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JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Prayer for the New Year

Lord, in the coming new year please help me do your will. With your love and kindness please let my heart be filled.

Let the homeless find a shelter, let the hungry ones be fed. Let sad hearts become happy, let the weary find a bed.

Lord, give me the strength and courage to turn from sin each day.

Lord I pray that you'll let me help those lost along the way.

Lord, if these things could happen I know that this will be a very, very special happy new year for me.

Happy New Year

We welcome everyone back after the Christmas vacation and wish that the New Year is filled with all of God's blessing for you and your family.

Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed to our Christmas Food Drive. With your help we were able to make Christmas special for a number of families within our community. It truly is evident that the real meaning of Christmas is alive and celebrated here at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School. "You and I, we are the Church...Suffering today is because people are hoarding, not giving, not sharing. Jesus made it very clear. Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, you do it to me ...Receive a little child, and you receive me."

(Mother Teresa)

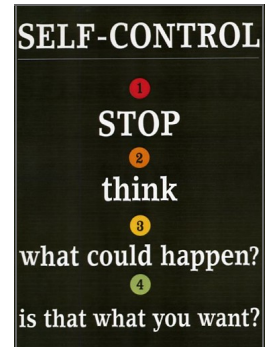
Virtue of the Month: Self-control

Throughout the month of January we celebrate and focus on 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 think before reacting to situation
- Knows how to avoid physical aggression, (hitting, kicking, pushing, fighting, etc.)
- Can think things through and do what is best for all

Through prayer and concentration, we can become better at exhibiting self-control.



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Additions to St. Margaret of Scotland

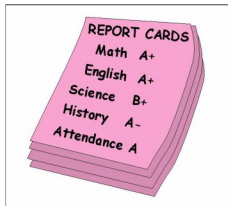
We would like to congratulate Ms. Palmateer who delivered a baby boy named Luke. Both baby and mother are doing well and we look forward to them coming in to visit in the not too distant future.



Report Cards

Report cards for the first term will arrive home on January 31.

Student/Parent/Guardian/Teacher conferences will be scheduled for the evening of Thursday Feb. 2, and during the day Feb. 3, 2012. Forms will be sent home during the week of January 23, 2012 to set up conference times. Please return this form a.s.a.p. as the prime times for conferences fill in quickly.



Full Day Learning (Kindergarten) Registration for 2012-13
Registration for the 2012-2013 school year will be held at all Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools on the following dates:

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 8-10, 2012

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Junior Kindergarten - Children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2012

Senior Kindergarten - Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2012

French Immersion in Dufferin-Peel

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 offers a French Immersion program starting in Grade 1 with St. Margaret of Scotland as one of the sites. Students registered 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 and Religion & Family Life will be delivered in French.

The programme is open to any child living in Peel Region or Dufferin County who is entering Grade 1 in September 2012 and is eligible to attend Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools. French Immersion school boundaries are based on Brampton, Caledon, Bolton Dufferin County, and Malton residents accessing the Brampton site and Mississauga residents accessing the Mississauga site.

Please note that transportation to this program of choice will **NOT** be provided by the board. Parents and guardians of students registered in the program are responsible for ensuring that their children arrive and depart safely each day to and from their registered French Immersion site.

If you are interested in this programme please discuss with your child's kindergarten teacher during the Parent/Teacher/student conferences in December.

A parent information evening will take place on January 11, right here at St. Margaret of Scotland beginning at 7:00p.m

Lates/Absent Notification

When a student arrives late to school he/she misses out on preparation for lessons, important announcements and the late arrival disrupts delivery of program for all other students within the class. Please be reminded that classes begin at 8:45a.m. If your child will be absent from class we ask that you notify the office. Please call 905-820-5115 and leave the following message:

- Name of student
(Please spell out the last name)
- Name of teacher and grade level
- Date of absence
- Reason and duration of absence

This is of great assistance with our safe arrival program and will save much time in the event of an emergency situation. Please note that this line is available for you to call 24 hours daily.

Professional Activity Day: Jan. 16

Monday, Jan. 16 has been designated as a professional Activity Day with a focus on Term 1 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress. There are no classes for students on this day.



Valuables at School

Please remind your children to keep their valuables at home and not to bring them to the school. Staff cannot be responsible for any of these items that your child may bring to the school. These items include money, jewelry, electronics, toys, trading cards etc. We caution you that MP3 players, iPods and hand held electronic games are desirable items that are easily stolen on the way to and from school. Please don't put your children at risk by allowing these items to come to school.

Student Information

It is most important that we have up to date records of your address, phone numbers and emergency contacts in the event that the school must get in touch with you regarding your child. If there have been any changes to your address, emergency contact or telephone numbers please ensure that we have this information.



Extended French

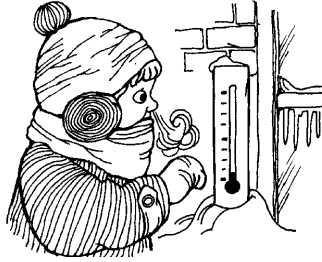
St. Christopher School will be hosting an Extended French Program Information meeting for parents of grade four students who are interested in having their child enrolled in the program. Specific details of the program, as well as application packages and registration information will be provided at this meeting. Parents and students are invited to this presentation at 7 p.m. in the school's gym, Thursday Jan. 18, 2012, St. Christopher School, 1195 Clarkson Road North, Mississauga.

Tel: 905-822-0721.



Winter Is Here

It may be hard to believe but we are well into the winter and I wish to take this moment to remind parents that students should be dressed appropriately for winter weather conditions. Recess is considered to be a part of the school day and thus students in attendance are expected to participate in this activity. Consideration will be given to reducing the amount of time outdoors for children (grade 8 and under) when the temperature is -20 degrees Celsius or colder. When the temperature or equivalent wind chill temperature is minus 25 degrees Celsius or lower children will be kept indoors. If your child is ill or has not fully recuperated from an illness consideration must be given to keeping the child at home so that he/she may recuperate fully. We do not have the resources to provide supervision indoors when all other students are out for recess. Please note that children who are ill are not in a learning state and may very well infect others around them. We thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.



SCHOOL CLOSING/BUS CANCELLATIONS DUE TO BAD WEATHER 2012

During the winter months inclement weather may cause disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations. A decision to cancel school transportation and/or to close schools is usually made by 6:00 a.m. and will be announced on the following radio stations:

Virgin Radio FM 99.9, CHUM AM 1050
CFTR AM 680, CFNY 102.1, CJCL 590
CHFI FM98.1, CFRB AM 1010
EZ ROCK FM97.3, Z FM103.
CJBC (FR) AM860 FM93.1
CHIN FM 100.7 FM/1540 AM
CITYPULSE, CBC,
GLOBAL NEWS, CTV

We will be communicating one of four standard messages to the radio stations. The four announcements and their effect on the transportation system are as follows: (Please note that the highlighted text only will be communicated by the radio stations)

Please note only announcements # 1 and #2 affect St. Margaret of Scotland students.

1. "THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES ARE CANCELLED." This means that:

ALL Transportation services provided by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and The Peel District School Board, including buses, vans and taxis have been cancelled for the entire day.

2. "THE SCHOOLS AND OFFICES OF BOTH THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ARE CLOSED."

This means that:

ALL Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and Peel District School Board schools and offices are closed to all students and staff.

3. "DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES SERVING ST. ANDREW, ST. BENEDICT AND ST. PETER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND R.F. HALL SECONDARY SCHOOL ARE CANCELLED FOR TODAY."

4. "THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES IN THE TOWN OF CALEDON AND THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN ARE CANCELLED". This means that all runs listed under announcement #3 PLUS the following are cancelled.

All schools in the Town of Caledon including St. Patrick and all school runs that begin in the Town of Caledon.

Individual schools will be notified if this cancellation affects their school.

N.B. For Secondary School students riding Public Transit, cancellation of service will be communicated by the respective transit property over the radio. Please be advised that Public Transit rarely cancels and that the level of service on days with inclement weather is unpredictable.

Indoor Shoes

During this time of year all students must have a pair of indoor shoes at the school. Due to the fact that an emergency evacuation may occur at any time, students will not have the time to put on their boots or outdoor footwear.

Coat Hood Toggles

Just a reminder that the draw strings on children's winter coats and hoods can be a danger especially on playground equipment where they can get caught and may cause choking. In the interest of safety we recommend that these draw strings be removed.

Allergies

We have a number of students enrolled here at St. Margaret of Scotland who have allergies to peanuts and peanut by-products.

Please note that while one of these children may not necessarily be in your child's class, we all use communal areas and equipment where traces of peanuts may be left. For this reason I ask for your cooperation to ensure that peanut products are not sent to the school.

If you do send any treats into the school that will be shared in class please include a list of the ingredients. Without this list we will not allow the treat to be shared with other students. Please be aware that "Tim-Bits" are not peanut/nut free and thus should not be sent into the school. Better still why not consider non-edible treats such as pencils or stickers rather than food. That way everyone is included in the celebration.



Student Supervision Times

Please note that teachers are on supervision duty 15 minutes before the start of the school day. For safety reasons we ask that you not drop your child off at the school prior to 8:30 a.m. unless they are in the P.L.A.S.P. Program. Students are not allowed in the school prior to 8:45 a.m. or after 3:20 p.m. unless they are under the direct supervision of a teacher.

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board elects Mario Pascucci 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.

Youth Faith Corner

The month of December continued to be full of activity for the YFAs (Youth Faith Ambassadors) of St. Margaret of Scotland. We helped out with the annual Christmas food drive by collecting and sorting the generous donations from our school community. On December 3rd some of us took the opportunity to help out with Breakfast with Santa which was another very enjoyable and successful charitable event. On December 21st we also assisted with the Primary concert, greeting parents at the doors and promoting our Share Life campaign. In all the busyness however, we did take time to remember what the Advent season is all about by celebrating an Advent liturgy during the fourth week of Advent.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Corner (items from our Parish)

Mass Intentions

A beautiful way to remember your loved ones for an occasion, such as a wedding anniversary, birthday, death anniversary, get well, or “just thinking of you”, is to offer a Mass for their intentions. If you would like to make arrangements for an intention on a special day (either weekday or weekend Mass), please see Fr. Joseph or call Ann at the Parish Office (905-822-8132). (Items listed under the Parish Corner have been reprinted with permission of the Parish)

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	
Jan. 11	French Immersion Information Meeting
Jan. 16	P.A. Day
Jan. 17	French Immersion Registrations being accepted
Feb. 2	Interview Night Student/parent/teacher interviews
Feb. 3	P.A. Day: Student/parent/teacher interviews
Feb. 6	Kindergarten registration 7-9 p.m. at the school (snow date Feb 7)
Feb. 8	Last day of acceptance of French Immersion Registrations (2:00 p.m.)
Feb. 8-10	Kindergarten registration during school office hours
Feb. 16	French Immersion Lottery at St. Gertrude, 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	School Council Movie Night
Feb. 20	Family Day
Feb. 21	School Council Meeting 6:30
Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 28	Gr. 2 First Reconciliation 7 P.M. , St. Francis of Assisi Church

Attachments: French Immersion Information Meeting Flyer
Extended French Information Meeting Flyer
Kindergarten Registration Information Flyer



Dufferin-Peel
Catholic District
School Board

*In Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon and Dufferin County
Catholic Education begins here!*

It's **Kindergarten** Registration Time!

**This school site will offer the
FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM
in 2012!**

Registration for the 2012-13 school year
will be held at this school site on

February 6

(*Snow Date: February 7)

7:00-9:00 p.m.

February 8, 9, & 10

9:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m.

For more information, contact the school office
or visit www.dpcdsb.org



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EXTENDED FRENCH INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2011 - 2012

DATE	SCHOOLS	TELEPHONE #
January 17, 2012 Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Anne 124 Vodden Street Brampton - L6V 1M5	905-459-7621
January 19, 2012 Thursday 7:00 p.m.	St. Thomas More 3270 Tomken Road Mississauga - L4Y 2Y7	905-279-6472
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	San Lorenzo Ruiz 100 Barondale Drive Mississauga - L4Z 3R1	905-501-0400
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Christopher 1195 Clarkson Road North Mississauga - L5J 2W1	905-822-0721
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Cornelius 16066 Innis Lake Road Caledon East - L7C 2Z2	1-905-584-2245
January 17, 2011 Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Andrew 50 Meadow Drive Orangeville - L9W 3Z1	1-519-942-0262
January 19, 2011 Thursday 7:00 p.m.	St. Rose of Lima 4590 the Gallops Mississauga - L5M 3A9	905-828-4076
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Therese of the Child Jesus 6930 Forest Park Drive Mississauga - L5N 6X7	905-785-0066
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Jean Brébeuf 63 Glenforest Road Brampton - L6S 1L8	905-791-8529
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 pm	St. Monica 60 Sterritt Drive Brampton - L6Y 5B6	905-454-6346
January 18, 2012 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	St. Philip School 345 Fairview Road West Mississauga - L5B 3W5	905-306-8420

News Release

December 5, 2011

For Immediate Release

Dufferin-Peel Catholic schools to hold Public Information Meetings for 2012-13 *French Immersion Program*

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board will hold 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 are intended to provide 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.

Dufferin-Peel offers the French Im-mersion Program starting in Grade 1 at eight school sites. 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 Religion and Family Life, will be delivered in French. In Grades 2 and 3, 70% of the instruction will be in French, with the propor-tion of English increasing to 50% in Grade 4 to 8.

Students in the *French Immersion Program* usually attain a mid-range level of competency in the language. Students should be able to read newspapers and books, with the occasional help of a dictionary, as well as watch and understand radio and television news and other programs. The student should also be able to participate adequately in conversation, demonstrate knowledge of the culture, society, customs, economy, government and institutions of a French-speaking community and, after a few months residence, and function quite well in a French-speaking community.

In cases where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available at a school, a lottery will be held at a predetermined and advertised date, if required. More detailed information will be available at parent/guardian meetings to be held at three French Immersion locations:

French Immersion Sites	Session Location	Date and Time
Our Lady of Providence St. Angela Merici St. Joachim	St. Joachim	Tuesday January 10, 2012 7:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy St. Elizabeth Seton St. Margaret of Scotland	St. Margaret of Scotland	Wednesday, January 11, 2012 7:00 p.m.
St. Gertrude St. Pio of Pietrelcina	St. Gertrude	Thursday January 12, 2012 7:00 p.m.