



LET HIS LIGHT SHINE

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REFLECTION

Good and Gracious God,
you call your people back to you
this Lent.

May this sacred season
renew our desire
to live fully the promises
of our baptism
and to love you
with a whole heart.

Through more frequent prayer,
acts of charity, and fasting,
may we remember
that loving you
and one another
is the most important thing
we can do.

In confidence, we ask
these things through
Jesus Christ,
our Risen Lord
and Saviour.

Amen.

Reminders:

P.A. Day , March Break and Easter ...

P.D. Day - Friday, March 7^h, 2008 is a **Report card preparation day**. There is NO school for students on that day.

March break is as follows:

Monday, March 10^h to Friday, March 14th

School resumes Monday, March 17th, 2008

Good Friday March 21, 2008—**NO SCHOOL**

Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008

Easter Monday, March 24th, 2008—**NO SCHOOL**

Early Release Day - Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Important Immunization Message from Peel Public Health

Peel Public Health will be reviewing immunization records of all students at our school between February and May 2008.

Peel Public Health must have proof that your child has been fully vaccinated (immunized) according to the Ontario immunization schedule. During the record review, you will receive a letter from Peel Public Health if your child needs to meet the requirements for Ontario. Students whose immunization records remain incomplete may be suspended from school.

Immunization records are considered incomplete if:

- Peel Public Health has not received your child's vaccination record or
- Your child's record does not show that he/she has had all the required doses of vaccine (e.g. infant and booster doses) or
- You do not have a valid exemption from immunization for your child

If you receive a letter, please be sure your child has received the required vaccination(s), then give the date(s) to Peel Public Health immediately to update your child's record.

For more information please call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 or visit

www.immunizepeel.ca. Translation services are available.

If you received a letter Peel Health Centre will be available at Father Daniel Zanon Catholic School on March 18th, 2008 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for your convenience. This will allow you the opportunity to discuss or submit any pertinent information regarding your child's file. Please see attached letter.

LOST and FOUND ITEMS

This is a reminder to parents that ***on Tuesday, March 18 thru Wednesday, March 19, 2008*** Lost and Found items will be displayed in the foyer so classes can come down to retrieve their lost items. Afterwards, any items not collected at this time will be going to the needy.

Safety Issue: Dangers Going On /or Near the Water At Brickyard Park

We have indicated on announcements about the dangers of going on or near water. A concern has come to our attention that there are children in the area playing on the water/pond in Brickyard Park. Please go over the safety concerns with your child about walking /or skating on unsupervised waterways like the pond at Brickyard Park. Due to the various temperature changes we have experienced these past weeks the ice has weakened which can become very dangerous.

Valuables at School...

Please keep your child's valuables at home. Staff cannot be responsible for any valuables that your child brings to school. Money, jewelry, electronics, toys etc., should be kept at home. We caution you that MP3 players and IPODs are lucrative items that are easily stolen on the way to and from school. Please don't put your children at risk by allowing these items to come to school.

Cell phones...

The use of cell phones during school are not allowed. If you feel the need for safety purposes for your child to carry a cell phone, it should be used only from home to school and school to home. We request that they remain

OFF and out of sight and not used during school hours. This includes recesses and lunch breaks if the student remains on school property. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Student Supervision Times

We still have students arriving at the school prior to supervision time. Please note that teachers are on supervision duty 15 minutes before the start of the school day. For safety reasons we ask that you not drop your child off at the school prior to 8:45 a.m. unless they are in the P.L.A.S.P. Program. Students are not allowed in the school prior to 8:45 a.m. or after 3:30 p.m. unless they are under the direct supervision of a teacher.

Sacramental Preparation:

First Communion:

Our grade two students will be receiving the sacrament of **Confirmation on Saturday, April 12th at 10:30 a.m.** at St. Catherine of Siena. We ask that you remember these students and their families as they continue on their journey of faith.

Confirmation:

Our grade eight students will be receiving the sacrament of **Confirmation on Wednesday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Catherine of Siena. We ask that you remember these students and their families as they continue on their journey of faith.

School Yard Reminders...

Snow and Ice...

Now that the cold months have arrived and snow and ice are plentiful, a reminder of our safety policy is warranted. Throwing snowballs and sliding on ice are **NOT** allowed.

As much fun as snow and ice are, they can also be very dangerous when there are many people in one area. Most students' injuries happen during the winter months. In order for our school to be as safe as possible, the **school rule** must be that **snow stays on the ground – no snowballs, kicking snow** or any other activity with snow and ice that could be harmful. Please take a few moments to reinforce these important safety rules with your children.

Bus Cancellations/School Closing Due To Bad Weather 2007/2008

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 6:30 a.m. and will be announced on the following radio stations:**

CKFM 99.9	CHUM 1050
CFTR 680	CFNY 102.1
CFTO	CBC
CJCL 590	CHFI 98.1
CFRB 1010	CITY PULSE
ENERGY FM 93.1	CJEZ EZ ROCK
CJBC (FR)860 AM	CHIN 100.7 FM/1540 AM
TALK 640	Z103.5
CJMR/CHWO 1250	FOXY 88.5 FM

The Board will be communicating one of four standard messages to the radio stations. The four announcements and their effect on the transportation system are as follows: (Please note that the **highlighted text only** will be communicated by the radio stations.)

Note that only numbers 1 and 2 affect Father Daniel Zanon Catholic School. Numbers 3 and 4 are included for your information.

1. "THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ALL BUSES ARE CANCELLED."

This means that:

ALL transportation services provided by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and Peel District School Board, including buses, vans and taxis have been cancelled for the entire day.

2. "THE SCHOOLS AND OFFICES OF BOTH THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ARE CLOSED."

This means that:

All Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and Peel District School Board schools and offices are closed to all students and staff.

N.B. For Secondary School students riding Public Transit, cancellation of service will be communicated by the respective transit property over the radio. Please be advised that Public Transit rarely cancels and that the level of service on days with inclement weather is unpredictable.

3. "THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES IN THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN ARE CANCELLED."

This means that the following runs are cancelled:

All Robert F. Hall Secondary
All St. Peter, St. Andrew, and St. Benedict,
Orangeville Christian, St. John Bosco Gifted Bus#1, St. Marguerite d'Youville Special Ed. Bus#3

4. "THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES IN THE TOWN OF CALEDON AND THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN ARE

CANCELLED”.

This means that all runs listed above as well as:
All schools in the Town of Caledon including St. Patrick and all runs that begin in the town of Caledon.

KISS & RIDE PROGRAM...

All lanes are one way only!! How the parking lot drop off works: The parent enters the parking lot and proceeds to the curbside lane. Stops where indicated. Kindergarten program volunteers wearing green or orange vests will accompany JK and SK children safely to the kindergarten area. Grade 1 to 8 students will proceed to the yard at the back of the school.

Children should use the passenger doors only to exit vehicles this will ensure students will be dropped off on the school sidewalk safely.

Under NO circumstances should vehicles be backing up or going the wrong way or parking. No vehicles are to park in the drive thru lane at any time.

Please be advised that cars parked in the Kiss & Ride lane or inappropriately parked in the parking lot are liable for ticketing by the parking authority of Mississauga. Please understand that Father Daniel Zanon Catholic School will not be responsible for fines issued to drivers for any infractions of the above directives.

School Kiss & Ride & Kindergarten programs will improve traffic flow and ultimately a safer environment for the children.

Driveway Safety...

Parents are reminded that our driveway is a fire route and that it is illegal to park there. We are requesting that you please not park in the driveway. This is especially a problem during the kindergarten dismissal time. When dropping off or picking up your child please park in the two municipal parking lots or on the road. Please note that all available parking spaces in the parking lot near the JK/SK fence are needed to accommodate our staff.

Recess

When students are in attendance at school they are expected to participate in all school activities which includes recess. Therefore students are expected to arrive at school with the appropriate dress for weather conditions.

It is also advisable that students bring an indoor pair of shoes that may be left at the school. This is important as in the event of an emergency evacuation we are not able to take the time to put boots/ outdoor shoes on before leaving the building.

Winter Is Here

It may be hard to believe but we are well into the winter and parents are reminded that students should be dressed appropriately for winter weather conditions. Recess is considered to be a part of the school day and thus students in attendance are expected to participate in this activity. Consideration will be given to reducing the amount of time outdoors for children (grade 8 and under) when the temperature is -20 degrees Celsius or colder. When the temperature or equivalent wind chill temperature is minus 25 degrees Celsius or lower children must be kept indoors.

If your child is ill or has not fully recuperated from an illness consideration must be given to keeping the child at home so that he/she may recuperate fully. We do not have the resources to provide supervision indoors when all other students are out for recess. Please note that children who are ill are not in a learning state and may very well infect others around them. We thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Allergies

We have a number of students enrolled here at Father Daniel Zanon Catholic School who have allergies to peanuts/nuts and peanut/nut by-products. Please note that while one of these children may not necessarily be in your child's class, we all use communal areas where traces of peanuts/nuts may be left. For this reason I ask for your cooperation to ensure that peanut/nut products are not sent to the school. If you do send any treats into the school that will be shared in class please include a list of the ingredients. Without this list we will not allow the treat to be shared with other students. Please be aware that "Tim-Bits" are not peanut/nut free and thus should not be sent into the school to share. Better still why not consider non-edible treats such as pencils or stickers rather than food. That way everyone is included in the celebration.

Toonie Tuesday Pizza...

Toonie Tuesday Pizza Days will be offered **every Tuesday**. The money raised will be going back into the classroom for charities and enrichment resources – art, music, and resources. The students will only have the choice of pepperoni pizza and it will cost \$2.00 per slice.

The money will be collected every Tuesday morning.

Please bring your own snacks and drinks.

School Council Information:

The *next School Council meeting* will be held on **Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.**

Look for these pages in the newsletter...

- **Two copies of Dates At Glance** to be used at home/or office