

# St Rose of Lima School



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DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

*We live graciously,  
filled with wonder, for the marvel of creation that surrounds us.  
We marvel at the way the Spirit came to expression in this planet,  
especially in human life form,  
a life-form giving the Spirit unique ways to express intelligence, love, choice,  
care and concern.*

*Loving God, we believe Your Spirit is at work in our world.  
Give us eyes of faith that we might see such wonders in our midst and the courage to live in hope.*

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This month at Thanksgiving we offer God praise and thanksgiving for all His works in heaven and on earth. As invited guests to the Lord's banquet, we are companions on a spiritual journey that allows us to see a trace of God in everyone we meet. We share the same Spirit, and are many parts of one body. Each time we say yes to the invitations in our lives we allow the image of Christ to shine through us in a brighter way. At St. Rose of Lima we continue to be grateful for our blessings and remember to share with those who are less fortunate. In our school community we give thanks for the virtue of empathy and for the many gifts we share in our families and in the community. We continue to be grateful for the students in our school who continue to take on positions of responsibility and stewardship for our school and the teachers and parents who support them in these opportunities. We are also thankful for Father Vid and Father Robert for their ongoing spiritual support and guidance as they lead us in prayer. On behalf of the staff at St. Rose of Lima best wishes for a blessed and peaceful Thanksgiving!

*J. Coughlin*

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## Gathered in Prayer

Our first Mass will be celebrated on October 7<sup>th</sup> as Father Robert led our school community in worship and faith. The theme of our liturgy, Empathy, initiated the second of the ten virtues we will celebrate this year. Thank you to K. Higgins-Biss and her 7/8 class for the preparation of the liturgy. Also, thank you to J. Anzelc and the student choir for leading us in song. Students in grade two and eight have begun the process of preparing for their sacramental year by registering at the church. Thank you to all parents for your support of your child's faith journey.

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## This month's Virtue, Empathy

God has given us the ability to form connections with each other-to live together. Empathy helps us to connect and live together in safe, caring and inclusive communities. An *empathetic* person...listens attentively, watches people's body language, notices and responds when someone is upset, can name his/her feelings, can see a situation from another person's point of view and knows that different people may feel differently about the same thing.

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## St. Rose Catholic School Council

Thank you to the parents who attended our first School Council meeting of the year.

Thank you very much to P. Kekich our past School Council Chair, and all past members for their dedication and for their ongoing support of our school community.

A special thank you to all the adult and student volunteers who worked so well together on a successful barbeque at our "Meet the Teacher/Curriculum" evening. To everyone who attended, it was a pleasure seeing you! The active participation of all parents/guardians is always welcomed.

Congratulations to our 2011-2012 School Council Members:

Chair:	S. DaSilva	Parish Rep:	A. Gingell
Vice Chair:	E. DeSilva	OPACE Rep:	D. Cianflone
Past Chair:	P. Kekich	Members:	C. Marchetti
Treasurer:	K. Ogryzek		T. Lavery
Fundraising Chair:	S. DeAcetis		K. Borgiel
Secretary:	A. Chiacchia		G. Kapsa
Teacher Rep:	K. Higgins-Biss		
Non Teaching Rep:	C. Rogers		

## QSP Magazine Fund Raiser Kick Off

Our QSP Magazine (subscriptions) Fund raiser "Kick Off" Assembly was held on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the gym. Magazine subscription sales will continue until October 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your continued support of our school's major fund raiser. Please note that funds raised from this fundraiser are used to enrich and enhance our students' education in a variety of ways. A special thank you to our School Advisory Council Fundraising Coordinator, S. De Acetis for organizing this event.

## Hot Lunches

Pizza Days will commence on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and continue throughout the school year as marked on the order forms and listed here:  
Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, Mar 9<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>,  
Apr 27<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>

As well we offer Sub Sandwiches on the following dates:

Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>,  
Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, Apr 20<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>  
June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Lunch Lady continues to accept lunch orders to be delivered every Monday and Wednesday.



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## Terry Fox Walk/Run

This year, the students and staff had a very successful Terry Fox Walk/Run on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. This is thanks to P. DelVecchio, his 6/7 class and T. McMahon who organized the presentation, announcements and event day. Thank you to all parents who encouraged their children and supported this worthwhile event. Special thank you to all student participants!

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## Pediculosis

Pediculosis (head lice) is a condition that anyone can get. It is not considered a health problem or a result of poor hygiene. When children are in groups such as at school, they are more easily infected. Lice are spread for example, by head to head contact, or when hats or scarves are shared. Lice cannot jump or hop to different heads and their life span, without a human host, is highly limited. How can you help? Be alert to your child scratching his/her head, particularly behind the ears or at the base of the neck, where it is warmer. Examine your child's hair regularly. Usually the nits or eggs are easier to spot than the actual lice bugs. The nits may range from brownish to grayish in color. They differ from dry scalp flakes in that they tend to be at the base of the hair shaft and are strongly attached to the hair, in a way that makes removal difficult.

When an infestation is suspected, staff will check your child's hair. If nits are noted, you will be asked to come and pick up your child.

A variety of treatments are available from your pharmacist. Be sure to follow directions regarding the treatment of bedding and furniture.

All nits must be removed from your child's hair before he/she can return to class.

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### Pupil Progress

As you are aware, the reporting of student progress remains the same as last year. Parents will receive a progress report Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, outlining their child(ren)'s progress in learning skills since September. Parent/teacher conferences for first term report cards will be held on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. Second term reports will be sent home on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Parents and teachers are encouraged to maintain contact as ongoing, constructive dialogue is always helpful in ensuring student success.

### Electronic Communication

As you noticed on the Student Verification sheet recently sent home, there is an opportunity for parents to record their email address in order to receive newsletters and other communication electronically. It is our hope that many parents take advantage of this opportunity to receive communication electronically and in doing so help St. Rose of Lima reduce the use of paper as we continue our efforts to go green. Newsletters and other communication will continue to be offered to those parents who prefer paper copies.

### Student Verification Sheets

In the event of an emergency, it is very important that we have updated records and be able to contact you. If you have not already done so, please review all information on the Student Verification Sheet and return it as soon as possible.

### Traffic At St. Rose of Lima

**Thank you to all parents who ensure our students' safety by not driving in the school driveway** when picking up or dropping off your children.

Students are reminded to enter or exit the school yard by using only the **paved walkways on the east or west sides** of the school building.

Sincere thanks to all parents and students for your patience and understanding in helping us ensure the safety of our students.



### Lost Articles

Due to the sheer volume of misplaced articles, we do not regularly make announcements regarding lost items. We do have a lost and found box and invite parents to ask at the office for its location.

We highly recommend that you not allow your child to bring valuable items including toys to school. Toys and special mementos often interfere with the teaching environment, especially when staff have to solve disputes over their disappearance or appearance during classroom learning times. Personal electronic devices including hand held game systems, are not permitted at school. Thanks for your support of these guidelines.

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## **St. Rose of Lima School**

J. Coughlin **Principal**

C. Rogers **Secretary**

## **Dufferin-Peel CDSB**

### **Personnel**

#### **Director of Education**

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#### **Associate Director**

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#### **Associate Director**

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#### **Superintendent**

D. Oude-Reimerink 905-890-1221

#### **Trustee**

S. Hobin 905 301-1210

## **Parish**

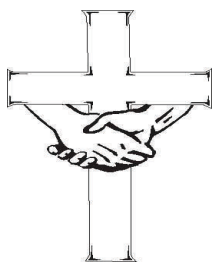
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### **Pastoral Team**

**V. Vlastic, Pastor**

**R. Mignella, Associate Pastor**



## **School Visitors/Security**

School security is a top priority at all times. We have been issued staff security passes by the school board and are locking doors for the majority of the time except for recess and lunch time. Extra passes will be available at the office for special errands. Parents and visitors are expected to use the front doors upon entering and exiting the school during the regular hours and to report immediately to the main office (next to the front door). Please ensure that you sign your children in and out when picking them up or dropping them off outside of regular school times. All visitors are expected to sign in and out and identify themselves with a badge from the office.

## **Indoor/Outdoor Shoes**

For sake of safety and cleanliness, students should have a pair of indoor shoes and outdoor shoes in order to maintain a clean environment and permit students to be prepared in case of unexpected evacuations (where students would not have time to put on shoes if in socks only).



## **Recycling**

Our Recycling program has started once again thanks to S. Kerr, G. Rodrigues, F. DeOliveira and their student "Recycling Team". Everyone's participation in this valuable work is greatly appreciated! Recycling is an initiative that serves the community in an environmentally responsible way. Please consider sending your child with a "litterless lunch" using reusable containers to promote environmentally responsible practices.

## **Pastoral Plan**

Enclosed as part of this newsletter, please find our school's Pastoral Plan. This plan will inform you of Parish and school dates that support sacramental preparation, school and church based liturgies to which all parents are invited, and examples of school practices and initiatives that highlight the Catholicity of our school.

## **Casual Fridays**

You may have noticed that the staff dress in a casual manner on Fridays. Through donations made on these Fridays, we are supporting the many charities affiliated with the United Way of Peel (Christian charities) and Share Life.

## **Newsletters**

Newsletters will be sent home the first week of each month. They will also be posted on the school website: <http://www.dpcdsb.org/RLIMA>

## Recess

All students are expected to dress appropriately for weather conditions and go outdoors for recess. For many children, a spare pair of socks or change of clothing may save a parent a trip to the school. In the event of inclement weather, students will be kept indoors. In the event of wet, muddy or icy conditions the students will remain on paved areas. During recess, supervision is restricted to the playground areas. If your child is not well enough to participate in outdoor recess, please consider keeping him/her at home.

## Please help us out

Supervision begins at 9:00 a.m. Please do not bring your children to school earlier than this time. We know that this may inconvenience many parents due to work schedules. Given today's safety concerns, it is never a good idea to leave your child unattended. Please make alternative arrangements for the care of your children prior to 9:00 a.m. **The YMCA now operates a before and after school program at St. Rose of Lima. Information is available upon request.**

## Facebook

Electronic communication is becoming more and more prevalent in today's society. While it is convenient and environmentally friendly, it does carry with it many risks and drawbacks. At a time when children are forming friendships and learning to socialize, it is important that there is a balance between virtual and real time conversations. Often when having a virtual conversation students take risks with inappropriate language and pictures thinking that the information is private and secure.

As you are aware, and according to the terms of agreement for Facebook accounts, the following information explains the legal age for access to Facebook. In addition, upon registering for a Facebook account participants agree to the following conditions and terms: (ref: <http://www.facebook.com/terms.php>)

### Registration and Account Security

Facebook users provide their real names and information, and we need your help to keep it that way. Here are some commitments you make to us relating to registering and maintaining the security of your account:

- ⇒ You will not provide any false personal information on Facebook.
- ⇒ You will not use Facebook if you are under 13.

In addition to cautioning all staff to the risks in having Facebook accounts we ask you as parents to:

- ⇒ continue to be vigilant in monitoring your child's computer time at home, especially sites such as MSN, Face Book
- ⇒ continue to guide your child in understanding the privacy implications of posting messages and photographs on the internet
- ⇒ continue to comply with the registration and security commitments that Facebook requires

## Stay Connected...

Join the Dufferin-Peel E-Community  
[WWW.DPCDSB.ORG](http://WWW.DPCDSB.ORG)



Parents and guardians of Dufferin-Peel students can stay up-to-date with the

latest board news and information by joining the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board E-Community. Members will receive the latest news and information by email, including media releases, school activities and events, board highlights, school and transportation cancellations, plus useful tips for parents. **Sign up online today!**

## Head Injury Policy

When a student receives an injury to the head, it is Board Policy that we inform parents. We will attempt to notify you even when it is a very minor injury. Please try not to be too alarmed should you receive a call.

## Pets At School

Many parents take the opportunity to bring their pets with them to school when dropping off or picking up students. As more and more pets are now joining us in the schoolyard, safety concerns have begun to arise. For safety reasons, if you have brought a pet with you when meeting or dropping off your child, we ask that you please wait on the sidewalk east or west of the school and not on the school grounds.

## Use of Phones

Aside from emergency calls, we ask that parents discuss the day's expectations with children prior to leaving for school in the morning. Dismissal of a student during the day for appointments, team game, etc. must be accompanied by a written note. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## **HALLOWEEN SAFETY**

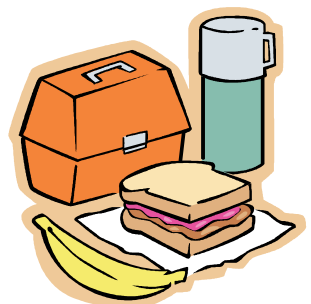


**Please remind your children of the following safety guidelines for Halloween:**

- ⇒ Not to wear a face mask, so your child will be able to see clearly.
- ⇒ Wear light colored clothing, so drivers can see them.
- ⇒ Carry a flashlight, so your child will be able to see on dark streets.
- ⇒ Go out with an adult, or an older brother or sister, if under 10 years of age.
- ⇒ Stay away from cars, and friendly strangers in cars.
- ⇒ Watch for cars, and look both ways when crossing the street.
- ⇒ Wear their costumes above their shoes, so they will not trip.
- ⇒ Not to eat any treats until they are home, and their parents have checked them.
- ⇒ Not to damage anyone else's property.
- ⇒ Start trick or treating early, and be home early.

## **LUNCH TIME**

For safety reasons, students who stay for lunch every day are not permitted to leave the school grounds unless accompanied by a parent/guardian and signed out at the office. On the special occasion that you will be delivering your child's lunch to school, please advise your child(ren) in advance that you will be doing so, and write his/her name and the teacher's name on the bag. Please drop off lunches on the table just outside the office in the hallway. Your child(ren) can come down at 12:15 to pick it up with minimal disruption to the class. Your co-operation in doing this is greatly appreciated.



## Re-Organization

Over the last two weeks our enrolment has become finalized and our current student population has increased in relation to our projected enrolment. This increase has allowed us to adjust the classroom distribution across the classes from grades SK – 8. Thank you staff, parents and students for your support, patience and understanding during the process of reorganization. Please find below the current listing of teachers and classes.

### STAFF AS OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>ROOM NUMBER</u>
JK/SK-a.m.	J. Anzelc	103
JK/SK-p.m.	J. Anzelc	103
Gr. 1	C. Adebajo	105
Gr. 2	D. DiLella	101
Gr. 3	S. Kerr	102
Gr. 4/5	S. Leach	106
Gr. 6/7	P. DelVecchio	206
Gr. 8	P. Freeman	207
Gr. 5 Ext Fr	F. Gabelle	202
Gr. 5/6 Ext Fr	G. Rodrigues	203
Gr. 5/6 Ext Fr	F. DeOliveira	204
Gr. 7 Ext Fr	S. Pirie	Pt # 4
Gr. 8 Ext Fr	V. Mazzucco	Pt # 1
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/PT	S. O’Riordan	104
FSL Teacher	L. Marchione	
Extended French		
Planning time	D. Madillo	
Planning time		
Teacher	J. Palladina	
Principal	J. Coughlin	
Secretary	C. Rogers	

## Volunteers

Volunteers play an important role in the life of any school community. At the school level, they help to enhance the learning opportunities available to students. They assist students with reading, writing, academic drills and reinforcement, educational games and in other activities that help to improve specific areas of need. All volunteers in regular contact with students must have a Police Check and an interview with the Principal. Please contact the school if you are interested in volunteering and for an application form.

## Personal Electronic Devices (PED)

A reminder that Dufferin-Peel CDSB has a PED policy. Students are asked to leave all electronic games, iPods, walkmans, cameras, cell phones etc. at home. The school will not be responsible for lost, damages or stolen items. The PED Policy applies to parents/guardians as well - cell phones must not be used when students are present.

**Students are not allowed to send or receive texts or calls to or from parents during school hours. If a call between parent and child is needed , please call the office. A phone is available in the office for student use.**

## Smoking On School Property

Consistent with the Tobacco Control Act, the Board’s policy prohibits smoking and holding lighted tobacco anywhere in the school or on school property by anyone, at any time.

## Go Green

Help divert waste from landfills by bringing your empty inkjet cartridges to school and dropping them in the designated box in the front foyer. For every full box of cartridges, a donation to the World Wildlife Fund will be made on behalf of St. Rose of Lima. In addition to helping our environment, you will help our school. For every inkjet cartridge submitted, the recycling company will support our school with funding for school programs and activities. Let’s do our part today for a healthier tomorrow!