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## Dates to Remember:

- Lunch Lady – Fridays
- Jan. 12 - French Immersion Meeting 7:00 pm at St. Joachim School
- Jan. 12, 19, 26 - Pizza Days
- Jan. 11, 18, 25 - Ski Dates
- January 14 - P.A. Day
- January 27 - St. Angela Merici Feast Day
- Jan. 28 1:00 Virtue Assembly
- Jan. 31 - Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition



## **Principal/Vice-Principal Message:**

Welcome back to all students, staff, parents and guardians, with smiles on your faces and tummies filled with Christmas treats. We trust that your Christmas was filled with much joy, friendship and celebration. The New Year is a time for reflection as well as celebration. As you look back on the past year and all that has taken place in your life,

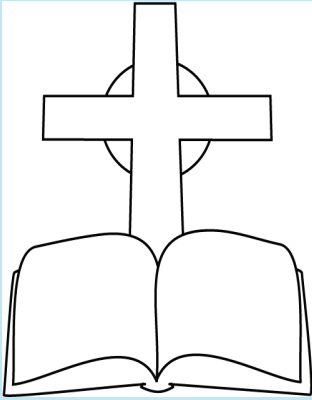
- Remember each experience for the good that has come of it and the knowledge you have gained.
- Remember the efforts you have made and the goals you have reached.
- Remember the love you have shared and the happiness you have brought.
- Remember the laughter, the joy, the hard work and the tears.

Look ahead to the New Year with open minds and hearts, remembering always that we are disciples of Christ.

## **Prayer for the New Year**

Let us keep God, our Father, in our hearts and pray to God each day to help us to do our best to lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right. Let us always remember that we are all God's children, embracing all and discriminating against no one. Let us ensure that the importance of Jesus' birth remains in our hearts throughout the days ahead in our daily living—while we work and play within our school and in our families. We pray that all our families find the peace of Christ in their lives, this year and always.

*Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Strudwick*



**Guardian Angels Parish**  
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Masses are held at St. Edmund  
Campion Secondary School  
275 Brisdale Drive,  
Brampton, ON L7A 3C7

Masses are held on:  
Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 9:00, 10:30 and 12 pm  
Weekdays: 7:30 am



*Please visit our website often  
for all the latest updates and  
past newsletters at:*

<http://www.dpcdsb.org/MERIC>

#### Newsletters

Newsletters will normally be sent home once each month, either by e-mail or by hard copy as per your direction. Please look for these newsletters, as they contain much information of importance to our students and their families

**\*\*\*See the last page of this newsletter for exciting updates in this area!\*\*\***

## VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY—SELF-CONTROL

This month, we will celebrate the virtue of *Self-Control*.

### **A person with Self-Control...**

- is patient and knows how to wait his or her turn
- can calm him or herself down and think before reacting to situations
- knows how to avoid physical aggression (hitting, kicking, pushing, fighting, etc.)
- can think things through and do what is best for everyone
- resists the temptation to do something that he or she will regret

God has given us the ability to choose how we react to what happens around us. When we all use self-control, we can be sure that our school will be a safe, caring and inclusive community, engaged in learning and positive actions; doing as Jesus would want us to do!

### **St. Angela Merici Feast Day Liturgy**

**The Feast day of our Patron Saint  
will be celebrated at the school with a  
Liturgy to be held at  
1:00 pm on January 27, 2011.**

**All are welcome.**



S. ANGELA MERICI

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**

#### **Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, January 19, 2011 - 6:30 pm,  
in the Conference Room.  
All meetings are open to community  
members. Please join us if you can.**

### **School Holidays**

Family Day  
Monday, February 21st

Mid-Winter Break  
Monday, March 14th—  
Friday, March 18th

Good Friday  
April 22nd

Easter Monday  
April 25th

Victoria Day  
Monday, May 23rd

### **ATTENDANCE!!!**

**PLEASE call the office at (905) 840-1505  
and leave a message explaining your child's absence, THANK YOU!  
The fridge magnet you received earlier has the phone number on it as well.**



# Kindergarten

## JUNIOR & SENIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2011-12 school year will be held at all Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools on the following dates:

### REVISED DATES

Monday, February 7, 2011 - 7:00 - 9:00 pm\*

\***Snow Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2010 - 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 9, 10 & 11, 2011  
9:00 am - 11:00 am and 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

### *Junior Kindergarten*

*Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2011*

### *Senior Kindergarten*

*Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2011*

Parents/Guardians should bring the following documents when registering their child:

- Proof of age (birth certificate or passport)
- Original Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (for parent/guardian and child) or Baptismal Certificate of other rites in communion with the Holy See of Rome (if 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 home address (utility bill, bank or credit card statement)
- Proof of English Separate School Support (may be done at the time of registration by completing an Application *For the Direction of School Support* and/or a *Separate School Lease Agreement* available at the school)

For more information, call:

- Admissions at 905-890-0708 Ex. 24500 or
- School office at 905-840-1505

## Professional Activity Days and Reporting to Parents Update

There will be no school for students on **Friday January 14th**

Teachers will be involved with the writing of first term report cards. Reports will be sent home on **February 1st**, with interviews taking place on the evening of Thursday **February 3rd**, and during the day on **Friday February 4th**, (P.A. Day).

## Dressing for Winter Weather

Winter is here! It has certainly come in like a lion bringing very cold weather and we are expecting a great deal of snow.

Please encourage your child to dress appropriately for the cold weather. Outdoor play is a healthy and invigorating activity when students are wearing suitable clothing and warm mittens.

Please write your child's name on boots, mitts, hats, jackets and snow pants.

Children must change into their indoor shoes for warmth, comfort and cleanliness.

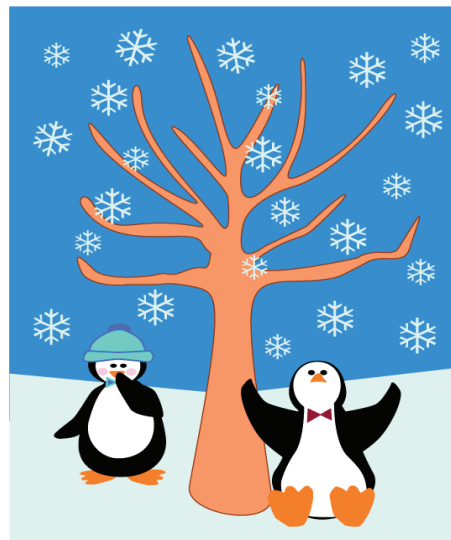
Please keep an extra pair of mittens, socks and even track pants in your child's school bag in case they need a dry change.



## Winter Weather Reminder

During the winter months, inclement weather may cause disruption of regular school operations. A decision to close schools or cancel busses is usually made by 6:00 a.m. You can obtain information by listening to the following radio stations:

VIRGIN RADIO FM 99.9, CHUM AM 1050, CFTR AM 680, CFNY FM 102.1, CJCL AM 590, CHFI FM 98.1, CFRB AM 1010, EZ ROCK FM 97.3, CJBC (FR) AM 860, FM Z103.5, FM 93.1, AM 1540, AM 640, FM Q 107, CHIN FM 100.7, CFTO, CITYPULSE, GLOBAL NEWS, CBC.



**We continue to be in need of student monitors, (formerly known as lunch hour supervisors). This is a paid occasional position. If you are interested, please see Mrs. Di Bello in our school office.**

# Apprend le Français

French Immersion is a Canadian educational program designed to give students whose first language is not French the opportunity to learn in the French language. The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is pleased to offer the French Immersion Program starting in Grade 1 at six sites in September 2010. Students registered in this program will spend 90% of their day learning in the French language. All subjects and activities in the French Immersion classroom, except for English language arts, will be delivered in French.

More detailed information about the French Immersion program in the Brampton area, will be available at parent/guardian meetings to be held on

**Wednesday, January 12, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at: St. Joachim school**

435 Rutherford Rd. N.  
Brampton, ON  
L6V 3V9

For more information, please contact the Program Department at 905-890-0708 ext. 24332



## St. Angela Merici Families Give Back !

Thank you to the students and parents of St. Angela Merici School for your support with the Christmas Food and Winter Coat Drive. Your generosity has put smiles on the faces of the receiving families. We would also like to thank you for the donations collected at the teacher vs. students volleyball game. We were able to help many families in our own school community this Christmas season.



## Our Catholic School Heritage

The British North America Act, enacted in 1867 (now known as the Constitution Act or the Canada Act) had a major impact on the rights of separate schools in Canada.

When the Fathers of Confederation came from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Canada East and Canada West to meet in Charlottetown and Quebec, they quickly concluded, [in the words of Charles Tupper, one of the Fathers] that, “Without this guarantee for the rights of minorities being embodied in that new constitution, we should have been unable to obtain any Confederation whatever.”

Section 93(1), the Constitution created in 1867 states, “Nothing in any such [provincial legislative] Law shall prejudicially affect any Right of Privilege with respect to Denominational Schools which and Class of Persons [i.e. separate school supporters] have by Law in the Province at the Union.

**Section 93(1) protects at the provisions of the last separate school legislation passed before Confederation, the Separate School (Scott) Act of 1863. Among others, the Act provided the following rights:**

- (a) to form a separate school board with five or more Catholic heads of family resident in a public school jurisdiction;
- (b) To receive government grants equitable with those of the public school system;
- (c) To receive equitable funding;
- (d) To have separate school boundaries enlarged;
- (e) To elect separate school trustees with all the powers of public school trustees.





**St. Angela Merici is “Going Green” and  
We Need Your Help!!**

**With the support of the St. Angela Merici Catholic School Council, our newsletters will be “going green” in 2011. If you wish to receive your school newsletters by e-mail in lieu of hard copy, please provide us with the e-mail address you would like your newsletter sent to. Once the database is established our newsletter will then arrive in your in-box in full colour each month. Your e-mail address will remain confidential and will be used for the purpose of sending newsletters and other school information only. The mailbox will be unattended and so two-way communication will not be possible.**

**It is the intention that within the next two school years, the newsletters for all Dufferin-Peel Schools will be available by e-mail. This initiative is intended to provide families with up-to-date and comprehensive information in an environmentally friendly manner.**



I am excited to be receiving the full colour version of the St. Angela Merici monthly newsletter by e-mail.

Here is my e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

My children are: \_\_\_\_\_

Their teachers are: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this completed form to the school no later than  
January 13th, 2011**

WELCOME BACK



2011  
Happy New Year