



OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE

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Prayer for a new school year

Father,
We thank you for the opportunity
to begin the 2011-2012 school
year,
and we ask that you bless
the faculty, the students, and stu-
dent families.
We pray that you will guide us in
all ways,
and that we will seek your will
in everything that we do.
We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen

Student Arrival

School begins promptly at 8:45 A.M.. Students and parents are reminded that each student has the responsibility to be on time. Arriving late disturbs the students in the class, interferes with the program of instruction, and centers attention on the latecomer. Please help us teach the value of being on time. If lateness occurs, the student is to report to the office for a late slip, and patterns of lateness will be monitored and dealt with.

School Agendas

We wish to thank the School Council for purchasing school agendas for all the students in grades one to eight. Please review the agenda with your child. Should your child lose their agenda, it will be their responsibility to replace it.

Principal's Message



On behalf of the Our Lady of Providence staff, I would like to welcome you back and I hope that you and your family had an opportunity to enjoy a relaxing summer. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome new students and their families to our school. I'm sure you will find the entire OLOP staff, students and parents to be very welcoming. Each school year brings new and wonderful opportunities to make a difference in the lives of your children. The staff at Our Lady of Providence School remain committed to the education of the whole child; spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, physical as well as hands-on active learning in which your child's individual needs, strengths and interests are addressed. In order to keep you informed of events at the school, you will be receiving a monthly e-newsletter (or hard copy – letter included) the first week of every month. You can also visit our website which will be updated regularly. If you have any concerns about your child(ren), please contact the teacher immediately to discuss them. A phone call at the onset of a concern usually resolves it before it becomes a problem. On our part, if we have any concerns about your child, we will also contact you at the earliest opportunity. Mr. Kearns and I have an Open Door Policy, so please do not hesitate to come in and introduce yourself or to bring concerns/suggestions forward. I wish each of you a year filled with rewarding opportunities and look forward to the blessings that Our Lady of Providence students will experience.

Steeve Boulanger

Principal

Open House September 22nd

We look forward to your presence at Our Lady of Providence Open House on Thursday, September 22nd, 2011. The Curriculum Night component of the evening begins at 7:00 P.M.. More information on this evening is to follow.

LibraryWelcomeLibraryWelcomeLibraryWelcome

Hello everyone and Happy New School Year! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Heather Sheehy and I am the Teacher-Librarian here at Our Lady of Providence School. I am very excited at the prospect of working with your children again this school year.

Students will soon be checking out library books. If they are young enough, please consider taking time to read their library books together. If your children are readers, you may wish instead to ask them about what they are reading. Please encourage your child to return their books on time and in good condition. A reminder that with wet weather children must take extra care of their library books. Books damaged by water are more prone to tears and end up discarded.

The fall months will be busy in our Library. In September we host our Book Fair; details coming soon. In October, grade 6 students will be trained as library helpers. They will gain detailed knowledge on how the library works and help to keep it functioning smoothly.

In November, the Ontario Library Association will release their list of nominated titles for the 2012 Forest of Reading Awards. We will place our order for these books as soon as those lists are made public. In December, students will be invited to consider whether or not they wish to participate. In January, students in grades 4 to 8 will be offered the chance to participate in these voluntary reading programs. They run during the lunch hour and the format is similar to an adult book club. The Blue Spruce Book Award for kindergarten to grade 3 students is run during class time.

A huge and heartfelt thank you goes out to the many families who have donated gently loved books to our school library over the summer. As we move into fall, should you come across books no longer being used in your home remember that they will always be welcome here, assuming they are in great condition.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the library, please feel free to contact me at the school anytime. I look forward to meeting you at the Open House in September if not before.

Thank you,
Heather Sheehy

Transportation 2011-2012



Transportation is provided to students who meet the guidelines as follows: Kindergarten and Grade one students who live 1.0 km from the school, Grades 2-4 who live 1.6 km from school, Grade 5-8 students who live 2.0 km from school. Please visit the following website to determine bus-sing eligibility for your children. www.stopr.ca. There are a number of features on that website, the most important being "Am I Eligible for Transportation?". Should you find that your child is eligible for transportation, route information will be

posted on the site, as well as at the front of the school prior to the first day of classes. A reminder of the Courtesy Rider Policy; seats will not be assigned until October. No courtesy seats will be available until then. Please refer to the policies and procedures section at www.stopr.ca. STOPR013 "Courtesy Transportation" provides detailed information. As this is the first year that we are participating in Integrated Ridership with the Peel Public Board, we will be informed as to how many courtesy seats

OLOP will be eligible to receive.

Integrated Ridership may present challenges in the initial stages of establishing transportation for OLOP students, as the bus itself is being shared with students of Fernforest Public School. Any queries or concerns not dealt with at stopr.ca should be directed to Mr. Kearns at 905-458-7080. Once again, your continued patience and co-operation will be gratefully appreciated.

The National School Terry Fox run takes place Friday, September 30, 2011. As has been the past tradition at OLOP, this day looks to be a great success. More information about this event is to follow.



Photos Removed

Ms. Inserra

Ms. DeSario

Ms. Lowther

Ms. Boni

Joining the community this academic year are Ms. Goetz (grade 3 French Immersion). Ms. Boni (grade 3) Ms. Haslam (grade 6) Ms. Sodhi (grade 2 French Immersion) Ms. Reda (grade 3) Ms. Inserra (grade 2 until May) Ms.

Photos Removed

Ms. Reda

Ms. Sodhi

Ms. Goetz

Ms. Haslam

Lowther (grade 2 French Immersion until May) Ms. DeSario (grade 1 French Immersion until May) As well, Ms. Burchill will be taking a medical leave following procedure until further notice. We send her our best and await her return to OLOP.



The driveway in front of the school has been set up as so that parents my Kiss & Ride when you drive your children to school. This can be a safe and effective way of allowing children to enter the school property. When using the Kiss & Ride option, we kindly ask that you adhere to the procedures as outlined below:

The driveway at the front of the school has three lanes. The lane closest to the school is designated to buses only. Please do not drive in this lane. The second lane (middle) is the Kiss & Ride lane. It is in this lane that you will be dropping your children off safely. The third land is the drive through lane. We ask that you not drop your children off in the drive through lane, as it is an unsafe practice. We ask for your patience and cooperation when using the Kiss & Ride lane.

Visitors in the School

In order to maintain a safe school environment for your child, please remember that if you are visiting the school we ask that you sign in at the office and obtain a Visitor's Pass. If you do not have the proper Visitor's Pass, staff will question your presence, both in the school and on school grounds. If you are picking up your child during regular school hours, we ask that you report to the office, where we will arrange for your child to meet you . Should you be having a family, friend or neighbour pick up your child, please indicate this in a dated and signed note, or agenda comment, to the child's teacher to inform the office of this arrangement.

School Hours of Supervision

Supervision in the school yard begins at 8:30 A.M.. Please do not drop your child off at school prior to that time, as they will not be supervised.

Reorganization

Of Classes

As each school year begins, reorganization of classes due enrollment of students may be a necessity. If we must reorganize classes, please be assured that we will do so with the interest of our students first and foremost in our minds. We will inform you in the event that any class reorganization is required. If necessary, reorganization of classes will take place Friday, September 16th, 2011. Any reorganization of classes will come into effect Monday, September 19th, 2011. Any families of students effected will be informed in writing at that time.

ACHIEVEMENT

A Report to our Catholic School Communities



Dufferin-Peel
Catholic District
School Board

Fall 2011

A Tradition of Excellence in Catholic Education

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and senior management, we welcome you to the 2011-12 school year. We are pleased that you have chosen a Catholic education for your child(ren) and promise to work hard to ensure that every student has every opportunity to achieve success. As we start the new school year, we would also like to make you aware of the tremendous amount of work that has taken place throughout the system over the past year. In that spirit, we are pleased to provide you with a snapshot report that outlines in bullet format, the work that has taken place over the past year; work that will impact this and future school and board activities. Throughout the year, we will strive to keep you apprised of achievements, issues and events as they unfold. We encourage you to get involved with Catholic education through your local school council and to keep informed of issues and events by visiting our website at www.dpcdsb.org where you can sign up for our free news and information service, eCommunity.

As we begin the new year, we will continue to work with our partners in education, you, the parents and guardians, our parishes, the Ministry of Education, Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association and others, to provide your children with a Catholic education that will serve them well as they strive to become, not only good, well rounded students, but responsible citizens as well. We welcome your feedback and input. To find out more about your local trustee and the role they play in Catholic education, our website is a great place to visit. We hope that this snapshot provides you with a glimpse of the work that we do on behalf of your children and Catholic education.

Anna Abbruscato - Chair

John B. Kostoff - Director of Education

Snapshot of Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board accomplishments and activities during the 2010-11 School Year

- Catholicity System Update
- Approved, for the fifth consecutive year, a balanced budget
- Invested \$4 million for Special Education Services and additional support for Full Day Learning
- Approved construction of two new schools in Brampton
- Launched Dufferin-Peel Baptismal Program with local parishes
- Initiated enrolment management strategy for boundaries for St. Edmund Campion Secondary and St. Rita Elementary schools
- Accepted Year-end Statistical Report on Information and Privacy for 2010
- Accepted Personal Health Information Statistical Report for Privacy Commissioner 2010
- Accepted Update on Green Initiatives from the System Directions and the Board Strategic Plan
- Approved Tender for new Loyola Catholic Secondary School
- Appointed external members to the Audit Committee
- Elected OCSTA Regional Directors
- Accepted Student Transportation Overview presentation, by the Ministry of the Education, regarding questions asked by Trustees
- Acknowledged presentation by Peel Public Health regarding new Nutritional Programs at the secondary level and recognized piloted schools
- Received Update on the Ontario Catholic Student Leadership Conference
- Completed Our Story, Our Tradition, Our Journey, a new student resource text that identifies the history of Catholic education, the role that the local churches and parishes played in Peel Region/Dufferin County and ways to closer link parishes and schools
- Approved Year 3, 4 and 5 Full Day Kindergarten sites
- Created 3-year Capital Plan that identifies Catholic priorities in Dufferin-Peel, and forwarded to the government
- Approved Public Consultation for budget and regular monthly public budget updates
- Approved Award of Merit to be presented in September 2011 to Religious and Diocesan Orders that were instrumental in the founding of Dufferin-Peel
- Re-named Blessed Trinity School
- Received Ad Hoc Transportation Committee recommendations
- Received regular, monthly Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association updates on Provincial activities
- Accepted Monthly STOPR updates
- Received Integrated Ridership Discipline and Supervision Procedures
- Initiated proposed revision to transportation eligibility
- Accepted STOPR Operational Procedures
- Approved Revised Budget Estimates for 2010-2011
- Created Student Voice Council, comprised of School Prime Ministers, which will meet during the year with the board
- Set boundaries for Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School
- Received, through the Financial Services Department, presentation of the Transportation Consortium effectiveness and efficiency reviews
- Received report on the secondary schools Scholarship and Awards Committee
- Reviewed report on Succession Planning for the next 15 years on both Corporate and Instructional sides
- Received presentation of the Attendance Support Program and implementation procedures
- Reviewed report on Supporting Diverse Learners in the Early Years
- Acknowledged re-engagement strategy for Grade 12 and beyond, and students who have yet to be successful in graduation
- Initiated French Immersion Guardian/Parent Interest Survey
- Approved Provincial Briefing Report to local Members of Provincial parliament on areas of concern of the Dufferin-Peel community
- Catholic Community, Culture & Caring School Climate Survey - Students
- Received Pillars of the Catholic Board Learning Plans

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- Received report on the Eco-Greening Initiatives and Certification
- Approved Equity and Inclusion Strategy
- Received presentation for Catholic Education Week
- Received Overseas Excursion report
- Election of student representatives to the Board of Trustees
- Received Review of Service Coordination in the Dufferin-Peel Region, from Birth to 24
- Received Review of School Health Support Services Report from the Ministry of Education
- Received System Directions Overview by the Director of Education, based on the Strategic Plan
- Approved recommendations to the 2011 Budget Process
- Goal Setting for the Special Education Advisory Committee & alignment to the Catholic Board Learning Plan
- Approved publication of the document, Role of the Trustee, for wide distribution
- Approved publication of the document, Dealing with Complaints, for wide distribution
- Established Ad Hoc Committee with Peel District School Board Trustees to discuss issues of joint concern regarding transportation
- Approved change in walking distance ratios
- Established budget priorities for the 2010-2011 school budget
- Additional years for growth at Cardinal Ambrozic Catholic Secondary School, St. Roch Catholic Secondary School and St. Michael Catholic Secondary School
- Signed agreement with the City of Mississauga regarding track and field facilities at the new Loyola Catholic Secondary School site
- Received review and analysis of EQAO test results for Grades 3,6,10 for all, including diverse learners
- Received review of strategies to improve the graduation rates of Grade 12 students at the Secondary level
- Conducted Public Budget Consultation with community stakeholders
- Approved massive review and revision of 86 by-laws and procedures
- Approved expansion of French Immersion sites through board budget
- Reached agreement on the first DECE contract for the Full Day Learning Program
- Received review and monitoring of student achievement, student graduation rates, programs and services
- Received delegations on a variety of topics at Board and Committee meetings throughout the year
- Initiated and conducted professional in-servicing of Trustees regarding suspension and appeals
- Initiated and conducted professional in-servicing of Trustees on governance issues
- Initiated and conducted professional in-servicing of Trustees on transportation
- Regularly bring forward concerns from rate payers related to policy or issues in their wards
- Over one-third of our schools Eco-Certified as Green Schools
- Conducted application process for community representatives to the Audit Committee
- Held regular meetings with the Regional Audit Team
- Created Risk Assessment document
- Internal Audits randomly conducted at schools
- Appointed external auditors
- Construction of Our Lady of Lourdes - new elementary school opening in September in Brampton
- Approved renovations related to FDK at four schools and retrofits at four schools to accommodate Full Day Kindergarten Program
- Approved energy saving initiatives of roof top solar voltaic panels at five schools and installation of energy efficient lighting, thermostatic controls at three schools. Replacement and repairs coming to six roofs and upgrades to mechanical and electrical systems at 24 schools
- Allocated one time funding utilization of \$1.5 million for Science Textbooks and \$2.0 million for other subject textbooks
- Successfully implemented inaugural year of Full Day Kindergarten
- Aligned Catholic Board Learning Plan, Catholic Board Corporate Plan and System Direction
- Expanded Pathways and Specialist High Skills Major program
- Development of staff capacity to support students with mental health needs
- Drafted New Policy, School Food and Beverage
- Revised Policy 4.04, Educational Trips
- Revised Policy 1.25, Pupils with an Anaphylactic Allergy
- Revised Policy 1.75, Chapels in Secondary Schools
- Revised Policy 4.25, Noon Hour - Supervision
- Revised Regulations 6.59, School Graduations
- Draft of Revised Policy/Regulations 1.10, Admissions
- Revised Policy 7.20, Video Security Surveillance Systems in Schools
- Revised Policy 5.10, Public Health
- Revised Policy 1.20, Advertising Materials
- Received Dashboard updates on the implementation of Strategic Plan System Directions, from the Human Resources Department, Mississauga South Family of Schools, Brampton North East Family of Schools, Brampton East/Caledon/Dufferin/Malton Family of Schools, Mississauga North Family of Schools, Mississauga East Family of Schools, Mississauga Brampton Central Family of Schools, Special Education and Student Services, Program, Brampton West Family of Schools, Student Success Support Initiatives, Planning and Operations, Corporate Services and Employee Relations.

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board - Board of Trustees

Anna da Silva - Brampton Wards 1,3,4
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 Sharon Hobin - Mississauga Wards 2&8 (Vice Chair)
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John B. Kostoff - Director of Education

Continuing Education Opportunities

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board offers a number of continuing education opportunities, as indicated below:

Welcome to International Languages Elementary School Level

Register **Saturday September 10th** for International Language classes of your choice

24 languages offered throughout DPCDSB

For details refer to our Fall 2011 Adult and Continuing Education Flyer posted on our website

at www.dpcdsb.org/cec/cne

Or call 905-891-9263 ext. 0

The elementary school International Language program (JK-8) takes place on Saturdays beginning September 10 through June 3 (Sundays at St. Herbert) from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m..

Parents who wish to register their child in this program may attend a walk-in registration **at the school which offers the language of interest to them, on Saturdays (Sundays at St. Herbert)** from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. as of September 10. Registration is ongoing (space permitting) throughout the school year.

For specific International language classes not currently offered please call our office at 905-891-9263 Ext. 0.

Welcome to General Interest Courses for Adults

General Interest programs in personal development, communication and health and fitness are available throughout the DPCDSB Region

For details refer to our FALL 2011 Adult and Continuing Education Flyer posted our website at www.dpcdsb.org/cec/cne

Or call 905-891-9263 ext. 0

General Interest Programs are offered to the community by the DPCDSB. We encourage you to get involved and to join others with similar interests. Register now to ensure a place in the program of your choice. Registration deadline is **September 23, 2011**.

Welcome to Adult ESL Programs

Adult ESL and Citizenship Programs are offered throughout Mississauga and Brampton

Registration is on-going for many of these programs that run during the day and in the evenings seven days a week

Please see our Fall 2011 Catalogue posted on the board website at www.dpcdsb.org/cec/cne

or call 905-891-9263 ext. 0

Welcome to Adult FSL (French as a Second Language Classes)

Adult FSL programs are offered at BJC Adult Learning Centre and St. Gabriel Adult Learning Centre

Classes are offered during the day and in the evenings

Please see our Fall 2011 Catalogue posted on the board website at www.dpcdsb.org/cec/cne

or call 905-891-9263 ext. 0

Secondary Night School Credit Fall 2011

Secondary students and adults may register now for Secondary Night School Credits offered by the DPCDSB

Registration deadline is Wednesday September 14, 2011

Information is available at all our DPCDSB secondary schools

Join the DPCDSB Adult Credit and COOP Programs

We offer Accounting, Office Administration, and Coop Work Experience for Foreign Trained Professionals

Registration is ongoing throughout the year

Please see our Fall Catalogue posted on the board website at www.dpcdsb.org/coopcentre

[coopcentre](http://www.dpcdsb.org/coopcentre)

Call 905-362-0701 for classes in the North or 905-891-3034 for classes in the South

Picture Day September 28th



The 2011-2012 Our Lady of Providence Picture Day will be Wednesday, September 28th, 2011. On this day, your child will be photographed individually and with their class. More information will follow.



School E- News



In an effort to help protect our environment and reduce the amount of paper that we use at our school, we are in the process of implementing a process where families can receive their monthly newsletters and other information through **e-mail**.

An **E-information** Sign-Up sheet will have gone home with this newsletter. Should you indicate your desire to participate in this **E-information** initiative, you are helping Our Lady of Providence School move forward in our goal of becoming an even greener school. Please complete the **E-information** Sign-Up Sheet and return at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your continued support or your child's efforts at making a lasting and significant positive impact on the environment.

Staff Parking Lot Gate

As we start the 2011—2012 academic year, a review of the available parking is in order. The staff parking lot is for use of staff and other Dufferin-Peel employees. It poses a safety concern when children are present, and is not to be used by families wishing to drop their children off in the morning, or pick them up in the afternoon. In order to address the safety needs of your children, the staff parking lot gate will be closed at 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.. The gate will then be opened once the children are no longer present in the parking areas. Your continued understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

P.A. Day Friday, September 16th

Please note that Friday, September 16th, 2011 is a Professional Activity Day. This day is dedicated to meetings to organize and plan for the upcoming academic year. There will be no classes for students on this day.

Opening Mass

The Our Lady of Providence Opening Mass will take place Friday, September 23, 2011. It will be celebrated with the leadership of Father Steve Dickson, who will be caring for the spiritual needs of the school community needs again this year. The mass takes place at 10:00 a.m., and will have the music ministry provided by the Primary Choir. As always, parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

Safe Arrival

Please let us know if your child is going to be late or away from school. An answering machine for attendance calls is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our attendance number is 905-458-7080. If your child is absent in the morning or afternoon, and we have not heard from you, the school will attempt to call you at home or your place of employment.



Allergy Alert

There are a number of students at Our Lady Of Providence that have life threatening food allergies, nuts and peanuts to name a few. Children are asked to not share food with others. If at all possible, refrain from sending your child to school with foods containing nuts and peanuts, as contact with even a trace amount of these food items could result in a tragic and devastating outcome.

Important Dates for September.

- September 16th PA Day,
reorganization of classes
- September 19 First Day of Reorganization of
classes
- September 19-23 Our Lady of Providence
Catholic School Council
nominations.
- September 22 School BBQ
- September 23 Opening Mass 10:00 a.m.
- September 28 Picture Day
- September 29 Catholic School Council Meet
ing . School Council Executive
elections if needed
- September 30 Terry Fox Run

Virtue Corner

To begin the new school year, we'll focus our attention on the first of our virtues – **faith**.

Faith is the great virtue of believing in God and trusting that God is with us.

A faithful person believes that we are created, guided by and destined to be reunited with God.

A faithful person believes that God's plan for us includes the right to be safe, especially at school.

A Faithful person...

Prays regularly and reverently

Learns from Scripture stories

Honours people's God-given names

**Assumes that there is good in every-
one**

**Accepts the God-given worth of them-
selves and others**



Opening BBQ



The Our Lady of Providence Opening BBQ

will take place on Thursday, September 22, 2011. This event is hosted by the OLOP Catholic School Council, and is a wonderful way to meet other members of the school community, teachers, administration, parents and students alike. It would be an outstanding opportunity to meet Catholic School Council Members, hear about the role, and consider putting forth your name for nominations which take place the week of September 26-30.