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All future Newsletters will only be sent electronically or posted on our Website. A small number of hard copies will always be available in the office. If you would like to have your email address added to our school mailbox, please do so through the office. We presently have 350 members.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

WE BELIEVE November, the month of remembrance, begins with the celebration of *Hallow's Eve*, or *Halloween*, which takes place the night before **All Saints Day**. The word "hallow" is another word for saint, a holy person. Although we need to be vigilant about all images and celebrations of the secular world that may contradict our relationship with God, we know that nothing can separate us from the strength of Jesus and the joy of his resurrection for ... *we believe!* For Catholics, the two celebrations help us to focus upon Christ's triumph over evil and the hope of salvation for those whose witness to Christ is an inspiration. It is a reminder of the invitation to holiness and to becoming the saints we are all called to be. Edith Wharton wrote, "*There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.*" God is waiting for you to answer this wonderful call to holiness and light ... so, be the "candle" in word and deed ... begin today! On **All Souls Day**, we remember and pray for our relatives and loved ones who have died, and we are comforted by the knowledge that they have found eternal rest with our Lord. On November 11th, **Remembrance Day**, we commemorate the courage of our veterans and all of those who have died so that we may live in freedom and peace. We pray, also, for God's blessings upon those soldiers who are presently overseas and we continue to hope that someday we may all, as God's people, live together in peace and unity. Praise God, may it be so. *Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.*" John 8:12

T. Waters
Principal

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE UPDATE:

The Thanksgiving Food Drive was a great success once again this year! The recipients of the food collected were, as always, incredibly grateful for our school community's outpouring and generosity. It is wonderful to witness the tireless commitment our families make to support the well being of needy families within our own community. We do make a difference!

PA Day
November 26th
Provincial Priorities
No School for Students

Christian Leadership

Under the faculty advisement of Mrs. Favaro and Mrs. Petrusa, students of Christian Leadership work within the school community as Youth Ambassadors who spread the Gospel message of love through acts of charity and outreach to the greater community. The students participate in activities such as organizing food drives, collecting necessities for Canadian Food for Children, cooking meals for the homeless, and preparation for school Mass.

It is our goal to teach the children to deepen their faith by acting as Jesus would, being the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Through this ministry the children are encouraged to be: *His Ambassadors, representing His love, grace and mercy.*

Allergies

Several of our children have life-threatening allergies to nuts and nut byproducts. We are requesting, in the spirit of caring for all members of the community, that you consider the health needs of all our students. To that end, please refrain from sending nut products to school in your child's lunch and snack. If you are sending treats to the entire class, please consider sending non food items, such as pencils, erasers etc. We are not allowing any food to classrooms that is not prepackaged with the nut free label clearly marked on the packaging. We would also ask that you take some time to explain to your child/ren, the seriousness of food allergies for some children.

Health and Hygiene



Please be aware that children who are unwell should not be at school. Please ensure that we have the most current and accurate contact information for parents/guardian on file in the office. If your child becomes ill during the school day we will contact you, or your designated caregiver, to pick up your child. If you are unable to come to the school during the school day, please arrange to have a neighbor, friend or relative who can pick up your child in case of illness. We are not able to care for sick children at school.

Guardian Angel's School Website

The Guardian Angel's website has been updated. All monthly newsletters and our school calendar are on the website. The web address is on the front page of this newsletter. If you have not already signed up to receive our newsletter electronically it is not too late. Just fill out the form available at the office.

Santa is coming

Students will have an opportunity to have a picture taken with Santa at Guardian Angel's school on Tuesday, December 7th. Santa will be in the building from 9:15 – 12:00 p.m. Afternoon Kindergarten students are welcome to come with their parents for a photo at that time as well. More information will be coming home shortly.



Indoor Shoes

Once again, for the purpose of student health and safety, we are requesting that all students, Junior Kindergarten through to Grade 8 have indoor running shoes with non-marking soles. These shoes are to be kept at the school every day. Inexpensive running shoes with white soles are the best choice. Students require indoor shoes in the case of a Fire Drill or Emergency Evacuation as there is not sufficient time to put on shoes or boots. The Fire Drill can go off in the winter time, and therefore, we must evacuate the building immediately.

Morning Supervision

Please help us out: Supervision begins at 8:45 a.m. Please do not bring your children to school earlier than this time. We know that this may inconvenience many parents due to work schedules. Given today's safety concerns, it is never a good idea to leave your child unattended. Please make alternative arrangements for the care of your children prior to 8:45 a.m.

Lunch and Snacks

In an effort to be a healthy school, we have the responsibility to promote healthy children with lifelong healthy living skills. We firmly believe that collectively we have to work together to instill in our children the ability to make better/proper choices when it comes to our daily diet. As such, we are asking parents to pack only **healthy, nutritious snacks and lunches** with their children. The days of bringing "junk food" and candy to school are diminishing in Ontario as more and more we recognize the need to make healthy choices. Kindly avoid dropping off fast food at the school – instead, take time to pack healthy lunches or take your child out for lunch as a special treat once in a rare while.



Lost Articles

Due to the sheer volume of misplaced articles, we do not regularly make announcements regarding lost items. We highly recommend that you not allow your child to bring valuable items to school. Toys and special mementos often interfere with the teaching environment, especially when staff have to solve disputes over their disappearance or appearance during classroom learning times.

Casual Fridays

You may have noticed that the staff dress in a casual manner on Fridays. Through donations made on these Fridays, we are supporting the many charities affiliated with the United Way and Share Life.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR TRUSTEE:

I would like to thank all the Catholic supporters for returning me to office. I look forward to representing your interests for the next four years. Many changes have taken place at the Ministry level and we will face a number of challenges in the next four years. I will continue to work hard to provide the level of service that you expect from me. My major focus will be on your

student's achievement. We are constantly achieving or exceeding the Ministry levels in EQAO results and I will strive to continue to reach these goals. As always, I am available to discuss your concerns. Please feel free to contact me any time. Best Regards, Linda Zanella

Athletics

Please see our website for school athletics.

Special Note: Congratulations to our Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team for capturing the Brampton West Family of Schools Championship.

GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH

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Masses will be held on:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

**Sunday: 9:00 am, 10:30 am and
12:00 pm**

Reconciliation Grades 3-8

To help our students prepare for the coming of the Advent season, Father Jan will be at Guardian Angel's school on Monday, November 29th, to hear confession for all baptized students from grades 3-8. The classroom teacher will help students prepare for the sacrament by reviewing what the children should say when they enter the confessional and by helping reflect on the weaknesses and challenges we all face. Please note that only students who are baptized Catholic and have received the sacrament of Reconciliation will participate in this celebration.



Sacramental Preparation

Fr. Jan is working together with our grade 2 and grade 8 teachers in preparing our students. Parents of these students have an opportunity to meet with Father Jan following Sunday Mass over the next few weeks. We welcome the continued partnerships formed linking parish, home and school.

RECONCILIATION and FIRST COMMUNION

Grade 2 Parent Information Meeting

November 21st, 2010 after 12:00 (noon) Mass @St. Edmund Campion Secondary School

Celebration of the Sacrament:

RECONCILIATION February 15th, 2011 at 9:30 am @ Guardian Angels

FIRST COMMUNION TBD

CONFIRMATION

Grade 8 Parent Information Meeting

November 28th, 2010 after 12:00 (noon) Mass @ St. Edmund Campion Secondary School

Celebration of Sacrament: May 30th, at 7:00 p.m. @ St. Leonard Church

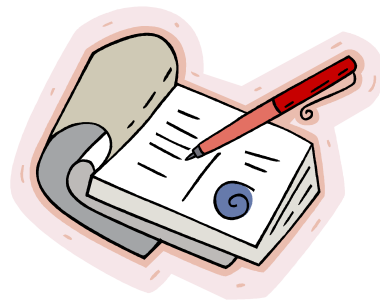


PRAYER

- Prayer is experienced as a whole community over the Public Address system, during Mass and as a class.
- Prayers are led by students from each class in turn. At these times, we focus on the Virtue of the Month prayer and a relevant reading from Children's Daily Prayer
- Regular focus is placed on the Guardian Angels School Prayer
- Each classroom has a prayer table/corner for individual prayer opportunities/focus for class celebrations.
- Prayers are posted in classrooms for learning and habit;
- In class, students may share prayers they have made in the context of their religion programme;
- Prayers are also spoken in the French Language.
- Each time we meet or gather as an adult community, whether for a staff meeting or as a School Council, we begin with prayer;

Dates to Remember

Nov 10	Picture Retake
Nov 11	Remembrance Day 10:00 a.m
Nov 16	Grade 4 Reptile Rob Presentations
Nov 15 – 18	Peel Police Youth Officer Presentations Grades 1 – 8
Nov 20	Brampton Santa Parade
Nov 21	First Communion Parent Meeting at Campion (after mass)
Nov 24	GA hosting Junior Girls Volleyball Tournament
Nov 25	Grade 6 RAID Program begins (Peel Police)
Nov 25	Chapters Evening
Nov 26	PA DAY
Nov 28	Parent Confirmation Meeting at Campion
Nov 29	School Confessions
Nov 30	Grade 3 Black Creek Pioneer Village Trip
Dec 7	Santa Pictures
Dec 7	Dental Screening
Dec 7	Parent Council
Dec 8	Primary Christmas Concert (more information to follow)
Dec 9	Primary Christmas Concert
Dec 16	Advent Mass 9:15



From Your Council

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Parent Council of Guardian Angels is starting to plan and organize a fund-raising campaign for January, selling chocolates. The campaign will kick off in January and end in February. Monies raised will be used for various classroom needs and special activities for the students. We are planning to provide prizes as incentives for the highest sales at various levels.

We are therefore asking the school community for donations of prizes for the students with the best sales. Every donation that comes in means that another student can be rewarded for their efforts in and Guardian Angels can provide extras in resources and extra-curricular activities.

In past years Parent Council fund-raising has been used to pay for Grade 8 yearbooks (2010), agendas, steel pan drums, the Snoezelen Sensory Room; Artists in the School; books for the library and Anti-bullying programs, as well as the school Harmony Program and reducing the price per student for field trips and extra-curricular activities.

If you are able to donate a prize or prizes to the school or assist in the fund-raising campaign please leave a message for Dana Robinson (Parent Council Chair) at (905) 595-0909 by December 1st 2010.

You can make a difference in the spirit of pride the students have in Guardian Angels.

Sincerely,

Parent Council

Guardian Angels Parish Multi-Cultural Pot luck is Here!



✧ **When:**

✧ **Sunday, November 21st from 1:30 to 3:30, at St Edmund Campion**

✧ **Pricing:**

✧ For \$5 per person, \$20 per family of five or \$25 per family of six,

✧ your ticket buys you a plate filled to the brim with delicious goodies.

✧ **Your Dish Donation is Welcome!**

✧ Of course, none of this would be possible without the incredible culinary talents of our parishioners, who generously donate their time and work in the kitchen.

✧ If you can contribute your dish, or your time to help, please sign up with a Building Committee member after each mass until November 14th.

We encourage all those joining us for lunch to purchase your tickets early as we cannot guarantee quantities on the day of the event.

✧ *As always, the proceeds will go towards the building of our new church, where we can expect many more happy gatherings to come.*

Thank you on behalf of your Building Committee

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