



LET HIS LIGHT SHINE

# Father Daniel Zanon Catholic School

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*February brings us the celebration of friendship and love on Valentine's Day. St. Valentine was a bishop , and is thought to have been a physician. He was arrested for giving aid to Christian prisoners awaiting martyrdom, and while imprisoned he converted the jailer by restoring sight to the jailer's daughter. St. Valentine refused to deny Christ before the Emperor Claudius in the year 280 and won the jeweled crown of martyrdom by his faithful witness.*

### *Prayer to St. Valentine*

*O St. Valentine, lover of Christ and of the Church,  
we ask your intercession that we may learn how to love God  
above all things, and to selflessly love one another.*

*O glorious St. Valentine, pray for us,  
That we too may have the steadfast faith of the martyrs.*

## Principal's Message

A heartfelt thank you to the teachers, students and parents for continuing to work hard to make Father Daniel Zanon an exciting place to learn. Students are urged to continue to stay involved and active at school.

On behalf of Father Daniel Zanon School Community we would like to extend best wishes to Mrs. Bavaro as she prepares for the arrival of her new Bundle of Joy. We welcome Mrs. Gaglia to our school.

Our Liturgical Season of Lent begins with the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday and continues until Easter. This is a time of remembering Christ's love and His giving of himself for us. During this six weeks, the morning readings encourage us to say "yes" to God and "no" to our own selfishness. We can make a fresh start too, and try to keep in touch with God, to be less selfish and more generous. What Lenten promises will you and your child(ren) try to follow? The emphasis should be on doing things for Jesus, rather than simply on giving things up.



The Father Daniel Zanon community is invited to our **Ash Wednesday celebration to be held at 10:00 a.m. on February 22.**

May the Holy Spirit bless you and your family during this Lenten season.

February is **Black History Month.** We look forward to enlightening the students as we continue to treasure the diverse individuals who have graced the pages of our history throughout the world.

### Spirit of God

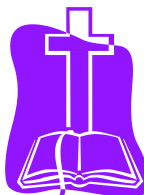
In the month of appreciating  
The Gift of your children of African descent  
May we be inspired to see your kingdom's  
Mystery  
In the facet of the jewel  
Of our Human Family's descent.  
Fr. Clarence Williams, CFFS

### Virtue of Respect

This month we celebrate the virtue of Respect. God wants us to treat all people with the respect they deserve.

A respectful person...

- Treats himself /herself and everyone else with equal consideration and courtesy and avoids gossip.
- Uses a positive tone of voice and body language .
- Avoids swearing, name-calling, put-downs and inappropriate



ate gestures and says "Excuse Me", "Pardon Me", when necessary.

Our Virtue Assembly on Respect will be held on **Friday March 2, at 9:30 a.m.**

Our **Bullying Prevention Theme** for this month is: Telling an adult about bullying is not tattling.

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.

### Healthy Tips –Peer Pressure

Peer Pressure affects everyone. We all want to fit in or be accepted by the people we spend time with. School-aged children are affected by peer pressure as friends and relationships become more important. To feel accepted by their friends, children make choices they think will be approved by their peers.

### Tips for Parents:

- Nurture your child's abilities and self esteem so they can build positive friendships.
- Help your children make decisions for themselves, starting at an early age.
- Encourage independence, but remind them of family values and rules
- Spend quality time with your child.
- Encourage your child to develop more than one group of friends.

### 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 10:00am

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

As part of their preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, the grade 8's had the opportunity to participate in a retreat at **Mount Alverno.** The students participated in a variety of activities which will help them develop a greater understanding of the significance and meaning of the sacrament.

## Milk Bags for Haiti

The Youth Faith Ambassadors began implementing an amazing new program in January—**Canadian Mats 4 Haiti**. This program will run until the end of the year.

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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

On Wednesday, **February 8th** at 6:30 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, and tours of the school.

### Family Workshop:

**Has been rescheduled from**

Tuesday, February 28th, 2012 to Tuesday, March 6, 2012

7:00pm—9:00 pm

School Library

**“Surviving Peer Pressure”**

**Facilitator:** Family Education Centre

To register please contact:

Vanessa Aguirre (905) 609-0101

**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](http://www.dpcdsb.org)**

St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School (5555 Creditview Rd) will be hosting an evening session with **Mike Neuts on Anti-Bullying** on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m. Mike shares his experiences and struggles after his young son died in school. All are welcome to attend.

St. Edmund will be hosting an evening session by Paul Davis on Social Networking at St. Edmund School (1250 Melton Drive) on Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Our next Catholic School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 7:00p.m. All are welcome!

### Shrove Tuesday

Once again, all students at Father Daniel Zanon will receive pancakes for Shrove Tuesday (Tuesday, February 21). We thank the Catholic School Council for funding and implementing this continuing school tradition.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### IMPORTANT IMMUNIZATION message from the Peel Public Health

Peel Public Health will be reviewing immunization records of all students at our school beginning in January 2012. Peel Public Health must have proof that your child has been fully vaccinated (immunized) according to the Ontario immunization schedule. If you receive a letter, please ensure that your child has received the required vaccine (s), then give the date (s) your child received these vaccine dose (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.ImmunizerPeel.ca](http://www.ImmunizerPeel.ca) Translation services are available.

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 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 co-operation to ensure that peanut and nut products are NOT sent to the school.



### Administration of Medication

For safety reasons, no child should bring medication to school without prior approval from the office. The school will store necessary prescribed medication upon completion of the "Request for Storage and Distribution of Prescribed Medications" form, which has been filled out, signed by the parents and physician and returned to the school. School staff, without proper board documentation, cannot distribute medication of any kind.

A reminder that students are not allowed to keep ANY medication on their persons, in their desks, backpacks or anywhere in their classrooms.

### 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.

### 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 may 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 is 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, snow pants, and boots labeled with their names.

At times, the weather conditions will not allow students to go outside for recess. This decision is made in accordance with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Policy and Peel Public Health Cold Weather Guidelines which direct schools to modify recesses when the temperatures reach -20 degrees C or colder and to keep children indoors when the temperature reaches -25 degrees C or colder.

Moreover, health officials indicate that fresh air is beneficial, as long as students are dressed appropriately. 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.

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.

## Homework Help for Intermediate Students

The Ministry of Education continues to support students in grades seven to ten by providing 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.dpccsb.org](http://www.dpccsb.org). The students require the use of their OEN number which can be found on their report cards or can be provided by the office.

## 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 or Fire Route.

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 and Fire Route 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,  
CFRB AM1010  
CHIN FM 100.7/AM1540  
CHUM AM1050  
FM93.1  
CHFI FM98.1

CFNY Fm 102.1/AM640  
FRB Z103.5 CTV  
CITYPULSE  
CJCL AM590 FM Q107  
GLOBAL NEWS CFTR AM680  
CJBC (FR) AM860

### School Sports...

#### **Intra-Murals at Father Daniel Zanon**

Once again we will be offering lunch hour intramurals for primary and junior students in February. The intramurals will run over the lunch hours from 12:20 to 1:00 p.m. usually once 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. They have shown great sportsmanship, dedication and enthusiasm as they face other school teams in Mississauga East.

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

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Parent Teacher Conferences
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Parent Teacher Conferences – PD Day
- February 6<sup>th</sup>—Kindergarten Registration—7:00—9:00 pm.
- February 8<sup>th</sup>—Father Michael Goetz Parent and Student Information Night @ 6:30 pm.
- February 13—17—Spirit Week
- Family 20<sup>th</sup>- 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 11—PD Day—Faith Development
- May 21—Victoria Day
- May 22 – Confirmation
- May 23—June 6—EQAO
- June 26 – Grade 8 Graduation

**Friday, February 3<sup>th</sup>** is also a P.A. Day, scheduled for Parent/Teacher/Student interviews. There will be no classes for students on this day.

**Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** is **FAMILY DAY**.