots of fun learning hip hop and jazz moves. We didn't realize that St. Therese had so much talent!! Proceeds from pizza days has funded this series of workshops for our students.



# Reminders



## REPORT CARDS AND INTERVIEWS

Report cards were sent home on Tuesday, February 1. Parent-teacher interviews took place on Thursday, February 3 in the evening and during school hours on Friday, February 4. Due to the snow storm the interviews for the extended French students that were to take place on Wednesday are being re-scheduled.



## SNOWY AND COLD WEATHER CONDITIONS

Students are reminded to dress for the weather, and to bring indoor shoes in an effort to keep our floors clean and safe. We remind you that if the paths behind the school, accessed from Summer Heights Dr., are not clear, students are to use the paths and sidewalks at the front of the school, which are prioritized for clearing and salting.



## FLU AND COLD SEASON

For the health and safety of all students, sick children need to stay home from school. Students should be well enough to participate in all classes, recesses, and school activities when they return. If they are well enough to come to school, they are well enough to go outside. There is no supervision available indoors.

## PED POLICY

As part of our efforts to promote and maintain a positive Catholic climate in our schools, we remind the St. Therese community that the Board has a policy regarding Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) on school property. All PEDs (this includes cell phones) must be kept out of sight and turned off on 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.

## 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 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.

MARCH BREAK WILL BE  
THE WEEK OF MON,  
MARCH 14 TO FRI.,  
MARCH 18

NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL  
MEETING IS ON THURS-  
DAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT  
7:00 P.M.

FAMILY DAY IS ON  
MON., FEB. 21, 2011  
NO SCHOOL.

GRADE 8 TRIP SECOND  
PAYMENT DUE ON  
FEB. 23

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER: BUS CANCELLATIONS:**

Information about school bus cancellations is available on the following websites: [www.stopr.ca](http://www.stopr.ca) and <https://businfor.stopr.ca/>



### **INTEGRATED RIDERSHIP**

As mentioned in previous newsletters, changes in bussing may result from the integration of the transportation of students from the Peel Public District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. Affected schools may have to change their start and end times. The community will be informed of any changes. Detailed information of changes will be available on the Student Transportation of Peel Region website: <http://businfo.stopr.ca>

### **ALL-STAR READING**

We are pleased to announce the start-up of the All-Star Reading Program for Primary students. Beginning the week of February 21, adult volunteers will be reading to select students referred by teachers. The sessions are 20 minutes and employ a variety of high-yield reading strategies. On-going feedback will be provided to parents of students enrolled in the program. We are still looking for volunteers. Please see flyer.

### **THE HISTORY OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

Ontario has a proud history of Catholic Education. However, the continued existence of a separate Catholic school system in Ontario cannot be taken for granted. The following is an excerpt from *An Historical Understanding of Key Issues Related to Catholic Education*:

What sacrifices did Catholics have to make to send their children to separate schools?

Because the United Legislature of Canada East and Canada West roughly had consisted of members advocating non-denominational common schools and half were in favour of them, separate school legislation, for about fifteen years, contained three obstacles to their existence:

(a) Catholics could establish and support a separate school, but had to continue paying common school taxes. Thus, they paid tuition for their children in the separate school;

(b) The separate school had no permanence of existence. If the local common school board hired a Catholic as one of its teachers, then the separate school ceased to exist. Separate schools kept opening and closing in the early years;

(c) In the cities the separate school board required the permission of the common school board to open a new or an additional separate school. Sometimes the permission was not forthcoming.

(d) The legislation required twelve Catholic heads of family resident within a city, town or township common school section. The townships' common school sections were so small that often there were not twelve resident Catholic families.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- February Calendar of Student Activities
- Home & School Connection—Motivation Methods That Work
- Facebook 101 flyer
- Learn French flyer
- All Star Reading flyer