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DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

NOVEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

*God our Creator,
Teach us to appreciate the virtue of patriotism;
a true and Christian love of our country.
Let us grow in a love for our country
that consists not of following the easy path,*



but of working together to make Canada the land of goodness that it should be.

Let our patriotism be such

that it will not exclude other nations but include them in a powerful love.

God, we know that You want our world to be a happy home for the entire human family.

Please help us to reach out in Christian kindness, charity and unity to make this world a better place for all Your children

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This month is a unique time of prayer, reflection and remembrance as we concentrate on the virtue of **conscience**. We renew our belief in the afterlife and reflect on our mission to follow Jesus in love, service and intercession. We pay tribute to the saints on All Saints Day and follow with prayer for the dearly departed on All Souls' Day. November offers us the opportunity to reflect and to pay tribute to the brave men and women who sacrificed and continue to sacrifice their lives for peace, justice and freedom. We also remember in our prayers the victims of injustice and oppression. Let us pray together for justice and peace, beginning in our hearts, homes and throughout the world.

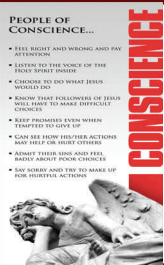
May God bless us and guide our community in faith, empathy and conscience.

Sincerely,

J. Coughlin

Eden Food Bank's Toonie Tuesday, November 15th

We would love to say the signs of hunger are disappearing but unfortunately, as the economic downturn lingers on, hunger has been on the rise. Schools in Mississauga North have been asked to participate as a community in a district wide drive to support the Eden Food Bank on Tuesday, November 16th. The Eden Food Bank is asking that each student contribute a toonie on this day and/or bring in non perishable food items.



This month's Virtue, Conscience

God has given us the ability to discern right from wrong and make decisions and choices that reflect our Catholic beliefs and values. We trust that the common Spirit we share inspires us and guides us to make good decisions as we pray for God's guidance in following his commandments. A person of conscience allows prayer and scripture to influence him/her.

Catholic School Council

Please consider joining us for our next Council meeting. Council meets in the Library from 7:00—8:30 p.m. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16th. Hope to see you there.

Members of the elected Council will be involved in a Training Day to be held at St. Joseph's Secondary School on November 5th. Thank you to all participants who give their time so generously to support Catholic Education at St. Rose of Lima.

Staying in For Recess

Colder weather is here again! Please ensure that your child comes to school prepared to participate in all activities, including outdoor recess. All children should have hats, scarves, gloves, warm coats and boots, labeled with their names. In colder weather we often receive requests to allow children to remain indoors, when students have a cold, flu etc. Please note that we cannot comply, as we have neither the facilities, nor the staff to supervise these students. If you feel your child is not well enough to go outside, it would be best for you to keep your child home. On extremely cold days, we limit the amount of time that students spend out of doors. We obtain our weather information from the Environment Canada Weather Information Line and follow board guidelines. With the exception of these occasions, all children will go out for recesses and the lunch break.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT TEACHER (SAT)

Dufferin-Peel continues to assign Special Assignment teachers to all schools to assist with the implementation of focused goals. The curriculum goal at St Rose of Lima continues to be Literacy and in particular the ability of students to evaluate and synthesize information in reading and writing and respond to higher order thinking questions. We are most pleased to introduce our SAT teacher, A. Giljanovic, who supports our school goals and works directly with teachers and students in the Junior Grades to promote student success in literacy.

Remembrance Day Service

Please join us, if you are able, in our school gym on Nov. 11th at 10:35 a.m. when we gather to remember those soldiers who have sacrificed their lives for us and we honour those soldiers who continue to protect the rights and freedoms of Canadians and people in need of protection.

Christian Student Council

Our Christian Student Council have been preparing the Book of Life for November. The Council is collaborating to build on the school's Catholic faith community, and look forward to participating in experiences which nurture spiritual growth. A special thank you to G. Rodrigues and F. DeOliveira for offering this faith based program through our Christian Student Council to our students.

Recycling

Our Recycling program has started up once again thanks to S. Kerr, G. Rodrigues, and F. De Oliveira 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.

Paperless Snacks/Lunches

Students are encouraged to be environmentally friendly by reducing the amount of plastic and paper waste from snacks and lunches. Options such as reusable plastic storage containers are very welcome. A reminder that food and drinks stay inside as per board policy, as a health and safety measure.

Eco School

St Rose of Lima is participating in the Ministry Eco School program this year and we will be considering ways to make our school greener. Our weekly recycling is a part of this program and as such we are asking parents to begin preparing for litterless lunches. We will be allocating time and instruction for students to become familiar with what is recyclable and what is not. We will also ask students to volunteer to monitor classroom blue boxes. As the committee of teachers and student representatives begins to meet to develop strategies to become greener these will be shared with you. If you have not already indicated that you would like to receive this newsletter electronically you may forward your email address to us for inclusion in our distribution list. Paper copies will also continue to be supplied.

Volleyball

Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls' and Boys' Volleyball teams for their continued hard work and fine sportsmanship! Special thanks to our coaches: F. Gabelle, P. DelVecchio, S. Pirie and S. Leach for volunteering their time & talent for practices & games! Also, thank you to S. Kerr for volunteering his time and expertise to support intramural volleyball at lunch time!



Electronic Communication

As you noticed on the Student Verification sheets 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. We are presently updating our files in preparation of sending the newsletter out electronically.

Bus Cancellations / School Closures

A decision to cancel school transportation, and/or to close schools, due to inclement weather conditions is usually made by 6:30 a.m. For information listen to the following radio stations: CKFM 99.9, CHUM 1050, CFTR 680, CFNY 102.1, CISS FM 92.5, CJCL 590, CHFI 98.1, CFRB 1010, CHAY 93, CIAO 530AM, CHEZ ZP7.3, CJBC(FR)860AM, CHIN 100.7 FM./1540 AM, CBC 740, CJMR/CHWO 1250,

Grade 4

Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test

The Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test will be administered to students in Grade Four. Test results will help to identify students who demonstrate intellectually superior cognitive abilities and will be used in planning an instructional program to meet individual needs. A letter will be sent home requesting your permission to administer this assessment.

Bus Driver Appreciation

On October 19th, St. Rose of Lima School participated in the Dufferin Peel *Bus Driver Appreciation Day*, by thanking the school bus drivers with cards and calculators. We appreciate our drivers and their responsibility to safely transport our students to and from school every day!

Thank you to all parents for using the new bus communication system, STOPR. For updates on your child(ren)'s bus routes please view the details at www.stopr.ca by entering your child's OEN number found on any Ontario report card at the top of the report.

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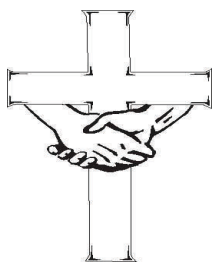
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Virtues

As a Catholic community, we are called to learn and to grow and to become more like Jesus in the way we see and treat others. Our Catholic faith plays an important role in helping us shape schools that are safe caring and inclusive. Catholic school education provides us with the opportunity to integrate virtues formation into all areas of our school life within the context of our faith. This "Virtues Program" will help us to nurture virtue and character development in the lives of our students. Each month is dedicated to a particular virtue:

September—Faith

October—Empathy

November—Conscience

December—Hope

January—Self-Control

February— Respect

March—Kindness

April—Love

May—Acceptance

June—Fairness

DATE	CELEBRATION
Nov. 5, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. in church	Letter of request for Confirmation
Nov. 27, 2011	First Sunday of Advent
Dec. 3-4, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. in Church	Presentation of Cards for Confirmation
Dec. 9, 2011 @ 9:45 a.m. in school	Advent Mass
Jan. 21, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. in Church	Presentation of crosses for confirmation candidates
Jan. 24, 2012 @ 9:30 a.m. in Church	First Reconciliation
Feb. 7, 2012 @ 9:30 a.m. in school	Confirmation reconciliation
Feb. 22, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m. in school	Ash Wednesday Liturgy
Apr. 5, 2012 in school	Stations of the Cross
Apr. 6, 2012	Good Friday
Apr. 8, 2012	Easter
Apr. 15, 2012 @ 3:00 in Church	First Communion
May 8, 2012 in school	Crowning of Mary
May 16, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. in Church	Confirmation
June 22, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m. in Church	Graduation/End of Year Mass

Extended French Information Meeting

January 19, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

Parents/guardians of grade four students who would like to enroll their children in a grade five Extended French class for September, 2012, are invited to attend an information meeting in the Library at **St. Rose of Lima School, 4590 The Gallops, Mississauga.**

The deadline for registration is February 8, 2012 @ 3:00 p.m. In the case of a lottery it will be held @ St. Rose of Lima at 7:00 p.m., February 15, 2012.

Pre-I.B. Information Night

On November 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., St. Francis Xavier Secondary School invite Grade 8 students, and their parents, who would like to enroll in the Pre-I.B. program to an information night. Students residing south of Highway 401 and those in the catchment area of St. Marcellinus Secondary School are eligible to apply to the Pre-I.B. program. The meeting will take place at St. Francis Xavier Secondary School Cafeteria, 50 Bristol Road West, Mississauga.

Free MedicAlert Membership for Students at Our School

The Canadian MedicAlert® Foundation has developed a program to protect children and provide school officials with the help they need to address concerns about students living with chronic medical conditions, allergies or special needs. This program is called *No Child Without*. It was developed to ensure children across Canada from Junior Kindergarten up to their 14th birthday receive MedicAlert® protection at no cost to the parent, school or Board of Education. The program follows the child should they move to another school in Canada. There is a significant benefit to the school because *No Child Without* blends in with the school's safety plan and illustrates the importance of children's health and safety. As a national charitable organization, MedicAlert has been protecting people for 45 years through customized medical identification. Over one million Canadians have chosen MedicAlert to provide them with protection and peace of mind in case of a medical emergency.

During the school day, students can come in contact with up to five adults responsible for their care and safety. Before and after school programs, recess, lunch and the classroom are often the responsibility of different individuals. In case of a medical emergency, children can be the most vulnerable because they are often too young, too afraid or too hurt to express themselves. That is why parents often feel better knowing their children's MedicAlert identification can speak for them if they're not around. The program is being funded by the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation, Lions Clubs across Canada, grants from the Government of Canada and corporate and local businesses. Students receive a choice of a bracelet or necklet listing their medical conditions, allergies and or medications with their identification number, a wallet card, access to the 24-hour Emergency Hotline, notification of personal emergency contacts at the time of emergency and a follow-up with parents after the emergency call is made to the Hotline.

***No Child Without* brochures are included as part of this newsletter. If you choose to participate in the program, contact MedicAlert directly after obtaining the brochure. Your child's MedicAlert identification and wallet card will be sent to you within two to three weeks. If your child is already a member of MedicAlert, call MedicAlert directly to transfer your child to the *No Child Without* program. Visit www.nochildwithout.ca to learn more about the program.**

Holy Name of Mary Information Evening

On November 24, 2011, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Holy Name of Mary C.S.S. will be holding a Grade 9 Information & Registration Night for current Grade 8 students, and their parents, in the school's gymnasium. As a regional all girls school, we would like to invite all eligible Region of Peel girls to apply to Holy Name of Mary C.S.S. Please visit our website for further updates: www.dpccsb.org/hnmry/guidance. Registration packages will be available on our website by November 7, 2011. Location: Holy Name of Mary C.S.S., 115 Glenvale Blvd., Brampton, Ontario. For further information please call 905-458-5541 X 64104.

French Immersion Information Meeting

January 12, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Senior Kindergarten parents/guardians, who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 1 French Immersion class for September, 2012 are invited to attend an information meeting at **Divine Mercy School, 2840 Duncairn Drive, Mississauga.**

