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Principal's Message

Dear Parents of the St. Philip Catholic School Community,

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to you as the Principal of St. Philip Catholic School!

I have already had the opportunity to meet many of you, and I look forward to meeting many more in the weeks and months ahead. The dynamism and warmth that I see evident at St. Philip School can only be the result of a very active and involved parent community. I look forward to building on that involvement, and I look forward to working with all the parents in our community to ensure the very best education for all the students at St. Philip Catholic School.

I come to St. Philip School after serving as vice-principal at Bishop Scalabrini School last year. Prior to that, I served as vice-principal at St. Sebastian School for three years. My teaching experience also includes a lengthy period of time at St. Catherine of Siena School. I am extremely pleased and honoured to have the opportunity now to serve the community of St. Philip Catholic School.

On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to welcome you and your children to the 2011-2012 school year at St. Philip School. We hope that everyone had a fun, safe and relaxing summer! To the many families joining our school community for the first time, we extend a special and warm welcome. We would also like to extend a special greeting to our Junior Kindergarten children who are starting school for the first time, and hope that they will develop many happy memories of our school as they begin this important journey.

Thank you to all staff for the time given over the summer to ensuring a successful beginning to the school year. Our teachers have been extremely busy organizing classrooms, taking courses, and planning curriculum. I would like to thank our dedicated staff for their efforts in making our students feel welcome. A special thank you, as well, to our custodial team. Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Hernandez, and Mrs. Locquiao worked very hard over the summer preparing our school for the new year.

We are so fortunate at St. Philip School to be affiliated with Cristo Rei Parish! The energy and enthusiasm of Fr. Carlos Macatangga, and the entire parish team at Cristo Rei, is a great asset for our school. We look forward to another year of working closely with Fr. Carlos, and we thank him for the spiritual guidance he provides to our community.

We also look forward to continuing to work closely with our local trustee, Mr. Bruno Iannicca. Mr. Iannicca is a strong advocate for our community, and we thank him for his dedication to Catholic education.

Thank you also to St. Philip School's principal over the course of the past seven years, Ms. Calabrese. Ms. Calabrese has been a great help to me in my transition to this role. The strong academics and caring community that characterizes St. Philip School testifies to Ms. Calabrese's exceptional leadership skills. We wish Ms. Calabrese well in her new assignment as Principal at Divine Mercy School.

Thank you all for welcoming me so warmly into your community!

God Bless,
Mr. Greg Hilton
Principal

FAITH FOCUS

VIRTUES INITIATIVE

A Catholic Faith Community is rooted in a set of common beliefs which are inspired by the life, mission and teaching of Jesus. As a Catholic Community we are called to learn, to grow and to become more like Jesus in the way we see and treat others. Our Catholic faith plays an important role in helping us shape schools that are safe, caring and inclusive.

Catholic School education provides us the opportunity to integrate virtue formation into all areas of our school life within the context of our faith. St. Philip School will be continuing to reinforce the "Virtues Program" this year. This program is designed to help us nurture virtue and character development in the lives of our students.

Each month, the entire school will focus on a different virtue. Classroom activities and school wide activities will focus on the nurturing of a specific virtue. We would appreciate your support in discussing these virtues with your child and encouraging behaviours that would demonstrate these virtues.

Here is a list of the virtues we will be nurturing this school year. A description of each virtue can be found at the beginning of your child's agenda.

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| September | Faith |
| October | Empathy |
| November | Conscience |
| December | Hope |
| January | Self Control |
| February | Respect |
| March | Kindness |
| April | Love |
| May | Acceptance |
| June | Fairness |

We had a whole school liturgy on Friday, September 9, 2011 to celebrate the virtue of the month...**Faith**. We want to thank our Youth Faith Ambassadors under the leadership of Ms. Mason, Ms. Parisotto, Ms. Moher, Ms. Da Silva, and Ms. Kamal for the beautiful liturgy.

We will celebrate our virtue of the month liturgy on the first Friday of each month at 9:00 AM. If you are able to attend, we would be very pleased to have you join us at the school

FIRST SCHOOL MASS

Our first School Mass will be held at **9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, October 5th, 2011.** Please join us at **Cristo Rei Church** to celebrate our new school year and Thanksgiving.

ACADEMIC FOCUS

ST. PHILIP SCHOOL STAFF 2011-2012 **(TENTATIVE)**

I know you will join me in extending a warm welcome to the new staff members joining our community this year:

-Ms. R. Graf will be filling in for Ms. J. Costanzo's maternity leave from Sept. to May. Ms Graf will be teaching gr. 5 and gr. 6 Extended French (French portion).

-Ms. A. Lam (ERW) will be at our school everyday in the mornings.

-Ms. J. Pe Benito will be here on Fridays to teach various subjects to the Junior & Intermediate classes.

-Ms. R. Chalet will be our new School Psychologist.

As we start the new school year, **staffing and student class placements are still tentative.** Therefore, please note that your child's class is not final until after reorganization occurs. If reorganization is necessary, it would begin to take place during the PA Day scheduled for **Friday, September 16, 2011.** If your child's placement or classroom teacher changes, you will be notified in writing. The following is our tentative staff list for the 2011 -2012 school year.

| Teacher | Grade |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| K. Samson | J.K. & S.K |
| A. Taylor | 1 |
| N. Pipe | 2 & 3 |
| G. Hrovat | 2 & 3 |
| S. Moher | 4 & 5 |
| D. Roma | 5 & 6 |
| S. da Silva | 7 & 8 |
| L. Mundy | 8 |
| K. Parisotto | 5 Extended French (English) |
| R. Graf | 5 Extended French |
| K. Parisotto | 6 Extended French (English) |
| R. Graf | 6 Extended French |
| F. Kamal | 7 Extended French (English) |
| J. Ballard | 7 Extended French |
| R. Pilotti | 8 Extended French (English) |
| L. Sasso | 8 Extended French |
| N. Mason | SERC / SERT |
| K. Pejak | SERT & ESL |
| A. Tardella | Special Assignment Teacher |
| A. Gaeta | French as a Second Language Teacher |
| J. Pe Benito | Team Teacher |
| H. Morris | Teacher Librarian |
| L. Rusin | Educational Resource Worker |
| G. Cavan | Educational Resource Worker |
| A. Lam | Educational Resource Worker |
| C. Vasquez | Head Custodian |
| A. Hernandez | Night Custodian |
| F. Loquiao | Night Custodian |
| J. Corvari | Head Secretary |
| B. Cunliffe | Speech & Language Pathologist |
| R. Chalet | Psychologist |
| D. Waltman | Social Worker |
| G. Hilton | Principal |

SCHOOL HOURS

8:15 Supervision in the yard
8:30 School Entry
10:30 – 10:45 Morning Recess
11:00 Kindergarten Dismissal
11:30 – 12:30 Lunch
12:30 All afternoon classes begin (JK-Gr. 8)
1:50 – 2:05 Afternoon Recess
3:00 Dismissal

Please note that **supervision** in the playground begins at **8:15 AM**. Please do not leave your children unattended in the school grounds before the teachers begin their duty.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY

Friday, September 16, 2011 is a Professional Activity Day for teachers. There will be **no school** for students. Teachers will be involved in Adult Faith Development and **reorganization of classes if necessary**.

HOMEWORK POLICY

Following consultation with system stakeholders, a Dufferin-Peel homework policy document (Kindergarten to Grade 12) was adopted to foster consistency across the board in this area. Please see your child's agenda for information about the homework policy. The homework policy may be viewed in full at www.dpcdsb.org/homework.

REPORT CARD SCHEDULE

Progress Reports sent home – Tues., Oct. 25
Parent Interview Evening (as required) – Thurs., Oct. 27
1st Term Reports sent home – Tues., Jan. 31
Parent Interview Evening – Thurs., Feb. 2
2nd Term Reports sent home – Tues., June 26

COMMUNITY FOCUS

ST. PHILIP SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Please reserve **Monday, September 26, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.** for St. Philip's Open House. At this time you will be given the opportunity to meet the school administration and your child's teacher. Families are invited to visit the classrooms where students can introduce their parents to their teachers and receive important curriculum information. Everyone is invited to gather in the gym at 7:00. More information will be sent home shortly.

PICTURE DAY

Our picture day is on **Monday, October 17th, 2011**. Kindergarten students will have their pictures taken in the morning or afternoon depending on when they come to school. All Grades 1 to 8 students will have their pictures taken throughout the day. If your child should happen to be absent that day, a picture retake day session for only those students will be held **Wednesday, November 23rd, 2011**.

PIZZA DAYS

We still have some details to work out regarding Pizza Days. A letter will be sent home shortly providing full details. Pizza days will be held twice per month. We are always in need of volunteers to help with Pizza Days. If you are interested in helping please contact the school.

THE LUNCH LADY PROGRAM

We will be continuing with this service this year. Order forms are attached to this newsletter, and the Lunch Lady Program will be offered every Tuesday beginning September 27th until November 29th, 2011. Please return the order form no later than Monday, Sept. 19, 2011.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

We would like to thank the St. Philip School Advisory Council for all of their support last year. Their fundraising initiatives have supported many programs in the school. We value their input into a variety of educational issues.

If you are interested in being a member of the 2011-2012 St. Philip School Advisory Council, a very important group in our school, or would like to nominate an excellent candidate in the community, **please pick up a nomination form from the office. Nomination forms and a brief biography (one or two paragraphs) are due back in the school office no later than Monday, September 26th, 2011 at 8:00 PM (our Open House evening)**. Please see attached for a description of the roles and responsibilities of the School Advisory Council, Code of Ethics and Election Procedure Bylaws.

Our first Council Meeting will be held **Tuesday, October 4th, 2011 at 6:30 PM**. We look forward to seeing you there if you are able to attend.

Should the number of candidates be less than or equal to the number of positions, the candidates shall be acclaimed. Should an election be necessary, you will receive information listing the names of the candidates. Elections to the St. Philip School Advisory Council will take place on **Tuesday, October 4th, 2011 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM by secret ballot**. Eligible voters must vote in person. Proxy voting is not permitted.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

Students will have the opportunity to take field trips and participate in a number of extra-curricular activities. Permission forms will be sent home to be filled out, signed and promptly returned to school.

NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE ON A TRIP OR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY WITHOUT WRITTEN CONSENT FROM THEIR PARENT /GUARDIAN. VERBAL CONSENT OVER THE TELEPHONE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

No exceptions will be allowed. Teachers give ample notice for trip consent forms. We encourage parents to support these educational opportunities by volunteering to assist and supervise these excursions. **For the safety of your child, excursions lacking appropriate adult supervision will be cancelled.**

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Interested in volunteering at St. Philip School for 2011/2012? During the school year, volunteers support programs and activities at the school. We appreciate and rely on parents who can devote a small portion of their time to help. **You may pick up a volunteer form and a Criminal Reference Check Form at our Open House on Monday, September 26th, 2011.**



People who volunteer in schools are required to have completed Criminal Reference Checks. The forms can be picked up from our school office or from Peel Police Headquarters in Brampton. Once the form is completed, your volunteer service can begin. If you are interested in participating in such a vital program, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Hilton. It may take up to six weeks to process your Criminal Reference Check, so, if you are interested in volunteering, please start the reference check process as soon as possible. We look forward to working with you for the betterment of all students at St. Philip School.

CATHOLIC CODE OF CONDUCT

The Catholic Code of Conduct can be found in the front of your child's agenda.

All provisions of Bill 212: an act to amend the Education Act in respect to behaviour, discipline and safety – came into affect on February 1, 2008. Please review this information with your child/children.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

BUSSING and COURTESY RIDER POLICY

Transportation eligibility is determined by a student's home address. Only students eligible for transportation will be provided bussing. Flex boundary students, students who are not eligible for transportation, and Extended French students who are not eligible for bussing may apply to the Principal through the courtesy rider policy for permission to ride the bus. Students who have not been granted permission to ride the bus must not do so. **Please note that any "Courtesy Rider Seats" will be assigned from youngest to oldest students in October.**



At St. Philip School, the only students eligible for bussing are the Kindergarten Students and Grade 1 students who live more than 1 KM from the school and Extended French students who are in Grades 5 to 8 and live beyond 2.0 kilometers from the school are eligible.

Once the school receives a letter from parents requesting permission to ride, the Transportation Department will be contacted to determine whether there are seats available on the bus and a response to the parent/guardian will be provided in writing.

Please be aware that no seats will be granted until the Transportation Department completely finalizes the bus routes in October. We would like to thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions with regards to transportation please contact them directly at 905-890-6000.

BUSSING INFORMATION

Please be advised that the following website, www.businfo.stopr.ca is now available to students, parents, school administrators, and school bus operators. This website provides basic information for students and parents, specific to what school do I attend and am I eligible for transportation? Also, parents of students who are eligible for transportation will be able to login to the www.businfo.stopr.ca site and access the specific details of only their child's transportation arrangements. Information regarding delays and cancellations is also available at this website.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance line is: **905-306-8420**. Please call to register an absence. **You can call 24hrs a day including weekends if you know your child will be absent from school.** An answering machine is available to take information.

Please provide the following information:

- Name(s) of student(s)
- Name of student's teacher(s)
- Grade of student(s)
- Reason for absence

If an absence is not reported, our policy is to call home to verify student absenteeism. A parent or guardian must sign out students at the office who leave early.

All students are expected to attend school regularly and punctually. All students who arrive after 8:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. must obtain a late slip from the office. This measure is to ensure the safety of your child. We thank you for your continued support in following this procedure.

STUDENT VERIFICATION, STUDENT EMERGENCY AND EARLY DISMISSAL FORMS

Student verification forms will be sent home on Friday, September 23rd, 2011, along with other forms that require signatures. These forms are very important and should be updated and returned to the school by **Friday, September 30th, 2011**. We rely on this information in cases of emergencies. Please fill them out carefully. If any information changes throughout the year, please let Mrs. Corvari know so that we may update our files.

CUSTODY OF CHILDREN

On rare occasions, we are faced with difficult situations in which non-custodial parents arrive at school asking to visit their child or to take their child home after school. We are best able to serve and protect students, when we are made aware of legal custody arrangements, visitation rights and other special instructions. If legal custody matters affect your family, please ensure that our office and classroom teachers are aware of custodial arrangements between parents that may affect your child during school hours. Please ensure that a copy of the Court Order is on file at the school office.

VALUABLES

Please keep your child's valuables at home. Staff cannot be responsible for any valuables that your child brings to school. Money, jewelry, electronics, toys etc. should be kept at home.

LUNCH POLICY

Thank you for completing the Lunch Permission Form and returning it to your child's teacher. If you have not completed the form, we ask that you sign it and return it to your child's teacher.



This will ensure that the school is aware of where you prefer your child (ren) to be over the lunch hour. The classroom teachers will keep the forms and a master list will be housed in the main office. Any changes to the agreement throughout the year must be submitted in writing to the teacher and or office. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Once children have arrived at school, they must remain on school property. They are not permitted to leave school property without written permission. This includes appointments and lunch.

Students who are staying for lunch should bring a lunch to school. A table has been placed in the office for lunches. **Lunches should only be dropped off on rare occasions and emergencies. This should not be a daily habit. If you are dropping off a lunch for your child please park your vehicle in a designated parking spot and not in front of the school, as this is a fire route.** Please clearly label your child's name and teacher's name on the outside of the lunch and place it on the lunch table. **We would appreciate it if you do not ask your children to meet you outside in the parking lot as this creates a dangerous situation for those parents who are picking up their children in the "Kiss and Ride" area and then driving through or backing out of a parking space.** Classes are not to be interrupted for students to pick up lunches. Please advise your child (ren) to expect a lunch to be dropped off. They will be allowed to come down and pick up their lunch at 11:30 AM. If they are unaware that a lunch will be dropped off we will call them down at 11:30 AM.

COMMUNICATION

Open communication between home and school is very important. Although we will be reporting to you formally during the year, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time if you have questions or concerns. A phone call at the onset of a concern usually resolves itself 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.



ALLERGIES

As we begin the new school year, we would like to inform you that St. Philip School is an allergen aware school. We have a number of students in our school who have **severe allergic life threatening** reactions to peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oils and any peanut/nut by-products. As in the past we are asking you not to not put any child at risk. Therefore, we are requesting that **PEANUTS, PEANUT BUTTER, PEANUT OILS AND ANY PEANUT/NUT BY-PRODUCTS NOT BE BROUGHT INTO THE SCHOOL.** A letter was sent home the first day of school which addressed this issue. If you did not receive it please feel free to drop in and pick up a copy.

TEXTBOOKS

School textbooks are school property and are loaned to the students annually. The expectation is that textbooks will be returned at the end of the school year. Students are responsible for these textbooks and will be asked to pay if these books go missing or have been vandalized.

RECESS MONITORS

Last year we had student volunteers who helped teachers on yard duty to patrol students using the washroom, getting drinks or entering the school at recess. These dedicated volunteers have helped keep our school safe by monitoring students as they enter the building at high volume times. We look forward to our intermediate students volunteering for this program again this year.

STUDENT AGENDAS

Student agendas have been ordered for students in Grades 1-8. The agenda is a very useful tool to help them organize and track assignments, homework reminders and special events. The student agenda is also an excellent tool to support parent/teacher communication. **The agendas have been sent home and may be purchased for \$6.00 each.** This will be funded in part by the School Council and the balance by the School and parents. Please read your child's agenda on a regular basis. It is a valuable tool in communicating between home and school. **Please review our school policies, in the agenda with your child.**

PICTURE TAKING

From time to time we take pictures of school events to include in our year-end slide show. If you do not want your child's picture in the slideshow please ensure you let your child's teacher know in writing.

Picture taking is not permitted by the public or media without signed parental consent. Please be aware that no pictures of students are posted by the school on the internet or the school website.

PED (PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES) POLICY

As part of our efforts to promote and maintain a positive Catholic climate in our schools, the Board approved a new policy regarding Personal Electronic Devices (PEDS) on school property. In this regard, all PEDs must be kept out of sight, turned off and not used within school premises or during school-sanctioned activities, such as retreats, field trips, sports events, etc. To prevent the loss or damage of PEDs, we encourage students to leave their PEDs at home as the school cannot be responsible for their safe keeping. Parental support is requested and greatly appreciated.

WARM WEATHER DRESS CODE

September still promises to afford us some warm weather. We would like our students to be neat, clean and comfortable for learning. Students are expected to dress in a manner and attire suitable for the occasion and appropriate to the school environment.

Boys must wear full length t-shirts with sleeves (no muscle shirts or cut off t-shirts are allowed for regular classes or gym wear). Girls are not to wear anything strapless, spaghetti straps or have bare midriffs. Shorts are allowed provided they are modest. No short shorts or cut-off jeans will be allowed. If students do not adhere to these guidelines, parents will be called and requested to provide suitable attire.

Also, please be aware of the reports given on TV and radio regarding the harmful effects of the UV rays from the sun. Remember to dress your children appropriately to ensure protection. Make sure that they put on sun block, wear a hat and sunglasses!

As the weather gets colder, the dress code follows expectations as set out by Board policy. It states that all students are expected to dress in clean, neat and practical clothing.

School guidelines are:

1. The top of the pants must meet the bottom of the shirt with no exposure of midriff or undergarments at anytime even if the wearer is reaching up.
2. Students should not wear short-shorts, tight spandex biking shorts or cutoffs.
3. Tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti strap tops, muscle shirts, mesh shirts or any other clothing which leaves the wearer with a bare shoulder, a bare back or a bare middle may not be worn.
4. Clothing with suggestive, offensive and/or inappropriate slogans or pictures, particularly those of a sexual, racial or violent nature on t-shirts, hats or sweat-shirts are not acceptable.

We ask for your continued support for a dress code that reflects a Catholic School as a place for serious work, accompanied by standards of sensitivity, politeness and decorum.

MOVING?

If you are planning to move out of the St. Philip school area or change address within our boundaries, please let the office know as soon as possible.



Please keep us informed of any address, phone number or medical changes for your children. It is of the utmost importance that our records be up to date. If your child should get sick or hurt, we must have accurate contact information.

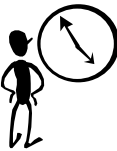
STORAGE/ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Parents are responsible for ensuring that all medication and forms are updated annually. If your child requires medication, please have all pertinent forms completed and returned with the medication to the office as soon as possible.

A reminder that children are not allowed to keep **ANY** medication on their persons, in their desk, backpack or anywhere in their classroom. All dispensing and storage of **ANY** medication must occur from the office.

AFTER HOURS SCHOOL ACCESS

Please be reminded that access to the students' classrooms after school is prohibited. Our custodial staff is under strict orders not to allow students and parents to enter classrooms for the purpose of picking up forgotten books or homework.



This is to ensure the safekeeping of the students', teachers' and the school's property. We ask that you respect this school policy and permit Mr. Hernandez and Mrs. Locquiao to perform their custodial duties without interruption.

KISS & RIDE PROGRAM

The "Kiss and Ride" program takes place before school and after school. A reminder to the St. Philip community that our driveway is one-way. Parents wishing to drop off children at school must **enter from the east driveway only and exit from the west driveway only.**



You may not park in any of the lanes at any time, even if you remain in your vehicle. The Kiss and Ride lane is the lane next to the sidewalk. **The lane to the left is the drive thru only lane and vehicles must not stop in this lane. The middle driveway is designated as a bus entrance only.**

Parents wishing to park may do so either at the front parking area or in the west parking lot. The parking lot next to the school building is designated as **staff parking only. This expectation applies at all times during the day as well as 12:30 Kindergarten Drop Off Time.**

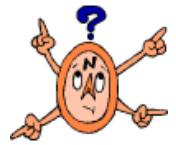
Attached is a map of the parking area that outlines locations for vehicle entry, vehicle exit, and student drop-off. Thank you again for supporting us in making St. Philip School a safe environment for all the students.

VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS

Once again we are reminding everyone that when visiting or volunteering at the school or picking up your child, you must report to the school office. All visitors/volunteers are required to sign in at the office and obtain a Visitor or Volunteer badge which you are required to wear when you are in the school or in the schoolyard.

LOST AND FOUND

We often find lost items at St. Philip School. Items like shoes, socks, hats, jackets, gloves etc. are collected and placed in the 'lost and found' box. Please look through it to see if any items belong to you. At the end of the school year, all remaining items will be donated to charity.



TERRY FOX DAY RUN

On **Wednesday, September 28th, 2011** students and staff will have an opportunity to remember Terry Fox and his courageous fight against cancer. This day has been designated as **Terry Fox Day** at St. Philip School. All funds will be donated to the Terry Fox Cancer Foundation. The students and staff will be asked to **donate at least a "Three Loonies for Terry"** in order to support this great cause. If you would like to donate more please feel free to send in your donation with your child. Students will participate in a walk/run and should dress appropriately. More information will be sent home shortly.



ACCIDENT INSURANCE FORMS

As required by the Education Act and the Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost-effective student accident insurance coverage via student courier. Although enrolment is voluntary, the board encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage, especially if their child/children participate in sports, excursions/field trips, or, if parents do not have dental insurance coverage.

Enrolment is required in writing so there are two options for enrolment: 1) Complete the traditional form and mail it in or 2) apply online at www.insuremykids.com. If you have any questions please phone 1-800-463-KIDS (5437). Parents alone have the right to insure their children. These forms were sent home with this newsletter. If you did not receive one, please ask your child or call the school.

PEDICULOSIS

Although it is early in the school year, it is important to bring to your attention the problem which occurs at some time in most schools at least once every year. Head lice are parasites which have been common among human beings for centuries. They are not connected in any way with dirt or neglect. If a case is found in our school, we shall inform parents of the students in that classroom. We will be checking friends and other siblings. We ask that you also check your own children regularly. If you find them to be infested, please notify the office.

HEPATITIS/MENINGITIS/HPV CLINIC

Peel Health will continue to offer free immunization against Hepatitis B/Meningitis for students in Grade 7 and for Grade 8 students that missed the Grade 7 vaccination. It is given as a series of two injections over a period of six months. Also available is the non-compulsory immunization of Gardasil for Grade 8 female students. This is a series of three injections given throughout the year. More information will be sent home. If you have any questions please call the Peel Health Department at (905) 799-7700. Health Departments, by law, must keep a current record of your child's immunizations. It is the responsibility of parents to keep their child's records up-to-date. The following dates have been assigned to St. Philip School:

Dose #1: Thursday, September 22nd, 2011

Dose #2: To be announced

SCHOOL WEB SITE

Please visit our school website at www.dpcdsb.org/PHILP for the latest school information.

DATES TO REMEMBER



SEPTEMBER

- **Friday, September 16th, 2011...** P.A. Day
Principal's Day: Faith & Curriculum
Development and Reorganization (No School)
- **Thursday, September 22nd, 2011...** Grade 7 Hep B and
Grade 8 (girls only) HPV Clinic
- **Thursday, September 22nd, 2011 ...** Confirmation Parent
Info mtg. 7:30 PM @ Cristo Rei
- **Monday, September 26th, 2011...** Open
House 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM at St. Philip
School...More Information to follow.
- **Monday, September 26th, 2011...**School Council
Nominations Due by 8:00 PM
- **Wednesday, September 28th, 2011...**Terry Fox
Run...More Information to follow
- **Thursday, September 29th, 2011 ...** 1st Reconciliation
Parent Info mtg 7:30 PM @ Cristo Rei

OCTOBER

- **Tuesday, October 4th, 2011...** School Council Elections
between 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM (if needed)
- **Tuesday, October 4th, 2010...** School Council Meeting at
St. Philip School at 6:30 PM
- **Wednesday, October 5th, 2011...**School Opening Mass
at Cristo Rei Church at 9:30 AM
- **Thursday, October 6th, 2011 ...** Provincial Election Day
- **Monday, October 10th, 2011...**Thanksgiving Day (No
School)
- **Monday, October 17th, 2011...**Photo Day
- **Tuesday, October 25th, 2011...**Progress Reports sent
home
- **Thursday, October 27th, 2011...**Parent Interview
Evening (as required)

- ATTACHMENTS:**
- 2011/2012 School Year Calendar
 - DPCDSB "School Organization" letter
 - DPCDSB "Achievement" report
 - An Introduction to Combined Grades
 - Kiss & Ride Map
 - Walking Excursion form
 - Lunch Lady Order Form