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Welcome Back

Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone! I hope that all of you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer spent with family and friends. A special welcome is extended to all new students and families who have joined our school community, including our Junior Kindergarten children. I am confident that you will find the staff, students, parents and parish community inviting and helpful. I sincerely invite you to continue to work in partnership with the school to ensure that the best interests of our children always remain first and foremost.

Staff has been working hard over the past few weeks to prepare for the new school year. Thank you to our teachers who have been setting up their classrooms and a special thank you to our custodial staff for diligently cleaning our building. The school looks fantastic!

On behalf of the staff, I wish all a successful and fulfilling school year. With great enthusiasm, I look forward to meeting you and your children. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

T. Waters
Principal

School Hours:

9:00	-	School Entry
11:04	-	Recess
11:30	-	Kindergarten Dismissal
12:00	-	Lunch
1:00	-	Afternoon Start
2:24	-	Recess
3:30	-	Dismissal



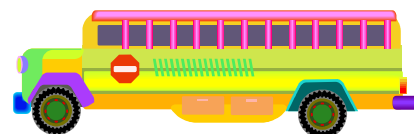
Open House/BBQ

On the evening of Thursday, October 7th, parents are invited to come to the school, meet their child's teacher, take a tour of the school and enjoy a fabulous BBQ. More information will be sent home in the very near future.

Transportation for 2010-11

Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) has a new website that parents can use to see busing eligibility as well as bus stops and times. This site was available to parents since the second week of August. The website is <http://businfo.stopr.ca> To access the site type in the website address, click "student login" enter your child's OEN number, street/house number, school and grade and then click "login".

- Your child's OEN number is on their report card



School Board Administration

The Director of Education for the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is J. Kostoff and the Associate Director is R. Borelli. George Prajza is the Superintendent of the Brampton West Family of Schools. These administrators can be reached at:

The Catholic Education Centre
40 Matheson Blvd. W,
Mississauga, ON L5R 1C5
(905) 890-1221

School Council

Please consider becoming more involved by joining our valuable School Council. All parents are welcome to attend meetings scheduled throughout the year. If you are interested in becoming a member of our 2010-2011 School Council, visit the school office to pick up a nomination form. Forms and a brief biography must be submitted to the office by Friday, September 24th. A list of parent nominees with brief biographies will be sent home on September 27th in the event an election is necessary.

The first School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. If an election is necessary, results will be published in our October newsletter.

Early Arrival

Students must remain outside of the school building until 9:00 a.m. Students arriving prior to this time should go to the area where their class assembles for entry. In case of inclement weather teachers on duty will advise the students where to wait inside the building.

Driveway



There is NO Parking in the Kiss and Ride, on the sidewalk or in the marked Handicapped spot unless with an authorized sticker. Parents/guardians please note the driveway is a designated fire route and therefore cars cannot be parked or left unattended in the Kiss 'n Ride lanes at any time. *This rule applies 24 hours a day. Parking control has advised that they will be issuing tickets to those who come prior to school*

dismissal and park in the driveway while waiting for school dismissal.

We continue to encourage all parents/guardians to follow these procedures and we thank those parents already doing so.



Medication

All medication is to be stored in the office area except when directed by a physician. Students with an epi pen should be taught how to use it and carry it at all times. We have sent information home to each parent in this situation that we have been made aware of and encourage you to follow up. In some cases of asthma, the doctor may advise that the student carry a puffer. We comply with the advice of doctors in these situations, but we must be made aware of the arrangements.

Medications must be labeled with the student's name, name of the medication, prescription information and dosage. The medication is to be brought to the school in the bottle that was provided by the pharmacist. There are Board forms that must be filled out before medication can be stored at school. These forms can be obtained from the school office. Medication that is sent to school without the proper documentation will not be stored or dispensed by school personnel. The school staff will not dispense non-prescription medication

If your child is at risk for severe life threatening allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) please ensure that the school / teacher is aware and that the proper medication and emergency procedure / forms is in place and up to date.

Student Accident Insurance

"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.* Enrollment is required in writing so there are two options for enrolment: 1) Complete the traditional form and mail it in or 2) Photocopy the form and fax it to Reliable Life at 1-905-522-7211 or 1-800-463-KIDS (5437). Parents alone have the right to insure their children. "

Enrollment

Please remember that our class lists are tentative for the first two weeks of school. Changes may occur due to growth and/or transfers. Should reorganization be necessary, please be assured that the needs of each student will be taken into consideration.

Leaving During the School Day

Parents are asked to send a note to the teacher stating the time the child is to meet you in the office area. Please be aware that no child is allowed to leave the school without a signed and dated note from the parent. Parents must make the office aware if they wish to have their child picked up by anyone other than himself or herself.



Volunteers

Our School welcomes and encourages participation of volunteers. Your support provides many educational advantages to our staff and students. Ontario legislation requires that all volunteers wishing to assist in the classroom, chaperone school trips or drive teams etc. are to have a completed Criminal Reference Check on file at the school. Applications are available at the School. When you fill out your application please submit the form to the Peel Police Department.

Visitors to the School

The doors of Guardian Angels are open to our parent community. However, please remember that to other children you are a stranger. When entering the school, please report to the office, sign in and the office staff will provide you with a sticker. Prior to leaving, sign out and return your visitors tag. Individuals in the school without appropriate identification will be asked to go to the office. Please help us to monitor a safe and welcoming environment for your children. To keep classroom interruption to a minimum, the secretary will be happy to relay a message or have the children come down at lunch to pick-up a forgotten item if necessary.

As well, parents are asked to bid your children farewell in the school parking lot. Only students and staff are to be in the schoolyard, this is to ensure the safety of your children and your attention to this is most appreciated.

Suspected Child Abuse

All teachers, by law are required to report any suspicion of abuse or neglect to the appropriate child

protection service. It is the role of the Children's Aid Society to determine if the suspicion is warranted and to investigate if appropriate. Should a report be made to the CAS, please understand that staff is complying with Ontario Law.

If your child is bruised as a result of an accident you may wish to let the teacher know the circumstances.

School Photos



Edge Imagine will be visiting our school on Wednesday, September 29th for picture day.

Snacks at School

Students who bring snacks to school will be encouraged to eat their snacks just before or after recess breaks inside the classroom. We are asking students not to bring their snacks outside since the garbage attracts wasps and it tends to create a great deal of litter on our school property.

"Be Smart, Get a Head Start"

Get a head start to reduce the spread of head lice in the school. Head lice are always 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 to others. It is also important to do a check after school breaks, sleepovers, or after any group activities in the community.

Student Agendas

Student Agendas are a planning system that helps students develop organizational skills, time management and responsibility for homework completion. Opportunities for teacher/parent communication are also provided. The routine use of the agenda will help students build and expand organizational skills that will last a lifetime.

All students from Grades 1 to 8 are encouraged to purchase Student Agendas. They may be purchased through classroom teachers at a low cost of \$5.00 The daily use of agendas is highly recommended and will be reinforced by the classroom teachers.

School Mass

On Wednesday, October 6th we will be celebrating our first Mass of the school year. The Mass will be celebrated in the gymnasium at 9:15 a.m. As always, we invite all parents to attend.



Sacramental Preparation

Sacraments are parish, not school events. *Initial* preparation is done by the schools through the religion program. *Immediate* preparation is the responsibility of the parents and the parish. **REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTS TAKES PLACE AT MEETINGS AT THE CHURCH.**



Dogs

DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON ANY BOARD PROPERTY. Please remember that many children and adults are afraid of dogs.

Newsletters

School Newsletters will be sent out electronically during the first week of each month. The only exception will be during the month of March due to Mid-Winter Break when a February/March Newsletter will be sent home. If you would like to be emailed the school newsletter and did not do so last year, forms are available from the office.

Attendance

Guardian Angels Elementary School actively encourages and promotes regular attendance. Educational research has consistently shown that a student's progress and academic success are closely related to regular attendance and participation in the day to day activities of the school.

Frequent absences from school jeopardize a student's successful completion of any grade level. Ultimately, responsibility for attendance lies with the student and parent.

Although trips and vacations may provide diverse learning experiences, the school does not support travel or vacations during class time. The content covered in each grade is important and requires attendance. While parents may choose to travel during the school year, the time missed from class is recorded as an absence and counted in the total absence record for the term and year. Also, assessment and evaluation become problematic. Any assignments that are due while he/she is away are to be completed and handed in prior to the trip, at the discretion of the teacher.

Note: Homework will not be assigned if students are away on a vacation. The majority of student work at

the elementary level is teacher directed and cannot be taught outside the classroom or from a textbook.

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

- Attend all classes
- Consult with teachers
- Hand in assignments
- Take Pride in themselves and their accomplishments
- Study and complete homework daily
- Set realistic goals

PLASP

Before and After School Care

PLASP Child Care Services operates Before and After School Programs at this school.

The Before School Program operates from 7:30 am and continues until school begins. A nutritious breakfast is served daily.

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

**Fee assistance is available.
Registration currently taking place.**

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

A PRAYER TO BEGIN THE YEAR

*Faithful Companion,
in this new academic year we pray:
to live deeply with purpose,
to live freely, with detachment,
to live wisely, with humility,
to live justly, with compassion,
to live lovingly, with fidelity,
to live mindfully, with awareness,
to live gratefully, with generosity,
to live fully, with enthusiasm.
Help us to hold this vision
and to daily renew it in our hearts,
becoming ever more one with you.*

AMEN

Council Wants You!

Hello Parents,

My name is Dana Robinson and for those who do not know me already I am Chair for your school Council. I cannot believe summer is over and here we are again back at school starting new. I hope everyone enjoyed the break and ready for another eventful school year. I am happy to be back and I am looking forward to our first meeting and getting to know everyone again.

Guardian Angels is quite a Dynamic school. We are unique in some of our programs such as the Steel Pan Band and Harmony Group. Some of our students are among some of the rare who have had the amazing opportunity to attend the annual Me to We conference.

We bring awareness to the community on such topics as bullying, diversity, homelessness and environmental causes i.e.: our water bottle campaign.

Complementing our students means we have great parents too. Our kids are molded by their families first, so having a good foundation is important. I am proud to say I am a part of this community and this forever changing and growing school.

We are looking for fresh ideas and new people to add to our already dynamic group of parents. Our meetings are informal and open. We can also provide child care if we know in advance. That being said, I look forward to seeing some new members to this year's council.

Sincerely,
Dana Robinson
School Council Chair

Dates to Remember

September	15	Grade 8 Muskoka Trip Parent Presentation 6:30 p.m. in library
September	16	Reorganization of class (if necessary)
September	17	PA Day - No Classes for Students
September	24	Council Nomination Forms due in the school office
September	27	Intermediate Boys Soccer Tournament at Creditview Fields
September	28	Early Release – No afternoon classes
September	29	Intermediate Girls Soccer Tournament
September	29	Picture Day
October	01	Terry Fox Walk (AM)
October	05	RCSAC Meeting/Elections
October	06	Opening Mass at 9:15 a.m. in the school gymnasium
October	11	Thanksgiving Day
October	12-15	Grade 8 Muskoka Trip

September 17th
PA Day
No School for Students

GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH

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Masses are held at St. Edmund Campion Secondary School,
275 Brisdale Drive, Brampton, ON L7A 3C7.

Masses will be held on:
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 10:30 am and
12:00 pm