

JANUARY 2012  
NEWSLETTER

## Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School

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### *Prayer for the New Year*

*O God of new beginnings and wonderful  
surprises,  
thank you for the gift of a new year.  
May it be time of grace for me, a time to grow  
in faith and love,  
a time to renew my commitment to following  
Your Son, Jesus.  
May it be a year of blessing for me,  
a time to cherish my family and friends,  
a time to renew my efforts at work,  
a time to embrace my faith more fully.  
Walk with me, please in everyday and every  
hour of this new year,  
that the light of Christ might shine through me,  
in spite of my weaknesses and failings.  
Above all, may I remember this year  
That I am a pilgrim on the sacred path to You.  
Amen*

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2012  
PA DAY  
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

### *Principal's Message:*

I hope that the Christmas season was a meaningful celebration of Christ's birth with family and friends. Just as the three wise men rejoiced so long ago, we pray that God will fill our homes and hearts with the same joy today.

A big thank you to the staff and students of Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School for the excellent Christmas Concert. It was wonderful to see our talented students in action. Thank you to all the families for your generous contribution to SHARELIFE. Thanks also to those families who donated toys, hats, scarves, and canned goods. We collected over 1,000 canned goods!!! Thanks to Mr. Deighan's class for organizing the collection of can goods. All items were packed in the cruiser with the help of our Community Officers and given to the needy families in our community. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Our virtue this month is self control. Self control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that we will regret or that will harm ourselves or others. When we use self control, we can be sure that our school will be a safe, caring and inclusive place to learn.

Every month at Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School is Nutrition Month. Let us begin or continue to eat nutritious healthy foods for snack and lunch each day.

Thank you to parents for getting your child to school on time. Thank you to parents who are driving with care and caution and obeying the rules of the Kiss and Ride. Thank you to parents for keeping children at home when they are ill preventing the spread of cold virus and flu infections. Thank you to parents for calling in your child's absence before school starts. Thank you to parents for your continued support at home with your child's academics. It is all greatly appreciated by the staff of Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School.

On behalf of the staff, I extend a happy, healthy and prosperous new year to the Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School Community.

L. Lettieri.

## Virtue of the Month

*In the month of January we will celebrate the virtue of SELF CONTROL:*



A person with *self-control*

- Is patient
- Knows how to wait his/her turn
- Can calm himself/herself down and thinks before reacting to situations
- Can think things through and do what is best for everyone

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.

We feel pressure from inside or from outside ourselves to react violently to a situation. We've all "lost it" at one time or another. We are never proud of those moments. As soon as they happen we make a promise that it will not happen again.

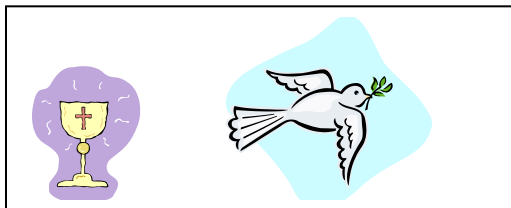
Through prayer and concentration, we can get better at controlling our reactions. We can get better at showing *self-control*.

Self-control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that 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.



### 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

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

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

- Wednesday January 18, 2012 at 6:30p.m. (NEW DATE)
- 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.

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 this informative session at Metropolitan Andrei School.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL DECEMBER FUNDRAISER

Thank you Metropolitan Andrei School Community for the successful sale of "Magical Reindeer Dust." We raised \$220.00 which will be used to purchase a new book stand for the library.

## TRANSPORTATION CANCELLATIONS

Decisions are usually made by 6:00 a.m. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they do not run in the afternoon. If buses are cancelled, the school remains open. Please listen to the following radio/T.V. stations in the event of school closures or bus cancellations

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)	

CITYPULSE, GOLBAL NEWS, CBC

Information is available on the transportation website:

<https://businfo.stopr.ca>. A bus cancellation and/or school closure message will also be available online at [www.dpcdsb.org](http://www.dpcdsb.org) or by calling 905-890-1221.

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



## 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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. at St. Philip School. 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, 2012 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

## HALF DAY 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 2012**

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*

Parents must provide the following documents:

1. Proof of age...birth certificate
2. Original Catholic Baptismal Certificate (for one parent and child) or Baptismal Certificate of other rites in communion with the Holy See of Rome.
3. Updated immunization records
4. Proof of Canadian citizenship or of landed immigrant status
5. Proof of address (i.e. utility bill) and English Separate School Support.

## DUFFERIN-PEEL ELECTS NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

At the annual organizational meeting held Tuesday, December 6, trustees elected Mississauga Wards 1 & 3 trustee, Mario Pascucci as Chair of the 11-member Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. During his 28 years as a trustee, Mr. Pascucci has served in various leadership capacities, including one previous term as Chair of the Board, Chair of Administration and Finance Committee, Audit, and Faith and Program Committees.

Linda Zanella, trustee for Brampton West, Wards 2, 5 & 6 was elected Vice-Chair. Ms. Zanella has also served in various leadership capacities in the past including Chair and Vice-Chair of the Faith and Program Committee, chair of the Policy and By-Laws Committee and Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) and Vice-Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee.

Congratulations to Mario Pascucci and Linda Zanella!

## JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

After a most successful season, the Junior Girls Volleyball team earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Family Tournament. Congratulations to Hailey B., Ariel C., Nikaya R., Tianna H., Edelyn R., Victoria M., Katey K., Rachel F., Ashley G. and Yasmine W. A big thank you to Ms. Kaminski and Mr. Deighan for coaching this excellent team. Thanks also to all parents for driving the students to the various league games and Family Tournament.

## 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. 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.

## TOYS NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOLYARD

For the safety of all students, BAY BLADES are not allowed to be brought to school nor played on school grounds. Also SILLY BANDS are not to be traded during recess at school. Please protect your child's valuables by not allowing them to bring them to school. The administration and teachers will not deal with incidents of lost valuables such as toys.



### PEEL HERITAGE ART PROGRAM

During the months of January, February and March classes will be participating in art programs offered by the Peel Heritage Centre which has been funded by the School Council. Students will be creating art work and learning the artistic techniques. Thank you to the School Council for supporting this arts initiative.

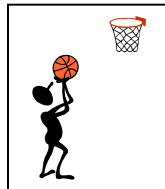


### INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SHOES

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.

### 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.



### DID YOU KNOW?

What guarantee for separate schools does the Canadian Constitution still contain?

In 1867 the Fathers of Confederation made section 93(1) part of the Constitution. It states:

Nothing in any such (provincial legislative) Law shall prejudicially affect any Right or Privilege with respect to Denominational Schools which any Class of Persons (i.e. separate school supporters) have by Law in the Province at the Union.

### ANTI-BULLYING BOOK MARK CONTEST

This year all students are asked to participate in an anti-bullying book mark contest. The book mark should be 20.5cm by 7 cm. Students are asked to demonstrate their knowledge of bullying and their artistic skills. Contest ends on February 28/12. A winner from each division will be selected.

### WHEN THE SNOW ARRIVES ...



### SNOWBALLS

Throwing snowballs and sliding on ice may seem fun however it can be very dangerous when lots of people are in a small area. In order for our school to be as safe as possible, the school rule is that snow stays on the ground. There will be no snowballs, kicking snow or any other activity with snow or ice that could be harmful. Students are not to slide on ice or hills. Please review these rules with your child.



### METRO S.P.I.R.I.T. EVENT

Come and cheer on the Raptors at another Metro S.P.I.R.I.T event. The Toronto Raptors will be hosting the Charlotte Bobcats on Friday, February 17, 2012 at the Air Canada Centre. The bus will be departing Metropolitan Andrei School at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets for this event will begin to go on sale Tuesday, January 10, 2012 and will be granted on a first come first serve basis, a waiting list will also be kept. Tickets for this event can only be purchased by those students who are accompanied by a parent/guardian who will supervise their own children. All ticket orders must be paid for in CASH (\$30 per person). Ticket and form requests are due by Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

Come out and show your Spirit Metro!



**CITIZENS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
Transforming Communities

### CACD AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

CACD (Citizens for the Advancement of Community Development) is offering after school programs to students who are in Grades 6-8 from 3-6:00p.m. These programs run from January 9 to March 30, 2012 from Monday to Friday at the Mississauga Valley Community Centre. They are offering:

- tutoring in Math, English and Science
- social skills programs
- art/beadwork program
- basketball
- dance and music programs
- photography
- movie/game nights

[www.cacdcanada.org](http://www.cacdcanada.org)

Contact: Ron Cunningham

[\(647\)339-2223 \(C\)](tel:(647)339-2223) [\(905\)361-2421 \(B\)](tel:(905)361-2421)

**ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Dufferin- Peel offers a variety of programs for new Canadians and those wishing to learn English or French:

- English as Second Language (ESL)
- French as a Second Language(FSL)
- Language Instruction for New Candians(LINC)
- Citizenship

<http://www.dpcdsb.org/CEC/CNE/ESL>

Click on this link to download information on the program of interest and a list of locations and times for our ESL, FSL, LINC and Citizenship Locations

For further information regarding ongoing programs please call 905-891-9263

**MISSISSAUGA LIBRARY INFORMATION**

On Friday, January 27, 2012 is Family Literacy Day. “Learning Happens Everywhere” is this year’s theme.

The website for the Family Literacy Day has a lot of ideas and resources [www.abclifeliteracy.ca/family-literacy-day](http://www.abclifeliteracy.ca/family-literacy-day).

The library’s website features a number of databases with activities to encourage young readers including Tumblebooks, Pebble Go and Kids infobits.

The library website also has links to math resources which can be found under homework links-math resources.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 14 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Canadian Martyrs School at 8 a.m.
- 17 Intermediate Girls Basketball at Canadian Martyrs-3:30 p.m.  
Peel Heritage Art Program for Ms. Masse’s and Mrs. Dawe’s am and pm classes
- 18 School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Library  
Peel Heritage Art Program for Mrs. Ianiro’s, Mrs. Maradin’s, Mrs. Ardito’s and Mrs. Morgado’s classes
- 19 Peel Heritage Art Program for Mrs. Ganko’s, Mrs. Midgley’s, Mrs. Coelho’s and Mrs. Krzak’s classes
- 23 Intermediate Girls Basketball at Metro against Corpus Christi- 3:30 p.m.

- 25 Intermediate Boys Basketball at Metro against Father Daniel Zanon-4:00 p.m.
- 26 Intermediate Boys Basketball at Bishop Scalabrini -3:45 p.m.  
Intermediate Girls Basketball at Father Daniel Zanon – 3:45 p.m.
- 27 Family Literacy Day

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