

# St. Therese of the Child Jesus School

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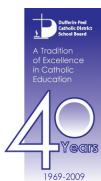
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## **May Prayer**

### *A Springtime Blessing*

*O ever-loving God, who coaxes forth the tender start and  
Defends the fragile sprout,  
Be with us this springtime season and bless it with new growth.  
Help us blossom with all the goodness you show us,  
Give us deeper roots to weather storms.  
May we be a sign as bright as daffodil yellow to trumpet  
the steadfast nature of your love.  
Be patiently tender with us, Lord.  
Give us the courage to till under what's dead and fruitless  
so that our lives can become fresh soil for what you want to grow  
in us this year.*

## **Virtue of the Month—Acceptance**

A great deal happens in life over which we have no control. While at times we wish events had unfolded differently, some of them are out of our hands, and we must accept the situation in which we find ourselves. That doesn't mean we give up trying to improve our world and ourselves. We have free will and the guidance of conscience and the Holy Spirit. Certainly, one must make a conscious effort to bring about positive change.

For the things we cannot change, such as the loss of a loved one to illness or natural disaster, our faith teaches that God has a plan and there are reasons for everything that happens, even if we don't understand what those reasons are. Acceptance allows us to move beyond useless despair and worry over the things we can't change.

Prayer can lead us to greater acceptance. In May we honour Mary, Mother of God. The Holy Rosary of the Apostolate will be in the school on May 3 leading students in the praying of the Rosary.

Jesus accepts the world despite its imperfections. He loved and accepted the people who crucified Him. His suffering was part of God's plan:

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:19-23

# School Events

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK- MAY 1 to MAY 7, 2011

Catholic Education Week this year takes place from May 1 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.

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 2011 at our school.

This year's theme is 'Celebrating The Spirit.' There are five sub-themes, one for each day:

- Monday - The Spirit of Hospitality
- Tuesday - The Spirit of Understanding
- Wednesday - The Spirit of Wisdom
- Thursday - The Spirit of Justice
- Friday - The Spirit of Gratitude

We can get so immersed in the business of our lives that we forget the gifts that are around us. During Education Week, St. Therese will be humming with activities that showcase the talents in our school community. Please take the opportunity to join us for the following:

**Tues., 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.

**On Wed., May 4 at 7:00 pm, St. Therese is holding a Talent Show** with student acts from across the grades.

**On Wed., May 4 and Thurs., May 5, Mrs. Abbott is hosting another wonderful book fair from 9:30-4:00.**

**Education Week Mass is scheduled for Thurs., May 5 at 9:30 a.m.** Please try and join us.

Also on Thurs., May 5 at 7:00 pm parents of children attending kindergarten for the first time are invited to our Welcome To Kindergarten night.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We would like to thank Mme Markic, Ms. Abbott, and the student musicians and actors for putting together a moving dramatization of the Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday. We also appreciate the parent presence during the presentations.

## CONFIRMATION

All Grade 8 students registered to receive the sacrament of Confirmation throughout the months of April and May, please contact St. John of the Cross Parish for further details. Congratulations. Our prayers are with candidates through this journey of faith.

## FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to all our grade two students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion throughout April and May. Thank you to Ms. Viola and Ms. Zeehuisen for organizing a successful Communion Retreat Day on April 15. Best wishes and prayers to all!

## GRADE TWO SCIENCE FAIR

There will be a Science Fair showcasing grade two projects on Friday May 13, from 11am-11:45am.

## 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: June 6 to June 10

Grade 6: May 30 to June 3

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 some time 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 April 5. Congratulations to Natalia B. (Gr. 6), Cheryl P. (Gr. 7), and Althea F. (Gr. 8), and especially to Daniel P. (Gr. 5) for placing third in the Grade 5/6 category. Felicitations pour le bon travail!!!

## HEADS UP COMPETITION

On April 14 our Junior & Intermediate Heads Up teams competed in the Mississauga North Family of Schools Heads Up Competition. Congratulations to both teams for showing intellectual prowess throughout the day. The Junior team came first place in the Family. Junior Heads Up Team members are Kristian M. (Gr.4), Jillian R. (Gr. 5), Alejandra V. (Gr. 6), Rohan N. (Gr. 6), and Melissa O. (Gr. 6).

The Intermediate team had two wins, one tie, and one loss. Team members are Christopher C. (Gr. 7), Melissa S. (Gr. 7), Nicholas C. (Gr. 8), David P. (Gr. 8), and Leander R. (Gr. 7).

Thank you to Junior Coach Ramlogan, and Intermediate Coaches Abbott, Gibson and Keough for all your support. Go Thunder!

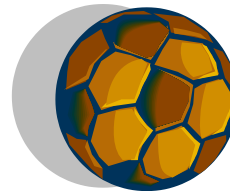
# Sports

## JR. BASKETBALL

CONGRATULATIONS to our junior girls and boys basketball teams for all their hard work this season! The coaches were impressed with the players sportsmanship. A special thank you to Coaches Austin, Gloutnez, Mills, and Spadafina for all their time and support.

## SOCCER TEAM

Gr. 6-8 Soccer try-outs are underway in the midst of rain and soggy field conditions. There has been an excellent turn out for tryouts and all were enthusiastic despite the wet conditions and cold weather BRRRRR. Thank you to everyone trying out for the team. The team selections will be finalized shortly. The tournament is on Thursday, May 12.



## FLAG FOOTBALL

The St. Therese Gr. 7 - 8 Co-ed Lunch Hour Intramural Flag-Football League will begin play as soon as the field permits. There are six teams with 55 participants. A school team will be selected to participate in Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Annual Flag-Football Tournament on May 31. This is another opportunity for our students to familiarize themselves with High School Athletics and School Culture. The players will be involved in round robin play, lunch, and a guided tour of the school.

Thanks to Mr. McCallion and the Our Lady of Mount Carmel staff for organizing this much appreciated event for our students.

## SHARELIFE BASKETBALL GAME—

### **Teachers vs. Students**

We are excited to report that another successful Share life Teachers vs. Students Basketball Charity Event is in the history books. It was definitely very thrilling. As the teachers battled it out on the court, the students yelled with all their might for their favorite team. Luckily enough, the students ended up beating the teachers, 22- 20. It happened on April 29, 2011 from 12:20 to 1:00 p.m. This year, with enough enthusiasm to fill Roger's Centre, we managed to raise over \$200. Way to go! Your money will go to help many of ShareLife's Catholic 'helping' agencies.

### OMAC TAE KWON DO FUNDRAISER

75 students in grades 1-5 enrolled in the Tae Kwon Do fundraiser offered by Master Kim's OMAC Canada. The four sessions, offered during lunch recesses in the gym, take place May 10, 12, 17, and 19. The themes are Focus, Cooperation, Self-Control, and Respect. \$1500.00 has been raised so far, all of which goes to the school for literacy and other school initiatives. Please contact the office for more information about this exciting program. Openings are still available for late registrations.

# *Reminders*

### 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.

**REMINDER:**  
**DEADLINE FOR SUMMER**  
**LITERACY CAMP IS JUNE 1**  
**& SUMMER SCHOOL REGIS-**  
**TRATION IS**  
**JUNE 3.**  
**SEE APRIL NEWSLETTER**

### **ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS** **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

The next School Council meeting will take place on Wed., May 18 at 7p.m. This will be our last Council meeting for this year.

### 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.**

### **SCHOOL YEARBOOKS**

2010/11 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 2011. *Limited copies will be printed. Order early. Don't be disappointed.*



### **STUDENT AGENDAS**

All grade 1 to 8 students will purchase a student agenda/ planner to use this coming year 2011-2012. 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.**

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](http://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.



### **AWARD CERTIFICATES**

Students are reminded to locate any AWARD CERTIFICATES (only the ones that still have space on them). Students should give the certificate to their teachers. If they are new students to the school or if their previously awarded certificates are FULL, they will be issued a new certificate for this year.

### **COMMUNITY DAY**

The Lisgar Residents' Association (LRA) is hosting a Community Day and Tree Planting on May 28, 2011. Bernice Carnegie of the Carnegie Foundation is the keynote speaker, the Mayor of Mississauga, Hazel McCallion will be attending as well as our City Councillor Sue McFadden. Community organizations, food vendors and local businesses will have tables with information, food, and fun stuff for all.

This year, the LRA has launched an art competition

for youth, aged 6-16, on the theme, "My Community, My Environment." Please go to [www.lisgar.com](http://www.lisgar.com) for more details and look out for our flyer for more details. There will be prizes given out to the winners and talent will be showcased on the day of the event. Remember, if you are a Lisgar resident you are automatically a member of the LRA, so come out, meet your community and make it stronger.

### **PIZZA**

Due to the grade eight Ottawa Trip, the Pizza Day will take place on Tuesday, June 7 rather than the Thursday of that week.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

May 1-7 Education Week

May 3-Holy Rosary of the Apostolate presentations, one at 9:45 am for JK-3's, the other at 11:00 am for Gr. 4-8's.

May 4-Talent Show at 7:00 pm

May 4 and 5-Book Fair from 9:30—4:00.

May 5-Education Week Mass at 9:30 am

May 5-Welcome to Kindergarten @ 7 pm

May 6-Intermediate Spring Dance 1-3:30 pm

May 9-Team pictures in the am

May 10-Gr. 8 EF Living Arts Trip in am

May 10-Tae Kwon Do during lunch recess

May 11-Gr. 8 English Living Arts Trip in am

May 11-Virtues Assembly at 1:30 pm

May 12-Tae Kwon Do during lunch recess

May 12-Co-ed Gr. 6-8 Miss. North Soccer Tourn.

May 13-Shining Stars Activity Day

May 13-Grade Two Science Fair from 11am-11:45am

May 17-Tae Kwon Do during lunch recess

May 18-Gr. 7 EF Living Arts Trip in am

May 18-School Council Mtg. at 7:00 pm

May 19-Tae Kwon Do during lunch recess

May 20-Gr. 7 English Living Arts Trip in am

May 23- Victoria Day

May 26-Gr. 4 Living Arts Trip in am

May 30—June 10—EQAO

May 31- Flag Football Tournament at OLMC

### **INSERTS**

Parenting With a Difference Forum  
Home & School Connection