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Peace of Christ

*Thank you loving God for the gift of life,
For the wonderful world which we all share,
For the joy of love and friendship,
For the challenge of helping to build Your kingdom.
Strengthen my determination to work for a world of peace,
Strengthen my conviction that we are all global citizens, one in Christ.
Strengthen my commitment to find positive ways of solving conflict.
To forgive injuries and to love everyone in this world.
Teach me the gifts you have given me,
Renew my hope for a world where we can
all share in God's peace and justice.*

Amen

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.

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.

Principal's Message

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to you as the Principal of Father Daniel Zanon Catholic School. I look forward to working with you, in partnership, as we continue to promote academic excellence within the context of our Catholic faith.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to extend warm wishes to all for a New Year filled with peace, joy and good health.

God bless, A. Reilly

Once again Father Daniel Zanon Catholic School will be celebrating the feast day of **Saint Andre Bessette the patron saint of Father Daniel Zanon** through a liturgy at the school on Thursday January 12th at 9:30 a.m. St. Andre Bessette, the second Canadian born saint canonized October 2010, founded St. Joseph's Oratory and was named the "Miracle Man of Montreal".



Virtue of Self-Control

The month of January will focus on 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 that will harm ourselves or others. Self-control is one of the marks of a spiritually mature person. With self-control, one demonstrates patience, knowing how to wait one's turn and avoiding aggression. We work to calm ourselves down and think before reacting to a situation, being able to think things through and do what is best for everyone



Our **Virtue of Self-Control Assembly** will be on Tuesday, January 31st at 1:40 p.m. put on by our Mrs. Romaniuk's and Mr. Cardoza's classes. All parents are welcome.

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

Our main goal is to educate and to develop consistency with the definition of bullying and to raise awareness of what it is, what it looks like, and provide strategies to help students address bullying.

Listed below are a few strategies the school has been putting in place to achieve our goal of creating and sustaining a safe, inclusive and healthy school environment:

- 1) PALS program,
- 2) Peel Health Partnership,
- 3) Partnership with Peel Neighbourhood Police Unit,
- 4) Student Group Sessions with Child and Youth Worker, and our School Social Worker,
- 5) Professional Development initiatives such as Positive,

Climate and Restorative Justice Practice,
6) Grade 6 Peel Regional Police Youth Education Program.

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

On Monday December 5th, 2011 the staff, students and parent community of Father Daniel Zanon celebrated Advent Mass together at St. Catherine of Siena Church.

We thank the readers, the students who did the offertory procession, the altar servers, the choir who performed a variety of hymns and the kindergartens for their lovely singing.

We thank Father Ruggiero for his continued guidance in our faith filled journey.

A special thank you goes out to the teachers at Father Daniel Zanon for their dedication and hard work in order to make our Advent Mass a very special and holy celebration.



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

Sacraments – *First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion* "There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling. But each of us was given grace according to the measures of Christ's gift." – Ephesians 4

Home, school and church work together, preparing students to receive the sacraments.

First Reconciliation will be held on Monday March 5, 2012 at 7:30pm.

First Holy Communion will be held on Saturday, May 5th, 2012 at 10:00am

Confirmation will be held on Tuesday May 22, 2012 at 7:00pm.

CHRISTMAS Social Outreach

A Thank You goes out to our school community ... Thank you to all the students, parents and staff of Father Daniel Zanon Catholic School for your generous contributions towards our Christmas charities: the Food Drive, Canes for Christ, Angel on the Tree Program, Toonie Tuesday, and our Annual Christmas Movie Day. We raised over \$3,000.00. All these great initiatives allowed our school community to help out 12 families in need during the holiday season. God Bless.

Thank you to the Faith Ambassador for organizing the

different Christmas Charity Activities along with Mrs. Iskander, Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Licastro and Mrs. Terminesi.

Milk Bags for Haiti

The Youth Faith Ambassadors will be implementing an amazing new program starting in January—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 of our landfill and reuse them to make useful 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 Youth Faith Ambassadors and delivered to the appropriate location and then sent to Haiti.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

On Wednesday **February 8th** at 7:00 p.m. Father Michael Goetz Catholic Secondary School will be holding a grade 9 Information Night for current Grade 8 students, and their parents. The night will involve information, presentations, tours of the school.

Family Workshop:

Tuesday February 28th, 2012

7:00pm—9:00 pm

School Library

“Surviving Peer Pressure”

To register please contact:

Vanessa Aguirre (905) 609-0101

French Information Meeting

Extended French

Parents interested in having their child register in Grade 5 Extended French are reminded of the information meeting being held at St. Philip School on Wednesday January 18th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Applications will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday February 8th, 2012.

French Immersion

Parents of Senior Kindergarten students who wish to enroll their child in the Grade 1 French Immersion class are invited to attend an information meeting at St. Gertrude

School at 815 Ceremonial Drive on Thursday Jan. 12th, 2012 at 7:00pm. Applications will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday February 8th, 2012.

Junior & Senior Kindergarten Registration for 2012 - 2013 will take place at Father Daniel Zanon 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 Catholic 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, visit www.dpcdsb.org

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

We are so very fortunate to have dedicated parents to be so actively involved in supporting our school activities. This month the School Council organized the **Samko and Miko Toy Warehouse Fundraiser and our Christmas Dance**. We thank all the families of the Father Daniel Zanon community for supporting our fundraising projects.

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 17th, 2012 at 7:00p.m. All are welcome!

SCHOOL NEWS



Toonie Tuesday Pizza!

Toonie Pizza Days will be offered **every Tuesday**. The students will only have the choice of pepperoni pizza and it will cost \$2.00 per slice. The money raised will be going back into the classroom for supplementary resources—books, music, and classroom supplies i.e. chart stands. The money will be collected every Tuesday morning. **Please bring your own snacks and drinks.**

Health Alert...

In each newsletter I bring to your attention that there are students in a number of our classes who have a serious, and in some cases, life threatening allergy to peanuts/nuts and peanut/nut by-products. Even the mere exposure to these products may cause a severe allergic reaction for these children which could potentially result in death. While these students may not be in your child's class, or eat in the area that your child eats lunch, we are most concerned about cross contamination which may occur if a child who eats a peanut product touches a chair, desk, book or any object that may be touched by a child with this allergy. On behalf of these students and their parents I ask for your cooperation to ensure that peanut and nut products are NOT sent to the school.

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 DO 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.**

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 student 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.

Homework Help for Intermediate Students

The Ministry of Education continues to support students in grades seven to ten to receive free Math tutoring. Grade seven to ten students in Dufferin-Peel now have access to twenty hours a week of free, online tutoring to help them improve and succeed in Math. Homework Help is provided by certified teachers, available from Sunday to Thursday, from 5:30pm-9:30pm. The process

does require a short online registration which is available at www.dpcdsb.org or your child's teachers. The students require the use of their OEN number which can be provided by the office.

Region of Peel – Dental Screening

Current information on dental health in Peel indicates that more than 1 in 3 children have been affected by cavities. Cavities can lead to infections in the mouth, pain, poor eating habits, speech problems and expensive dental treatments. Peel Health is offering free dental screening. You can qualify for dental care through the CINOT program if you meet eligibility criteria. For more information, or to book a dental screening appointment, call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700.

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Absences and Lates

Student safe arrival at school is our first priority. If your child is going to be absent, **PLEASE** call the school attendance line at 905 279-3722 and press 1. Leave the necessary information on the answering service. This helps us to streamline the morning routine and ensure quickly that our students are safe at school or at home.

Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time each morning. This will allow your child to avoid missing any valuable instruction time, and eliminate any distractions in the classroom. Late arrivals must check in at the office before going to class. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Staying in for recess...

Colder weather is here again! Please ensure that your child comes to school prepared to participate in all activities including outdoor recess. All children should have hats, scarves, gloves, warm coats and boots labeled with their names.

Moreover, health officials indicate that fresh air is beneficial, as long as students are dressed appropriately. On extremely cold days, we limit the amount of time that students spend outside. We obtain our weather information from the Environment Canada Weather Information Line and follow Board guidelines. With the exception of these occasions, all children will go outside for all recesses and the lunch break.

Indoor Shoes

Winter is fast approaching! To keep students warm and comfortable, please ensure your child has a pair of "indoor shoes". This is also a safety request. In the event of a fire alarm, all occupants must vacate the building regardless of the weather (without time to put on boots or outdoor shoes).

TRANSPORTATION

Driveway Safety...

Of paramount importance at Father Daniel Zanon Catholic School is your child's safety. It is important that all traffic follow a few simple rules, which will help alleviate any difficulties in the school driveway.

No vehicle should be left parked in the Kiss 'N' Ride lane

No double parking in the driveway is acceptable

If you wish to park and walk your child to school, please make use of the school parking lot or the two parking lots located next to our driveways

Under NO circumstances should vehicles be backing up or going the wrong way

NO parking in the BUS ROUTE

Please be advised that cars parked in the Kiss 'N' Ride lanes are liable for ticketing by the parking authority of Mississauga.

Bus Cancellations/School Closing Due To Bad Weather

During the winter months inclement weather may cause disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations. A decision to cancel school transportation and/or close schools is usually made by 6:00 a.m. and will be announced on various radio and television stations.

Virgin Radio FM 99.9
CFNY Fm 102.1/AM640
CFRB AM1010
FM Z103.5
CHIN FM 100.7/AM1540
CITYPULSE
CHUM AM1050
CJCL AM590
FM93.1
GLOBAL NEWS CFTR AM680
CHFI FM98.1
CJBC (FR) AM860
FM Q107
CTV



School Sports...

Intra-Murals at Father Daniel Zanon

Once again we will be offering lunch hour intramurals for primary and junior students in January. The intramurals will run over the lunch hours from 12:20 to 1:00 p.m. usually one per week per team. Thank you to the staff for taking the time to organize this special event for the students.

Congratulations to all our intermediate students who have tried out for the intermediate boys and girls basketball teams.

Special thank you to Mr. Rosinski for coaching the intermediate boys team and Mrs. Bavaro and Mrs. Zlator for coaching our intermediate girls team. Good luck in your upcoming season.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 11th—13th—Grade 8 Mount Alverno Trip

January 16th 2012 – PA Day – no school for students

January 31st – First Term Report Card sent home

February 2nd – Parent Teacher Conferences

February 3rd – Parent Teacher Conferences – No School for students

February 8th—Father Michael Goetz Parent and Student Information Night @ 7:00 pm.

Family 20th- Family Day

March 5 – First Reconciliation

March 12-16 Mid-Winter Break

April 6 – Good Friday

April 9 – Easter Monday

May 5 – First Holy Communion

May 7-11 Catholic Education Week—"Walking in the Light of Christ"

May 22 – Confirmation

June 26 – Grade 8 Graduation

P.A. Day Reminders

Monday January 16th is scheduled as a Professional Activity Day, dedicated to Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting.

Friday February 3th is also a P.A. Day, scheduled for Parent/Teacher/Student interviews. There will be no classes for students on these two days.