

Calendar of Liturgical Events

September 13, 10:30 am

- Opening Mass

Nov. 11, 10:30 am -

- Remembrance Day Prayer service

December - 11:45 am

- Advent gatherings in foyer-candles

January 5 – 10:30am

- Christmas Mass in our gym

February 17, time TBA

- Ash Wednesday Mass in our gym

April 13, -10:30 am

- Easter Mass in our gym

May 28 – 10:30am

- Marian Celebration outside

June 22, -10:30am

- Year-end Mass @ St. Christopher Church

Sacramental Preparation

"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.

Reconciliation-Dec1,2@ 7pm

St. Christopher Church

First Communion

Gr. 2 –Parent Mtg-7pm @ St. Christopher Church – Apr. 17,18

**First Communion – Sunday, April 25
2pm @ St Christopher Church**

Confirmation

Gr. 8 –parent meeting – Oct. 7 or 8

– 7pm @ St. Christopher Church

**Confirmation – Sunday May 30/10 – @
St. Patrick Church**

**Graduation Paraliturg- June 22/09-
9:30am @ Fr. Francis School Gym**

Social Action/Outreach

Our school community works together as one family as we support each other and respond to the needs of the larger community with sincere intentions of pleasing God, readily and with humility through social action and outreach programs.

Activities supporting community:

Sept. – Terry Fox – Cancer Foundation

Oct. – Thanksgiving Food Drive

Nov.- Poppy Campaign – Canadian Legion

Dec.-Used Coat/Boot Drive – Food Drive

Jan.- Baby Bottle Campaign-Birthrite

Feb. – Jump Rope for Heart – Heart & Stroke

March – Easter Food Drive

April – Toonies for Autism

May – MaterDei Household Product Drive

June –Diabetes Used Clothing Drive &
MS Read-a-thon (Summer reading)

Adult Faith: Ambassadors facilitate staff faith development through liturgies, prayers, retreats and other activities.

Share Life/United Way: Staff donations are collected from activities such as Dress Down Fridays, Raffles and Luncheons.

Let the little children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these..

Luke 18:16-17

St. Louis Catholic School Pastoral Plan 2009-2010

As Catholic Educators, we commit ourselves to nurture and develop the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social growth of each student, in partnership with parents and the Church, in a supportive and professional environment.

THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



Board Mission Statement

The Mission of the Dufferin- Peel Catholic District School Board, in partnership with the Family and Church, is to provide, in a responsible manner, a Catholic education which develops spiritual, intellectual, aesthetic, emotional, social and physical capabilities of each individual to live fully today and to meet the challenges of the future, thus enriching the community.

School Mission Statement

We, the community of St. Louis School, in partnership with family and church will provide a safe, supportive and challenging learning environment that will form, inform, and transform lives. Through on-going communication, best practices, assessment and evaluation, we will provide an education based on Gospel values, diverse community, social responsibility and individual learning styles.

Inherent in these Mission Statements...

- Compassion•Faith•Love•Hope
- Justice•Equity•Respect•Dignity•Peace

Faith Principles Inherent in the Mission of Catholic Education...

- Catholic Education is rooted in the person of Jesus.
- Religious education and faith formation are rooted in biblical spirituality and Catholic tradition.
- The spiritual dimension of the person is essential in every person's education.
- The partnership of family, church and school is essential to Catholic education. The faith journey is formative in developing a deeper relationship with Jesus. Our relationship with God deepens as we come to know Jesus, His Son, in our lives-by the Word of the Lord and by our tradition, thus being transformed as God's children to work for a just, peaceful and caring world.

Virtues Education – Monthly Involvement of Students in Faith Formation –Virtues are display in our hall of Virtue Formation – front hallway!

Sept: Faith

Oct: Empathy

Nov: Conscience

Dec: Hope

Jan: Self-Control

Feb: Respect

March: Kindness

April: Love

May: Acceptance

June: Fairness



Prayer

Prayer is an essential component in experiencing God's presence and in developing a relationship with God. Various forms of prayer are used in class and as a school community as follows:

- Scripture readings**, song and meditation as prayer
- Daily Prayer** /reflection (formal/ informal scripture/student generated) in class and on Public Address System in the morning and at lunch or "end of day" dismissal times.
- Special Seasonal/Theme** prayers in class and P.A. System, at meetings
- Gestures as prayer** (use of Holy Water, Sign of the Cross, receiving the Host, Genuflection, Appropriate Postures during Mass)
- Formal Prayers:** Apostle's Creed, Act of Contrition, Mass Responses, Glory Be, Grace Before Meals, Hail Mary, Our Father, Sign of the Cross, the Holy Rosary.

Signs/Symbols of Faith

Various signs and symbols are displayed throughout the school as reminders of our Catholic beliefs and traditions-at the office, in the front foyer, halls and classrooms: Altar/Prayer Table, Bible, Candle, Crucifix, Stations of the Cross, Banners, Pictures, Prayer books...Sacred classroom space

Liturgical Season Symbols

Jesse Tree, Advent Wreath, Nativity Scene, Stations of the Cross, student works...

Liturgical Celebrations

Liturgical Celebration is a way of responding to life, and when life is recognized as a gift from God, it is a way of responding to Him.

A focus for students and staff will be on:

- *Responses during mass*
- *Parts of the mass*
- *Rites and rituals of mass*
- *Prayer through song-CHOIR*

There are five liturgical seasons throughout the year. These seasons celebrate Jesus' life, death and resurrection. The liturgical seasons and corresponding colours for linens are:

- Advent-purple
- Christmas/Epiphany-white
- Lent-purple
- Easter-white
- Ordinary Time-green



School liturgies are planned in a collaborative spirit of community and follow the liturgical calendar.

Catechesis

- Religion Program: Canadian Catechism
- Family Life Program: *Fully Alive*

Our School Parish **St. Patrick Church**

Pastor: Fr. Scott Young
Fr. Jerry Dunn

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