



February 2009

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RESPECT

This month we will celebrate the virtue of **respect**.

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*.

That respect should come first and foremost from ourselves. We have to respect our selves and then we will be able to respect others. We should also be able to expect to be treated with respect by everyone we meet – our brothers and sisters in Jesus.

A respectful person....

- ◆ Treats himself/herself and everyone else with equal consideration and courtesy
- ◆ Uses a positive tone of voice and body language
- ◆ Avoids swearing, name-calling, put-downs and inappropriate gestures
- ◆ Says "Excuse me", "Please", "Pardon me"
- ◆ Avoids Gossip



LENTEN PRAYER

O Lord,
this is the day of salvation:
through our Lenten
penance and prayer,
Lord grant us conversion
of heart.
May we be humble
before you,
and may You crown us
with love and compassion.
We have eaten of the same
spiritual food
and we have drunk of the
same spiritual drink:
may we be truly united in
faith and Christian love.
Amen.



SCHOOL OPERATIONS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Ash Wednesday, February 25, 2009, marks the beginning of our Lenten Season. During Lent, we are called to open our hearts to the Father so that we may live with God. We hope that this will be accompanied with prayer, penance and works of charity.

Our Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, a period of forty days we set aside for prayer, fasting and doing good things for others. In this way we prepare for Easter.

Did you know that:

...the ashes used to mark our foreheads are made by burning last year's palms carried so joyfully on Palm Sunday. Sackcloth and ashes were outward signs of penitence in bygone days, however, we have dispensed with the sackcloth.

....that Shrove Tuesday is the day on which one should be "shriven" or "cleansed" of their sins in preparation for keeping Lent. Mardi Gras, literally "Fat Tuesday" was a day to use up all fat and rich ingredients such as butter, sugar, meat, etc. The colours of Mardi Gras are gold, green and purple to correspond with the gifts of the Magi-gold, frankincense and myrrh.

....the forty days of Lent match the forty days Jesus spent in the desert and the forty days of the Great Flood, during which the ark was adrift.

....the Lenten colour, violet, symbolizes repentance, while red is worn on Good Friday to show Jesus' sacrifice, and the "joy" colours, white and gold, are worn for Easter.

FAMILY DAY

Monday February 16, 2009 is Family Day. This day has been dedicated to families by the Ontario Government. There will be no classes for students on this day.

PA DAY

Friday, February 27th is a PA Day for students. This day is dedicated to the evaluation of pupil progress and report card preparation. There will be no classes for students on this day.

MARCH BREAK

March Break dates are **March 16 – 20, 2009**, inclusive. Classes resume Monday, March 23, 2009.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Thanks to our many parents who regularly call the school. Your phone call to the school saves us a time trying to track down unexplained student absences. Remember that you can call the school (905-278-3521 – press 1 for attendance) twenty-four hours a day to report your child's absence.



HEALTH & SAFETY

KISS & RIDE

Parents are reminded to use the Kiss & Ride lane located at the front of the school. The staff's parking area and the school yard are off limits to vehicles as students are being dismissed and vehicles in these areas create a safety issue for them.



INDOOR SHOES

Please ensure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes to wear. For safety reasons, students may not wear wet shoes/boots inside the classroom. If the fire alarm sounds and we need to leave the building, students must evacuate immediately.



FAITH COMMUNITY

SHROVE TUESDAY

The School Council is generously providing a pancake snack for all students on Tuesday, February 24th. Students are invited to donate \$1.00 for Share Life. If you are able to help out and/or bring in an electric skillet **please contact the school by Friday, February 20th**. Thank you.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 25th is Ash Wednesday. Fr. Neil will be joining us at 9:30 for a Liturgy.



RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation will take place at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26th for those students enrolled.

AROUND THE HALLS

EQAO

Every student in Grade 3 and 6 in the province will take this provincial assessment in reading, writing and mathematics. It will take place between May 25th and June 5th, for all students in grades 3 and 6. Kindly avoid booking dental, doctor, etc. appointments during that time period. The actual test will take three days to administer. Visit DPCDSB on the web for Board and School profiles, <http://www.dpcdsb.org/EQAO>.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is Black History Month. Students will participate in a range of activities found in the resource Black History in Canada teaching guide from Classroom Connections. These activities are linked to the Toronto Star. It is sponsored by MacDonald's and is suitable for grades 4-8. Our school library has on display picture books that are relevant to Black History.



GRADUATION PHOTOGRAPHS

The grade 8 and the Senior Kindergarten students will be having their graduation photographs taken on **Tuesday, March 3, 2009**.



PUBLIC SPEAKING

St. James will hold its annual Speech Competition for Grades 5 to 8 on Monday, February 9th at 9:00 a.m. in the school gym. The grade 7/8 winner will compete at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, sponsored by the Catholic Women's League, on Sunday, February 15th at 2:00 p.m.



GRADE 5 EXTENDED FRENCH

Grade 4 parents/guardians who wish to enroll their child in the Grade 5 Extended French class for September 2009 must have their application forms in by Wednesday, March 4th by 3:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More, 3270 Tomken Rd., Mississauga. At the present time St. Thomas More is the designated Extended French School for our area.



GRADE 1 FRENCH IMMERSION

Grade 1 parents/guardians who wish to enroll their child in the Grade 1 French Immersion class for September 2009 may attend an information session at St. Gertrude School at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, Application forms are due by Wednesday, March 5th by 2:00 p.m. at either St. Margaret of Scotland or St. Gertrude school. .



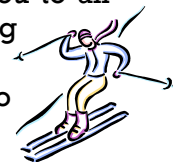
DENTAL SCREENING

Dental Screening will take place on Wednesday, February 18th. Participation is optional.



SKIING

Students in grades 5 to 8 have two more ski dates on Tuesday, February 10th and Monday, February 23rd. Students are reminded to be at school by 7:45 a.m. A special thank you to all the parents who have been volunteering to make these trips possible and to the staff who have also given of their time to prepare and organize these ski trips.



ATHLETICS

BASKETBALL

Intermediate basketball games are underway and the participants are:

Boys: Andre, Evan, Michael T, Michael C, Spencer, Ben, Mark, E.J., Walt.

Girls: Dana, Megan, Jennyfer, Dominika, Jessie, Rachel.

Thank you to the coaches Miss Iafrate, Mrs. Hewitt, Kristian Velkoski, and Mrs. Boguslawski.



IN THE COMMUNITY

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

An Information Night for Parents of students with **special needs** such as Vision, Hearing, Speech, Physical, Developmental and Autism will be held on Wednesday, February 4th, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board, 40 Matheson Blvd. West, Mississauga (at Hurontario), room 301.

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2009-2010

Registration for Junior Kindergarten (children must be 4 years old by December 31st, 2009) for the 2009-2010 school year takes place on the following dates:

Monday, February 23, 2009

7:00pm to 9:00 p.m.

and

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

February 25th to 27th

9:00am to 11:00am

1:00pm to 3:00pm

When you come to register your child, please make sure you have the following documentation:

- Proof of child's birth and age
- Original Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate for child and one parent
- Immunization records for child
- Ontario Health Card
- Landed Immigrant papers for child if not a Canadian Citizen.
- Child's Doctor
- Allergy Alerts (if any)
- Emergency Contact Names and telephone numbers
- Proof of Address

Parents who have a child at home who is of Senior Kindergarten age (child must be 5 by Dec. 31/09) may also register at this time. It is not necessary to register a child who is already attending St. James School in Junior Kindergarten.

ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION - DPCDSB INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM:

Elementary International Saturday morning classes are available to students in grades JK to 8. No prior language experience is necessary. International Language programs comply with the Ministry of Education curriculum. Please contact the Adult & Continuing Education Office at 905-891-9263 for information regarding language offerings at specific IL Sites and registration information as well.

Adult and Continuing Education DPCDSB

ESL Programs for Adults

We offer a variety of ESL, Citizenship and Coop Programs for Adults throughout Mississauga and Brampton. Registration is on-going for many of

our programs. Please see our Winter Flyer posted on the board website at <http://www.dpcdsb.org>. or call us at 905-891-9263

Night School Secondary School Credit Winter 2009

**Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
SECONDARY NIGHT SCHOOL CREDIT
COURSES**

WINTER SESSION 2009

February 9 to May 25, 2009

MISSISSAUGA LOCATIONS

St. Aloysius Gonzaga S.S.

2800 Erin Centre Blvd. Mississauga, ON

Philip Pocock S.S.

4555 Tomken Rd. Mississauga, ON

BRAMPTON LOCATION

St. Marguerite d'Youville S.S.

10815 Dixie Rd. Brampton, ON

<http://www.dpcdsb.org>

Adult and Continuing Education DPCDSB General Interest Courses for Adults

Discover a new talent, explore a new interest, put a hop in your dance step....come join us! Various General Interest courses are available. Look for our General Interest information in our Adult and Continuing Education Flyer. Our courses begin February 2, 2009.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 2 – Groundhog Day

February 3 – Int. Basketball vs. St. Dominic

February 5 – Int. Basketball @ St. Edmund

February 9 – Int. Basketball @ St. Timothy

February 10 – Hockley Valley Ski Trip

February 14 – Valentine's Day

February 16 – Family Day, School Closed

February 18 – Dental Screening

February 23 – Hockley Valley Ski Trip

- JK Registration, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

February 24 – Shrove Tuesday

February 25 – Ash Wednesday Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

February 25/26/27 – JK Registration

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

February 26 – Reconciliation – 7 p.m.

St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish

February 27 – PA Day, no classes

March 3 – SK & Grade 8 Graduation Photo Day

March 5 – School Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

March 16 – 20 – March Break