



# ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**"DOING GOD'S WILL WELL"**

**NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2010**

**"GRANDPARENT'S DAY 2010"**

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, Canadians all across the country stop and remember the men, women and children who were killed in wars. There are parades and memorial services. Everybody stands in silence as they remember the more than 100,000 brave Canadians who were killed. World War One Armistice was signed on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month. That is why November 11<sup>th</sup> is called Remembrance Day.

Please join us for our Remembrance Day Celebration in the gym on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m.

Poppies will be available for all students. Please send in a donation. Donations as little as a dime is welcome.

Sincerely,

Fred Albi  
Principal

## PROGRESS REPORTS & INTERVIEWS

First term progress report cards will be going home on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Interviews will take place on the evening of Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> or at a pre-arranged time that is convenient for the teacher and parent. However, you are encouraged to contact your child(ren)'s teacher at any time if you have questions or concerns about student progress.

## PICTURE RETAKE DAY – NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

Picture retake day will take place on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH – CONSCIENCE – NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

A virtue is a habit or established capacity to perform good actions according to the moral standards reflected in the gospel. Each month we will focus on encouraging growth on a particular virtue.

During the month of November, we celebrate the virtue of Conscience. Conscience is the voice of God within us. As you develop your conscience, you will learn to make decisions that will make sure you will always have love in your life. Our conscience reminds us how to act towards other people and how to be a good friend. Sometimes it is hard for us to do the right thing, but we must always remember that the right thing to do is not always the easy thing to do.

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.

Please join us at our virtues assembly on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

## LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES DRILL - NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

School Administrators with the Dufferin-Peel CDSB are directed by (G.A.P.) "The General Administrative Procedures", involving the Acts and Regulations of the Province of Ontario as well as the policies, regulations and procedures of the Dufferin-Peel CDSB. One of these procedures involves participating in a "Lockdown Drill". We, at St. Josephine Bakhita School will be participating in one of these Lockdown drills on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

This drill will involve the principal going over the P.A. system several times announcing that we are "Initiating Lockdown Procedures and that this is only a drill." The principal and your child's teacher will inform your child what to do prior and throughout the drill. Teachers will ask students to move away from the windows and doors. We wanted to inform you of these procedures so that you would be aware prior to the event, that this is only a drill.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

Our November School Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Parents are invited to attend.

## P.A. DAY – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

This day is dedicated to Provincial Priorities and Faith Development. There will be no classes for students on this day.

## ADVENT MASS – DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2010

Our advent mass will take place at St. Leonard Parish on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us if you are available.

## CASUAL DRESS DOWN DAYS

You may have noticed the teaching faculty of St. Josephine Bakhita dress casual on Fridays. They do this to support Share Life Charities. They have made a donation to support Share Life through St. Leonard Parish.

## FOOD DAYS

### Pizza Days:

Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010  
Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010  
Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

### Other Food Days

Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – Hot Dog Day  
Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Sub Day  
Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – Lunch Lady  
Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> – Hot Dog Day

## **WINTER WEATHER**

During the winter season, the school receives calls from concerned parents as to how we determine when children will or will not be allowed outside for recess. It is generally accepted that when the wind chill factor drops below -28 C, students should not go outside for recess. Dufferin-Peel C.D.S.B. Policy uses a Wind Chill factor of -25 C as the determining temperature.

## **DRESSING APPROPRIATELY FOR THE WEATHER**

Students should come dressed appropriately for weather (hats, mitts, etc.) For health reasons we must insist on indoor shoes. Students who do not have indoor shoes will be asked to phone home to obtain a pair.

Please note that in the event of an emergency evacuation, students will not have the opportunity to put boots on.

## **CRIMINAL REFERENCE CHECK**

Please note that Criminal Reference Checks are required for volunteers at all schools. If you are interested in being a volunteer at our school, please pick up an application form at the school.

## **STAYING IN FOR RECESS**

In the colder weather we receive numerous request 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 nor the staff to supervise these students. Moreover, Health Officials indicate that the fresh air is good for children ... not harmful, as long as students are dressed appropriately. On extremely cold days, particularly when the wind chill factors lower temperatures considerably, we will limit the amount of time that students spend outdoors, and/or hold recess indoors. With the exception of these occasions, we expect that all children will go outdoors for recess and the lunch break.

## **STUDENT'S PERSONAL ITEMS**

Students are asked not to bring personal items such as game boys, iPods, and playing cards to school. Those items have a tendency to go missing, and the school personnel are then put in a position of trying to locate these items. As can be imagined, a lot of time is needed to investigate and locate the items.

## **ANAPHYLAXIS AND SEVERE FOOD ALLERGY**

As was mentioned in our first newsletter, there are a number of students who have life threatening food allergies. Your cooperation and extra care in preparation of food and snacks being sent to school is greatly appreciated. Students are discouraged from sharing snacks.

Reminder: Please do not send in edible treats such as cupcakes, cookies, Tim Bits, etc. for birthdays and special

occasions such as Christmas, Valentine's Day. As an alternative, parents may choose to give a non-edible treat such as a pencil, sticker sheet or eraser.

## **CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER**

We send a big thank you to our School Council for organizing the fall fundraiser this year. Lots of dedication and commitment went to collecting and counting money, distributing chocolate and organizing prizes.

We will report the results of the Chocolate Fundraiser in the December newsletter.

## **ST. LEONARD'S PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
St. Leonard Parish Hall  
187 Conestoga Drive

This is a parish-family event as well as a major fundraiser. They have crafts, silent auction, raffles, gifts, baked goods, games, lunch room and a reptile room! The children will have an opportunity to learn about fascinating reptiles such as snakes and bearded dragons, and even have their pictures taken with them and get a tattoo!

## **MOVEMBER**

Movember is an annual, month-long celebration of the moustache, highlighting men's health issues - specifically prostate cancer.

The male staff at St. Josephine Bakhita School will participate in this year's Movember. For the month of November, they will grow facial hair (moustache and/or some form of beard).

We are asking students to donate a loonie or toonie. The money raised in Canada goes directly to Prostate Cancer Canada. Prostate Cancer Canada will use the money raised by Movember for the development of programs related to awareness, public education, advocacy, support of those affected, and research into the prevention, detection, treatment and cure of prostate cancer.

In early December, an assembly will be held where the male staff will have their facial hair shaved off.

In 2008 the Movember campaign in Canada raised \$2.4 million making it the largest charity event for men.

For further information, visit [The Movember Foundation](http://TheMovemberFoundation.com).

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE INFORMATION MEETING

### November 23, 2010- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme Information Night at Notre Dame Catholic secondary School

On November 23 there will be an information night for parents interested in enrolling their children in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (for Grade 8 students applying to the Grade 9 Notre Dame Pre-IB). It will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School located at 2 Notre Dame Avenue, Brampton (Kennedy Rd and Bovaird). The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program is a comprehensive and rigorous two-year curriculum. Grades 9 and 10 (Notre Dame Pre-IB) prepares students for the challenges of the I.B. Diploma Programme in Grade 11 and 12. Students who successfully complete the I.B. program are awarded both the I. B. Diploma and the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

For more Information, visit <http://www.dpcdsb.org/ndame> or call 905 840-2802

## HOLY NAME OF MARY C.S.S. TO HOLD GRADE 8 INFORMATION NIGHT

On November 18th, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Holy Name of Mary C.S.S. will be holding a Grade 9 Information & Registration Night for current Grade 8 students, and their parents, in the school's gymnasium. As a regional all girls school, we would like to invite all eligible Region of Peel girls to apply to Holy Name of Mary C.S.S. The night will involve information, presentations, tours of the school and registration. Please visit our website for further updates: [www.dpcdsb.org/hnmry/guidance](http://www.dpcdsb.org/hnmry/guidance). Registration packages will be available on our website by November 5th, 2010. Location: Holy Name of Mary C.S.S., 115 Glenvale Blvd., Brampton, Ontario. For further information please call 905-458-5541 X 64104.

## INTERMEDIATE CHOIR SINGS AT BATTALION GAME



On Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, our intermediate choir sang the National Anthem at the Brampton Battalion. Congratulations to our students on doing a great job!

## HIGHER GROUND MUSICWORKS SING TO WIN CONTEST

Congratulations to Erika DaCunha, a grade eight student at St. Josephine Bakhita School, who is the winner of the Higher Ground MusicWorks Sing to Win contest held at the Rose Studio Theatre on Saturday, October 16, 2010. Erika was chosen amongst 10 finalists between the ages of 7 - 18 years who were chosen from various auditions in Brampton and online. It was a true contest and challenge with a number of contestants who had a chance.

The final round was between Erika, Victoria Fragomeni (also a grade 8 student at St. Josephine Bakhita School) and Sarah Sasha Pereira. Erika pulled enough through to win. Carl Merenick, the Executive Director and emcee of the evening noted, "The final three were all great singers, it would have been difficult to choose a winner. Erika is only 13 years old, yet she sings with the maturity of an adult. Knowing just a little about her life, she's already had to dig deep to survive and you can hear a lot of that in her singing."

When I see and hear Erika I see a strong young girl who recognizes that her gift is something to give away." Erika will now record an original song produced by Ryan and Brandon from Low Level Flight. Recording is to begin mid November! Touring and showcases are to be announced.

Funded by: **highergroundmusicworks**.

## SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE:

Terry Fox Foundation: \$559.14  
Breast Cancer Society: \$733.75

## COMMUNITY NEWS

- Portico Pizzeria is offering students and families of St. Josephine Bakhita a 20% discount on orders of \$20.00 or more. Discount is not included with specials. Portico Pizzeria is located at 10725 McLaughlin Rd. at Potter's Wheel. 905-495-3344.
- Private vocal lesson available. Thursday nights 8pm-9pm. 1 spot left. \$25.00 per hr. First come first serve. [kimmerbasta@gmail.com](mailto:kimmerbasta@gmail.com)
- Professional and experienced teacher now accepting students for private instruction.

Guitar & Piano beginner to intermediate and Drums all levels and styles.

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