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PEOPLE OF LOVE...

- KNOW THAT WE ARE ALL UNIQUE AND SPECIAL
- WANT THE BEST FOR EVERYONE
- CARE DEEPLY ABOUT OTHERS
- WORK FOR THE HAPPINESS OF OTHERS
- ARE WILLING TO MAKE SACRIFICES FOR OTHERS
- LEARN HOW TO LIVE FROM THE STORIES OF SAINTS
- FOLLOW THE EXAMPLES OF HOLY PEOPLE
- PRAY FOR OTHERS

LOVE



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
Weekdays: 7:30 am

Attendance

A friendly reminder that if your child is going to be away from school, that you need to call the office to let us know. Please call **905-595-0909** and then select the line for attendance which is **line 1**. Your co-operation helps us ensure our safe arrival program works in a timely manner.

Are you moving?

We are in the process of planning classes and staffing for the 2011/2012 school year. If you are planning to move anytime between now and September 2011, please inform the school so that we can prepare the necessary transfer forms. Please remember that if you change your address please notify the office so that we can update our records.



Flex Boundary

Parents who have requested flex boundary admittance for their children will be considered on a yearly basis, taking into consideration the number of students enrolling at the school. If you require Flex Boundary permission for your child, please submit a letter of request as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Catholic School Council

Our final Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 3rd, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** in the staffroom. As always, **ALL** parents are welcome to attend the meeting.

Sharelife Spirit Week (April 11-15)

A.Tesolin

During the week of April 11th-15th, students from the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board and across the Archdiocese of Toronto will be celebrating Sharelife and all the wonderful things they do to assist people in need in our community. This celebration will consist of a spirit week in which students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their school spirit and help those in need by participating in various school-wide activities. Each child will be asked to contribute \$2 to participate in the weeklong activities and all proceeds will go directly to Sharelife.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
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| Pajama Day – Wear your pajamas to school! | Crazy Hair Day – Come to school with the craziest due you can imagine! | Sports Day – Dress up like your favourite sports team |
| Thursday | Friday | |
| Mismatched Clothes & Hat Day – Start a new trend with the most mismatched disasterous outfit you can | School Dance – Each grade level will have the opportunity to participate in a dance. | |

Creating Classes for next year

This is a reminder to all parents whose children are returning to Guardian Angels for the 2011-2012 school year. During the month of May we will begin the process of creating classes for the next school year. This is a complex process, which takes into consideration not only the needs of the individual child, but frames those needs in the context of the larger classroom group. In each class we strive for a balance of learning styles, a balance of gender, a balance of learning needs, and a cross-section of abilities.

If you as a parent wish to provide input into the process, please take into consideration the following guidelines:

1. Your input must be made in writing to the Principal no later than **Friday, May 6th, 2011**.
2. Please frame your requests in terms of an educational context e.g. your child's learning needs/strengths/style; information not already known to the school; best learning environment.
3. **Please do not make requests for specific teachers** as staffing is always tentative and changes can take place between now and September.

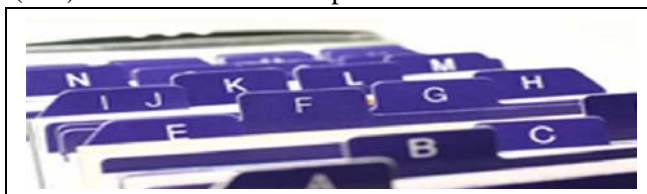
No changes can be made after the end of June.

For new JK students, teachers will call in the fall to arrange visits. Students will start school in small groups at a time to acclimatize the children to their new environment. Please note that **Tuesday May 3rd from 6:00 - 7:30 pm we will have our Welcome to Kindergarten session**. This session has been designed for the new JK child and a parent. We ask that you do not bring siblings to this session.

It is important for all parents of kindergarten students to know that **your child's class time does not automatically transfer to the next school year**. This means, for example, if your child is presently in a morning class, they may or may not be placed in a morning class for next year. Placement depends on student numbers and assigned teachers. **If you have a specific concern, please put it in writing to the Principal**. We will do our best to address all concerns in the placement of our students, however it may not always be possible to do so.

Updated Student Information

Please remember to provide the school with any change of information, such as address, phone number(s), baby-sitter information. In the event that your child is injured or becomes ill during the school day, it is vital that we are able to contact a parent/guardian. If any of this information has changed, please contact the school office at (905)595 0909 so we can update our records



Athletics/Clubs

The last three months of the school year will be very busy at Guardian Angels. Currently, the girls' and boys' Junior Basketball Teams are hard at work preparing for their tournaments in April. Both teams are practicing 3 times a week and great improvements have been seen already! In addition, track and field, baseball, flag football and soccer tournaments will begin in May and will run until mid-June. The grade 4, 5 intramural floor hockey is in full swing with over 50 students participating.

Students have many opportunities to sign up for these sports at G. A. and become active in sports. Good luck to all the teams!

Chess

Mr. Buzdon



Guardian Angels are sending a Junior and Intermediate Chess team to the Brampton West Chess tournament at St. Rita's. The tournament will be held on Friday, April 8th.

The Junior team members are Nolan, Christina, Ethan, Kushal, Christopher and Zicco. The Intermediate team members are Zain, Andrew, Raul, Jerome and Paul. We wish our teams the best of luck. Just a reminder that the chess club is open to all students that play or are new to the game and wish to learn. The Chess club is on Monday and Wednesday at lunch recess and will run for the remainder of the year.

Harmony

The following students have been trained this year and will be presenting to the school on **Monday, April 11th** at 9:15 am. The students have learned about many issues including: stereotyping, racism, discrimination and how to combat these issues by being stellar role models. The students will be challenging the students and staff at Guardian Angels School to help raise school supplies for our twin schools in Trinidad. These schools need everything from gently used backpacks, school supplies, art supplies, books as well as supplies for the teachers including bulletin board materials etc. Please help our brother and sister schools in Trinidad. We will be collecting the school supplies through Easter. Please support the Harmony group as we reach out to others in need.

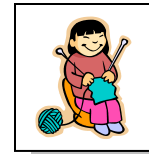
Harmony Students trained this year include: Allyssa I., Mackenzie F., Breanna P., Sarah P., Raianna W., Emily L., Nathaniel D., J-don R., Michael A., Natasha P., Sasha F., Marie A., Jessica A., Kesiya A., Chelsey H., Akayla Q., May T., Catherine G., Whitney I., Claudia K., Tishanna A., Daniella T., Audrey S., Jana M., Geshini P., Ken A. and Claudia L.

Junior Boys Basketball

Mr. Labuda

The junior boys have begun preparing for the Brampton family of schools tournament to be held the week of April 11th. The boys have an excellent opportunity to prepare for their season by participating in an invitational tournament on the 1st of April at Morning Star Middle School in Mississauga. The mini tournament is scheduled for Friday, April the 15th!

The boys' team consists of the following players: Joshua, Dante, Jaden, Matthew, Taejon, Jonathan, Justin, Jordan, Lucas, Jacob, Aiden and Michael. If any parents are able to transport students to and/or from our tournaments please contact Mr. Labuda. Thank you for your support!



Junior Craft Club

Spring is in full swing with our Junior Craft Club! The students have been busy creating some wonderful keepsake crafts such as Mardi Gras Masks, Candle Holders, and Lucky Leprechauns. Our upcoming crafts will include Easter and spring keepsakes. As the warmer weather approaches we will wrap up our successful year with our Junior Crafters on Wednesday March 4th. Thank-you to all the participants: Daniella S, Shyanne R, Cassandra A, Christina D, Gabby Maria J, Alina U, Ashley S, Emma T, Matthew M, and Abigail C. Also thank-you to Miss Tesolin and Mrs. Walker for all their work running this extra-curricular club. It has been a great year!

The grade 6 students of Ms.

Valentini's class are proud to announce that some of them have become published authors. A sample of students' poetry was entered to The Poetry Institute of Canada. Student poetry was selected for publication in an anthology of verse entitled, "Underneath the Pumpkin Tree". The anthology of poems comes out in May 2011 and will be available in bookstores across Canada.

Congratulations to the following young authors:

1. Audrey C
2. Jessica M
3. Leo F
4. Selena N
5. Doniella S
6. Veronika B



From the Library
Mrs. McCannel



Forest of Reading voting is upon us in the month of April. The grades 1, 2 and 3s will be voting for their favourite book in the Blue Spruce category. The Forest of Reading clubs will be voting in the categories of Silver Birch Express (grades 3 and 4), Silver Birch Fiction and Non Fiction (grades 5 and 6) and Red Maple (grades 7 and 8). For more information please visit the Reading Program page at www.accessola.com.

Reminder re: Overdue books. Please make sure that late books are returned to the school library. If a book is lost, payment is expected to replace the book. Overdue notices are sent out on a regular basis to the classroom teachers.

Grade 7 Trip to the Riverwood Conservancy

On Friday, April 8 and Wednesday April 13th, the grade 7's will be going to the Riverwood Conservancy. The Riverwood Conservancy provides a variety of educational programs in nature and environmental education. The grade 7's will have an opportunity to hike through the Credit River Valley and examine various ecosystems. They will collect pond water samples, examine invertebrates and explore various fossils around the Credit River Valley. The trip provides the students with an exciting extension the science and geography curricula by giving them a hands on experience to various ecosystems and the programs in place to protect our environment.

Ms. Persad's and Mrs. Brkic's class will go on Friday April the 8th, and Mr. Labuda's class will go on Wednesday April the 13th.

Skating



The grade 7's will be going skating to Cassie Campbell on Monday, April 11th, 18th and May 9th. The grade 6's will continue to skate on Friday's over the next few weeks.

Chocolate Fundraiser

Thank you to all the families who helped support our Chocolate Fundraiser. We raised \$12,000 dollars and have provided Guardian Angels Parish Building Fund with a donation of \$3,000 from the school. *Please see attached letter from Father Jan.* The remainder of funds will be allocated towards student centered activities.

Christian Leadership
Mrs. Favaro

The Christian Leadership Group will be taking part in a BAGS (acronym for Be A Giving Source) project that will reach out to those in need in our local community (Women Shelters; St. Vincent De Paul Society). The bag will contain an itemized list that classes will use to fill the bag.

Please stay tuned for more information from the Christian Leaders as to when the BAGS initiative will commence.

ECO Group
Mr. Merino

The Eco-group is working on reducing air pollution that subsequently has (and will continue to have) an impact on climate change. It has been proven that car emissions and more specifically car idling, contributes greatly to air pollution. In addition, not only is car idling harmful to our environment, but it is also very costly to the car owner. We are focusing on making Guardian Angels an "Idle-free Zone", focusing on our kiss-n-ride and drive through lanes. We plan on educating everyone on the causes of car-idling and asking everyone that is stopped for more than one minute to turn off their cars. It has also been proven that running your engine is actually more harmful to engine components then restarting a car. Mr. Merino will be doing a presentation to parent council on April 5th to provide information around his Eco Group.

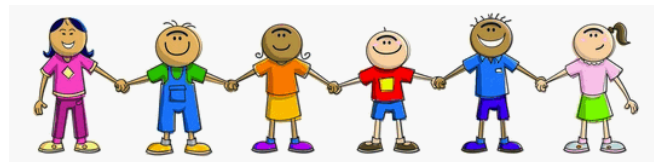


EQAO Testing - Grade 3 and Grade 6

The dates for the grade 3 and 6 Provincial Assessment in Reading, Writing and Mathematics are from **May 31– June 11.**

More detail regarding specific dates as they apply to your child will follow.

Attendance is extremely important during the testing days. Parents are asked to refrain from making appointments during these days. It is also imperative that students arrive to school on time.



BICYCLES:



With the change in weather, many students are beginning to ride their bicycles to school. Please take the time to discuss proper bicycle safety with your child/ren to ensure their safety. Of note students riding their bikes to and from school are expected to follow these directions:

1. Bikes are to be walked across the school property.
2. Bikes are to be left in the bike rack area.
3. Bikes are to be locked.
4. In the event that a student does not follow the safety guidelines, their bike privileges will be lost.

LUNCH: STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL PROPERTY

In order for students to leave school property at lunch, they require a written letter of permission from their parents. Due to the nature of the number of students in our school, we will not be able to accommodate phone calls home on a regular basis. Thank you for your cooperation.



SPRING DRESS CODE:

As the weather warms up, please take the time to review the section in the Code of Conduct pertaining to Dress Code. Teachers have been instructed to review the policy with students and to address concerns through reports to parents when needed. (The Dress Code is in the student agendas). In some circumstances, parents will be contacted and students will be asked to go home and change before they can be admitted into classes particularly if the clothing is too tight, too short or revealing. It is important that all students, J.K. to Grade 8, dress for school with attentiveness to modesty and comfort at all times. There may be clothing items that are not suitable to wear at school ... please review with your children the difference between their school clothes and play/party clothes. Teach your child to dress for success!

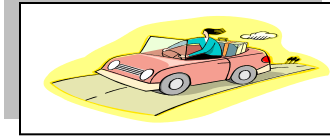
Holy Thursday School Retreat

On April 21st, Holy Thursday, our school will be participating in a full-day religious retreat. The day will consist of numerous faith-based activities for the various grade levels. Christian Leadership students will be assisting in the Primary classrooms. The purpose of this retreat is to teach the children about Jesus' ministry and of His Passion. The day will conclude in the gym where students will view the Stations of the Cross, which will be dramatized by Mrs. MacDonald's grade 5 class. Parents are welcome to attend this portion of our day. (2:45 p.m.)

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL OF STUDENTS...PARKING LOT:

For the safety of all children and to avoid congestion, please drop your child in the "Kiss and Ride" area at the north side of the building. We ask that parents do not park and/or leave their cars in the front driveway at any time. If you need to park, please find an open spot in the general parking lot or elsewhere in the neighbourhood. All students will be dismissed by their teachers and exit according to their assigned door.

Please wait for your child/ren at the sidewalks or outskirts of the school board property. The supervised dismissal will ensure student safety and our school visitor policies are still in effect until our students have been fully dismissed. Please do not direct your child to meet you at the front door unless they are being dismissed early for an appointment. If your child/ren must leave for an appointment during the school day, please come to the office to "sign out" and "sign in" your child/ren. Ensure that you have notified the appropriate teachers of the same through the agenda or a note.



Wasteless Wednesdays

Please help Guardian Angels School reduce its amount of garbage by participating in our 'Wasteless Wednesdays'. Please pack your child/ren's lunch in reusable containers so there will be no waste in the garbage. Please remember that plastic "lunchable" containers, plastic baggies, drinking pouches, plastic cutlery, single serve yogurt, apple sauce and pudding containers are not recyclable and they all go into the garbage. Mark the following dates on your calendars Wednesday April 13 and April 27. The Eco team will be going to all the classrooms to survey how well we did. Thank you for all of your support.

EARTH DAY - APRIL 22:

We will be celebrating Earth day a bit early this year. On Wednesday, April 20, Guardian Angels School will be participating in the '22 minute Makeover'. Each class will be given gloves and garbage bags and will be encouraged to go out and clean up our yard.



"Breaking News: Kool-Aid Jammers

R. Merino

Hello parents and students!

Guardian Angels school has become a terracycling school. What is terracycling you ask? Terracycling is when a company takes their containers back to use the materials for other products. In this case Kool-Aid is paying for the return of their Jammers.

We receive two cents for each Kool-Aid Jammer we collect. We have raised over 200 dollars by collecting 10,000 of them. Also we are receiving an additional 200 dollars for being the top school in Canada over the past three months. All of the money collected will be going towards Dr. Simone's CFFC (Canadian Food For Children). An organization that uses every penny donated for helping needy families all around the world. *This collection has also eliminated 40 bags of garbage from going to the dump.*

The grades 5's are really proud of themselves and would like to thank all of Guardian Angels students for helping us make this goal possible by separating their Jammers from the regular garbage."

Dates to Remember

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| April 11 | Grade 7 Skating |
| April 12 | Junior Girls Basketball Tournament @ St. Bonaventure |
| April 11-15 | Sharelife Week |
| April 13 | Riverwood Excursion - Mr. Labuda |
| April 14 | Junior Boys Basketball Tournament @ St. Angela Merici |
| April 15 | Jump Rope Assembly |
| April 15 | Grade 6 Skating |
| April 18 - 22 | Holy Week |
| April 18 | Grade 7 Skating |
| April 21 | Holy Thursday |
| April 27 | Resurrection Mass 9:15 |
| April 28 | Grade 8 Confirmation Retreat @ Mount Alverno |
| April 28 | Grade 7 Indoor Soccer Tournament |
| April 29 | 7/8 Girls Indoor Soccer Tournament |
| May 1 | First Communion @ Our Lady of Fatima |
| May 2 | Education Week Begins |
| May 3 | Welcome to Kindergarten Evening |
| May 3 | Parent Council |
| May 5 | Region of Peel Grade 7, 8 shots |
| May 6 | Jump Rope for Heart |
| May 8 | Mother's Day |
| May 9 | Grade 7 Skating |
| May 10 | St. Roch Retreat for Grade 8's |
| May 18 | EQAO Tutors End |
| May 22 | Victoria Day |



Catholic Education Week: Celebrating the Spirit (May 1-6, 2011)

