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Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Blessed are you, loving Father,
for all of your gifts to us.
Blessed are you for giving us the
gift of family and friends.
We pause and give you thanks,
Lord, for all these gifts:
For the rains that give life, for
the harvest.*

*As we rejoice in your kindness,
We pray for those who are in need.
Open our hearts to them
And teach us to be generous to others as you are to us
Thank you, God.
Amen*



Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is celebrated on **Monday, October 11th, 2010**. Students do not attend school on that day. We wish all the students and families a very blessed and safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

Food Drive

As is the tradition here at Guardian Angels the students involved in Christian Leadership are inviting everyone to help with the Thanksgiving Food Drive. All food items are to be sent into the school by Friday, October 8th, 2010. All food donations can be dropped off in the main foyer of the school. We are looking forward to working with you throughout the school year to help those in need. Together, we can make a difference.

Open House

You are invited to meet your child(ren)'s teacher on **Thursday, October 7th, 2010 from 5:30 – 7: 30 p.m.** The BBQ will be available at 5:30. Items for the BBQ are preordered. There will be no additional food available for sale. Class presentations begin at 6:30. Note: **Food will not be available after 6:30 p.m.**

The Intermediate presentation will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. in room 214.

Terry Fox Walk



This year, to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Terry Fox Run, students, staff and parent volunteers participated in a community walk to raise funds to support Cancer research. The event was a tremendous success. Weather was fantastic, providing a wonderful opportunity to enjoy an Autumn walk around the school. Thank you for your support, it is always appreciated.

Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards, Rollerblades

Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards and Rollerblades are not allowed to be ridden on school property **by anyone at any time**. You are reminded that if you or your child wishes to ride to school, you need to walk on school property for the safety of all concerned. Heely shoes are not allowed at any time as they pose serious risks.

Traffic Safety



We remind you to follow the kiss and ride, directional and fire route/bussing route signs on our property. Also, we ask you to follow the same rules and guidelines for walking children to school as we expect the children to follow. **Remember that children watch what we do more than they listen to what we say.** Parking Enforcement has been visiting schools throughout Peel Region and issuing tickets to vehicles that are in parking violations. It is known that these have been issued around the premises. They are paying particular attention to cars parked in the fire route/bus drop-off zone at the front of the school and cars are being ticketed even when someone is sitting in the vehicle. Please remember the importance of abiding by the posted traffic signs at the school. The safety of our children is worth our utmost attention to this.

Safety First For Our Children

Upon arrival at the schoolyard during supervised times, we ask that you leave the supervision to those who are assigned that task. Kindly remain outside the fenced area of the schoolyard so that the assigned supervisors can effectively monitor the children's safety in the yard. During the supervised times, we have assigned adults to supervise the children in their unstructured activities. These adults are clearly visible in their bright orange vests and children and adults can readily identify them. The kindergarten area also has

an additional supervisor during times when the children are there. Kindergarten and grade 1 students must be picked up promptly at the end of their school day at the appropriate gates. With such young children, the teachers endeavour to ensure that they are transferred directly from the teacher's care to that of the parent or caregiver. Since teachers may also be responsible for other duties immediately following dismissal times, it is essential that children are picked up on time.

Your alternatives:

- ☐ *Bring your child to school during the supervised times and drop them off at the schoolyard. This way, they can enjoy the supervised, unstructured times which are an important part of the learning process.*
- ☐ *Bring your child to school early enough that they can enjoy the unstructured playtime. Remove yourself to outside the schoolyard and you can maintain your watch, as you feel necessary.*



The responsibility to take steps to ensure safety and security on school property has become increasingly important as has the need to street-proof our children. Your co-operation is much appreciated and allows us to provide the safest and best environment for our children. Together we're both stronger.

Pizza Day/Lunch Lady

Oct 19

This year we will continue to have Pizza Days. Order forms will be sent home shortly. Drinks (including milk) are available from the vending machines in the downstairs hallway.

The Lunch Lady will continue to take orders each month for students who would like to order hot meals on Fridays. Forms are available in the office.

Allergy Alert—Sabrina's Law

We have a number of students at Guardian Angels with life-threatening allergies. Anaphylaxis is a severe reaction, which can be caused by even very small quantities of the allergen. The most common allergens are food (for example peanuts, nut products and by-products, sesame and shellfish) insect stings, medications and latex. We ask for the cooperation of the entire school community by NOT sending any

lunches, snacks or treats that contain peanuts, peanut products or shellfish. At Guardian Angels we continue our 'no outside food' policy in order to protect these students. Our students are not allowed to share lunches or snacks. Please do not send food products to be shared in your child's classroom (including doughnuts and/or timbits, which are not nut-free). If you would truly like your child to share their special day with their classmates we suggest that you consider non-food items such as pencils or stickers.

Head Injury Policy



When a student receives an injury to the head, it is Board Policy that we inform parents. We will attempt to reach you even when it is a very minor injury. Please try not to be too alarmed should you receive a call.

Fire Drills

In accordance with Ministry regulations, three fire drills will be conducted in the fall and three in the spring. While we hope that a real fire or emergency situation never arises, this practice helps prepare our students in the event of an emergency.

Lockdown Drills

It is a policy in Dufferin-Peel CDSB that all of its schools conduct a "Lockdown Procedure" twice a year. This will be initiated should an emergency exist on school property or in the surrounding neighbourhood. Part of the process is to practice the "**Lockdown Procedures**" as we practice Fire drills. The procedures that we will follow have been recommended by the board. Students will be instructed that when they hear the announcements "Initiate Lockdown Procedure" followed by the repeated ringing of the school bell, all staff and students will follow the following actions:

1. All students and staff inside the building will remain in their classrooms.
2. Students or staff in the hallways or washrooms will be expected to go to the closest classroom.
3. Students and staff will remain in the classroom until further instructions are given.
4. All students and staff who are outside the building are to quickly move as far away from the building as possible and remain there until further instructions are provided.

Valuables

Please help us to protect your child's valuables by keeping them at home. Staff cannot be responsible for

any valuables that your child brings to school. In order to avoid valuables being lost or misplaced students are reminded to please keep them at home.

Student Illness—Staying in During Recess

Students who are ill should be kept home where they are most comfortable and can get better sooner. A child who is too ill to go out for recess is too ill to be at school. Your co-operation is appreciated in keeping your child home when he/she is ill.

Halloween Safety

Halloween is just around the corner. Here are some suggestions to keep the children of our school safe.

- choose brightly coloured costumes
- Use face paint instead of masks
- Plan a safe route with your child
- Remind your child of road safety rules
- Accompany your children
- Remind children not to enter homes
- Check the treats before allowing your children to eat them



No Call Zone:



Between 2 and 3 o'clock each day our office receives numerous phone calls from parents with messages for their children. With the lines tied up, these are often left as messages on our machine. In an effort to ensure that we do not miss one of these messages and not get it to your child on time, we ask that you please ensure that arrangements are made the night before and children know what they are to do after school. In addition, we encourage parents to send lunches, notes and messages in the morning with their child(ren) in an effort to avoid interruptions at the classroom level. That being stated, we understand that emergencies do happen and we will do our best to assist in these situations. Thank you for your cooperation.

Late Arrival:

Now that we have completed our first month of school, we are noticing a rise in the number of students coming to school late in the morning. Student arriving to school after this 9:00 am bell sound is considered late. Late students must enter the school through the front doors and line up in front of the office door to receive an admit slip. Many students who have received late admit slips already are only missing the bell by 2-3 minutes. By getting up even five minutes earlier, these types of lates can be avoided.

GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH

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Masses are held at St. Edmund Campion Secondary School,
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Masses will be held on:
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 pm

Faith Formation

Ten years ago we were fortunate to be part of an amazing spiritual event. World Youth day brought hundreds of thousands of young people together for one purpose, to celebrate our faith and give witness to our commitment to follow in the footsteps of Christ. The impact of that experience will burn in our hearts and minds forever. We continue this through our involvement with Leaders Today and the Me to We initiatives. We will focus on this great gift of our faith. Our Pastoral Plan is centered on the faith formation of the students we serve. Our goal is to guide our students on their faith journey from the moment they enter our school until their graduation as young Catholic adults, prepared to become positive contributing members of our society.

The organization of regular Liturgy of the Word for classes and staff, and the continued prayerful use of the rosary are some of the many spiritual experiences planned for this school year.

We will continue to look to our Guardian Angels for guidance.

Parish Connection

Guardian Angels School is fortunate to be involved in the formation of a new parish. Father Jan of the new Guardian Angels Parish will help us to celebrate our faith in many positive ways. We appreciate Fr. Jan's guidance in the faith formation of our students.

Prayer, Opening Exercises

We begin every day at Guardian Angels with "O Canada" and a prayer led by our students. Every

class, from grade 1 to grade 8, will be given an opportunity to lead the school in opening exercises. Our daily prayer helps to bring us together as a community of faith.

Sacramental Preparation

The Sacramental preparation of our students is central to their faith formation. At Guardian Angels our grade two and grade eight teachers, with the support from Fr. Jan, spend a great deal of time preparing students for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Reconciliation & First Communion, Grade 2

Parent Meeting for Holy Communion and Reconciliation will be on Sunday, Nov. 21st /10 after the 12:00 Mass held at Edmund Campion Secondary School.

Reconciliation

Feb. 15, 2011 at Guardian Angels School.

Holy Communion TBD

Confirmation, Gr. 8

Parent Meeting for Confirmation will be on Sunday Nov. 28/10 after the 12:00 mass at Edmund Campion Secondary School.

Confirmation

May 30th
7:00 p.m.
St. Leonard's Church



Sports at Guardian Angels

Congratulations to our Intermediate Soccer Teams. Our boys' and girls' teams both played well in our Family Tournaments. Many thanks to our excellent coaches. Miss Schmalz and Mrs. Daniel's coached the girls and Ms. Persad and Mr. Buzdon coached the boys. We are very proud to announce the boys made it to the finals but lost a very close game to St. Ursula.

The Intermediate Volleyball Teams are preparing for their tournaments which begin in a few weeks. You will also notice our Cross Country Team preparing for their Family Meet on October 20 at Heart Lake.

Dates to Remember

October	11	Thanksgiving Day
October	12-15	Grade 8 Muskoka Trip
October	15	Grade 6 Trip to Ogada
October	20	Frog Prince Presentation
October	20	Family Cross Country Meet at Heart Lake
October	22	GA hosting Intermediate Girls Volleyball Tournament
October	25	Grade 7 vaccine clinic
October	25	Municipal Elections
October	28	Board Cross Country Meet
November	2	Progress Reports sent home
November	2	Parent Council 7:00 p.m.
November	4	Progress Report Card evening
November	10	Picture Retake Day

Here is a great opportunity for some of our Guardian Angel's singers

SING TO WIN COMPETITION!!

**At the Rose Studio Theatre OCT.
16th**

Display your musical capabilities and get a chance to win a once in a lifetime opportunity! Go to:
www.highergroundmusicworks.com
and send a 30 second youtube link.

Online registrations begin Monday
OCT.4 9AM to Saturday OCT. 9
12:00 AM

