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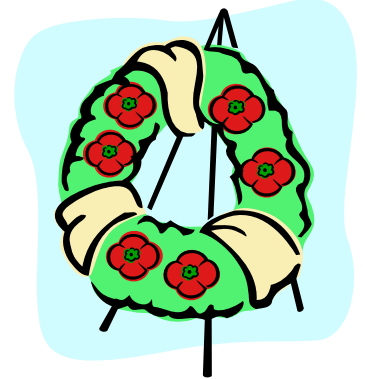
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The mission of the St. Dominic School Community is to promote and foster Catholic attitudes, values, and beliefs in a supportive and caring learning environment. Together with dignity and respect, we strive to inspire life-long learning and encourage students to attain their full potential as Christians.

## November Newsletter

### Remembrance Day Prayer

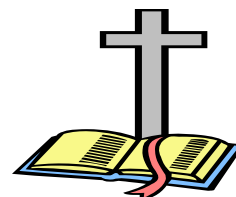
Dear God,  
Today we remember all those who went to fight  
and those who supported them at home.  
They gave their lives, their family members,  
their energies and their efforts  
in the defense of freedom for their loved  
ones and their country.  
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus,  
who is Lord for ever and ever.  
Amen

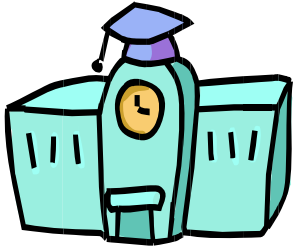


### STARR (Safe, Tolerant, Acceptance, Respect & Responsible) Committee initiatives

This year we will continue to support St. Dominic's Culture of Peace. Our committee of teachers are committed to promoting this message through activities such as P.A.L.S., Guardian Angels, a Wellness group for intermediate girls, anti-bullying presentations, safety police presentations and many outreach activities such as food drives, Operation Christmas Child, angel on the tree, volunteering at Dr. Simone's food warehouse and many more.

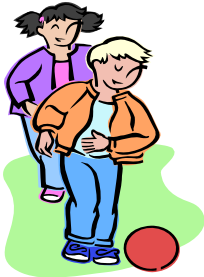
Each month we gather in the gym to celebrate and discuss the month's virtue. At these assemblies various teachers lead students in discussions and presentations that outline the importance of each month's virtue. We will continue to recognize each month 3 students who through their actions have demonstrated the virtue as well as students who represent St. Dominic in school teams or events. These are some of the many ways we are promoting the virtues as well as using pro active approaches to sustain our Culture of Peace.





**Students Arriving Late**

We are noticing that some students are arriving late for school on more occasions than we believe is necessary or acceptable. We realize that some of these “lates” are for legitimate reasons but, most often, students are late because of circumstances that could be avoided. Arriving late puts students behind schedule. It also disrupts lessons already in progress, which is not fair for those who are in class all set to learn. We will be monitoring late students closely over the next weeks and will be in touch with parents whose children are arriving late on a regular basis. If you do arrive late with your child please report to the office and do not go to the class directly. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.



**Recess Expectations**

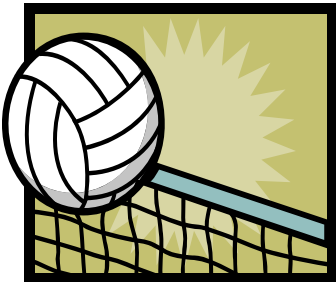
All students are expected to dress appropriately for the cooler weather. Please ensure that your child has a pair of boots for the winter months. For many children, a spare pair of socks, gloves or clothing may save a parent a trip to the school. In the event of inclement weather, students will be kept indoors. In the event of wet, muddy or icy conditions, the students will remain on paved areas. If your child is not well enough to participate in outdoor recess, please consider keeping them at home.

**Volleyball**

Our St. Dominic Intermediate girls and boys volleyball teams had an outstanding season this year. Both the girls and boys’ teams completed a perfect season of 4 wins and no losses, beating all of the teams in their pool. Our bulldogs then had the opportunity to compete at the family tournament at Father Michael Goetz. Although both teams were unsuccessful at the tournament, the coaches are extremely proud of their successful season. All the players worked hard and showed dedication by practicing almost every day. Both teams improved a great deal as the season progressed and were playing some excellent volleyball by the end of the season.

The members of the girls’ team are: Victoria C., Laura G., Dominika B., Rachel J., Dominika S., Casey M., Cassandra C., Heather M., Aziah S., & Jessica W. The members of the boys’ team are: Ben W., Mark W., Nicolas V., Skyler S., Matthew W., Michael R. & Pasquale C.

A thank you to the coaches, Mr. Czernkovich, Mr. Komorowsky and Ms. Arduini for their time and commitment. Great job Bulldogs!



**MedicAlert’s No Child Without Program is at our school**

The No Child Without program offers a free MedicAlert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a MedicAlert membership through this program. Medic Alert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child’s medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or visit [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca). To register your child you will need a No Child Without brochure from the office.



**Parent Council Meeting**

Our next parent council meeting will be held on Tuesday November 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

### **SCHOOL VISITORS**

We continue to make concerted efforts to have all visitors to the school identify themselves by coming to the Main Office first before going anywhere else. If your child is late please come to the office instead of taking your child to their classroom. All messages to students or deliveries (such as lunches, keys, clothing items etc.) are handled through the Main Office and not by going directly to the classrooms. School staff has been directed to ask anyone in the school who is not wearing a visitor or volunteer sticker to report to the office. In the interests of overall safety for our students, it is essential that such procedures be strictly followed.

### **First Term Reports**

On December 1st report cards for the first term will be sent home for all students in grades 1 to 8. The evening of December 3rd and the day of December 4th are set aside for parent/teacher conferences. Conferences for our JK and SK students will also be conducted in December but formal report cards are not prepared for these students. A reminder that there is no school for students on Monday November 16. Teachers will be involved in assessment and evaluation of pupil progress and report card writing.

### **Dance-a-thon**

Our dance-a-thon took place on Friday October 30th. Students had lots of fun dancing to a variety of tunes while wearing glow bracelets. It was a very successful fundraiser. Thank you to all parents who supported the school and helped make this fundraiser such a success.

## **Virtue for November**

This month we will focus on the virtue of Conscience.

God has given us the ability to know the right and decent way to act and then to act that way. We trust that the common Spirit we share inspires us and guides us to make good decisions if we allow our conscience to be well-formed.

A person of conscience allows prayer and scripture to influence him/her.  
A person of conscience...

- Chooses to do the 'right thing' and feels good about it
- Can see how his/her actions may hurt others
- Admits his/her wrong-doing and feels badly
- Says sorry and tries to make up for mistakes
- Keeps promises



### **Junior & Senior Kindergarten Registration for 2010 –2011**

Registration for the 2010-11 school year will be held at all Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools on the following dates:

Monday, February 22, 2010—7:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m.\*

\*Snow day: Tuesday, February 23, 2010—7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 24, 25 & 26, 2010      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 December 31, 2010

Senior Kindergarten—Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2010

### **Homework Help**

Free real-time math tutoring now available Grade 7 to 10 math students at Dufferin-Peel now have access to 20 hours a week of free, online math tutoring to help them improve and succeed in math, Check out Homework Help where certified Ontario teachers are available Sunday to Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for one to one confidential help. Dufferin-Peel is one of 15 English-language boards taking part in this pilot project funded by the Ministry.

### **The Power of An Hour!**

Make a difference in the life of a child as little as one hour a week by volunteering to be an In-School Mentor. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel in partnership with the DPCDSchool Board matches elementary girls and boys with a caring adult mentor. Matches meet one hour each week from September—June during school hours and on school property to share in fun activities such as playing board games, baking or playing sports. The result—increased self esteem, better grades and improved relationships with family and peers. Children are in need of mentors in our schools and we need your help. For more information call 905 457 7288 or visit [www.bbbspeelcm](http://www.bbbspeelcm)

### **Remembrance Day**

On November 11th, our students will come together in the gym to commemorate Remembrance Day by honouring Canadian veterans and peacekeepers. The aim of our Catholic school is to become peacemakers in our classrooms, school and our home.

### **Advent / Operation Christmas Child**

The season of Advent will soon be upon us. Our Advent Mass will be celebrated on December 3rd at St. Dominic Church. We hope that you can join us .

Once again we will be participating in Operation Christmas Child. Information was sent home. Shoe boxes are due on Monday November 13 at the school.

### **Sign up Today!**

Parents and guardians of Dufferin-Peel Catholic students can stay up-to-date with the latest board news and information by joining the Dufferin– Peel eCommunity. Members will receive the latest news and information by email, including news releases, school activities and events, board meeting highlights, school and bus cancellations, plus useful tips for parents and students. Sign up online at [www.dpdsb.org](http://www.dpdsb.org).

## **Dates to Remember**

Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Commemorations
Nov. 16	P.A. Day—No School for Student
Nov. 17	Picture Retake
Nov. 18	Pizza Day
Dec. 1st	Reports go home
Dec. 3	Interview Night for Parents
Dec. 4th	P.A. Day



### **Cross Country**

On Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup> the St. Dominic Cross Country Team ran at Erindale Park for the Mississauga East Family Cross Country Meet. All members of the team displayed great dedication and sportsmanship. Not only did St. Dominic place well at the Family Meet and Board Meet, but also more importantly, the athletes were wonderful ambassadors for St. Dominic School.

Teams members were Amanda B., Danielle M., Laura C., Sidney C., Bento R., Jonathan K., Joseph B., Ryan M., Michael C., Danika G., Maeve P., Michael O., Julia T., Casey M., Amanda L., Monica C., Holly P. and Matthew M. Honorable mention goes out the Hanna A. who placed 7<sup>th</sup>, Sierra L. who placed 13<sup>th</sup>, Michael M. who placed 4<sup>th</sup>, Nicholas M. who placed 15<sup>th</sup>, Christian P. who placed 5<sup>th</sup>, Jude P. who placed 4<sup>th</sup> and Evan S. who placed 10<sup>th</sup>.

All of these athletes participated in the Board Cross Country Meet held at Heartlake on October 28<sup>th</sup>. These individuals made St. Dominic School proud and they demonstrated excellent team spirit and determination.

Thank you to the coaches who trained the students; Ms. Somers, Mrs. De Souza, Mrs. Aherne, Ms. Arduini and Ms. Sullivan. The coaches would like to thank all parents who volunteered on the day of the races and for supporting our team. We hope to see you next year! **WAY TO GO TEAM!!**

