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Principal's Message

T. Waters

On behalf of the staff at Guardian Angels, I wish everyone in our community a very healthy and prosperous 2011. I hope that you had a blessed and enjoyable Christmas holiday with family and friends. Deep gratitude is extended to all for your generous donations to our Food Drive. Your generosity has made a difference in the lives of others.

The month of January will focus on the virtue of "self-control". Each time we exercise self-control, we grow stronger in the Lord and invite peace to settle over us and we avoid any guilt we may feel from having made a poor decision. We will continue to recognize students who consistently make good decisions through our Virtues initiatives.

Communication is important between school and home to ensure that all are informed of student progress and therefore I encourage you to continue to communicate with your child's teacher. As we begin 2011, I would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year filled with good health, love and God's continued blessings.

Punctuality

Unfortunately a number of students are arriving at school after 9:00 a.m. or being picked up well after 3:30 p.m. by their caregiver. This results in considerable interruptions to our learning community. Arriving at school on time, and being prepared to learn helps students with the formation of good word habits and provides a positive beginning to the day. Your cooperation in support of your child's learning experiences is much appreciated. Our school Social Worker is our attendance officer who will be contacting parents if their children continue to come to school late or repeatedly get picked up late at the end of the school day.

Attendance

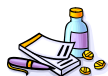
The Education Act (Section 30) states that it is mandatory for all students, between the ages of six and eighteen years to attend school every day. School Social Workers are mandated to intervene with students and their families whenever students are identified as truant. We can support students through the following:

- Parent/teacher partnerships
- Teachers identify student's absences early
- School makes referral to the school Social Worker
- School Social Worker assesses and determines the best course of action and works as a team to resolve conflicts.

Mount Pleasant Village

Elementary students from the Mount Pleasant Village neighbourhood are being hosted at Guardian Angels Catholic Elementary School. This was decided at a Board Meeting last spring. At this point in time we really have limited information on how this will impact our enrollment for next year. Any concerns or questions, please contact the school at anytime.

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 nonprescription medication such as aspirin, ibuprofen, cough medicine, etc

Extended French Meeting

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Grade 4 students who wish to enroll their child in Grade 5 Extended French class for September 2011 are invited to attend an information meeting at **St. Anne School on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

French Immersion Meeting

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of students who will be in grade 1 in September, 2011, may wish to consider the French Immersion program as a possibility. You are invited to attend an information meeting at **St Joachim School on Wednesday, January 12, 2011.**

Eco Council

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"The Eco-Council has been developed at Guardian Angels in order to work towards Eco-Certifying the school. The Eco-Council will be leading the students, staff and the community in various initiatives to lead our school towards waste minimization, energy waste reduction and increasing environmental awareness. The group will also try to bring forth environmental ideas and efforts from students by creating a team entitled 'The Earth Angels'." This movement of 'Greening' our school is by changing some of our bad habits and developing a new mentality of Earth awareness. The council looks forward to all the families help and input."

Athletics



Junior Volleyball

Thank you to Mrs. Bedford, Ms. Giuliano-Lupo and Ms. Schmalz for sharing their time and talents as coaches for the girls and boys intermediate basketball teams.

Intermediate Basketball

Our intermediate boys and girls are busy preparing for their basketball tournaments in February.

Intramural Volleyball

The junior intramural volleyball program was a wonderful success this past November and December. We had 100 students participating. We will continue our intramural programs in mid January.

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2010-2011 school year will be held at all Dufferin-Peel Catholic Elementary Schools on the following dates:

Monday February 7th, 2011, 7-9 p.m.

Junior Kindergarten children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2011.

Senior Kindergarten children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2011.

Parents/Guardians must bring the following documents when registering their child.

- Proof of age
- Original Catholic Baptismal Certificate of the Roman, Greek or Ukrainian Rite, for the parent (one) and child. If the child has not been baptized, a letter of counseling with the parish priest to complete the process will be accepted.
- Updated Immunization records
- Proof of Canadian Citizenship or Landed Immigrant Status
- Proof of address (utility bill, bank or credit card statement)

For more information you may contact the office or call the Admissions Department at 905-890-0708 ext.24500



Weather

During the winter months, inclement weather may cause disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations. A decision to cancel school transportation and/or close schools is usually made by **6:00 a.m.** and will be announced on the following radio and television stations: **VIRGIN RADIO FM 99.9, CHUM AM 1050, CFTR AM 680, CFNY FM 102.1, CJCL AM 590, CHFI FM 98.1, CFRB 1010, EZ ROCK FM 97.3, CJBC (FR) AM 860, FM Z103.5, FM 93.1, AM 1540, AM 640, FM Q 107, CHIN FM 100.7**

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Please access the following website for information specific to your child/ren. <http://www.stopr.ca>



Medical Alert--Anaphylactic Shock/Nut Allergies

We have some students with severe life threatening food allergies to nuts- (peanut) allergies. This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to certain allergens and can result in death within minutes. Although this may not affect your child directly, please send lunches and snacks to school with your children that are free from peanuts or nut products. We ask that you **do not send** in food products for the whole class to celebrate birthdays or social occasions. A donation of stickers, pencils, a book or a game to the classroom is a safe alternative to food products and will be enjoyed so much longer by the children. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions. We thank you for your co-operation and attention to this health watch.



Our Catholic School Heritage

What is the current number of Catholic schools in Dufferin Peel?

While Dufferin Peel continues to grow throughout the region, our current population as of 2009 is 87,000 students and an additional 43,000 adult continuing education learners. Our board has 261,645 Roman Catholic electors and the board operates 145 schools, 23 secondary schools and 122 elementary schools. Three additional secondary schools will be operational by 2010. Our board supports 38 Catholic parishes in our region. As an employer we have over 10,000 employees and Dufferin-Peel operates 1,406 buses per day in the region to transport students to and from school.

**Parent Council Meeting
February 1st, 2011
School Library
7:00p.m.**

The Council fundraiser this year will be World's Finest Chocolates. The campaign begins with a kick off assembly on January 31st. If you have any prizes you can donate for this campaign, please contact Dana Robinson at the school.

Dates to Remember

Jan 10	5, 5/6 skating trip at CC
Jan 11	Pizza Day
Jan 14	PA Day
Jan 18	Intermediate Ski Club Trip
Jan 24	5, 5/6 skating trip at CC
Jan 25	Pizza Day
Jan 28	Grade 7 Vaccine, 8 HPV
Jan 28	Book Fair begins in Library (ends Feb 3)
Jan 31	World's Finest Kick Off
Feb 1	Report Cards Sent Home
Feb 1	RCSAC 7:00 p.m.
Feb 3	Parent Interview Evening
Feb 3	Grade 5 trip to Queen's Park
Feb 4	PA Day
Feb 7	JK Registration Evening
Feb 7	Grade 5 and 5/6 skating at CC
Feb 8	Pizza Day
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 15	Grade 2 Reconciliation
Feb 18	Harmony Assembly
Feb 21	Family Day – No School

**JANUARY 14th
PA Day
No school for students**

**FEBRUARY 1st
Reports Home**

**FEBRUARY 3rd
Parent Teacher Interview Evening**

**FEBRUARY 4th
PA Day
No School for Students - Interview Day**