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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.

January Newsletter

A BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR

God of time and of eternity,
with Christmas joy we praise you
for the year gone by
& for the year we have begun.
Your Son comes among us
to bring glad tidings to the poor;
to proclaim a year of grace for all the world.
Strengthen us to follow you more closely
during this coming year.



Principal's Message

On behalf of the staff of St. Dominic, I wish everyone in our community a very healthy and prosperous 2012. I hope that you had a blessed and enjoyable Christmas break with family and friends, and will enthusiastically join me in moving forward with our second term.

As we commence this part of the school year, we continue our focus on academic, social and spiritual opportunities for all students. I would like to thank you for your ongoing support with all that we do to educate each child with the virtues of a Catholic education.

Communication is important between school and home; therefore, I encourage you to continue to communicate with your child's teacher. Please read the monthly newsletter to stay informed of school events and activities. Our school website is also a valuable means of accessing information. It is www.dpcdsb.org/DOMNC

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 to close schools is usually made by 6:00 a.m. and will be announced on the following radio stations:

VIRGIN Radio 99.9	CHUM 1050	CFTR 680	CFNY 102.1
CJCL 590	CHFI 98.1	CFRB 1010	EZ ROCK
CITYPULSE	GLOBAL NEWS	CBC	CFTO



Snow Stays on the Ground

Students are reminded on a daily basis that "Snow stays on the ground". Every student is aware of the importance of this rule in preventing injury to others. Students are encouraged to constructively use the snow to build snowmen and snow sculptures. Please assist us by reviewing with your child the dangers of throwing snowballs and the importance of preventing injury to other children. Together, we will continue to create a school yard which is safe for all during the winter. It is also important that students respect the efforts of others and students are reminded to leave the snow forts and snowmen standing for all to enjoy.

Junior & Senior Kindergarten Registration for 2012-2013

Registration will be held at St. Dominic on the following dates:

Monday, February 6, 2012—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, 2012

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 Catholic Baptismal Certificate of the Roman, Greek or Ukrainian Rite for parent and child (if the child has not been baptized, a letter of counseling with the parish priest, to complete the process will be accepted)
- Updated immunization records
- Proof of Canadian citizenship or of Landed immigrant status
- Proof of address (utility bill, bank or credit card statement)

Pre-Registration packages will be available in the office. Please contact Mrs. Ross at 905 278—9821.

School Council

Our next school council meeting will take place on **January 23rd**. The meeting will take place in the library at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.



Professional Activity Day

Please make sure you mark your calendars and make appropriate arrangements. Monday January 16 and Friday February 3rd are Professional Activity Days. There will be no classes for students.

Winter Weather

Now that winter is here, we ask that students dress appropriately i.e. hats, gloves, boots etc. When students are dressed warmly, they are better prepared to participate in outdoor activities during recess. In the colder weather, we receive requests to allow children to remain indoors when students have a cold, flu, etc. Please note that we cannot comply, as we neither have the facilities or the staff to supervise the students.

On extremely cold days, when the wind chill factor lowers temperature considerably we will limit the amount of time that students spend outdoors. Dufferin—Peel C.D.S.B. Policy uses a wind chill factor of -25 C as the determining temperature for having students remain inside. We will monitor the weather conditions daily and make decisions based on weather conditions.



Virtue—Self Control

This month we will celebrate the virtue of self-control. God has given us the ability to choose. We are able to control how we react to what happens around us. Through prayer and concentration, we can get better at controlling our reactions. We can get better at showing self control.

Self control helps us to resist the temptation to do something we will regret.
Self-control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that will harm ourselves or others.
Self-control is one of the marks of a spiritually mature person.

When we all use self-control we can be sure that our school will be a safe, caring and inclusive place to live and to learn.



Don't Be Late!

We are concerned about students who are consistently late for school. All students from Junior kindergarten to grade 8 should be at school on time. This prevents interruptions of classes and loss of information to the students. Please encourage and assist your children to recognize that punctuality is a responsibility, which all students should be developing. Research also indicates a strong connection between attendance/punctuality and academic achievement.



Share Life Volleyball Game

We will be hosting a volleyball game on Thursday January 19 during the lunch hour. It will be a game of teachers and our local neighbourhood police unit vs. the girls and boys volleyball teams. The students who wish to see the game will be asked to donate \$2.00 and money will be donated to the St. Dominic Share Life fund.

Medications

A reminder that we will not administer any form of medications without a doctor's written directions and consent per Board policy. If your child requires medication that cannot be administered before or after school, contact the office to receive a Medication Storage Form for your doctor to complete. Medications include all prescription drugs and all over the counter medications such as Tylenol, cold syrups etc. Please do not send your child to school with any type of medications without prior permission due to safety reasons.

St. Dominic Parish Family Skating Party

January 14, 2012 - 6:15—7:45

Cawthra Park Community Centre (Warren Marshall Arena)

An event for the whole family. Bring your friends and neighbours.

Chips, cold drinks, hot dogs and hot chocolate will be served in the parish hall after the skate.

Come out and have fun and there is no cost.



Angel on the Tree

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff for your generous contributions towards our Angel on the tree. Your generosity during Advent was amazing. The needy families through St. Dominic church were very well supported with gifts and gift cards.

Dates to Remember

January 16	Professional Activity Day
January 18	Junior/Intermediate Speeches
January 19	Share Life Volleyball Game
January 23	Parent Council Meeting
January 31	Report Cards Go Home
Feb. 2	Interview Night Interviews
Feb. 3	Professional Activity Day/ Interviews
Feb. 6	JK/SK Registration Night

Safety at School

Please review the following procedures to help us provide a safe learning environment for your children.

- All parents/visitors are required to sign in at the main office and receive a visitor's sticker
- If students are leaving school early, parents/guardians are asked to pick up their children at the office and sign them out
- If students are returning from appointments during the day, parents/guardians are asked to sign students back in
- When meeting at dismissal times, parents/guardians are asked to wait outside the school entrances and not in the hallways of the school
- Parents are asked not to be in the schoolyard during all recess times (Please remember that to most of the children in the yard, including the teachers on duty, you are a stranger)
- Vehicles are not to be parked in the parking lot where they obstruct the flow of traffic in and out
- The school days begins at 8:30 a.m. Staff will be on duty beginning at 8:15 a.m. Please do not drop off your children or send them to school before these times, as supervision will not be available. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

