

# St Rose of Lima School



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DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

### *God of Hope*

*You sent us Jesus, the light of the world.*

*we light our Advent candles, one by one, a week at a time,  
may we rekindle within ourselves, the desires to make peace for Him.*

*May the flame of His presence grow brighter and brighter  
in our hearts, in our school, and in our world.*

*May the God of Hope fill us with joy and peace*

*this Christmas by the power of  
the Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.*



### **Welcoming Advent and Christmas**

*The season of Advent is a time of expectation, waiting, caring, compassion, kindness, and hope. We celebrate that the promise to the people of God is fulfilled. Besides remembering the first Christmas, Advent is also a season to remember that Jesus will come again at the end of time. The Christmas season is a time to live in peace, and to remember that Jesus came for all cultures, all nations, and all people.*

*During the four weeks of Advent, we prepare our hearts and our lives so that we will be able to fully celebrate Christmas. We must encourage the children to live Advent as a season distinct from Christmas. The seasons of Advent and Christmas should be a time of reconciliation and forgiveness, a time of reaching out to those we may have hurt by our words and our actions. They are seasons in which we reflect on and continue our journey with Jesus.*

*On behalf of the staff at St. Rose of Lima we wish you & your family a peaceful and blessed Christmas.*

*"We must keep the light of Christ before us."*

Sincerely,

J. Coughlin

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## Your School Council Thanks You

We would like to extend a note of thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped make this year's **QSP Magazine Fundraiser** such a success. Some of the money raised will go directly to initiatives that support student learning. We will keep you posted with details as to how the funds will be allocated.

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## This month's Virtue

### *Hope*

We believe that God comes to us as a real human who can show us the way of life. We understand that both the world and its people are from God and so are essentially good. Furthermore God has given us this Advent season year after year in order to focus our hearts to the good of all around us. Year after year we are reminded of God's love. God chose his Son for us because we are worth it. When we look around at the world through the eyes of God we see it becoming more and more like the reign of God that Jesus describes.

## Advent

Our school Advent mass will be celebrated on Friday, December 9th, at 9:45 a.m. in our school gym. Celebrating Advent together as families gives us the opportunity to affirm our faith and to share the real meaning of Advent. Please join us and celebrate the Eucharist in community during this special season!

Thanks to S. Hamel, T. McMahon and students for coordinating the Advent Mass. Thank you to J. Anzelc for preparing our choir of beautiful voices.

## Greening Our Yard

Our school has been awarded a grant of \$1000.00 in response to our application for a Metro Green Apple Grant. This money will support our work as an E.C.O (Environmental, Conservation and Outdoor Education) school in purchasing some much needed shade trees for our playground. Other initiatives we will undertake to reach a Bronze certification include the creation of a green team made up of student representatives from each class who will lead us in helping us reduce waste and energy use in the school. Thanks to S. Kerr, T. McMahon and F. Gabelle for their leadership.

### **Junior and Senior Kindergarten Registration for 2012-13**

Registration for Junior and new Senior Kindergarten students for the 2012-13 school year, will take place at St. Rose of Lima School on the following days:

**Monday, February 6, 2012\*** 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**\*Snow Date:** Tuesday, February 7, 2012 - 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 8, 9 & 10, 2012**  
- 9:00-11:00 a.m. 1:00-3:00 p.m.

For more information, call 905 828 4076 or visit  
[www.dpccsb.org](http://www.dpccsb.org).

### **Think Green Newsletter**

Thank you to all parents who have responded to our invitation to receive the newsletter electronically. We are pleased to forward our school newsletter electronically to those who have signed up for this option. It is not too late for other interested families to sign up for this Think Green option. Forms are available at the office to request this method of receiving the newsletter.

### **Community Watch**

Please continue to protect our school, especially over the Christmas break. If you see any inappropriate activities that are occurring on school property, you would be helping us by calling the police and informing the office.

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## Christmas Showcase

On the morning of December 20<sup>th</sup> our school will host a showcase of Christmas music and talent in the gym from 9:40-11:00 a.m. The primary classes from JK—Grade 3 will perform first followed by the choir then a variety of students who successfully auditioned for the Talent Show portion of the Showcase. All parents are welcome to attend. Please bring a canned good to share with those who are less fortunate and in need of food at this time of year.

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## Remembrance Day Commemoration & Liturgy at School

The moving Remembrance Day Liturgy, meant to remember those who have passed away in order to ensure our peace and freedom, was planned and directed by J. Shear's Grade 5/6 students and C. Adebajo's Grade 1 students. Students from each class recited poetry, read petitions and readings on peace. After the moment of silence we all sang "O Canada". The choir sang splendidly, accompanied by Mrs. Anzenc.

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### Grade 6 Trip to Hamilton Warplane Museum

On Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> our Grade 6 students visited the Hamilton Warplane Museum. This visit served as an enhancement and an extension to the Science curriculum currently being studied, Structures and Mechanisms, Flight. During the visit students saw a variety of aircraft and sat in a plane that was flown during the war. Students learned about the four forces of flight and how they work together to help a plane fly. Students also saw planes made from wood, metal and fabric. Outside the museum students were able to compare present day aircraft to planes used in WW1 and WW2. Thanks to the F. DeOliveira, J. Shear, and P. DelVecchio who worked together to plan, organize and supervise this trip and the parent volunteers who supervised the trip.

### Thank You!

To our many volunteers, to the Pizza Lunch Committee, Field Trip Supervisors, in class volunteers and the School Council... a great big thank you for your dedication, team work and positive contributions to our school community! Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated. May you be blessed throughout the Advent season and into the new year. We also extend our thanks and very best wishes for a season filled with peace and love to Father Vid, Father Robert and Sister Diane from the entire St. Rose of Lima School community.

### Extended French Meeting

There will be an information meeting for parents of grade four students who would like to enroll their children in a grade five Extended French class for September, 2012 on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Applications are due by 3:00 pm. on February 8, 2012. Should we need to have a lottery it is scheduled for February 15, 2012 at St. Rose of Lima.

### French Immersion Grade 1

A Parent Information evening is scheduled at Divine Mercy for all SK parents interested in French Immersion for their child for Grade 1. The meeting is on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

### Bus Cancellation /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, Q107/AM640

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## St. Rose of Lima School

J. Coughlin **Principal**

C. Rogers **Secretary**

## Dufferin-Peel CDSB

### Personnel

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## Parish

Merciful Redeemer Parish  
2775 Erin Centre Blvd.  
Mississauga, Ontario  
L5M 5W2

Tel: 905- 812-0030

### Pastoral Team

*V. Vlastic, Pastor*

*R. Mignella, Associate Pastor*



## Advent

To share our humanity and transform our lives you came among us Lord Jesus. Enlighten our minds, to the fullness of your Spirit and open our hearts to the fullness of your love. That we may spend these weeks of preparation thinking about what your coming among us truly means and the mystery of Your love for us. *Xaverian Prayer*

## Symbols

### *The Advent Wreath (custom from Germany)*

*The circle of the wreath reminds us of our Father's never ending love for us. The evergreens remind us that God is forever giving life and growth.*

*The four candles (purple-Hope, purple-Faith, pink-Joy, purple-Love) represent the four weeks of Advent and the four Gospels.*

*Each week another candle is lit as we pray, sing and bless the growing circle of light, which represents the approaching light of the world. Some Advent Wreaths have a "Christ Light" in the middle to herald Jesus' birth on Christmas Eve.*

## Merciful Redeemer Christmas Schedule

### **Christmas Eve**

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. and Midnight Mass

### **Christmas Day**

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

### **New Year's Eve**

**Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

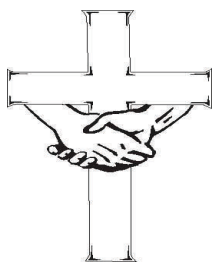
5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Youth) and 11:00 p.m.

### **New Year's Day**

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

DAY OF OBLIGATION

8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



## 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. Health officials indicate that fresh air is beneficial, as long as students are dressed appropriately. 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

## School Holidays for the 2011–2012 School Year

Christmas Break (inclusive)	Monday, December 23, 2011 to Friday, January 6, 2012
Family Day	Monday, February 20, 2012
Mid-Winter Break	Monday, March 12, 2012 to Friday, March 16 2012 (inclusive)
Good Friday	Friday, April 6, 2012
Easter Monday	Monday, April 9, 2012
Victoria Day	Monday, May 21, 2012

## Elementary Schools—Professional Activity Days

Friday, January 16, 2012	Term 1 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress
Friday, February 3, 2012	Reporting to Parents on Evaluation and Pupil Progress
Monday, June 11, 2012	Term 2 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress

## Report Card Dates

Tuesday, January 31, 2012	Report cards sent home
Thursday, February 2, 2011	Interview evening—reporting to parents
Tuesday, June 26, 2011	Report cards sent home

## Junior & Intermediate Girls' and Boys' Volleyball Teams

The Junior Girls and Boys Volleyball teams have enjoyed their league play in the Mississauga North Family of Schools league. Congratulations to the teams for their commitment and fine school spirit. Many thanks to F. Gabelle, S. Leach, J. Palladina, S. Pirie and P. DelVecchio for their commitment of time, talent, expertise and enthusiasm.

Basketball will begin in the New Year.

New to St Rose this year is our Intermediate Hockey Team set to begin practices on Dec, 7<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> followed by participation in the



## Erin Meadows Community Centre

Erin Meadows CC has a variety of activities scheduled for the new year as well as a recreational schedule of hours for the Holiday season:

Erin Meadows Community Centre  
2800 Erin Centre Blvd.

Mississauga

Telephone: 905-615-4750

Web [www.mississauga.ca](http://www.mississauga.ca)

## Appointments

Parents are requested to provide the teacher with a note if it is necessary for a child to leave for an appointment. Please meet the children at the main office and sign them out. On their return to school students must report to the office and sign back in. Prior arrangements are to be made with your son or daughter to minimize classroom disruptions.