



Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

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"... each one called by name" Isaiah 43:1

November 17, 2011

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board extends a warm welcome to you and your child as you prepare to enter our school community in September. Within Dufferin-Peel, we are pleased to provide quality Catholic education for all students. Through team planning, staff collaboration and student participation in authentic learning opportunities, students with special needs demonstrate their knowledge and skills and continue to be valued for their uniqueness. In this way, the mind, heart, body and soul of each child is nurtured in safe, caring, inclusive, healthy school communities.

To support a successful transition to school, an information session will be held for parent(s)/guardian(s) of children with special needs who will be entering the Dufferin-Peel Catholic Board for the first time in September 2012. Staff will provide helpful information in areas such as vision, hearing, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays in the cognitive and/or motor areas.

The information session will be held on:

Tuesday January 17, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location: the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Room 301

Children born in 2007 and 2008 will be eligible to attend the kindergarten program this September. In preparation, we would ask that you provide some information about your child's special needs and abilities. This will help as we plan together for any specialized services that your son or daughter may require. Please complete the enclosed form and mail or fax it preferably by February 17, 2012 to:

**Special Education and Support Services Department
Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
40 Matheson Boulevard West
Mississauga, ON L5R 1C5
(Fax: 905-890-6076)**

With your permission, Special Education and school staff from the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board will visit the child care provider or request a home visit to observe your child and to discuss any special needs. After the visit, you may be invited to meet with your school principal and other support staff to plan for your child's entry to school.

Whatever your child's special needs, it is important to register your child at your local school. Official Dates for registration are: February 6, 8, 9 or 10, 2012. Snow Date: February 7, 2012. You will need to bring the following documents for registration. (Please contact your local school for details.):

Child's Original Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate or a Baptismal Certificate of a church in Communion with Rome;

OR One of the Parents' Original Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate

Canadian Birth Certificate or Landed Immigrant Status, Immunization records, Proof of Address

If you have any questions, please contact Jessie Stifano at 905-890-1221 extension 24011. We look forward to meeting with you to plan for your child's entry to school.

Sincerely,

M. Vecchiarino

Assistant Superintendent,

Special Education and Support Services Department

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Enclosure