



St Rose of Lima School

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September 2011



Prayer for a New School Year

You are the teacher, Jesus. Your disciples gathered around you to hear your wisdom.

May we, too, gather as this new year begins, as disciples, excited to learn,
for our own good and the good of others.

With the summer behind us and the routine of school ahead, we are grateful.

We take another step in the direction of who we are becoming.

We are encouraged to understand the challenges we will face as opportunities for growth.

Throughout this school year we will be encouraged to do our best

and we ask for God's blessing to open

our eyes to discover, our ears to listen, our hearts to care,

and our minds to thirst for knowledge.

Guide our best efforts. Encourage us.

Bless the teachers who instruct, the custodial staff who care for our building,

the Administration, School Board, Parish and School Council,

our parents, family and friends as we begin this new school year together.

Principal's Message:

On behalf of the entire staff I would like to welcome you and your children to the 2011-2012 school year at St. Rose of Lima School. I hope that all of you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer spent with family and friends. A special welcome is extended to all new students and families who have joined our school community, including our Junior Kindergarten children, Gr. 5 Extended French and Gr. 5 Congregated Gifted students. I am confident that you will find the staff, students, parents and parish community inviting and helpful. Please join me in welcoming our new teachers: F. Gabelle Grade 5 Extended French, S. Leach Gr. 4/5, P. Delvecchio Gr. 6/7, S. O'Riordan, ESL/Planning Time teacher, M. Samaniego, Extended French Planning time, and J. Palladina Planning time. Welcome also our Lunch Time Supervisors J. Sylvan and R. Amal, S. DeAcetis and S. Radha.

The knowledge, dedication, commitment, talents and teamwork of the St. Rose of Lima staff is second to none! I can assure you that there will be dynamic, innovative and effective instruction in the classroom. In addition there will continue to be a variety of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities that will provide opportunities to broaden the educational experience of the students. Included in this newsletter please find a letter from Trustee Sharon Hobin welcoming us to a new school year.

It is our goal to build on community through the relationships that we develop and strengthen with home, school and our parish. This continued co-operation empowers us to help our students achieve spiritually, academically, emotionally, physically and socially. It is exciting to be able to learn together and grow together in the spirit of our faith. On behalf of the staff, I wish all a successful and fulfilling school year. With great enthusiasm, I look forward to meeting you and working with you and your children. My door is always open, so please feel free to visit.

J. Coughlin

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NEWSLETTER

Student Accident Insurance

As required by the Education Act and the Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost-effective student accident insurance coverage via student courier. Although enrolment is voluntary, the board encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage, especially if their child/children participate in sports, excursions/field trips, or, if parents do not have dental insurance coverage.

Enrolment is required in writing -- there are two options for enrolment:

- 1) Complete the traditional form which all students have received and mail it in
 - 2) Apply on-line with a credit card at www.insuremykinds.com
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Sabrina's Law

On May 16, 2005, the Ontario Legislature unanimously passed a bill to protect anaphylactic students. This bill became effective January 1, 2006. The Act, referred to as Sabrina's law, is named after Sabrina Shannon, a Pembroke student who died in 2003 from an anaphylactic reaction after eating french fries contaminated with a dairy product at her high school cafeteria. Anaphylaxis is a severe reaction most often triggered by certain types of foods, such as peanuts, tree nuts, seafood, egg and milk products. Insect stings, medicine, latex and exercise may also trigger an anaphylactic reaction. Anaphylactic shock involves a severe overreaction of the body's immune system to a triggering agent (the allergen). The reaction can be characterized by swelling, difficulty breathing, abdominal cramps, vomiting, diarrhea, circulatory collapse, loss of consciousness and sometimes death.

Allergen Awareness School

In addition to our Board Policy, the passing of Sabrina's Law serves as a reminder of the seriousness of anaphylactic reactions. It compels a continued call for action, and ongoing monitoring of existing practices to support the safety, health and welfare of all of the students at St. Rose of Lima School. As there are a number of students in our school who have a severe life threatening allergy to nuts, dairy & egg products. We continue to encourage our families to refrain from sending to school any food, etc., that contains nut products, e.g. peanut butter and Nutella sandwiches, snacks with nuts, etc. While we cannot guarantee a 'nut free' or 'allergen free' environment, you can help to reduce the risk to our students by not sending in peanuts and/or products containing nuts. We also have a number of students with a severe life threatening allergy to dairy & egg products. **As in the past, a written communication is sent home to parents of children notifying them of the nature of a life threatening allergy when it is specific to their child's classroom. We are asking ALL parents to please NOT send in food for birthdays or special occasions.** Your continued cooperation in support of our efforts to create a safe and healthy learning environment for all, is appreciated.

Storage and Administration of Medication

Parents are responsible for ensuring that all medication and forms are updated annually for any student who requires medication to be administered at school. If your child requires medication, please have the necessary forms completed and return them, along with any medication, to the office as soon as possible. Forms are available at the school office.

Hepatitis B/HPV Inoculations

Peel Health will continue to offer free immunization against Hepatitis B for students in Grade 7 and HPV for girls in Grade 8. If you have any questions please call the Peel Health Department at (905) 799-7700. The following date for dose #1 has been assigned to St. Rose of Lima School:

Dose #1 for Hepatitis B for Grade 7 students and & HPV for Grade 8 female students is October 4, 2011

Health Departments, by law, must keep a current record of your child's immunizations. It is the responsibility of the parents to keep their child's records up-to-date.

Security at St. Rose of Lima

In support of the 'health and safety' of all students, visitors to the school are expected to report to the office upon arrival to sign in and obtain a **visitor's badge**. Anyone not wearing an identification badge will be asked to return to the office to sign in and pick one up. This procedure will help students and staff in recognizing our many visitors at St. Rose of Lima School. Please remember, to your child or your child's friends you may not be considered a stranger, however, to all others you are. Your cooperation in helping to keep our school safe is appreciated.

If you are picking up your child at school at a time other than regular dismissal, we ask that you report to the office to sign them out. Please send a note with your child whenever your dismissal routine changes.

We thank you for your cooperation in supporting a safe environment at St. Rose of Lima!

School Yard Supervision

The school yard is supervised **beginning at 9:00 a.m.** Students should plan their arrival time to coincide with this supervision and should not arrive before this time. Appropriate supervision is provided during all recess and lunch breaks. Unless involved in a staff supervised after-school activity, for reasons of safety, students should go directly home after dismissal.

PEOPLE OF FAITH...

- KNOW THAT WE ARE ALL PART OF GOD'S FAMILY
- WANT TO BE GOOD LIKE JESUS
- PRAY REGULARLY AND FROM THE HEART
- KNOW THERE IS GOOD IN EVERYONE
- SEE GOOD IN THE WORLD
- USE AND RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE'S RIGHT NAMES
- ARE CONFIDENT THAT GOD LOVES US ALL
- BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES US NO MATTER WHAT
- LEARN FROM BIBLE STORIES
- LEARN FROM THE FAMILY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAITH

Year of Virtues in Healthy, Caring, Catholic School Communities

A virtue is a habit or established capability to perform good actions according to a moral standard. In other words, a virtue is a habit that shows people and God that we are good people.

Each month we will look at developing one of these virtues: Faith, Empathy, Conscience, Hope, Self-control, Respect, Kindness, Love, Acceptance, Fairness. We'll pray about these virtues, we'll talk about them in the classroom and we'll practice them. We will make the effort to treat other students and the adults in our school according to the demands of these virtues and will celebrate the progress we make to be a more virtuous Catholic school—a place of safety, caring and inclusivity for all.

The virtue for September is faith and as a faith-filled people we believe that God's plan for us includes the right to be safe, especially at school. **FAITH** is the great virtue of believing in God and trusting that God is with us.



Textbook Policy

Textbooks are the property of the school and are loaned out to students with the expectation that they will be returned at the end of the school year in good condition.

The teachers keep a record of each textbook that students are given. Please help to keep our costs down by encouraging your child to take proper care of them. There will be a replacement cost if the textbook is lost or not returned at the end of the school year.

Open House & BBQ

St. Rose of Lima Family Open House and BBQ will be held on Thursday, **September 29th, 2011, 5:00 – 7:00** in the evening. Order forms will be sent home later this month. Teachers will join families for the BBQ from 5:30 to 6:00 in the gym. Classrooms will be open from 6:15 to 7:00 pm.

Professional Activity Day

On Friday, September 16th the staff will be involved in a professional activity day centered on possible reorganization as well as Faith Development and Ministry Priorities.

There is no school for the children.

Safe, Caring, Inclusive, Healthy Schools

Your child's agenda contains the Catholic Code of Conduct, as well as the Board policy statement with regards to Bullying Prevention and Progressive Discipline. The revised policies and procedures with regards to suspensions and expulsions can also be found in the Agenda. **Please review the Code of Conduct with your child and indicate that you have done so by signing the front page of the agenda, under the school Mission Statement.** An Elementary Summary of the Dufferin-Peel K to 12 Homework Policy and Procedures can also be found in the agenda or at <http://www.dpcdsb.org/homework>.

Thank you for your continued support!

School Agendas

Once again we are offering agendas to all students. In addition to fostering the development of time management and organizational skills, the agenda serves as a valuable communication tool between the home and school. Parents/guardians are encouraged to review the contents of the agenda with their child(ren) and to follow-up daily to support the development of positive work habits. Please communicate any questions you may have for the teacher via the agenda and teachers will use the agenda as a tool to communicate your child's learning needs & strengths. Cost of the agenda is \$7.00.

Lunches Delivered to the Lunch Table

If you are bringing a lunch for your child to pick up from the office please ensure that it is labeled with your child's name, room number and teacher. Please sign the lunch log on the table in the front foyer. Your child will be called to pick up the lunch at 12:15 noon. In order to avoid class disruption, students will not be called from class before 12:15. Your cooperation is appreciated. As well, we ask parents not to stand in the foyer waiting for their children with lunches as we continue to monitor and identify the people who enter the school building.

Lunch Food Available at School

All foods and beverages are in compliance with PPM150 Healthy Food Guidelines

Lunch Lady: Hot lunch selection every Monday & Wednesday beginning September 19th. Order forms available at the office

Pizza & Subway Sandwich days: These are organized by our School Council; dates, menus & prices available soon.

Beverages: As per the Board contract a vending machine will supply students with milk, dairy products, juice and water.

Sacramental Preparation

The school assists the parish by teaching the relevant catechetical material to support sacramental preparation, however, sacraments are parish, not school events. *Initial* preparation is done by the schools through the religion program and *immediate* preparation is the responsibility of the parents and the parish.

ONLY THOSE CHILDREN REGISTERED BY THEIR PARENTS WILL RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS. REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTS TAKES PLACE AT MEETINGS AT THE CHURCH.

Please set aside these dates: FOR ALL BAPTIZED CHILDREN

FIRST COMMUNION & FIRST RECONCILIATION – GRADE 2 and above

These meetings will be about 1 1/2 hours in length. Children do not need to attend.

September 28 *First Communion Meeting* 7:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION – GRADE 8 and above

October 6 *Parent & Candidate Information Meeting* 7:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PARENTS AND CANDIDATES MUST ATTEND AN INFORMATION MEETING WHERE REGISTRATION FORMS AND DATES WILL BE HANDED OUT.

.Please check church website

First Reconciliation Meeting

School Driveway

St. Rose of Lima does not have a kiss and ride area. The parking lot is reserved for school bus drop off & pick up only.

In the interest of safety, please do not enter the school parking lot during entrance and exit times.

We ask parents and guardians who walk their children to school to please remember to use the pathways at the East and West sides of the school building to drop your children off for school.

Green Newsletters and School Communication

Newsletters will be sent home the first week of each month. They will also be posted on the school website and available as a hard copy at the office. **In addition, we encourage all parents to help St Rose of Lima go green by receiving the school newsletter electronically. As part of the School Verification form, which is sent home each year to be updated with contact and emergency contact information, there is now a place for parents to request the newsletter electronically by providing us with an email address. This permission is required each year. Thank you for your support.**

<http://www.dpcdsb.org/RLIMA>

SAFE ARRIVAL! STUDENT ABSENCES

As in the past, we ask that you call the school on the days that your child will be absent. This is a safety precaution that can save precious moments should there ever be an emergency situation. We thank you for your continued support in following this procedure. Upon reaching the school answering service please leave the following information:

- ⇒ Date of absence
- ⇒ Student's full name
- ⇒ Grade level and teacher
- ⇒ Reason for absence
- ⇒ Date of return

Please continue to call each day that your child is absent. When your child returns to school, please provide the teacher with a note regarding the specific reason for the absence.

School Hours

Please note our school hours at St Rose of Lima. **Please ensure your child is on time for school as late arrival impacts learning.**

Entry	9:15
AM Recess	11:20 -11:35
JK/SK Dismissal	11:45
Lunch	12:15 - 1:15
PM Recess	2:40 - 2:55
End of day dismissal	3:45

Opening School Mass

Our school community will celebrate our first Mass together on Oct 7th at 9:45 in the school gym. As with all of our liturgical celebrations and masses, all parents and families are warmly invited to join us.

Parent Volunteers

Parent volunteers are very important to us at St. Rose of Lima School. There are a variety of ways to be involved; helping in the school, working on School Council and/or assisting at special events or committees. A Criminal Reference Check is required for anyone working directly with children. Forms are available in the office.

ENTRY AND EXIT

East doors: Kindergarten, Grade 4/5, Grade 1, Grades 5& 6 Extended French Grades and 5 & 6 Congregated Gifted

West doors: Grades 2/3, 3/4, 6/7, 7/8 and Congregated Gifted 7/8

Students are not to enter through the main entrance. We ask parents to meet their children at their designated doors listed above.

Annual Terry Fox Run

In support of our Catholic Culture of Caring and Community, we will once again join thousands of school children across Ontario who commemorate Terry Fox's heroic marathon with our own run for Cancer. This annual event is organized by teachers and will take place on September 30th. Please consider sending in a toonie with your child(ren) as we run to support research into finding a cure for cancer.

In preparation for the event, children will participate in discussions and DVD's that highlight Terry Fox, a Canadian hero, and the cause he supported and which we continue to support in his memory.



CELL PHONES/ELECTRONICS/VALUABLES Students and Parents:

It is the policy of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board that PED's (Personal Electronic Devices) are to be kept out-of-sight, turned off and not used within school premises or during school sanctioned events (retreats, field trips, sports events, etc.). To prevent the loss or damage of PED's, the school encourages students to leave their PED's at home or in their backpacks.

We also request that students not bring valuables such as cameras, money or items of importance to school. The school does not accept responsibility for the above. Please mark all personal items with your child's name.

School Council

You are invited to attend the final meeting of the present School Council on Wednesday, September 21st in the library at 7:00 p.m..

Nomination forms for the 2011-2012 School Council are available at the office. Nominations are due in the school office by 3:00 September 20th. If necessary, elections of the new school council will take place at the first SAC meeting on September 21st.

Ballots will be available in the office. It is very important that we all work together to make our school a better place to grow and learn.

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL.

From Your Catholic School Trustee

Sharon Hobin

Welcome back to the 2011-2012 school year! To those of you who are parents of children in Junior Kindergarten, Grade 5 Extended French and Grade 5 Congregated Gifted and new parents and families to Dufferin-Peel, welcome. I know you will be very happy with the education your children will receive.

Your children's teachers have been working hard to get ready for this new school year and soon you will have an opportunity to visit the school on Curriculum Night to see the classrooms and meet the teachers. I encourage you to get involved in your children's education by attending or joining your Catholic school council, helping with homework and reading with your children. Studies show that when parents are engaged in their children's education children do better in school.

Always feel free to speak to your children's teachers or principal about concerns or questions you may have. And as you know transportation issues are dealt with by our Transportation Department –STOPR. You may find more information in the school newsletter and on our board web site at www.dpcdsb.org. As well look to our web site for an interesting document titled ***Achievement - A Report to our Catholic School Communities***. This newsletter is being distributed to parents/guardians the first week of September, as we begin the 2011-12 school year. This document provides a quick snapshot of some of the Board's accomplishments and activities during 2010-2011.

I am proud to be your Catholic School Trustee. If you have any questions please never hesitate to contact me. We have a provincial election coming in October and I encourage you to become familiar with the issues around education in Ontario and VOTE!

As Canadians, we have a wonderful gift of democracy that many people in other countries do not have.

Dufferin - Peel is very proud of the relationship we have fostered between home, school and parish. For nearly 170 years Catholic education has been the foundation for millions of students to develop their full spiritual, academic, physical and social potential. With your faith and support we will continue this journey.

I wish you a wonderful school year and may the good Lord always hold you in the palm of His hand.

St. Rose of Lima School

J. Coughlin **Principal**

C. Rogers **Secretary**

Dufferin-Peel CDSB

Personnel

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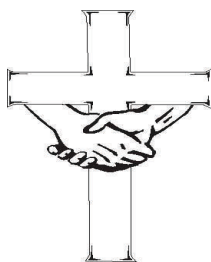
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Pastoral Team

Father Vid Pastor

Father Robert Associate Pastor



St. Rose of Lima Staff

Listed below, for your information, is the staff list for the 2010-2011 school year. Please remember that student and teacher class placements remain tentative until September 16th.

STAFF AS OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>ROOM NUMBER</u>
JK/SK	J. Anzelc	103
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Gr. 1/2	C. Adabajo	105
Gr. 2/3	D. DiLella	101
Gr. 3/4	S. Kerr	102
Gr. 4/5	S. Leach	106
Gr. 6/7	P. Delvecchio	206
Gr. 7/8	P. Freeman	207
Go. 5 Ext Fr	F. Gabelle	205
Gr. 5/6 Ext Fr	G. Rodrigues	203
Gr. 5/6 Ext Fr	F. DeOliveira	204
Gr. 7 Ext Fr	S. Pirie	Pt # 4 a.m.
Gr. 8 Ext Fr	V. Mazzucco	Pt # 1 a.m.
Gr. 5/6 Gifted	J. Shear	201
Gr. 7/8 Gifted	K. Higgins-Biss	205
SERT/SERC	S. Hamel	104
Teacher Librarian	T. McMahon	Library
ESL/Planning Time	S. O'Riordan	104
FSL/Ext Fr	L. Marchione	
Planning time Teacher	J. Palladina	
Ext. Fr Planning Teacher	M. Samaniego	
Secretary	C. Rogers	
Custodians	A. Abdalla, A. Knox	
Principal	J. Coughlin	

Please note that classroom assignments may be temporary for the first two weeks of school as new enrolments or withdrawals may require reorganization. If reorganization is necessary, it will take place on September 16th, the P. A. Day.