

Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School

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DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER



Advent Prayer

*Come, long expected Jesus.
Excite in me a hunger for peace:
Peace in the world,
Peace in my home,
Peace in myself.*

*Come, long expected Jesus.
Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy.
I see His will so I can serve with gladness,
singing and love.*

*Come, long expected Jesus.
Excite in me the joy and love and peace,
It is right to bring to the manger of my Lord.
Raise in me too, sober reverence for the God who
acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun
there, and spirited resolution to serve the
Father and Son.
I pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
whose advent I hail.
AMEN*

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
December 24, 2011 – January 8, 2012
NO SCHOOL**

Principal's Message:

Advent is a time when we get ready for the birth of Jesus. It is important that we rekindle the fire of hospitality and charity in our hearts, in our homes and in our schools. The generosity exhibited by the Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School Community is always overwhelming. **Our Youth Faith Ambassadors have already packed 65 shoeboxes of your donated materials on your behalf for Operation Christmas Child.** What a wonderful gesture of kindness!

Our annual **Christmas Food Drive** is organized by Mr. Deighan's Grade 8 class. Students will be visiting the classrooms to pick up donations from **December 5-16**. During the month of December donations of hats, scarves and **new toys** are appreciated for our needy families.

Our **Advent celebrations** will be taking place throughout the month of December in the large gym:
December 2nd at 9:00a.m. Gr. JK-4 students, **10:45 a.m.** Gr. 5-8
December 7th at 9:00a.m.-Gr. 5-8 & at **10:45 a.m.** Gr. 1-4
December 13th, at 9:00 a.m. Gr. 5-7, **10:45 a.m.** Grade 1-4
December 22nd at 9:00a.m. Grades 5-8 at **10:45 a.m.** Gr. 1-4

Our JK/SK Christmas Concert will take place on **Monday, December 19, 2011 at 10a.m. and 2p.m.** in the large gym. Donations of \$1 to Sharelife is appreciated.

Our Grades 1-8 Christmas Concert will take place on **Wednesday, December 21, 2011 @ 9:30 a.m. and an evening performance @ 6:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Please choose one performance to attend.** Admission is **\$1.00 for SHARELIFE.** If you wish to purchase a DVD of the performance it will cost **\$10.00.** Orders will be taken the night of the Christmas Concert.

We celebrate the virtue of **Hope** during the month. We are reminded that God chose to send his Son to us because we are worth it. God knows how great we can be when we all come together. May our preparation for His birth lead to renewed love and involvement in each other's lives.

On behalf of Mrs. Athaide and the staff, I would like to wish the entire Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School Community a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

L. Lettieri

Virtue of the Month

In the month of December we will celebrate the virtue of: HOPE

People of Hope...

- Keep up a positive attitude
- Can bounce back from tough situations
- Set and stick to their goals
- See the good in others even when they make mistakes
- Let others know that *they* are good people

This month we will celebrate the virtue of **hope**.....

We believe that God comes to us as a real human who can show us the way of life.

We understand that both the world and its people are from God and so are essentially good. Furthermore, God has given us this Advent season year after year in order to focus our minds and our hearts on the good all around us.

Year after year, we are reminded that God chose to send his Son to us because we are worth it. God knows how great we can be when we all come together.

When we look at the world through the eyes of God we see it becoming more and more like the reign of God that Jesus describes.

OCTAVE CHRISTMAS:

December 26 9:00a.m.
December 27 12:10p.m.
December 28 12:10 p.m.
7:30p.m.
December 29 12:00 noon
December 30 12:10 p.m.

December 31 8:00 p.m. ONLY English/ Italian

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 1 7:45 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Italian Mass
10:30 a.m.
12 noon

PARISH NEWS

Parish Based Sacramental Retreats

First Holy Communion-April 14 & April 21 @10:30-11:00a.m.
Confirmation-May 5 & May 26 @ 10:30-11:00a.m.

Sacramental Celebrations

First Reconciliation will take place on March 19, March 22 at 7:00p.m.
First Holy Communion will take place on April 15, April 22 at 2:00p.m. mass
Confirmation will take place May 6 and May 27 at 2:00p.m. mass

STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS:

December 15 5:30p.m.-6:30p.m.
December 16 5:30p.m.-6:30p.m.
December 17 3:30p.m.-4:30p.m.

NOVENA MASSES:

December 15, 16,17,18,19, 20, 21,
22, 23 @ 7:00p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE:

December 24: 6:00 p.m Family Mass
10:00 p.m. Italian Mass
12:00 midnight mass

CHRISTMAS DAY:

December 25: 7:45 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Italian Mass
10:30a.m.
12 noon

OUR STORY, OUR TRADITION, OUR JOURNEY

Students in Grade 7 will be using this new resource as part of the Community Studies Unit. "Our Story, Our Tradition, Our Journey: Celebrating the Church-School Connection in Dufferin-Peel reveals how Catholics in Peel and in Dufferin overcame a small student base, discrimination, and inadequate funding to develop their vibrant school system." By learning about their rich Catholic heritage, students will come to appreciate and value Catholic education and continue to build upon the existence of Catholic education in Dufferin-Peel.



JOY DAY

The students will participate in arts and crafts activities in their classrooms on the afternoon of **Thursday, December 22nd**. Students will be listening to carols as they work and complete their craft.

SCHOOL COUNCIL DECEMBER FUNDRAISER

You will receive a notice regarding the sale of “Magical Reindeer Dust” for \$2. This reindeer dust is meant to attract the reindeers and SANTA to your home. HO! HO! HO!

RED & GREEN DAY

All students are asked to dress in Christmas colours of red and green on **Friday, December 23rd**.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

General meetings of the School Council will be held on the following dates:

- **Wednesday January 11, 2012 at 6:30p.m.**
- Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

The families of Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School should be very proud of their fundraising efforts. The Hallowe'en Dance-a-thon raised \$11,000.00. The top fundraising classes were: Mrs. Pinelli DaSilva (Gr.4/5), Mrs. Dawe (SK AM) and Ms. Rivero (Grade 6). The junior classes enjoyed their pizza party and the SK class enjoyed its movie and popcorn day. The distribution of the funds raised through the Dance-a-thon was discussed and voted on at the November 2nd School Council meeting. The majority of the funds will be used to promote the “ARTS” at Metropolitan Andrei School. **Peel Heritage** will conduct a visual arts class (one lesson) in each classroom in January or February of 2012. As well each class will receive a dance lesson, in the Spring of 2012 to be provided by **Summer Stars**.

The members of the School Council would like to wish the Metropolitan Andrei School community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our School Council has organized:

FACEBOOK & TWITTER PRESENTATION

Presenter: Chris Vollum

Date: March 21, 2012

Time: 6:30p.m.

All parents are invited to attend to this informative session at Metropolitan Andrei School.

YOUTH FAITH AMBASSADORS

On Tuesday, November 15th, our YFA's attended a commissioning mass at Cristo Rei Church presided by Father Carlos Macatangga. The YFA's received a special blessing and they will also be receiving a blessed ribbon to commemorate this special event. It was a great opportunity for our YFA's to celebrate mass with other YFA's from our Family of schools. Congratulations to our YFA's: Michelle W., Diego F., Ariel C., Tionna H., Nadia T., Nikayla, Milad K., Edelyn R., Danny R., Katey K., Rachel F., Madeline, Danika G., Hannah M., Alex

O., Ellie V., Krysta S., Lauren Jade K., Eden P., Todd T., Francesca, Malijah H., Hailey B., Samantha F., Brendan, Arnold D., Sarah V., Sophia K., Patricia M., Maks B., Nikita D., Zoya, Maria M., Anne G., Danica G., Alison M., Annie P., Kathleen N., Daniela, Paulina C.

SAFETY OF STUDENTS

We are requesting that students **not be dropped off prior to 8:15 a.m.** as we do not have supervision in the yard until that time. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter of your child's safety.

METROPOLITAN ANDREI SCHOOL READING PROGRAM

A big thank you to 5 volunteers who have come forward as reading coaches in our Reading Program and to the two parents who are running the Home Literacy Program. If you would like to come and volunteer your time, please come to the school office and complete a volunteer form and submit your Criminal Reference Check to Mrs. Athaide.

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SHOES

The fall season is here and winter is fast approaching. In order to keep our students warm and comfortable and to help keep their workplace clean, **please ensure that your child has a pair of “indoor” shoes. It will reduce the amount of dirt, mud and snow brought indoors.** This will also assist Mr. Banbur and our custodial staff in keeping our school clean. Students are asked to put indoor shoes on the racks outside their classroom. It is imperative that students have a pair of shoes to wear in case of an emergency and they must exit the school. Thanks for your continued cooperation.

JUNIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The Junior Boys Volleyball Team displayed hard work, determination, and great teamwork during the season. With every game they played they improved both their individual and team skills. The boys just missed making it to the Family Tournament with a 3-2 record.

Congratulations to:

Rodney R., Diego F., Diego U., Alex K., Elijah T., Brandon C., Jake A., Chris C., Dylan M., Christopher R., Gabriel O. Thanks to coaches Mr. Sbrocchi and Mr. Roque for their hard work. A special thank you to all parents who drove players to games and cheered on the team.

FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION

SK parents/guardians, who wish to enroll their child in a **Grade 1 French Immersion** class for September 2012 are reminded to attend an **important meeting at St. Gertrude School on Thursday January 12th, 2012 @ 7:00p.m.** Please submit the French Immersion application and recommendation sheet to the French Immersion centre. Applications will be accepted at that centre until **2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 8th, 2012.**

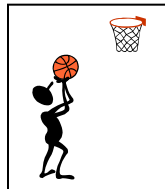
EXTENDED FRENCH INFORMATION

Grade 4 parents/guardians, who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 5 Extended French class for September 2012 at St. Philip School are reminded to attend an information meeting on January 18, 2012 @ 7:00p.m. Please submit the Extended French application . Applications to attend the Extended French Program will be accepted at St. Philip School until 3:00p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2012.

2012 INFORMATION NIGHT- PLANNING FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS ENTERING JK/SK
 There will be an information session for parents of children with special needs such as vision, hearing, physical/medical, development or autism who are entering JK, SK in September 2012. The information session will be held at the **DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD- Catholic Education Centre Room 301 on January 17, 2011 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Parents /Guardians are also reminded to register their child here at our school office. **Official registration dates are February 6, 8, 9, 10 2012. Snow date is February 7th, 2012.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW

Boys and Girls ages 10-14
 Saturday, January 14, 2012
 Canadian Martyrs School
 Registration @ 8:00a.m.
 Contact: William Sheldon
 8:00-12:00a.m.



Junior & Senior Kindergarten Registration for Sept. 2012

Registration for the 2012-13 school year will now be held on

Monday, February 6, 2012 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*

*Snow Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2012 -7:00. - 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.

For more info call 905-270-4151

Junior Kindergarten - Children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2012

Senior Kindergarten - Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2012

FATHER MICHAEL GOETZ SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS:	
<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>	
Monday January 9	Classes Resume
Thursday January 19	Gr. 9 Math EQAO
Friday January 20	Gr. 9 Math EQAO
Wednesday January 25 - Monday January 30	Semester 1 Final Exams
Tuesday January 31	No Classes (Exam day if Needed for snow day)
Wednesday February 1	Exam Review Day
Thursday February 2	P.D. Day (No Classes)
Friday February 3	Semester 2 Begins
Wednesday February 8	Gr. 8 Feeder and Public School Info Night
Monday February 20	Family Day Holiday
Wednesday February 22	Ash Wednesday
Monday March 12 – 16	March Break
Wednesday March 21	Parent/Teacher Interview
Thursday March 29	Gr. 10 OSSLT Literacy Test
Friday April 6	Good Friday (No Classes)
Monday April 9	Easter Monday (No Classes)
Thursday April 12	Feeder School Dance (Gr. 8)
April 18,19 & 20	School Play (Hairspray)
Friday April 27	Semester 2 Mid Term Report Cards

December Dates to Remember

- 1 Reptilia Presentation –Grade 6’s
- 2 Advent Liturgy
- 7 Advent Liturgy
- 8 French Aim Plays-Gr.4-8
- 9 French Aim Plays-Gr.4-8
- 13 Advent Liturgy
- 14 Hep B –Grade 7-2nd dose
HPV-Grade 8
- 16 Father Goetz SS Band visits-Gr.6,7,8
- 19 JK/SK Christmas Concert
- 21 School Christmas Concert
- 22 Advent Liturgy
- Joy Day in the pm
- 23 Gr.5-8 Music Concert

**SCHOOL BEGINS ON MONDAY,
 JANUARY 9th, 2012**

Mississauga Valley
Branch Library

Winter Programs - 2012

905 615-4670 x2480

**Free Drop-in
Family Storytime**

Tuesdays, 7:00 - 7:30 pm
Jan 10 to Feb 28

Wednesdays, 10:15 -10:45a.m.
Jan 11 to Feb 29

Paid Programs

Fee: \$15 per child for 8 week session

Bouncing Baby Storytime

Thursdays 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

1-2-3 Read-With-Me

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Jan 12 - Mar 1

Fridays, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Jan 13 - Mar 2

Spanish Storytime

Saturdays

Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 3

All Ages; free! 10:30a.m.

Special Event

**Family Open House &
Storytime**

Sat. Feb. 18 10:00 - 10:45a.m.

All Ages \$2.00

Access your account and the
Library's online services 24/7 at
www.mississauga.ca/library

Check out these 3 children's databases!



Multi language Tumble Book Library! You can access free from home this interactive online collection of animated: talking picture books that teach children the joy of reading in a format they'll love!



Also online, award winning pre-K to grade 3 database for reading and research. Leveled text, educational games, and multimedia help teach concepts to young researchers. PebbleGo offers two separate databases: PebbleGo Animals and PebbleGo Earth and Space



And, Kids InfoBits: targets the research needs of students up to Grade Five. The curriculum - related, age appropriate, full-text content is from the best elementary reference sources, newspapers and magazines

Library Hours

Sunday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Monday Closed

Tuesday 10:00 am to 9:00 pm

Wednesday 10:00 am to 9:00 pm

Thursday 10:00 am to 9:00 pm

Friday 10:00 am to 9:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am to 9:00 pm

Library will be closed on Tue., Dec. 27th

Weather Cancellations

During the winter months, inclement weather and/or poor road conditions may cause the disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations. In these cases, parents/guardians should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

A decision to cancel bus transportation and/or to close schools is made by 6:00 a.m. Decisions are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature and road conditions. A decision to cancel bus transportation may be system wide (where all buses in **Dufferin County and the Region of Peel are cancelled**) or municipality specific (i.e. Dufferin-Peel C.D.S Board and the Peel District School Board).

If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents require the same transportation home.

Notification

Parents/guardians, students and school staff are asked to monitor the following radio/television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation/school closure information.

Radio:

CKFM 99.9	CHUM 1050
CJCL 590	CJBC (FR) 860 AM
CHFI 98.1	CJEZ EZ ROCK 97.3
CFTR 680	CFRB 1010
FOXY 88.5 FM	Z103.5
CFNY 102.1	CHIN 100.7 FM / 1540 AM
93.1 FM	CJMR/CHOW 1250
102.7 FM (Caledon)	

A bus cancellation and/or school closure message will also be available online at www.dpccsb.org or by calling 905-890-1221.

Thank you for your support as we focus on providing safe transportation for all our students.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Peel Children's Centre

905-451-4655

Who should call?

-Parents with children 18 years of age and under who need assessment/counselling support/psychiatric consultation

-Youth aged 12 to 24 needing help

Intake workers are available

9:00am-4:30pm

Monday to Friday

They will connect you with the most appropriate services in Peel Region.

Interpreter services are available.