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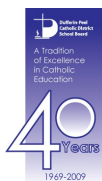
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Principal's Message

Prayer for Easter

*As a deer longs for flowing streams,
So my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God for the living God.
When shall I come and behold the face of God?
O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
Then I will go to the altar of God
to God my exceeding joy;
and I will praise you with the harp,
O God, my God.*

Virtue of the Month— Love

April's virtue, love, is in many ways a continuation of the March virtue of kindness. If we ever have doubt about which course of action to take, the loving choice is the best choice. All of the Ten Commandments fall under two directives: Love God and love your neighbor. St. Paul describes the importance of love over all other virtues:

There is nothing love cannot face;
There is no limit to its faith, hope, and endurance.
In a word, there are three things that last forever:
Faith, hope, and love;
But the greatest of them all is love.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Easter is a celebration of God's love for us. Jesus suffered persecution and death at the hands of sinners. He could have stopped and punished them for their mistreatment. Instead he forgave them. Jesus, who did nothing wrong, loves the enemies who put him to death. It isn't enough for us to love the people who love us back. We are called to love our enemies, and endure the suffering they cause us with patience and faith.

School Events

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK- MAY 1 to MAY 7, 2011

Catholic Education Week takes place May 1 to May 7. The theme is 'Celebrating The Spirit.'

- **Monday, May 2**—Our Talent Show Dress Rehearsal will take place.
- **Tuesday May 3**—The Holy Rosary of the Apostolate will be holding two presentations, one at 9:45 am for JK-3's, the other at 11:00 am for Gr. 4-8's. Holy Rosary of the Apostolate is a volunteer organization that comes into schools to teach about and pray the Rosary. The Apostolate has been visiting classes at St. Therese throughout the school year.
- **Wednesday, May 4 - 7:00 pm, St. Therese is holding a Talent Show** with student acts from across the grades.
- **Thursday, May 5**—Of special note is our **Education Week Mass** scheduled for **May 5 at 9:30 a.m.** Please try and join us.
- **Thursday, May 5 - 7:00 pm** parents of children attending kindergarten for the first time are invited to our **Welcome To Kindergarten night**.



GRADE TWO COMMUNION RETREAT

On Friday April 15th the grade two students in Ms. Zeehuisen's and Ms. Viola's classes will be participating in a half day in-school retreat from 9:15 am-12:00 pm. Students will bake bread, decorate ceramic crosses, and participate in other special activities as we reflect on and celebrate this special sacrament together. We will need a few volunteers, so please contact the grade two teachers if you are available.

BOARD FRENCH PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

St. Therese is sending one finalist from each Extended French grade to the Catholic Education Centre for the Board-wide French Public Speaking Contest on April 5 at the Catholic Education Centre. Congratulations to the following finalists: Daniel P. (Gr. 5), Natalia B. (Gr. 6), Cheryl P. (Gr. 7), and Althea F. (Gr. 8).

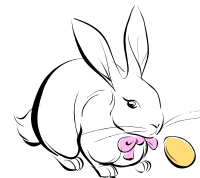
HEADS UP COMPETITIONS

Finalists are currently being selected to attend the Junior and Intermediate Heads Up competitions taking place on April 14 at Our Lady of Mercy. Heads Up is a trivia challenge competition between teams of five students from schools in Mississauga North, similar to 'Reach for the Top.' Jr. competition—a.m., Intermediate—p.m.



FACEBOOK 101

On April 6 at 7:00 pm in our gym Chris Vollum is presenting to parents on the dangers and merits of social networking. Sites like Facebook have quickly reshaped the way students interact. How do we protect children from the risks while harnessing its many benefits? Please call the school by April 6 to RSVP your attendance. 905-785-0066





ST. THERESE PRESENTS DIVERSITY QUILT

Anna DaCosta's Grade Six Art students and parent volunteers worked all year on a Diversity Quilt, pieced together from student-created panels. The images on the panels reflect the diverse backgrounds of the St. Therese School community. Each image depicts a student's unique cultural heritage. The quilt will be formally presented to students at the April Virtues assembly held in the gym. The school community is grateful for the dedication of Mrs. DaCosta, the Grade Six students, and the following committed parent volunteers: Joelma Brasil, Elizabeth Lo, Kim Mc Elhone, Adriana Robinson, and Dilkie Wijesinghe.

Charities

LENTEN PERSONAL NEEDS DRIVE

Thank you for your generosity during our Personal Needs Drive. We are happy to report a total of 20 boxes of donations were delivered to St. Vincent de Paul. A special thank you to Mrs. Viola and Mrs. Timpano-Cetra for her coordination of this outreach project.

JAPAN TSUNAMI DONATIONS

Although Caritas Japan has not issued a request for donations yet, monies donated are being put into a fund for reconstruction projects, which may be underway within the next 2-5 years after an assessment has been done of the situation. It is important to know

that funds donated at this time are being held in this manner.

Those wishing to help through a financial contribution may do so in the following ways:

- Online through ShareLife's website: www.sharelife.org
- By phone through the ShareLife office - 1-800-263-2595 or 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: ShareLife - Parish Name - Earthquake - Japan

SHARELIFE BASKETBALL GAME

Our 3rd Annual Sharelife Teacher vs. Student Basketball Game will take place on Friday, April 29th from 12:20 to 1:00 in our gymnasium. Tickets to watch the game are a toonie per student and will go on sale April 19, 20 & 21. Operating under the premise of "People Helping People", Sharelife is a Catholic organization within our diocese that organizes assistance for 250,000 people in need annually. Last year, our Basketball Fundraising Game raised \$500. We look forward to this exciting event again this year on April 29th.

Sports

JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Both the Jr. girl's and boy's basketball teams have been picked and have begun their season. We wish both teams success in their games.

Congratulations to the Junior Girls Basketball Team Members: Sarah M., Lanna L., Kaitlyn L., Anna Lisa Y., Nicole I., Nicole O., Melissa C., Alicia K., Giselle F., Sydney L., Mackenzie D., Isi I., Nikita P., Abigail F., Laura G., Julia D., Carol R., Hayley C.. Thank you to our Intermediate Helpers Monica and Tiffany. Coaches: Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Gloutnez.

Congrats also to the Junior Boys Basketball Team: Justin A., Nathaniel C., Noah C., Alfonso D., Jett E., Matthew F., Ethan H., Jacob H., Bradley H., Joshua I., Sean K., Arthur T. Coaches: Mrs. Spadafina and Ms. Austin.



Fundraising

TAE KWON DO FUNDRAISER

In April information forms will be sent home regarding a Tae Kwon Do fundraiser offered by Master Kim's OMAC Canada. The program is optional and will take place in the gym in May for grades 1-5 students during lunch recesses. The cost to participate is \$20.00 for four sessions. All proceeds are donated to the school.

Programs

P.A.L.S.

Now that the nice weather is just around the corner the program called Playground Activity Leaders in the School will begin again. Students have been recruited and are trained to work with primary students leading playground activities during lunch recesses.

SUMMER LITERACY CAMPS

Summer Literacy Camps for students in SK to 6 are being offered by the Department of Continuing Education July 4 - 29. Students can enroll for two consecutive weeks or a four-week program. The programs run 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday to Friday. The cost is \$200 for two weeks and \$380 for 4 weeks. The camp will be located at St. Albert of Jerusalem. Other sites, farther from St. Therese, are available as mentioned in the information letter for parents. This summer program is intended for students achieving at level 1 or 2. It is not intended for ESL (stage 1 or 2) or Special Education students. Teacher referral for admission to the Summer Literacy Camp is required. Applications are available from the school and must be returned by June 1.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer school- remedial literacy and numeracy- for students in grades 7 and 8 is being offered by the Department of Continuing Education July 4 to 22 at St. Faustina (and other sites farther from St.

Therese) located at 3420 McDowell Dr. The program runs from 8:30a.m. to 12:30p.m., Monday to Friday, and is intended for grade 7 and 8 students who are achieving at levels 1 and 2 in English and Mathematics. Students must be recommended by the principal to be eligible to attend. Transportation is provided. There is no cost for Gr. 7 & 8 Summer School. Speak to your child's teacher for more information. Deadline for applications is June 3.

Reminders

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.

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

**PLEASE NOTE DATE OF
NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING
ON TUES. APRIL 12
AT 7p.m. IN THE LIBRARY
ALL WELCOME!**

**GRADE 8 OTTAWA
TRIP LAST PAYMENT
DUE.**



SCENT AWARENESS

While the board does not have a formal Scent Awareness Policy we ask for your co-operation. As you can appreciate there are children and adults who are sensitive and may be allergic to scents and fragrances. It would be appreciated if students and parents could reduce their use of these strongly scented perfume and deodorant type products in the school building. We all share the air. Thanks.

**PARENT INPUT FOR CLASS PLACEMENT FORMS
SEPTEMBER 2011**

Just a reminder to please make sure, if you have not already done so, to hand in your completed Parent Input for Class Placement Form for September 2011 by April 15. If you have misplaced this document and would like another copy please call Mrs. Lusk or Mrs. Williamson at the office and they will be happy to help. Also, please note, it's important for you to submit your written request for placement on an annual basis. **None are kept on file from year to year.** We start fresh each time. Please avoid disappointment. If in doubt, write it out!



MISSED REGISTRATION FOR JK IN 2011-2012

Pre-registration for the 2011-12 school year was held in February. If you missed this opportunity to enroll your child, or know of someone who has moved into

the area, please contact the school for registration information.

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 30 and June 10. Kindly avoid booking dental, doctor and other appointments, vacation or activities during the test period in order to support maximum student participation. The grade three's will be writing their EQAO on June 6-10 and the grade six's will be writing May 30 to June 3.

CCCSC

On Saturday, April 9, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Central Committee of Catholic School Councils will be hosting its annual Conference and Marketplace. Parents, guardians and staff are encouraged to attend and participate in the day. Father Joe Gorman, of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish will open the day and speak on Faith Based Education and the importance of a strong Home - Parish - School dynamic.

If you are interested, registrations are still being accepted. Please pick up a registration form at the school or ask your son/daughter to pick one up for you at the office. These need to be returned ASAP.

RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN

On April 27 at 7:00 pm, St. John of the Cross School Council is holding a presentation for parents in Mississauga North schools called Raising Resilient Children. Dick O'Brien will be speaking about developing personal resiliency in children for 21st century struggles. Please RSVP St. John of the Cross School by April 21: 905 824-3058.



ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH

Apr. 21—Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00 pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00—11:30 pm

Apr. 22—Good Friday
10:00 AM, 3:00 PM, 7:00 PM

Apr. 23—Holy Saturday
Solemn Easter Vigil 8:30

Apr. 24—Easter Sunday
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:00 PM

Apr. 25—Easter Monday
9:00 AM Mass

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1—Mrs. Donnelly's class at Silvercreek
April 5—Board French Public Speaking Contest at CEC
April 6—Virtues Assembly 11:00 am parents welcome
April 6—Facebook 101 @ 7:00 pm parents welcome
April 7—Grade 4 trip to Medieval Times
April 8—Grade 3 trip to Peel Safety Village
April 9—CCCSC Conference & Marketplace Parents
Invited—Registration required.
**April 12—School Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm par-
ents invited**
April 14—Heads Up Competitions
April 15—First Communion Retreat
April 15—Parent Input Class Placement Forms Due
April 21—Stations of the Cross—parents invited
April 22—Good Friday
April 25—Easter Monday
April 27—Raising Resilient Children at St. John of the
Cross @ 7:00 pm
April 29—Sharelife Basketball Challenge
May 1-7 Education Week
May 3—Holy Rosary Presentation
May 4—Talent Show @ 7:00 pm
May 5- Welcome to Kindergarten @ 7:00 pm
May 5—School Mass at 9:30 am
May 6—Intermediate Spring Dance
May 23- Victoria Day
May 30—June 10—EQAO

ATTACHMENTS

April Calendar of Activities
Facebook 101 Presentation
Home and School Connection

