



# St. Philip School

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## Principal's Message

November, of course, is about remembrance. One of the ways we at St. Philip School are going to remember and honour God's call for peace and justice is through our **November Food Drive**. Throughout the Food Drive, which lasts from Nov. 14 through Nov. 25, student leaders will remind our students to please bring in non-perishable food items to benefit needy members of our community. Working to help make the world a better place is an essential part of Catholic education. Thank you for your participation in putting our Catholic faith into action.

At this time of the year we are also planning for **Advent**, the season of hope, and the beginning of a new liturgical year. This new liturgical year also comes with some new prayers and responses at mass in the form of the **New Roman Missal**. We will be working with our students to help them with this change. Advent will begin on Sunday, November 27th. As a community we will come together on **Thursday, December 1st**, to celebrate our **Family Advent Mass**. The mass will be at **Cristo Rei Church at 6:30 PM**. It will be the regular community mass. This celebration will focus on the sacred aspects of this special season in the Church calendar. We hope all families will be able to join us at this mass.

Congratulations to our **Cross-Country team** and our **Intermediate Volleyball teams** for very successful seasons. Our Cross Country team's hard work and determination resulted in numerous runners qualifying for the board meet. Our Girls Intermediate Volleyball team had a strong season and narrowly missed making it to the playoffs. And our Boys Intermediate Volleyball team won the Family Championship, and then went on to finish 5<sup>th</sup> in the entire school board! Congratulations to all the players and coaches! Next up, in terms of team sports, are the Junior Girls and Boys volleyball teams.

We are now entering our fourth week of offering **Pizza Days**. We hope you like our new format of offering Pizza Days every Thursday. We hope to continue this in the new year.

Thank you very much for your continued involvement in your child(ren)'s education, and we look forward to another month of exciting and enriching opportunities for our students at St. Philip Catholic School.

God Bless.

Mr. G. Hilton

Principal

# **FAITH FOCUS**

## **NOVEMBER'S VIRTUE – CONSCIENCE**

God has given us the ability to know the right and decent way to act and then to act that way. We trust that the common Spirit we share will inspire and guide us to make good decisions when we allow our conscience to be well formed.

A person of conscience allows prayer and scripture to influence him/her.

### **A person of conscience...**

- chooses to do the “right thing” and feels good about it
- can see how his/her actions may help or hurt others
- admits his/her wrong-doing and feels badly about poor choices
- says “sorry” and tries to make up for mistakes
- keeps promises even when tempted to give up
- chooses to do what Jesus would do
- knows that followers of Jesus will have to make difficult choices

Let us pray this month, for the grace and strength to be people of conscience – people who know the good and decent way to act and then choose to act that way.

We had a whole school liturgy on Friday, November 4th, to celebrate the virtue of the month...**Conscience**. We want to thank our Intermediate students and staff for the beautiful liturgy.

**Our next celebration will be Friday December 9th, and our focus will be the virtue of Hope.** If you are able to attend, please join us.

We want to thank you for supporting our efforts at home in reinforcing with our children the 10 virtues which can be found in your child’s agenda.

## **ST. PHILIP SCHOOL CONFESSIONS**

The students in Grades 3-8 will receive reconciliation on **Tuesday, November 29th** beginning at 9:00 AM at St. Philip School in the gym.

## **FIRST RECONCILIATION – Gr. 2**

As noted in the letter sent home on Nov. 11, Fr. Carlos has informed us that there has been a change in the date for the sacrament of First Reconciliation. The new date is **Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 PM @ Cristo Rei Church**. We will be celebrating this sacrament with the students from Bishop Scalabrini School, Corpus Christi School, and St. Matthew School.

## **ANGEL ON THE TREE**



Once again the St. Philip Community will be celebrating the season of giving through our Angel on the Tree gift and food drive. During the Advent Season, beginning November 27, our Christmas Tree in the front foyer will have tags with age and gender. Please choose a tag and register your family name at the front office. Return the unwrapped gift to the school

and you will receive an angel with your child’s name on it and it will be placed on the tree.

**Our goal is to have the tree full of Angels by December 16th, (all gifts due).** The gifts will be used to help various families in the community through St. Vincent de Paul. Thanking you in anticipation of your cooperation and generosity.

## **ST. PHILIP FAMILY ADVENT MASS**

Our **Family Advent Mass** will be held on **Thursday, December 1st, at 6:30 PM at Cristo Rei Church**. We invite all parents to share in this spiritual celebration. It is truly a wonderful way to capture the “true meaning” of Christmas with your family. Please record the date on your calendars.



## **MONTHLY STUDENT AWARDS**

We would like to congratulate the students who were chosen to receive the following awards for the month of October. These awards go to students who did an exceptional job demonstrating the virtues in their school-work and in their interactions with peers.

### **Team Player Award:**

Jacob N.	Ms. Pipe	Grade 3
Vanessa D.	Ms. Roma	Grade 4
Kyle A.	Ms. Mundy	Grade 8

### **Student of the Month Award:**

Konrad P.	Ms. Taylor	Grade 1
Laura M.	Ms. Graf	Grade 4
Ariana M.	Ms. Kamal	Grade 7

### **Principal Award:**

Simon L.	Ms. Hrovat	Grade 2
Kristina U.	Ms. Roma	Grade 6
Alister V.	Ms. da Silva	Grade 8

## **ACADEMIC FOCUS**

### **EQAO – Attached Document**

Please see the attached message from the school board celebrating the outstanding performance of Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board students in the latest round of EQAO tests. As noted in the previous newsletter, St. Philip students continue to perform very well on EQAO tests. Please visit [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com) to view a detailed report on St. Philip School's performance on EQAO tests.

### **EXTENDED FRENCH PARENT MEETING**

**Parents of Grade 4 students** who wish to enroll their child in Grade 5 Extended French class for September 2012 are invited to attend an information meeting at **St. Philip School on Thursday, January 18th, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Applications will be accepted until 3:00 PM on Wednesday, February 8th, 2012.** All parents of students in gr. 4 have been sent a letter detailing the Extended French program and the application process. Please call the school if you require this letter.

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY**

**Friday, November 18,** is a Professional Activity Day for teachers. There will be **no school** for students. Teachers will be involved in faith development and professional development.

## **COMMUNITY / EXTRA-CURRICULAR FOCUS**

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER – A Message From Your School Council**

The St. Philip School Council is made up of parents, and staff who volunteer their time, and efforts to the improvement of both our school, and students. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday evening of each month commencing at 6:30 p.m. Our meetings consist of discussing upcoming events, and ongoing concerns, together with enriching each other with information. We welcome your involvement, input, and participation.

If you are available to spare some time, please feel free to attend. The more parents that get involved, the more enriched our school becomes. All parents are welcome to attend any School Council meeting.

Our Chocolate Fundraiser will be held in the new year. More information will follow. At this time, we are seeking donations from organizations in order that we may provide our children with great prizes. If you are able to donate a new item, or product, or you are able to obtain an item through your place of business, employment or family/friends, please contact Adelma

Alves, School Council Co-Chair, for a donation letter through our school office. Any help or donation would be much appreciated. Together, we can make our first fundraiser a success for our children.

**Please note the following dates of our upcoming meetings:** January 10, 2012; February 7, 2012; April 3, 2012; and May 1, 2012. All meetings take place at 6:30 PM.

You are most welcome to attend and participate, or just attend, and listen.

**Next School Council Meeting  
Tuesday, January 10, 2012 @ 6:30 PM**



All St. Philip School Parents are invited to join us.

### **SANTA CLAUS VISIT**

On **Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>,** Santa Claus will be visiting St. Philip School. He will be sharing with all of our students from JK to Grade 8, a fun-filled, interactive, educational experience around the theme of Christmas which links Santa, the Reindeer and elves with St. Nicholas and the Christ Child. As part of his program, Santa has developed his own lyrics to popular songs and rhymes as well as including a variety of children's Christmas stories for the pleasure of young and old alike. He will also share with our students the story of the kneeling Santa which helps to remind all of us what is the true meaning of Christmas. Each session will be about 30 minutes in length and will be held in the library. All parents are welcome to share in this experience.

### **STUDENT TRANSPORTATION & STUDENTS WALKING TO SCHOOL – Attached document from the Mississauga Traffic Safety Council**

Please see the attached one-page document (in purple) entitled **Stakeholders Responsibilities Breakdown.** This document was developed by the Mississauga Traffic Safety Council, with input from the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and the Peel District School Board, and adopted by the City of Mississauga Council on October 12, 2011. It is a breakdown of jurisdictional responsibility in the City of Mississauga on issues related to Student Transportation and Students Walking to School.

## FATHER MICHAEL GOETZ SECONDARY SCHOOL

As part of our partnership with Father Michael Goetz Secondary School we will, from time to time, provide you with information about important dates or events at Goetz.

Thursday November 17	Mid Term Report Cards
Friday November 18	P.A. Day (No Classes)
Friday November 25	Semi-Formal Dance
Wednesday November 30	Advent Liturgy
Friday December 2	Co-op Showcase
December 7, 8, 9	Musical Theatre/Kaleidosco.
December 26/11 -	Christmas Holidays
January 6/12	

## HOLY NAME OF MARY CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL TO HOLD GRADE 8 INFORMATION NIGHT

On November 24th, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Holy Name of Mary C.S.S. will be holding a Grade 9 Information & Registration Night for current Grade 8 students and their parents, in the school's gymnasium. As a regional all girls school, we would like to invite all eligible Region of Peel girls to apply to Holy Name of Mary C.S.S. The night will involve information, presentations, tours of the school and registration. Please visit our website for further updates: [www.dpcdsb.org/hnmry/guidance](http://www.dpcdsb.org/hnmry/guidance). Registration packages will be available on the HNMCSS website by November 7th. Location: Holy Name of Mary C.S.S., 115 Glenvale Blvd., Brampton, Ontario. For further information please call 905-458-5541 X 64104.



### After School Program

PLASP Child Care Services operates an After School Program at this school.

The **After School Program** begins once school is dismissed and goes until 6:00 p.m. Children participate in recreational activities, are served a nutritious snack daily and have time for homework.

**SPACE IS LIMITED!! REGISTER TODAY!**

Fee assistance is available.

*To register your child, visit the PLASP Program Director, After School. For further information, call 905.890.1711 or visit the website at*

[www.plasp.com](http://www.plasp.com).



## SCHOOL ORGANIZATION FOCUS

### PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Our picture day was on Monday, October 17th. All Grades JK to 8 students had their pictures taken throughout the day. If your child was absent that day, a picture retake day session will be held **Wednesday, November 23rd**.

### 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 AND RIDE PROGRAM AND PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

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.**

We would also like to remind parents that schoolyard supervision does not begin until **8:15 AM**. Students should not be arriving before this time, as the playground is not supervised.

Thank you very much for your consideration of the safety of all members of our school community.

## LOCKDOWN

As mandated by the Ministry of Education, we will have our practice lockdown procedure **Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM.** Lockdown procedures are part of our systematic safety plan that includes fire drills and visitor security protocols. A lockdown could occur in the event of a dangerous situation occurring in or around the school.



A call will be made over the P.A. system indicating that a practice lockdown procedure is taking place. All staff and students will follow the emergency procedures established for this drill which include getting low to the ground, moving away from windows and doors, closing doors and turning off lights. Students are warned ahead of time to reduce any anxiety regarding what may occur in a drill of this type. Please feel free to discuss this drill with your child.

## COLD WEATHER DRESS

In anticipation of the weather getting progressively colder, we ask that students begin preparing for outdoor play. This includes proper gloves, hats, scarves, jackets and boots. Board Guidelines indicate that students will generally be outside for lunch and recess when temperatures do not fall below -20 degrees Celsius, with the wind chill. As such, appropriate clothing is essential. In colder weather we sometimes receive requests to allow children to remain indoors due to colds and flu's. Please note that we cannot comply with these requests as we do not have the resources available to provide this extra supervision. If you feel your child is not well enough to go outside, then that means your child is not well enough to be in attendance at school.



## TRANSPORTATION

A decision to cancel school transportation and/or close schools, due to inclement weather is usually made by 6:30 AM. Please note: If busses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate later in the day. Parents who drive their children in the morning must arrange to pick them up at the end of the day.



## INDOOR FOOTWEAR REQUESTED

Please ensure that students keep a pair of running shoes or other appropriate footwear at school so that their feet remain dry and clean at all times. As well, because so many areas of our schoolyard can be quite muddy at certain times of the year, this would really help in keeping mud and dirt out of the classroom.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### NOVEMBER

- **Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** ... November Food Drive Begins
- **Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**...Pizza Day
- **Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** ...PA Day
- **Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** ... Santa Visit
- **Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** ...Picture Retake Day for those students who were absent.
- **Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**...Pizza Day
- **Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**...November Food Drive ends
- **Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**...Advent Begins
- **Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**...School Confessions for gr 3-8
- **Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**...Gr. 1-3 trip to Meadowvale Theatre

### DECEMBER

- **Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**...Family Advent Mass @ Cristo Rei Church @ 6:30 PM
- **Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**...Pizza Day
- **Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** ... Grade 7 Meningitis and Grade 8 HPV Clinics
- **Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**...Pizza Day
- **Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**...Hope Virtue Liturgy at St. Philip School at 9:00 AM
- **Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** ...Grade 2 Sacrament of Reconciliation at Cristo Rei Church at 7:00 PM
- **Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** ... Pizza Day
- **Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>** ...Pizza Day
- **Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**...Last Day of School
- **Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**...Christmas Holidays

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- EQAO memo from the Board
- Traffic Safety Council