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# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message

For us as Catholics and Canadians, November is a significant month of remembrance. All Saints Day, All Souls Day and Remembrance Day invite us to be mindful of all those who we know that have sacrificed for us. May God forever give them rest and may we continue to live our lives through our good words and actions. As we continue to grow as a Faith community, let us pray for one another that God may give us strength to be Peace Keepers and Makers and role models for our children.

After the first two months of school, the positive environment of the St. Francis of Assisi School community continues to thrive. Many students have been involved in house league volleyball, the knitting club, festival choir, liturgical choir and competitive volleyball.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY PRAYER

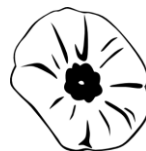
God our Father, your Son Jesus gave up His life to free us from the power of sin and death. He showed us that the greatest love is in giving up one's life for others.

This month, we remember those who fought and died for our freedom. We ask you to bless and console them together with their families.

Help us to understand the sacrifices they made in leaving their loved ones to face the horrors of war. May we never forget their generosity.

May your Holy Spirit give us the courage to resist evil in all its forms and show us how to be peacemakers through prayer and action, lest we forget those who fought, suffered and died that we might have the freedom and peace we enjoy today. We ask this through Jesus

Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.



## Virtue of the Month

This month we will celebrate the virtue of **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 inspires us and guides us to make good decisions if we allow our conscience to be well-formed.

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

A person of conscience ...

- Chooses to do the 'right thing' and feels good about it
- Can see how his or her actions may hurt others
- Admits his or her wrong-doing and feels badly
- Says 'sorry' and tries to make up for mistakes
- Keeps promises



The November Virtues assembly will be held on November 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. We welcome all visitors to come celebrate the virtue of Conscience at this assembly.

Our Remembrance Day Service will be held on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am in the school gymnasium. Parents are welcome to join us in honouring those people who have given their lives so that our families could live in peace and freedom.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Palmateer

## SAFE SCHOOLS

### MEDIC ALERT – NO CHILD WITHOUT PROGRAM

The **No Child Without Program** offers a free Medical Alert membership to students who attend our school from Kindergarten up to their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. If your child has a medical condition or special needs then you may want to consider a Medic Alert membership. Your child's needs in an emergency will be communicated efficiently through the medic Alert membership in this manner.

-Gives emergency first responders immediate access to your child's medical information on their Medic Alert bracelet or necklace.

-Enables first responders to quickly obtain up-to-date medical information by means of the child's Electronic Health Record through the **24 Hour Emergency Hotline**.

-Communicates with the parent or emergency contact upon activation of the hotline.

For further information, visit [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca)

If your child is already part of the No Child Without Program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications, emergency contact information, call Medic Alert at 1-877-282-5378 to update your child's file. A pamphlet outlining more information about the Medic Alert program, "No Child Without", is being sent home.

### KISS N' RIDE

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and caregivers at St. Francis of Assisi School who are using the Kiss N' Ride program during drop-off and pick-up times. The Kiss N' Ride works well when drivers pull up as far as they can and have their children ready to exit the vehicle as soon as they stop. **Children should be exiting the car on the passenger side only.** Problems with the Kiss N' Ride program arise when drivers stop too soon and the cars behind them cannot enter the parking lot.

During the afternoon dismissal time, cars must keep the bus lane open at all times so our buses may depart. Parents should never park cars or leave them unattended in the drive-through lanes. If you must leave your car, please park in a parking spot.

Teachers are on duty in the Kiss N' Ride area from 8:15am – 8:30am, as well as 3:00pm-3:15pm. Please look to them for direction during busy times. **We would also like to thank the parents who volunteer during the drop-off times.** If you would like to volunteer in the Kiss N' Ride program, please notify the office. We would truly appreciate any time you may have to help with the program.



### "BE SMART, GET A HEAD START"

Head lice are always present in the community. By checking your child's head once a week for head lice, you will catch it early and treat it before it has a chance to spread. Should you suspect that your child(ren) have head lice, please notify the school.

Remember, an infestation of lice is not a reflection on the cleanliness of your child. In fact, students with appropriate hygiene habits are as susceptible to lice as any other group. A reminder to all to refrain from sharing hats at any time, but especially during the winter months.

The treatment for pediculosis is simple. Specially medicated shampoo or creme rise is available from your pharmacist. Carefully follow the manufacturer's directions and remove all nits from the hair.

Any infected student will need to be checked before re-entry to class.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

**Peel Health** is available to provide advice to parents, school staff and students about treatment and prevention. They can be contacted at: (905) 791-7800m ext, 2401



### PHOTO RETAKE DAY IS NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

In the event that your child requires a picture retake, please remember to send him/her to school prepared to take their picture on Photo Retake Day. A reminder will be sent home prior to this date.



### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY

Please note that **Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> is a Professional Activity Day.**

Teachers will be working on Provincial Priorities & Faith Development. There will be no classes on that day.



# FUNDRAISING FUN

## DANCE-A-THON FUNDRAISER

Special thanks to M. Caruana, S. Coleman, B. Marchetta, S. Perrotta, T. Vitale and to many other volunteers for their time organizing bulletin boards, prizes, counting money and decorating the gym for Monday's Hallowe'en Dance. As well thank you to the teachers and students who donated art work for decorating the gym. We have already exceeded our \$10,000 goal. Our prize assembly will take place at 10:15 in the gym on Friday November 4<sup>th</sup>.



For any donation, children will have the opportunity to win a prize. For \$25.00 or more, children will have the opportunity to win one of the following grand prizes. **Parents are invited to attend.**

1. Trip including flight to Los Vegas or Florida.
2. Weekend at Deerhurst (Value \$800.00)
3. Dinner with hockey goalie greats.
4. Tickets for a Maple Leaf Hockey Game.
5. Raptor Tickets.

## DANCE LESSONS FOR CLASSES

The 2011-2012 Hip Hop Dance Program for all students will begin during the week of November 7<sup>th</sup> and end prior to Christmas holidays. The program will be run again by Bodydynamics instructor, Mariano, and will consist of six sessions.

## NASCAR/Metro Hot Dog BBQ Fundraiser

On Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup>, the students were treated to a top Canadian Nascar driver, who showed off his skills and talked about the speed and safety of race car driving. We raised over \$1600 at the family barbeque at Metro Food Store. With these funds, we have been able to purchase many additional All Star reading materials for our Primary students. A special thanks to the Nascar driver Dave Connelly and to our local Metro Store at Sheridan mall. As well, thank you to everyone who came out to support this school fundraiser.



## FLU SEASON

We are heading into the flu season. Being parents ourselves, we are only too aware of the work pressure you experience when providing care at home for a child who is ill.

Nevertheless, aside from being the best course of action for your child, keeping your sick child at home may also serve to limit the spread of influenza in the community of school children and staff. Below, you will find just such advice coming from the Health Department

- **Stay home! Don't drag yourself into work or school. You'll only infect your colleagues or classmates**
- **Stay away from people who are elderly, chronically ill, or have respiratory problems**

Helpful Hint: We have noticed that some parents have included a moist towelette in their child's lunch to enable them to clean their hands before eating. We encourage all our students to wash their hands before sitting down to eat their lunch and snacks. Clean hands help prevent the spread of flu and colds.



## RECESS BREAKS

Recess Breaks serve a special purpose in the school routine and except in unusual cases, students are not excused from going outside. Students who have the flu, heavy coughs or colds should be kept at home, for they are too contagious with the cold germ to be sitting in the classroom with other students.

## IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!!

The cold fall winds are blowing and winter is just around the corner. Please continue to remind and encourage your child(ren) to dress appropriately for the weather with warm hats, mittens, coats and boots. During outdoor recess, all students will be on the playground.



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

### CROSS COUNTRY '2011'-FAMILY MEET

On Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 45 dedicated students from grades 4 - 8, along with their coaches and many parent supporters, travelled to the Mississauga South Family of Schools Cross Country meet at Centennial Park. After several weeks of hard work in training, the students competed against runners from twenty other schools. The average number of runners in each group was between 60 and 100 students. St. Francis of Assisi students were true competitors at this event, coming out victorious in several ways. Many students finished in the top 15, qualifying them for the Board meet on October 25<sup>th</sup>, while others demonstrated great sportsmanship and the development of their skill base, showing a vast improvement throughout the season, and for some, over the years as well. St. Francis competitors also worked as grade level teams scoring such low scores that we placed first or second as a team in five of the possible 8 events. It was a very successful day, and everyone should be proud of their accomplishments.

Congratulations to all of our team members:

(\* means qualified for the Board meet)

<u>Grade 4/5:</u>	Andrew L. *	Patrick R. *
Brady R. *	Everitt	Guillan G.
Giordano M.	Ashley M. *	Jacklyn B. *
Jessica M. *	Sarah F. *	Milana V.

<u>Grade 6:</u>	Nicolas C. *	Evan H. *
Miguel H.	Carsen B.	Joshua K.
Alyssa J. *	Laura S. *	Stephanie H.
Anna Maria	Emily F.	Emma P.

<u>Grade 7:</u>	Cian M. *	Liam F. *
Dimitri R.	Graydon F.	Anthony C.
Andrew C.	Isabelle B. *	Madeleine B. *
Annie B. *	Ashlee B.	Isabelle T.
Cindy K.		

<u>Grade 8:</u>	Jeffrey L. *	Austin P. *
Bryan B. *	Joseph V.	Thomas B.
Brent V.	Danny J.	Gracie B. *
Melissa M. *	Lauren C. *	Mahkaila O.

As a result of the team scores accrued by our amazing runners the following whole "teams" also moved on to the Board meet:

**Grade 4/5 Boys:** 1<sup>st</sup> place finish  
**Grade 4/5 Girls:** 1<sup>st</sup> place finish  
**Grade 7 Boys:** 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish  
**Grade 7 Girls:** 1<sup>st</sup> place finish  
**Grade 8 Boys:** 1<sup>st</sup> place finish



### CROSS COUNTRY – BOARD MEET

The Board meet took place on October 25<sup>th</sup> at Heart lake Conservation Area. All of the team members showed a fierce competitive spirit entering their races with confidence and an eagerness to do well. Competing against 130 – 140 runners from across the entire board, the St. Francis team fared very well.

Honourable mentions go out to Melissa M., Gracie B., Lauren C., and Jeffrey L. in grade 8, Liam F. and Isabelle B. in grade 7, and Alyssa in grade 6 for their amazing top 30 finish! Also, very special congratulations to Cian M. in grade 7 and Nicholas C. in grade 6 for both finishing eighth overall in their divisions, and to Andrew L. in grade 5 for an amazing second place finish. Coming home with us were also two Board Banners for the grade 4/5 girls second place finish in their division, and the grade 4/5 boys first place finish!

Your coaches, Ms. Worboys, Ms. Rubini and Ms. Ferens, are so very proud of all of you. Each one of our 45 person team showed great dedication to improving and in sharing great sportsmanship. We can't wait until next fall!

### INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball house league for grades 4, 5 and 6 took place in the gym over lunch time during the month of October. Over 90 children had fun while developing their skills. The team finalists were teams 3,4,6 and 7 with team 7 winning in the final match. Members of team 7 are Carsen, Emily, Ryan, Tunde, Mia, Cassidy, Talen, Matteo Paul, Reed and coaches Gracie and Grace. Thanks to Mr. DaSilva and our organizers: C.J., Cassandra and Christie.



### INTERMEDIATE VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

The Intermediate Girls and Boys Volleyball teams concluded their regular season with an undefeated record of 4-0.

**The girls** advanced to the Family Tournament at St. Martin S. S. on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. The girls continued their winning streak by going undefeated at the Family Tournament and bringing home the Gold Medal. The girls advance to the Board Tournament on **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. This tournament is for the top 8 teams in our board. Team members are: Gracie, Erika, Emilie, Olivia, Lauren, Sabrina, Kaitlyn, Claudia, Melissa and Joana. Coaches: Mr. Naughton, Ms. Ohinski

**The boys** team fought hard, and with some excellent serves, sets, hits, and positive energy they came home with the Gold Medal and a banner for St. Francis of Assisi. The team advances to the Board Tournament on Thursday, **November 11<sup>th</sup>**, featuring the top 8 teams in our board. Congratulations to Liam, Martin, Luke, Michael, Jake, Jeffrey, Austin, Gerick, Melvin, and Bryan. Coaches: Ms. Marchesan, Mrs. Jaseliunas.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Iona Information Night

For Iona feeder schools, Iona Secondary School will be hosting their annual Grade 8 parent information night on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. In addition, they will also be hosting a separate information evening session for all parents of Grade 8 students who wish to learn more about the Arts Program on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

A guidance counselor will visit St. Francis of Assisi on December 15<sup>th</sup> to provide information to students and registration packages will be due back to grade 8 teachers during the week of January 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>.



### HOLY NAME OF MARY

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, 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. Please visit our website for further updates:

[www.dpcdsb.org/hnmry/guidance](http://www.dpcdsb.org/hnmry/guidance). Registration packages will be available on our website by November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Location: Holy Name of Mary C.S.S., 115 Glenvale Blvd., Brampton, Ontario. For further information please call 905-458-5541 X 64104.

### BABYSITTING CLASSES

Babysitting courses are offered for students in Grades 6 – 8 through Red Cross. Call: (905) 890-0704 ext. 267

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

### Next Council Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:45p.m. in the school library. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be free babysitting for the duration of the meeting for anyone who needs it provided by responsible grade 8 students.

Any questions or concerns can be brought to Council's attention by dropping a note into our mailbox in the school's office.

### Agenda - 6:45pm, School Library - babysitting

- Opening Prayer
- Approval of minutes for Sept 2011 meeting
- Parish Report -
- Treasurer's Report
- Other Business:
  - Hallowe'en Dance-a-thon Review
- School Updates – Mr. Steve Palmateer
  - House League Sports
  - Homework Club
  - Parent Volunteers: All Star Reading, Kiss & Ride, Other
- "The Enduring Gift" – Catholic Ed. Video
- Next Meeting: Wednesday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> (tentative)

**There will be babysitting provided for the duration of the meeting for those who need it.**



## 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SALE

Don't forget to mark Saturday & Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. Sale hours-Saturday 12:30-6:30 pm & Sunday 9:30 am -2:30 pm. Bring your families, friends, neighbours and Christmas lists and get all your shopping done long before Christmas!

Our talented roster of vendors includes....

Gourmet Baskets & Seasonal Gifts – Religious Items – Rosary Bracelets - Chocolate

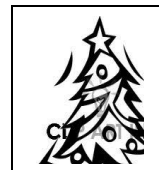
Goodies - Handcrafted Christmas Cards, Pens & Jewellery – Real Estate Agent –

Home Stager - Christmas Plants – God's Creation Photography – Hobbyists - Floral

Arrangements – Glass Art- Crochet Hats –Lounge Wear - Homemade Jams & Jellies - St.Francis of Assisi Parishioners

Bakers Table – Raffle Table – 50/50 Draw – Games - Coffee & Pastries and much more! Santa Claus will be in attendance and there will also be a craft table available for all kids to create their very own Christmas Ornament to take home while Mom & Dad shop.

For more information call Dora Trigiani at 905-569-7126.



## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, CULTURE and CARING

### **YOUTH FAITH AMBASSADORS**

On Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup> the Youth Faith Ambassadors had the privilege of attending a Youth Rally at the Pope Paul II Polish Center. They participated in a number of faith-based activities with other youth ambassadors from the Mississauga South Family of Schools.

The purpose of the rally was to gather all our students and provide them with an opportunity to share their connections with God and make a commitment to their faith. Our students also had the chance to connect with a group of young Haitian dancers who told of their survival stories since the earthquake devastated their homeland. The dancers' stories of courage, spirit and faith in God spoke to our students who applauded their heroism and their talent.

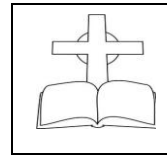
During the liturgy our students were commissioned as Youth Faith Ambassadors and given the challenge to reach out to their friends, families and communities to spread the word of God and be ambassadors of their faith.

This year's faith ambassadors will be guided by the teacher facilitators: Mrs. N. Male, J. Worboys, F. Wittemund, N. Siemons, B. Rubini, P. Basran, T. Koma, M. Kaplela, and Mrs. D.W. Our youth ambassadors this year are Melvin, Nicole, Cassandra, Claudia, Lauren, Atilola, Rosario, Juliana, Olivia, Mateusz, Sarah, Timothy, Genevieve, Aryn, Marlena and Ila.

They have planned a variety of activities this year to enrich our students' faith life such as spirit days, fundraising for United Way and Share Life, a car wash, sacramental assistance, reading virtue prayers over announcements, etc. We look forward to their guidance!

### **THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL**

Beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, Sunday November 27, 2011, the Roman Catholic Church in Canada will introduce a new **English translation of the Mass. The Roman Missal** has been revised, with new responses (for example: Priest says "The Lord be with you" and the congregation responds "And with your spirit."). We will be able to follow along with the changes in our responses and prayers in the new missalettes. After November 27, 2011, masses will be said using the new responses. You are encouraged to contact your priest if you have further questions.



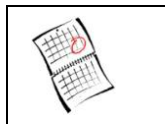
**Liturgical Dates** to keep in mind:

- Advent begins on Sunday, November 27, 2011
- Lent begins with Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, February 22, 2012
- Holy Week runs from Monday April 2 to Friday, April 5, 2012
- Easter is Sunday, April 8, 2012

**Catholic Education Week** will be celebrated from Sunday May 6, 2012 to Friday May 11, 2012. Schools should plan to deliberately highlight the distinction of Catholic education during this week. This year's theme is "**Catholic Education: Walking in the Light of Christ**". We will be holding our French Café/Talent Show and Art Display during this week.

### **FAMILY ADVENT MASS**

Our Family Advent Mass will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church, on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.



Please note this on your calendars. It is a wonderful way to capture the "true meaning" of Christmas with your family. It will be followed by a social & singing of Christmas Carols in our school gymnasium. Once again we will highlight the gifts of our Primary Choir.



### **SACRAMENTAL DATES:**

First Reconciliation: Tues. March 6, 2012 @ 7p.m.

First Eucharist: Sunday April 22, 2012 @ 3 p.m.

Confirmation: Mon. May 14, 2012 @ 7 p.m.

### **ROSARY APOSTOLATE:**

Beginning during the month of October, volunteers from St. Francis of Assisi Church visited classes in grade JK/SK to grade 8, to teach students how to pray the rosary. They will continue visiting classes on a monthly basis, ending their sessions with the Crowning of Mary celebration in May.

## PARISH-HOME-SCHOOL NEWS

### **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

In the spirit of thanksgiving, we thank all of the St. Francis of Assisi families who contributed to our Knights of Columbus Food Drive. It was a tremendous success. Once again, thank you for your unwavering generosity.

### **St. Francis of Assisi School Family Day at St. Michaels' Majors Hockey Game**

On Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> St. Francis of Assisi School Community will be attending the St. Michaels's Major Hockey Game at 2:00 p.m. at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga.

Our excellent choir led by Miss Jones, Miss Amoroso and Mrs. Siemons will be conducting our over 60 student choir in the singing of the National Anthem.

We are also part of The-Adopt-A-School Program and this allows our school to receive visits from players from St. Michaels' Majors and free pairs of tickets to be distributed to students throughout the year. Students who receive tickets need to provide their own transportation and supervision.



### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- November 1: ALL SAINTS DAY
- November 2: ALL SOULS DAY
- November 9: Picture Re-Take Day
- Nov. 10: Girls Catholic Cup
- Nov. 11: Remembrance Day Service in gym at 10:45 a.m.
- Nov. 15: Springridge Farms a.m. (All Grade 1s)
- Nov. 15: Eden Food Bank Toonie Tuesday
- Nov. 16: Author, Michael Wade visits
- Nov. 18: P.A. Day: Provincial Priorities
- Nov. 25: Virtue Assembly
- Dec. 7: Advent Reconciliation Service @ 7 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church
- Dec. 8: Family Advent Mass @ 6:45 p.m. – St. Francis of Assisi Church
- Dec. 11: St. Michaels School Spirit Game at the Hershey Centre at 2 p.m.

### **KNITTING NEEDLES & YARN**

If you have knitting needles to lend the school knitting club and/or wool to donate, Ms. Fitzgerald and her students would gladly accept them.



### **EQAO SCHOOL RESULTS**

EQAO has published the results of the annual assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Grades 3 and 6, for the school year 2010 – 2011. Our results are indicated below.

% of students achieving at Levels 3 and 4

GRADE 3	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
School	72	72	61
Board	68	76	69
Province	65	73	69

% of students achieving at Levels 3 and 4

GRADE 6	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
School	80	70	59
Board	77	78	62
Province	74	73	58

The Grade 3 and 6 results indicate that we have surpassed the Provincial average in the area of Reading. Our Grade 3 Reading results have improved 13% since last school year. The Grade 6 cohort Reading results have improved 13% since the students were in Grade 3.

Our focus this year will be on mathematics, specifically in the Primary and Junior Divisions, using the high yield strategy of the 3-part math lesson and problem-solving model.

***We continue to work on developing strategies that will improve student achievement!***

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## Dufferin-Peel students continue to shine on latest EQAO tests

Recently released EQAO test results for primary (Grades 1-3) and junior (Grades 4-6) assessments of reading, writing and mathematics, and the Grade 9 mathematics indicate that Dufferin-Peel students continue to meet or exceed provincial averages.

Some of the improvements this year over last year are as high as 6% and 10%. This is great news for our students and shines a light on the hard work of faculty, staff, administrators and trustees in aligning system resources to support all learners.

Assessment	2009-2010	2010-2011	1-Year Comparison
Primary Division (Grades 1-3) Reading	62%	<b>68%</b>	+6%
Primary Division (Grades 1-3) Writing	71%	<b>76%</b>	+5%
Primary Division (Grades 1-3) Mathematics	71%	<b>69%</b>	-2%
Junior Division (Grades 4-6) Reading	73%	<b>77%</b>	+4%
Junior Division (Grades 4-6) Writing	76%	<b>78%</b>	+2%
Junior Division (Grades 4-6) Mathematics	63%	<b>62%</b>	-1%
Grade 9 Academic Mathematics	85%	<b>87%</b>	+2%
Grade 9 Applied Mathematics	42%	<b>52%</b>	+10%

*\* Results indicate percentage of students who achieved at or above the provincial standard (Levels 3 and 4)*

While this year's results are impressive, results over the past several years provide further evidence that Dufferin-Peel students continue to improve over time. This is great news, but it doesn't mean we cannot do even better. Board staff will further analyze the EQAO results to provide support to schools, students and parents/guardians to ensure that more students continue to improve in all assessment areas. Each school has its own plan, which will be reviewed in the context of its students' test results, to improve students' skills in all subject areas. School plans include strategies to assist all students, including intervention and reinforcement for students who did not achieve the provincial standard.

Check your school website, or contact the principal for your school's EQAO results. Additional information can be obtained through the EQAO website at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

### Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board - Board of Trustees

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## eden community food bank

**Toonie Tuesday – November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Dear Neighbours,

We would like to encourage you to participate in our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Toonie Tuesday campaign to raise funds for Eden Community Food Bank.

**Eden Community Food Bank** provides food and other assistance to hungry families in the L5N, L5M, L5L and L5K postal code areas of western Mississauga.

We would love to say that the signs of hunger are disappearing but unfortunately as the economic downturn lingers on and high paying manufacturing jobs are being replaced with minimum wage jobs, hunger has been on the increase. We still continue to see 400-500 families come to us every month for food assistance. We are now serving on average 1,300 people every month – **almost half of whom are children who attend schools in this community**. So far this year, we have distributed over 200,000 pounds of food to needy families in our area. We simply cannot do this without your help.

By simply donating a toonie on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, you will help to make a huge difference in the lives of those who go hungry in our community. We receive limited government funding. We rely on the community for donations.

Both school boards will once again join forces to help this local endeavor. While we understand the constant pressure to raise funds for worthwhile causes throughout the world, we ask you to consider Eden Community Food Bank because it has an immediate impact on our own neighbourhoods.

Your support is needed more than ever, so please help us take a bite out of hunger!

Bill Crawford,  
Executive Director  
Eden Community Food Bank