



OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVING CARE



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Epiphany Prayer



Father of light, unchanging God,
today you reveal to people of faith
the resplendent fact of the
Word made flesh.
Your light is strong,
Your love is near;
draw us beyond the limits
which this world imposes,
to the life where Your
Spirit
makes all life complete.
We ask this through Christ
our Lord. Amen.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR
THE STAFF OF OUR LADY OF
PROVIDENCE WISH YOU ALL
OF GOD'S BLESSINGS OF
HEALTH AND HAPPINESS
DURING 2012.**

Snowballs and Safety



With the colder weather of this time of year, we are reminded that the season of winter is upon us. Winter means only one thing, FUN!. Let us remember that fun in the schoolyard should never be at the expense of safety. To that end, Our Lady of Providence has a strict and unforgiving rule of forbidding the throwing of snowballs. This message has been given to all students of Our Lady of Providence repeatedly and consistently, so there is no excuse for snow to be leaving the ground. Every student should understand the importance of this rule in the prevention of injury. Students have been sufficiently informed of the consequences of throwing snowballs, and that ignoring or disregarding this rule could result in suspension. Please reinforce this rule with your children, helping to make our school yard a safe place.



Staying in for recess.

During the cooler winter seasons, we receive numerous requests to allow students to remain indoors when they have a cold, flu, etc. Please note that we are not able to make these requests possible. There is no facility to house unhealthy children, nor the staff to ensure supervision. If your child is well enough to attend school, the expectation is that they will be participating fully in their regular school day. On extremely cold days, we will monitor the wind chill factor, and may limit the amount of time that students spend outdoors, or hold recess indoors. With the exception of these occasions, we expect that children will go outdoors for recess and during the lunch break.

Helping Hands a Great Success!

Thank you to the staff, students and the School Council for contributing towards making this year's St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish Helping Hands Ministry an outstanding success. We were able to sponsor 10 families this Christmas.

Efforts included the Christmas stocking stuffing, candy cane grams, filling coin bottles, food

and cash donations. The culmination of the Helping Hands Initiative at Our Lady of Providence this year was the School Council meeting Tuesday, December 20th, where students, staff and school community members gathered to assemble and deliver packages to the sponsored families.

The Helping Hands charitable works that takes place at Our

Lady of Providence is truly a point of pride, demonstrating how we, as a faith community, can make a difference in people's lives.



Christmas Concert Evening Extraordinary

Staff and Parents were treated to an exceptional evening of festive presentations by a number of classes of Our Lady of Providence on Monday, December 19th, 2011. The students of Ms. Rudzik, Ms. Inserra, Ms. McCann, Ms. Pichur, Ms. DeSario, Ms. Lee, Ms. Noecker, Ms. Sodhi, Ms. Lowther, Ms. Reda, Ms. Boni, Ms. Garde, Ms. Colagiovanni and Ms. Ceolin represented the meaning of Christmas in an artistic and delightful fashion. This year's Christmas Concert provided a venue for food donations to be utilized towards our Helping Hands evening. Without a doubt, the evening Christmas Concert was a hit!

French Immersion Information

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board held a series of public information meetings in Mississauga and Brampton for parents and guardians interested in enrolling their children in the board's *French Immersion Program* for the 2012-13 school year. The information sessions provided parents and guardians with an overview of the *French Immersion Program*, the criteria for admittance, and changes that can be expected from the regular program. Applications for the 2012-2013 French Immersion Program may be picked up at the Our Lady of Providence School office, or sent home at your request. The deadline for submission of applications is 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 8, 2012.

EXTENDED FRENCH INFORMATION MEETING

Grade 4 parent(s)/guardian(s) who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 5 Extended French class for September, 2012 are invited to attend an information meeting at:

School: *St. Jean Brebeuf*

Phone: *905-791-8529*

Address: *63 Glenforest Drive, Brampton, ON. L6S 1L8*

Date: *Wednesday, January 18, 2012*

Time: *7:00 p.m.*

It is that time of year when library books meet up with the elements and invariably, books loose! There have been large numbers of damaged books returned to the library lately. Please try and keep library books separate from babies, pets, lunch bags and the elements.

If, however, a book does get damaged, please know that students have several options for taking responsibility for their books. Students can replace damaged books with a brand new one. Or they can make a monetary contribution toward the replacement value of the book (\$5.00 for soft cover and \$10.00 for hard-cover books). Or, students can replace damaged books with books from home that they are finished reading and are in excellent condition.

The 2012 Blue Spruce Book Award is off and running for grades kindergarten through grade 3. This years books are really fun and interesting, students may have a hard time choosing the best book on voting day in April.

Lunch hour book clubs are in full swing. The clubs have the highest number of attendees ever. Thanks to our SAC, we can meet the needs of all these readers with enough books.

In early December we were fortunate enough to have a drawing presentation from Freeze DNA. The presentation was free and students were given information about purchasing their drawing books. A complete set will soon be in the library for everyone to use.

LOST & FOUND

Children are encouraged to check through the lost and found box for items that they have lost. Jackets, hats, and lunch boxes that are properly labeled can be traced quickly to their owner. Please mark your child's name on any items sent to school, especially winter boots and shoes. Also, please ensure that your child has indoor shoes to be worn during the day.



The **Canadian MedicAlert® Foundation** is a charitable organization which is the leading provider of emergency medical information services linked to customized medical bracelets and necklaces. We are pleased to be able to offer MedicAlert memberships to students (from age 4 to their 14th birthday) through the *No Child Without®* program in select schools. The financial support of the Government of Canada and Lions Clubs allows students to receive the MedicAlert membership for FREE. If interested in this program, please contact the Office to request an information brochure.

JK/SK Registration for Students with Special Needs

There will be an information session for parent(s)/guardian(s) of children with special needs such as vision, hearing, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays who are entering JK, SK or Full Day Kindergarten 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. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are also reminded to register their child at our school office. Official Registration Dates are February 6, 8, 9 and 10, 2012. Snow Date is February 7, 2012.

Virtue Corner

Self-Control

In January –we celebrate the virtue of self-control.
God wants us to do what we know and feel is right.



A person with self-control...

- is patient
- knows how to wait his/her turn
- can calm him/herself down and think before reacting to situations
- **knows** how to avoid physical aggression (hitting, kicking, pushing, etc.)
- **can** think things through

Self-control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that we will regret. It also helps us to resist the temptation to do something that will harm ourselves or others. Each time you exercise self-control you grow stronger in the Lord and invite peace to settle over your life as you avoid any guilt you may feel from having made a poor decision.

Junior & Senior Kindergarten Registration for 2012-13

Monday, February 6, 2012

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*

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

Please refer to www.dpcdsb.org for all the details.



Important Dates for January/February

January 25– School Parent Council
7:00 PM.

January 31—First Term Report Cards go home

February 2—First Term Report Card
Interview Evening

February 3—**Professional Activity Day**
First Term Report Card
Interviews

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

February 6– Kindergarten Registration
Evening 7-9 pm.

February 15 -Immunizations Round 2 for
Meningitis and HPV

February 20– Family Day Holiday

February 22- Ash Wednesday Service
10:00 AM.