

St Rose of Lima School



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DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

February/March 2012 NEWSLETTER

This Year

Mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend.

Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust.

Give a soft answer. Encourage youth.

Manifest your loyalty in word and deed.

Keep a promise. Find the time. Forgo a grudge.

Forgive an enemy. Listen.

Apologize if you were wrong.

Try to understand. Flout envy.

Examine your demands on others.

Think first of someone else. Appreciate.

Be kind; be gentle.

Laugh a little. Laugh a little more.

Deserve confidence. Take up arms against malice.

Decry complacency. Express your gratitude.

Have faith. Welcome a stranger.

Gladden the heart of a child.

Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth.

Speak your love. Speak it again. Unknown

February's Virtue: Respect; March's Virtue: Kindness

God has given us the virtues of friends and companions to keep us company and to help us out along the way. Every person in our lives carries the Spirit of God – and so every person is our brother or sister through Jesus Christ.

As brothers and sisters who share one Holy Spirit, we are all valuable to God. We all deserve to be shown courtesy, consideration, sensitivity and thoughtfulness, which are different ways of saying *respect*..

A respectful person...

Treats himself/herself and everyone else with equal consideration and courtesy

Uses a positive tone of voice and body language

A kind person ...

Is gentle and sensitive to others

Stands by their friends in time of need

Shares their time and talents

J. Coughlin

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS & EVENTS

Our next Catholic School Council Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Parents are welcome to attend. A reminder that babysitting is not provided.

Cheryl Pounder Presentation We are proud to announce that the Catholic School Council has sponsored Cheryl Pounder to visit St. Rose on March 8th in the afternoon. She will speak to our students about spirit and as a two time Olympic gold medal winner on the Women's Hockey team Cheryl's message is rooted in an authentic demonstration of spirit.

Shrove Tuesday /Pancake Day

The School Council is planning its Annual Pancake Day for Shrove Tuesday on Tuesday, February 21st during the morning. Pancakes are offered as a snack to the children and are prepared and served by a group of dedicated parent volunteers. Further information will be sent home shortly.

Annual Mississauga North School Chairs Meeting

All parents are invited to attend the annual Mississauga North School Chairs Meeting at St. Sebastian School on Wednesday, February 15th. The meeting will begin followed by the presentation at 7:00 p.m.

Farewell and Welcome

Farewell and thank you to D. Madilo who has been at St Rose of Lima since September teaching the Arts program in Grades 5-8 Extended French. We appreciate the support she was able to provide in D. Masson's absence and wish her well in all future teaching experiences. We'll miss you!

Welcome to M. Horidyuk who is replacing D. Masson in part of her role as teacher of the Arts for Extended French Grades 5-8. We know you will find St Rose of Lima community a welcoming one.

Safety and Security of Students a Priority

The safety and security of all students in our care are a priority. As per board policy all parents, siblings attending other schools or any other visitors must report to the office upon arrival at school.

It is a challenge for teachers supervising to distinguish between parents and strangers out in the school yard. The **fewer** adults in the school yard, the easier it is to identify a stranger in the yard. If you are in the yard please cooperate with the teachers who may be asking you to identify yourself as a parent/guardian.

For safety/smooth entry into the kindergarten yard, an area has been cleared (painted lines) next to the kindergarten gate for parent/guardians.

Please note that the east/west walkways are intended for students to walk safely to and from school. In the interest of all our students' safety, parents/guardians are asked to meet their children away from the immediate doors and paved walkways.

Litterless Lunches and Snacks

Our ECO School Green team made up of student representatives from Grades 1-8 under the direction of S. Kerr, F. DeOliveira, G. Rodrigues, T. McMahon and F. Gabelle do an excellent job every week of ensuring that St. Rose of Lima does its part to reduce, reuse and recycle. Please consider minimizing our ecological footprint even more by sending lunch, snacks and drinks in re-useable containers. Together we are stronger as we all help to become effective stewards of our earth and community.

St Rose Hockey Team

We are thrilled to announce that our first ever hockey team won bronze at the final tournament on January 26th. Congratulations to the team members, teacher coaches F. Gabelle, P. DelVecchio, parent volunteer coaches G. Kapsa, D. MacLaughlin and photographer V. Mazzucco. We are proud of our team's sportsmanship and super effort!
Go Lions!

Public Speaking

The Junior and Intermediate students will be preparing for our school public speaking contests which will be held on Tuesday, February 6th. **Intermediate Division 9:15 a.m., Junior Division 1:15 p.m.**

Two students from each junior classroom will be presenting and two students from each intermediate class will be presenting. One school finalist from each division will be chosen to proceed to the Mississauga North Family Public Speaking Competitions on February 16th at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School.

Dental Screening

Students in JK/SK, grades 2, 4, and 6 will be offered the opportunity for dental screening on Thursday, February 9th by Peel Public Health. A letter and forms will be sent home for parents to indicate their permission for this to take place.

Congregated Gifted

On Tuesday, February 28th a meeting for parents of Grade 4 students who have been assessed as eligible for the Grade 5 Congregated Gifted program in September 2012 is being held at St Rose of Lima School Library at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to share information and give parents and students an opportunity to ask questions and meet two teachers from our site. Parents are reminded that eligible candidates are accepted to the program not a site. For a listing of schools that would be assigned as feeder schools to St Rose, please consult the Board website.

Extended French

The deadline for applications to the Extended French program is February 8th at 3:00 p.m. Applications must include all documentation including a copy of the Gr. 4 Report card. Application packages are available at the office. If there are more than 27 applicants there will be a Lottery. This will be held at St. Rose of Lima School, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. We ask that parents who wish to attend do not bring their children as it can be a disappointing experience if your child is on the waiting list.



Grade 8 Retreat

On February 15th the grade 8 students will participate in a retreat at St Rose of Lima School. This retreat will be supported by the Parish team from Merciful Redeemer, Father Robert, the Youth Minister and the teachers of our Grade 8 students, V. Mazzucco, S. Pirie, P. Freeman and K. Higgins-Biss. The retreat will give students an opportunity to reflect on their own spiritual journey and their role in their community.

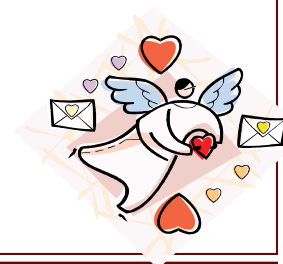
Youth Faith Ambassadors

Eight of our Youth Faith Ambassadors, accompanied by T. McMahon, P. Freeman and B. Rivers, will participate in the 2nd annual We Are One conference on February 24th at Merciful Redeemer Parish. Students will listen to motivational speakers, learn about social justice challenges in our community and world and begin to plan for projects which can be supported by our school community. These student leaders work in communion with our Christian Student Council to promote inclusivity and diversity at school.

Tuesday, February 14th Valentine's Red & White Day

a.m. "Candy grams" deliveries by Student Council

p.m. Intermediate Demo and Dance, Share Life Fundraiser and Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul and Eden Food bank.



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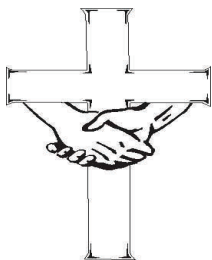
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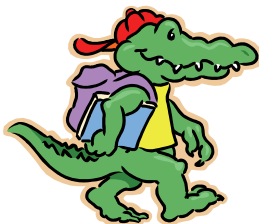
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Kindergarten Registration

Dates set for the pre-registration of Junior and NEW Senior Kindergarten students for September, 2012 are as follows:



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

Wednesday, February 8, 2012
Thursday, February 9, 2012
Friday, February 10, 2012
9:15 - 11:15 a.m.
1:15 - 3:15 p.m.

Snow Date Only
Tuesday, February 7, 2012
7:00 – to 9:00 p.m.

Junior Kindergarten children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2008.

Senior Kindergarten children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2007.

Parents/Guardians should bring the following documents when registering their child:

- ⇒ Proof of age of the child (Birth Certificate, Birth Registration Card, Statement of Live Birth or Passport)
- ⇒ Original Catholic Baptismal Certificate (for parent/guardian AND child) or Baptismal Certificate of other rites in communion with the Holy See of Rome (if the child has not been baptized, a letter of counseling with the parish priest to complete the process will be accepted)
- ⇒ All updated immunization records (Immunization Card, Peel health Form or Letter of Exemption)
- ⇒ proof of Canadian citizenship or Permanent Resident status (citizenship documentation, Permanent Resident Card or Record of Landing)
- ⇒ proof of home address (utility bill, bank or credit card statement)
- ⇒ emergency rural address numbers for identifying your property, if applicable (residents of Caledon and Dufferin County)
- ⇒ proof of English Separate School Support (May be done at the time of registration by completing an *Application For the direction of School support and/or a Separate School Lease Agreement*, available at the school)

****All documentation must be submitted in English****

School Spirit Week

St. Rose of Lima School will celebrate a fun filled "School Spirit Week", March 5th—March 9th.

Monday, March 5 th	Wacky Hat Day
Tuesday, March 6 th	P.J. Day
Wednesday, March 7 th	Wacky Hair Day
Thursday, March 8 th	Cheryl Pounder presentation p.m. all students; Blue & White Day
Friday, March 9 th	Beach Day

School Holidays for the 2011—2012 School Year

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, February 3, 2012	Reporting to Parents on Evaluation and Pupil Progress
Friday, May 11, 2012	Provincial Priorities and Faith Development
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, 2012	Interview evening—reporting to parents
Tuesday, June 26, 2012	Report cards sent home

Geography Challenge

The junior and intermediate students will have the opportunity to participate in a Geography Challenge as follows:

Intermediate Students: February 10th

Junior Students: February 24th

Thanks to K. Higgins-Biss for coordinating the contests.

Heads Up Competition

Our Junior and Intermediate students will have the opportunity to participate in a Family level Heads Up competition to test their skill in answering general knowledge questions in competition with other school teams. Thank you to S. Leach and T. McMahon who will be overseeing the selection of team members, practicing with and supporting our team at the final competition:

Junior and Intermediate April 19th

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to our grade two students who received their First Reconciliation at Merciful Redeemer Church on January 31st at 10:00 a.m. Thank you to D. DiLella, Sister Diane, Father Vid and Father Robert for their spiritual support of our students. Thank you also to their parents for their spiritual guidance.

Confirmation Candidate Confessions

Grade 8 Confirmation candidates will have the opportunity to have their confessions heard on February 7th at 9:30 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima School.

Ash Wednesday Service

An Ash Wednesday Service is planned for Wednesday, February 22nd at 2:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. All parents are welcome to attend. Thank you to the School Liturgical Committee for coordinating this prayer service.

An Historical Understanding of Key Issues Related to Catholic Education

Our Catholic School Heritage



What sacrifices did Catholics have to make to send their children to separate schools?

Because the United Legislature of Canada East and Canada West roughly had consisted of members advocating non-denominational common schools and half were in favour of them, separate school legislation, for about fifteen years, contained three obstacles to their existence:

Catholics could establish and support a separate school, but had to continue paying common school taxes. Thus, they paid tuition for their children in the separate school;

The separate school had no permanence of existence. If the local common school board hired a Catholic as one of its teachers, then the separate school ceased to exist. Separate schools kept opening and closing in the early years;

In the cities the separate school board required the permission of the common school board to open a new or an additional separate school. Sometimes the permission was not forthcoming.

The legislation required twelve Catholic heads of family resident within a city, town or township common school section. The townships' common school sections were so small that often there were not twelve resident Catholic families.

Were these four obstacles removed?

Yes. The United Legislature of Canada East and Canada West in 1853, 1855 and 1863 removed all four hindrances. There was no more double taxation. It did not matter if there was a Catholic teaching in the common school. The separate school board did not need the permission of the common school board to open a new or additional separate school. The number of Catholic heads of family to establish a separate school was lowered from twelve to five. As a result, the number of separate schools grew considerably.