



St. Vincent de Paul School

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Mid-Winter Prayer

Dear Lord, every winter I think spring
will never get here.

I can't wait until I see the green leaves
and the daffodils.

Even during the coldest times,
I believe in the promise of spring to come.
Help me to be patient while I wait
for things to get better.

The people of Samaria had faith that the
food You promised would arrive,
even though it seemed impossible.

Thank You for being constant like the
seasons, dear Lord. You won't let us down.
Amen

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS: PEEL HEALTH



Please have your child's
immunization records up to date.
Please adhere to the direct quote
from the Region of Peel Health
Department:

"Peel Public Health is conducting a review to ensure that immunization records of school students in Peel are up-to-date. The review of immunization records is a routine process mandated by the Immunization of School Pupils Act. Please note that the first letter will be sent out on February 11, 2011 and we will notify you when the second and third dates are confirmed. Students who do not provide immunization records after receiving several notices during an eleven-week period will be issued an order of suspension from school by the Region of Peel's Medical Officer of Health." It is the parent's responsibility to report all Immunizations your child receives to the Peel Public Health. (905- 799-7700 or www.immunizepeel.ca)

Bus Cancellations / School Closure due to Weather

Please be advised that during the winter months, inclement weather may cause disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations. A decision to cancel school transportation and/or to close schools is usually made by 6:00 am, and will be announced on the following radio and television stations:



CKFM 99.9	CHUM 1050	CFTR 680
CFNY 102.1	CFTO	CBC
CJCL 590	CHFI 98.1	CFRB 1010
ENERGY FM93.1		CJEZ EZ ROCK
CJBC (FR) 860 AM		1540 AM
Z103.5	CJMR/CHWO 1250	GLOBAL NEWS
THE WEATHER NETWORK	CITY PULSE	88.5 FM

Attendance Verification –St. Vincent de Paul: 905- 848-5397

Reminder: Please notify the school when your child is going to be late or absent. You may call before or after school hours and leave a message on the answering machine, if necessary. Please clearly state your child's name, the name of his/her teacher and the reason for absence. We are required to make numerous phone calls each day to verify student absences. Thanks for your help in avoiding this time consuming procedure.

Special Assignment Teacher

This year the Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board has assigned a Special Assignment Teacher who visits our school and assists in the implementation of the Junior Balanced Literacy curriculum. Ms. Caroline Athaide works with our Junior teachers and assists teachers in meeting the assessment needs demanded of the Junior curriculum and is a valuable resource in determine what reading materials should be in the Primary classrooms.

Student Arrival



Classes begin at St. Vincent de Paul at 9:00 am. We have a number of students who are regularly late for school. Please ensure that children arrive at the school shortly before 9:00 am. to line up with their class. During these cold winter months, please ensure that your child wakes up a little bit earlier to make sure they are ready to leave for school after a good breakfast, with hats and gloves suitable for the weather.

Many teachers have made phone calls to the parents of children who are habitually late or absent and made references to how much lateness affects student progress and the entire classroom atmosphere.

Pizza Days



We continue to hold our Tuesday Pizza Days. A huge thank you for parents who will fill out the envelopes so your child can have a hot slice of pizza. Our School Council works tirelessly to support this fundraising initiative.

Extra-Curricular Activities and Excursions.

Students will have the opportunity to take field trips and participate in a number of extra-curricular activities. Permission forms will be sent home to be filled out, signed and promptly returned to school.

No student will be allowed to participate on a trip or extra-curricular activity without written consent from their parent/guardian. Verbal consent over the telephone will not be accepted.

No exceptions will be allowed. Teachers give ample notice for trip consent forms. We encourage parents to support these educational opportunities by volunteering to assist and supervise these discussions. For the safety of your child, excursions lacking appropriate adult supervisions will be cancelled.

After Hours School Access

Please be reminded that access to the students' classrooms after school is prohibited. Our custodial staff is under strict orders not to allow students and parents to enter classrooms for the purpose of picking up forgotten books or homework. This is to ensure safekeeping of the students', teachers', and the schools' property.

School Website



We continue to update our school website. This site is continually updated with our newsletters, calendar information, and educational websites. A special thank you to Ms, Ricardo for overseeing this site. Please visit us at: www.dpccsb.org/VPAUL



Safety Reminders

Parents/guardians are reminded to follow the parking signs and safety guidelines when accessing our school grounds: Our school driveway is a **one way zone**, the parking lot on the south side of the school is designated for **staff parking only**, and children should not be exiting cars unless they are using the Kiss and Ride circular lane located close to John Cabot High School. To ensure the safety of students please follow these guidelines:

- Use the Kiss „N Ride lane **only**; do not drop off your child in the Drive-Thru lane.
- Drop off children only when you reach the front of the line or under the direction of the supervisor on duty.
- Please **wait** your turn.
- Your child **must** exit the car on the **right** hand side only.

Remember: You may not leave your car unattended, in the driveway of the parking lot, at anytime.

Sacramental Preparations

A huge congratulations to Mrs. Costa's and Ms. Mazza's Grade 2 classes who recently received the sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Grade 2 and Grade 8 students are actively preparing to receive the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation this spring at St. Patrick's Parish.



Security Issues in the school



Due to a number of security issues in several schools in the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, we have been advised to strictly enforce our security procedures. Please be advised that **ALL** visitors to the school – including parents – **MUST** sign in at the office. Visitors to the school are required to enter and exit the building through the front doors **ONLY**. Access to the hallways and classrooms will not be permitted after school hours. We appreciate your support in ensuring the safety of

the children and staff at St. Vincent de Paul.

JK/SK Registration

Registration for children NEW to kindergarten will take place on the evening of **Monday, February 7 from 7-9 pm.** and on **Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 9, 10, 11 at 9:00-11:00 am. and 1:00 -3:00 pm.** Students who were born in 2007 will be eligible for Junior Kindergarten, and students who were born in 2006 will be eligible for Senior Kindergarten. Please note, if your child already attends Junior Kindergarten at St. Vincent de Paul, a further new registration is not required.

2011 JK/SK PLANNING FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

There will be an information session for parents of children with special needs such as vision, hearing, physical/medical, development or autism who are entering JK, SK in September 2011. The information session will be held at the DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD- Catholic Education Centre Room 301 on January 26, 2011 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Family Day

Family Day will be on **Monday, February 21, 2011.** Schools will be closed.

It's Cold Outside



Parents, please remind your child(ren) of the importance of dressing appropriately for the cold weather. With temperatures regularly below freezing, winter coats, hats, boots, and mittens are necessary to insure warmth, protect against illness and prevent frostbite. We regularly have to remind students to put on coats, hats, and gloves and to do up coat zippers. Your support is appreciated. In accordance with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board Policy, we will review recess time outside, and or call inclement recess if temperatures drop below the -20 degree range.

Snow and Ice

Snow is part of our winter life in Canada. We all like to play in it. However snow and ice can be very dangerous. For safety reasons the school rule must be that snow stays on the ground - no snowballs, kicking snow or any other activity with snow or ice that could be harmful. It is important that all students are aware to also keep off all hills, no matter how small. By staying off the hills allows all children to play in a safe,



playful manner.

Indoor Shoes

To keep our hallways, classrooms and gym clean and safe, please ensure that your child has a pair of shoes to wear inside the school. Children may not wear outside shoes and/or boots in their classrooms. Running shoes with non-marking soles are required for participation in the physical education program.

Please Label Your Valuable Belongings!!!



Please label your child's belongings so that when hats, mittens, gloves, boots or jackets go astray they can be found.

Many your children have similar belongings and we want to ensure that your child has their own boots and clothing. Also please refrain from bringing valuable items such as IPODS, wallets, jewellery to the school. The staff cannot be responsible for any valuables that your child may bring to school.



QSP MAGAZINES!!!!

Thank you to the St. Vincent de Paul School community for supporting literacy through our magazine fundraiser. While the direct cash or cheque envelope process has concluded, you can still continue to support our schools by on-line orders throughout the entire school year. Simply go to www.qsp.ca and follow the prompts. Our school code is : 8388.

Profits will be applied all year long to our school.

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Catholic Ratepayers: Check Your tax Bill to Ensure Proper Tax Support

If you are a Catholic ratepayer, we urge you to check your property tax bill to ensure that your support is directed to your local Catholic school board, in our case, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. If you are a tenant, you can verify your support by contacting our Admissions Dept. at 905-890-0708 exts. 24511, 24512, or 24519. By ensuring that you are accurately recorded as a Catholic school supporter, you can help deliver a powerful message to the government about the level of support for publically funded Catholic education in Ontario. In order to be eligible to vote for your local Catholic school Board trustee, you must be registered as a separate school supporter.

**FACEBOOK 101 + TWITTER
PRESENTATION**
(Tools to increase your Privacy
& Security)



DATE: Tuesday, March 1, 2011

TIME: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Philip Elementary School
345 Fairview Dr.
Mississauga, ON L5B 3W5

Chess Chess Chess!!!



We will be starting a Chess Club on Mondays and Fridays for grades 4- 8. We will continue to expand this program and look to teach our students other thinking games.

If you have any games, such as: Checkers, Connect Four, Stratego, Trouble, etc. that are intact and complete and you no longer need... our school would definitely love to have them. They are also great method to help the students keep busy during indoor/inclement weather days.

Can You Spare an Hour?



Many schools have an ALL STAR READING PROGRAM. The purpose of the program is to help students develop their skills in reading. Many students benefit from extra practice reading aloud and talking about what they read to an adult. All Star Reading coaches are adults who

provide extra practice for students during the school day. Children read aloud a familiar text to the All Star Coach, who positive reinforcement or assists them in choosing the appropriate strategies to make meaning of the text.

We need volunteers to run the program. If you are at home during the school day and can spare an hour or two a week to listen to a child read, please call the school. We will be providing a training session through the leadership of Ms. Harmon, our grade 1 teacher. As always, we encourage your child's literacy development by reading with or to them on a daily basis!!!

PLASP PROGRAMS

Before and After School Programs



PLASP operates Before and After School Programs at this school.

The Before School Program runs from 7:30 a.m. until school begins. A nutritious breakfast is served daily.

The After School Program runs from the end of the school day until 6:00 p.m. Children participate in recreational activities, are served a nutritious snack daily and have time for homework.

Fee assistance is available.



Register your child with the PLASP Staff before or after school. For further information, call 905.890.1711 or visit the web site at www.plasp.com.

SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REGISTER NOW.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 25 School Council 6:30 pm
February 1 Report Cards Go Home
February 3 Interview Night
February 3 Subday
February 3 Grade 3 Scientists in School
February 4 PA Day—Parent Interviews
February 7 JK Registration Week
February 8 Holy Rosary visits
February 11 Grade 8 Scientists in School
February 14 Valentine Dance- details to follow!!
February 15 Grade 5/6 Scientists in School
February 16 Grade 2/3 to Pioneer Village
February 17 Subday
February 21 Family Day- no school
March 14-18 March Break

