

St. Christopher School



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January 2012

Principal's Message



Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and successful 2012. May

this year be one that is filled with many blessings! May we find peace and tranquility in the year 2012.

At St. Christopher, we ended 2011 with joyful Advent preparations and celebrations and with reaching out to others in need in our community. To our children, parents and staff a heartfelt thank you goes out to you for your outstanding support of those less fortunate in our community this past Christmas season.

As we begin again, we're

quickly falling back into the daily routines of waking up early, curriculum studies, packed lunches and homework. Please remember the positive factors that enhance student learning – plenty of sleep, healthy eating, daily physical activity, regular completion of homework, punctuality in arriving at school, nightly reading and open communication to maintain a close partnership in your child's success. Your questions, input and suggestions are always welcomed. Term 1 reports will be sent home on January 31st. Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will take place on February 2nd and 3rd. We will be sending home preferred

times for your parent/teacher conference later in the month. Your child's teacher is looking forward to discussing your child's progress this term.

May we continue to be a community that works together as one. A community that embraces Peace and Love. A community that continues to support one another.

A final word to our wonderful community—your thoughtfulness, your kind words, your cards and your gifts are truly appreciated.

Bonne Nouvelle Annee !!



Virtue of the Month- Self-Control



This month we celebrate the virtue of self-control.

God has given us the ability to

choose how we react to what happens around us. Self-control helps us to resist the temptation to do something

that we will regret or will harm ourselves or others.

A person with self-control is patient, knows how to wait his/her turn, can calm down and think before reacting, knows how to avoid physical aggression and can think things through and do what

is best for everyone.

Our January Virtue Assembly on Self-Control will be held on Wed. Jan. 18, 2012

Our Bullying Prevention Theme for this month is: Conflict is inevitable, bullying is not.

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Celebrating our Faith



On Wednesday December 14th, 2011 the staff, students and parent community of St. Christopher School celebrated Advent Mass together at St. Christopher Parish.

It is always a special time when staff, students and their families come together and prepare for the coming of our savior Jesus Christ.

We thank the readers, the students who did the offertory procession, the altar servers, the primary students for their lovely singing, the junior students for the amazing liturgical dance and the intermediate students for sharing the Advent Wreath Tableau.

Thank you to the choir who performed a variety of hymns and to the girls who sang the beautiful Gospel Acclamation.

Our student parliament welcomed our families and helped out with the reception.

A special thank you to all the many families for donating the many baked goods that made our reception so special.

Our mass could not have been special without the support and presence of Father Scott and the parish team at St. Christopher Parish. We thank Father Scott for his continued guidance in our faith filled journey and his spiritual gift to us.

A special thank you goes out to the teachers at St. Christopher School for their dedication and hard work in order to make our Advent Mass a very special and holy celebration. Your continued example as Catholic educators will allow the students of St. Christopher to reach their goal and improve themselves in the image of Christ.

Finally we thank all the parents of the St. Christopher School Community who continually support the school through their presence and dedication to their children.



Academic Expectations and Responsibilities

Regular attendance is critical for success. **Although we encourage you to keep your child home when he/she is ill to avoid the spread of illness, we do also encourage you to avoid making appointments and planning vacations during regular school hours.** Much of the learning that takes place in the classroom is through discussion, interaction with teacher and peers and through in class tasks. These experiences cannot be duplicated. If you choose to take your child out of school for a holiday, the classroom teacher will provide you with the topics being covered, but cannot be responsible for the daily lesson planning.

St. Christopher School has a **late arrival policy**.

After three documented lates, students will be required to remain in at morning recess as a late detention. Late arrivals will not include a late bus or a train track delay. Parents are welcome to sign in their children after unavoidable appointments and this late arrival will be accepted. Keep in mind that recording and tracking late arrivals demands Mrs. Camacho's time, and prohibits her from beginning the critically important task of

ensuring safe arrival of all students, by checking attendance folders and placing calls to homes where students have not been reported as absent.

Please call if your child is going to be absent.



905-822-0721

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Our learning time is valuable and we are counting on your support to ensure that we maximize our opportunities for instruction.

Safe School Strategic Planning

As part of a Safe School Plan, St. Christopher continues to working to establish community partnership to create and sustain a safe, inclusive and healthy learning environment. Working with parents develops a faith filled school community that values healthy relationships, high academic standards, gospel values and virtuous living. Together students,

parents and teachers continue to learn how to protect the community from a variety of forms of bullying while building student self-esteem and awareness. Listed below are a few strategies the school has been putting in place to achieve our goals for Safe School Planning:

1. Virtue/Bullying Prevention Program
2. Pals program
3. Peel Health Partnership
4. Liason and Partnership with Peel Neighbourhood Police Unit 5
5. Student Group Sessions with Child and Youth Worker, our Social Worker
6. JK, SK, Grade 2, 6, 7, 8. Peel Regional Police Youth Education Program
7. Continued use of progressive discipline strategies, restorative justice sessions.
8. Development of Family
9. Black History Month
10. Wellness Day

School News

Hot Lunches

All children should have received information about **Lunch Moms** hot lunches. This independent company selected by School Council offers hot lunches on Mondays and Fridays. All lunches must be preordered.

On inclement weather days, lunch WILL NOT be delivered. A credit will be issued.

Pizza Days

The next **pizza day** is Thursday January 19th. Extra special thanks to Mrs. Ellis-Smith for taking the lead on this and organizing our pizza days.



Our next **Sub-Day** is Wednesday February 1st.

Primary Literacy Program

It is hard to believe but our first cycle of primary literacy support has been completed. Thank you to all of our literacy coaches for your continued dedication to our literacy program.

We would like to meet all the literacy coaches on January 24th in the literacy room at 12:30 p.m. to gather feedback,

to set up a future training session and to put into place our next literacy cycle beginning on Monday January 30, 2012.

If you are interested in becoming a coach please join us on January 24th at 12:30 p.m. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Mrs. Wos or Mrs. Perdue at 905-822-0721.

St. Christopher School Choir

Thank you to Mrs. Morris, Ms. Saldana and Mme. Filipowich for sharing their talents with the students and leading our wonderful choir.

The role of the choir is to support liturgy by encouraging everyone to sing, to participate in assemblies where appropriate, and to occasionally participate in choir-related activities not related to St. Christopher, as long as parent permission is given. No experience required—come on out and get involved!

PA Day

A reminder that there will be no school on **Monday January 16th, 2012**. It is a Development Professional Activity Day. Teachers are involved in Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress.

St. Christopher Welcomes Student Teachers from Korea

On January 24th and 25th our wonderful school will welcome Korean teachers into our classrooms. The objective of the visit is to observe our school and classrooms and to understand the Canadian education system and Canadian culture. They will share the beauty of their Korean culture with our students. We welcome them to St. Christopher.

Christmas Craft

Our Christmas Craft was a huge success! Almost 200 students made beautiful evergreen centerpieces with red candles.

We thank Mrs. Henriques of Green Flower Flora Design for providing oasis and evergreens at cost.

Thank you to the Grade 7 Elves for volunteering your lunch time to help with the craft. Our Co-op student from Iona, Ms. Mason, was extremely helpful in lending a hand wherever it was needed.

Thank you to all of the Craft Club teacher volunteers who helped organize this successful event!

School Parliament News

Student Parliament Newsletter



The New Year brings many opportunities for renewed enthusiasm towards our many initiatives. One of our main

initiatives this year is to be an eco (friendly)-school, and this allows for many activities that green our environment. As the Earth is God's gift to us, we are focusing on being the very best stewards we can be. We are collecting pop can tabs to recycle for wheelchairs, are facilitating resource saving days such as Litterless/Boomerang lunch days, Lights off Thursdays, and selling re-usable bottles imprinted with the St. Christopher logo to use for water. In the spring we plan to beautify our peace gardens and

grounds, and perhaps take on more outdoor projects as the season unfolds.

Our advent season was celebrated by all on a solemn and holy path, culminating in the Advent Mass on December 14, 2011. This was a lovely multi-faceted service, in which we were happy to participate. A great big thanks to the generosity of our community in attending in great numbers and providing a host of heavenly snacks. We had enough snacks to be able to help our community at large by donating any left to the Compass Food Bank. Student Parliament also ran a hugely successful Christmas gram campaign making a significant donation to charity possible.

It was also our pleasure to help out with our Families helping Families drive,

whereby each class was assigned a family in need for whom to provide gifts. We are grateful that we were able to take part in this service to our community.

Last but not least, our Spirit Wear campaign is not at an end – Student Parliament has had a hand in organizing, promoting and taking orders for Spirit Wear for St. Chris this year.

We look forward to what our New Year will bring and wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Last month we instituted the initiative "Change for Change for Haiti" (brilliantly named) – the name speaks for itself. With the help and kindness of our community we were able to raise \$636.26.

School Parliament News

Milk Bags for Haiti

St. Christopher has implemented an amazing new program starting from December 1- until the end of the school year called Canadian Mats 4 Haiti.

Milk bags 4 Haiti is a volunteer initiative to get plastic milk bags out our landfills and reuse them to make useful sleeping mats for children in Earthquake ravaged Haiti.

We are asking that families COLLECT the OUTSIDE of COLOURED MILK BAGS and please ensure that they are clean and

dry! Submit the milk bags to your child's teacher.

Milk bags will be collected on Fridays by our Student Parliament and delivered to appropriate location and then sent to Haiti.

We thank Mr. Charles for donating over 4000 bags to this amazing project

Eco School Update



As you are aware, St. Christopher is attempting to achieve Eco School Certification from

the Ministry for being an environmentally friendly school.

We thank you for your support of this initiative by helping your child pack a litter less lunch every Tuesday, as well as supporting our "Free Water Friday" by using refillable water bottles.

We are also attempting to cut energy usage on "Lights out, No doubt" every Thursday afternoon by turning off any nonessential lights.

Community News

Junior & Senior Kindergarten Registration for 2012-2013



Registration for the 2012-13 Junior and Senior Kindergarten will take place at St. Christopher School on

the following days:

Monday, February 6, 2011

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*

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

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 8, 9, & 10 2011

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Junior Kindergarten - Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2012

Senior Kindergarten - Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2012

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

- proof of age
- original Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (for parent and child) or Baptismal Certificate of other rites in communion with the Holy See of Rome (if the child has not been baptized, and the parent or guardian is a baptized Roman Catho-

lic or is baptized in another rite in communion with the Holy See of Rome, the parent/guardian should bring their own baptismal certificate).

- updated immunization records
- proof of Canadian citizenship or of Landed Immigrant status
- proof of address (utility bill, bank or credit card statement)

For schools in Caledon and Dufferin County: emergency rural address numbers for identifying your property

For more information, call St. Christopher School or visit www.dpccsb.org

Extended French

On Wednesday January 18, 2012 St. Christopher School will host an information night for our grade 4 parents who are interested in enrolling their child in an Extended French grade 5 class at St. Christopher School.

Parents will be informed of how the registration process takes place, as well as the benefits for having their child in an Extended French class.

This information session is available to all of our families in the Mississauga South feeder school area. We look for-

ward in seeing you on January 18th.

Please see the Registration Letter and Information inserts on pages 7 and 8.

French Immersion

Information Meeting

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:

St. Margaret of Scotland—Wednesday January 11th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

The deadline for submission of Applications will be **2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 8th, 2012.**

Please see the French Information Letter and Information inserts on pages 13

Loyola Grade 8 Information

January 19, 2012 - 7:00 p.m. – Curriculum Information Evening for Grade 8 Parents

January 25, 2012 – Grade 8 Registration Package Due

New School Board Chair

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce our newly elected Chair, Mr. Pascucci trustee for Mississauga Wards 1 & 3. Linda Zanella, trustee for Brampton West, Wards 2, 5 & 6 was elected vice-chair.

Catholic School Council Information

Thank you so very much to the many dedicated parents who have committed to serving on our school council this year.

A special thank you goes out to Mrs. McInnis and Mrs. McKenna for their leadership in organizing our St. Christopher Community Christmas Marketplace and the Wreath Fundraiser. It was a great community day and a huge success. We raise just over \$4,000.00

We also thank Mrs. Robson, Mrs. Capuccitti and Mrs. Boucher for organizing

MacMillan's Fundraising. These two fundraisers were positively received by our school community.

We are so very fortunate to have so many parents able to be so actively involved in supporting our school activities.

Lastly we thank all the families of the St. Christopher community for their generous donations to the "Families Helping Families" outreach project. With your generosity we were able to help local families in need enjoy a wonderful Christmas; a true demonstration of the

kind, caring and compassionate community of St. Christopher School.

Council Meeting

All are welcome!

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for January 12th, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Library.



Sports Update

Intermediate Girls Basketball

Congratulations to the following students who made the Intermediate Girls Basketball Team: Abbey SA, Kasaundra F, Kristy M, Rachel N, Michelle W. , Monique M, Julia W, Jelena V, Emma L, Brooklyn J, Camille L and Julia R. Good luck and looking forward to the season to begin mid-January.



Thanks to the coaches Mr. Stesky, Mrs. Morris and Ms. Moreira.



Intermediate Boys Basketball

Congratulations to the following students Aren, Jax, George, Connor, Kuba, Jor-

dan, Gian, Paul, Alex, Martin, Nikwain, and Jordan for making the Intermediate Boys Basketball Team. Thank you to Mr. Ahern for coaching the team. We wish them all the best.

Intra-Murals at St. Christopher

Primary Games were a success! During the months of November and December, Mme Chartrand and the Athletic Committee organized the games and enjoyed refereeing the Grade 1, 2, & 3. A lot of energy and enthusiasm were felt in the gym during Monday's and Wednesday's lunch time recesses. This year **intra-murals** will take place on Monday and Wednesday during lunch hours for all students who would like to participate in a number of organized athletic games for

each division of the school.

The following dates are set for the remaining intra-mural season:

- January 11 - January 30- Intermediate
- February 6 - February 27 - Junior
- March 5 - March 28 - Primary
- April 2—April 23 - Intermediate
- April 30—May 16—Junior
- May 23—June 11 - Primary Games

A special thank you to athletic council members and staff for taking the time to organize this special event for the students. Great work Julia, George, Alex, Jordan, Monique, Martin, Amanda, Julia, Rachel, Lauren and Hannah.

Catholic Education Update

The theme for Education Week this year is "Walking in the Light of Christ". At St. Christopher we strive as a school community to work with you and for you in providing excellence in Catholic Education in our community. We will be having a Spring Concert and a Wellness Day. The Wellness Day will involve all the classes participating in Physical,

Emotional and Nutritional activities. As a school we will reinforce the importance of Wellness also in our curriculum.

At this time as we prepare for this special day we are asking if any parent would like to share their talents with us in any of the above mentioned areas

i.e. yoga demonstration, self-esteem workshop. Please contact the school if you are able to help. We thank you in advance for your support in making our Wellness Day a success.

St. Christopher Community

THANK YOU TO THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE AGREED TO RECEIVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS ELECTRONICALLY. WE HAVE CREATED A DISTRIBUTION GROUP—WITH ALL OF THE EMAIL ADDRESSES THAT WERE PROVIDED. THIS NEWSLETTER WILL BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY NEXT MONTH AS WELL AS IN HARD COPY TO ENSURE THAT ALL RECEIVE. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT OUR GROUP, **ST. CHRISTOPHER**

INFO, IS NOT SENT TO YOUR SPAM. IF YOU DID NOT ORIGINALLY AGREE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTERS ELECTRONICALLY, AND WOULD NOW LIKE TO JOIN THE 80% OF FAMILIES WHO ARE DOING SO, PLEASE SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AND WE WILL ADD YOU TO THE DISTRIBUTION GROUP. THIS WILL HELP SAVE PAPER, MONEY AND MRS. CAMACHO'S VALUABLE TIME.

YOUR CONSIDERATION IS APPRECIATED.
CHILD(REN)S NAME(S):

FAMILY EMAIL ADDRESS:

Dates, Dates, Dates...

January 16th— PA Day -No school for students—Assessment and Evaluation of Students

January 18th—Virtue Assembly

January 19th—Pizza Day

January 31st— First Term Report Cards go home

February 1st—Sub Day

February 2nd— Parent/Teacher Confer-

ences in the evening

February 3rd —PA Day—Parent/Teacher Conferences –No school for students

February 16th—Public Speaking Junior/Intermediate Competition

February 20th —Family Day

February 23rd—Family of Schools Public Speaking Competition

March 12th—16th —Mid-Winter Break

April 6th - Good Friday

April 9th —Easter Monday

May 7—11- Catholic Education Week

May 8th and 9th—Spring Concert

June 27th - Grade 8 Graduation



Transportation

Kiss and Ride

PLEASE, do not allow your child to exit your vehicle unless you are beside the curb. Your child should exit through the car door immediately adjacent to the curb. Please remain in the line of traffic to exit the school parking lot. We realize that everyone has a busy schedule to follow, but in the interest of the children's safety, we ask that you slow down, follow the routines and be patient in waiting to exit the school Kiss'n Ride lane.

Please **DO NOT BACK UP** in the Kiss 'n' Ride lane to get around vehicles.

Parents are reminded **NOT** to park in the kiss and ride lane. If you wish to stand with your child, you are asked to park in the church parking lot.

Transportation Phone Numbers

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| 1. Attridge | 905-855-7771 |
| 2. 1st Student— Hawkestone | 905-275-1675 |
| 1. Stock | 905-829-2040 |
| 2. Trott | 905-826-6629 |
| 3. 1st Student—Hawkestone | 905-270-0561 |
| 6. CEC | 905-890-0614 |

Transportation Cancellations

During the winter months inclement weather may cause disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations.

Information is available on the transportation website <https://businfo.stopr.ca>.

A decision to cancel school transportation and /or close school is usually made

by 6:00 a.m. and will be announced on the following radio stations.

99.9 FM	102.1 FM	100.7 FM
1010 AM	1540 AM	102.1 FM
103.5 FM	590 AM	97.3 FM
680 AM	98.1 FM	1540 AM
CITYPULSE	GLOBAL NEWS	CBC

If buses are cancelled in the morning, they do not run in the afternoon. **If buses are cancelled, the school remain open.**

There will be a special announcement stating that the offices and school are closed. Only than are school closed.



Registration Information—Extended French



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November, 2011

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

RE: 2012 REGISTRATION FOR EXTENDED FRENCH

Any student who is eligible to attend a Dufferin-Peel Catholic school and who is presently a Grade 4 student is eligible to enroll in the Extended French program for Grade 5 in September, 2012.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board offers the Extended French program at the schools listed on the reverse side. Transportation is provided for eligible students in the program *if they attend the centre designated for their region*. (Both transportation and Extended French Centre locations are subject to board annual review and therefore subject to change.)

The Extended French program starts in Grade 5 with 50% of the program taught in French. The subjects taught in French are: *French Language, Social Studies, Science and one of Visual Art, Music, Drama or Physical Education*. The grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 Extended French programs lead into Extended French at the secondary level. There is a sequence of four courses in *Extended French Language Arts* and another three courses taught in French (*Géographie* in Grade 9, *Histoire* in Grade 10 and *Les Grandes Religions* in Grade 11). In order to obtain a certificate in Extended French, successful completion of all seven credits is required. This program offers an excellent opportunity for becoming functionally bilingual in later years and has been found to be very successful. Over 300,000 students are enrolled in Extended French or French Immersion annually across Canada. More detailed information will be available at parent(s)/guardian(s) meetings to be held at all Extended French locations. **The dates are listed on the reverse side. Please mark these dates on your calendar.**

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

Completed applications, containing all required documentation, will be accepted at the Extended French school office over a period of two weeks following the parent/guardian information meeting, up to a deadline of 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 8, 2012.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) will be expected to complete the requirements of obtaining signatures and comments through contact with the classroom and FSL teaching staff and the school administration. The student wishing admission will also continue to participate in the process through submission of his/her section, stating why Extended French is his/her wish. In this way, participation in Extended French will continue to be through an informed choice. A copy of the application will be given to the parent(s)/guardian(s) at the time of submission. There will be no numbering of applications.

LOTTERY PROCESS

A lottery will be held at a pre-determined and advertised date if, and only if, the number of applications received at the school exceeds the places available. In other cases, all children will be placed. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are urged to attend the Information Meetings or to contact the principal of the Extended French school for more details.

Sincerely,

Sheila McWatters
Superintendent of Program

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Extended French Information Meetings



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EXTENDED FRENCH INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2011 - 2012

DATE	SCHOOLS	TELEPHONE #
January 17, 2012 Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Anne 124 Vodden Street Brampton - L6V 1M5	905-459-7621
January 19, 2012 Thursday 7:00 p.m.	St. Thomas More 3270 Tomken Road Mississauga - L4Y 2Y7	905-279-6472
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	San Lorenzo Ruiz 100 Barondale Drive Mississauga - L4Z 3R1	905-501-0400
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Christopher 1195 Clarkson Road North Mississauga - L5J 2W1	905-822-0721
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Cornelius 16066 Innis Lake Road Caledon East - L7C 2Z2	1- 905-584-2245
January 17, 2001 Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Andrew 50 Meadow Drive Orangeville - L9W 3Z1	1-519-942-0262
January 19, 2011 Thursday 7:00 p.m.	St. Rose of Lima 4590 the Gallops Mississauga - L5M 3A9	905-828-4076
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Therese of the Child Jesus 6930 Forest Park Drive Mississauga - L5N 6X7	905-785-0066
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Jean Brébeuf 63 Glenforest Road Brampton - L6S 1L8	905-791-8529
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 pm	St. Monica 60 Sterritt Drive Brampton - L6Y 5B6	905-454-6346
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Philip School 345 Fairview Road West Mississauga - L5B 3W5	905-306-8420

French Immersion Information



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November, 2011

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s):

As a parent/guardian of a child in a Dufferin-Peel Senior Kindergarten classroom, you may wish to consider the French Immersion program as a possibility for Grade 1 in September 2012. French Immersion is a program in which 90% of the Grade 1 instruction is delivered in French. Instruction in English is added in later years.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board presently offers the French Immersion program at St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude, Divine Mercy, St Elizabeth Seton and St Pio of Pietrelcina in Mississauga, and St. Joachim, Our Lady of Providence and St Angela Merici in Brampton. Transportation is NOT provided for students. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to transport their children to and from the French Immersion centre.

This program offers an excellent opportunity for becoming functionally bilingual in later years and has been found to be very successful. Over 300,000 students are enrolled in Extended French or French Immersion annually across Canada.

Students in the Dufferin-Peel French Immersion program attain a high level of proficiency in French at no cost to the student's English proficiency or achievement in other academic subjects, such as science and mathematics. Students in the French Immersion program receive at least 3800 hours of instruction in French by the end of Grade 8 and can:

- communicate effectively in French, by selecting the correct words and nuances, and adapting language in order to be understood;
- understand radio, television, newspapers and books, with the occasional help of a dictionary;
- demonstrate knowledge of the culture, society, customs, economy, government and institutions of a French-speaking community;
- function well in a French-speaking community.

More detailed information will be available at parent/guardian meetings to be held at three French Immersion locations. **Please mark the date for the appropriate French Immersion centre on your calendar:**

French Immersion centres	Session location	Date and time
Our Lady of Providence St Angela Merici St Joachim	St Joachim	Tuesday January 10 th , 2012 7:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy St Elizabeth Seton St Margaret of Scotland	St Margaret of Scotland	Wednesday January 11 th , 2012 7:00 p.m.
St Gertrude St Pio of Pietrelcina	St Gertrude	Thursday January 12 th , 2012 7:00 p.m.

New Year's Resolutions!

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DPCDSB Community Programs from Adult and Continuing Education

Winter 2012 DPCDSB Adult and Continuing Education program flyers arrive at your doorstep the week of January 2, 2012.

You are invited to join in these exciting community programs.

- Computer ABC's Day Program
- Car Maintenance for Women
- Secondary Night School Credit
- French as a Second Language
- Adult Coop and Credit
- General Interest Programs
- International Languages
- English as a Second Language
- Citizenship and ESL Classes
- Health and Fitness
- Much Much More

Register now for lifelong learning *opportunities!* Call 905-891-9263 ext.0 or www.dpcdsb.org/cec/cne