



**Guardian Angels Catholic Elementary School**  
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## PEOPLE OF ACCEPTANCE...

- ARE FRIENDLY AND OPEN TO ALL GOD'S PEOPLE
- SENSE GOD'S PRESENCE IN PEOPLE OF ALL AGES, BELIEFS, GENDERS, CULTURES, AND/OR ABILITIES
- AVOID THE TEMPTATION TO JUDGE OR NEGATIVELY STEREOTYPE OTHERS
- LOOK FOR POSITIVE TRAITS IN OTHERS
- UNDERSTAND THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE WAY OF DOING THINGS
- STICK UP FOR THE DISADVANTAGED
- NOTICE WHO IS LEFT OUT AND INCLUDE THEM

**ACCEPTANCE**



### GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH

Rev. Fr. Jan Gogolewski  
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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

### A Prayer to Mary

Holy Mary, Mother fair  
 filled with love for God.  
 Pray for us in all our needs.  
 Pray for us today.  
 Help us to remember always,  
 your way of truth, love,  
 mercy and kindness.  
 We salute and honour you  
 as our Lady of Peace.  
 Watch over us and protect us  
 with your motherly love.

### A Good-bye and a Welcome

We would like at this time to say good-bye to Ms. Tesolin as Mrs. Pelosi returns from her maternity leave. We wish her the very best as she continues in her educational pursuits.

# Reminders

## MEDICATION

Students who must bring medication to school, or who must take regular medication during the school hours, require a form, "Request for Storage and Distribution of Prescribed Medications", to be filled out and signed by a parent/guardian and the physician. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to monitor the quantity of medication stored by the school.

## NO DOGS ON PROPERTY

In the interest of student safety, please be reminded that dogs are not permitted on school property. A dog's behaviour and response around strangers can be unpredictable. Although dogs can be good pets for some people, they can be scary to some, and pose an allergic response to others. Therefore, dogs must not be exercised on school property or brought to school when dropping off or picking up students.

## NO SMOKING ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Consistent with the Tobacco Control Act, the Board's policy prohibits smoking and holding lighted tobacco anywhere in the school or on school property by anyone, at any time.

## VALUABLES

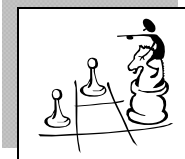
Students are not to bring valuables or items of importance to school. This includes trading cards, expensive sports equipment, toys, jewelry, personal electronic devices (cell phones) etc. The school cannot assume responsibility for valuables brought to school.

## Chess Team

Congratulations to our Junior Chess Team who competed in the Board Tournament last week. We are extremely proud to report that the team captured 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 120 schools in Dufferin Peel. The Junior team members are Nolan, Christina, Ethan, Kushal, Christopher and Zicco.

***The Chess Team won the Family Championship in April.***

Thank you to Mr. Buzdon for coaching the team.



God of grace and love, we pray for your richest blessing upon all mothers:

We thank you for the home where we were born and for the care and affection of our mothers. We thank you for the privilege to enjoy the warmth and security of family life.

We pray for expectant mothers, especially those awaiting the birth of their first child.

We pray for those mothers who have young children and who get tired with so much to do.

We pray for those mothers with difficult homes and those struggling to make ends meet. Lastly we pray for our own mothers; may we love and care for them as we ourselves have been loved and helped. We ask this for Your love's sake.

Amen



## First Holy Communion and Confirmation



We would like to congratulate the grade 2's on receiving their sacrament of First Communion. A beautiful celebration was held at Our Lady of Fatima Church. All of our grade 8 classes will be receiving their sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, May 31 at 7pm. We would like to congratulate all of those students as well. Thank you to all the teachers and Father Jan for preparing the students for these wonderful symbols of our faith.

## Dress Code

As we prepare for the warmer weather we would like to remind our students of the expectations that are in place, especially for our older students, regarding appropriate dress. Sleeveless tops are permitted but not halter, tank, or short tops. Short shorts, skirts and clothing of a suggestive nature or displaying offensive wording or pictures are not allowed.

## EQAO Testing

Parents of grades 3 and 6 classes are advised that EQAO testing will begin the week of May 31st through June 14<sup>th</sup>. The assessments of reading, writing and mathematics are based on those expectations in the Ontario Curriculum, grades 1-8. Every student who writes will receive an individual student report. EQAO also releases provincial, school board and school results. The EQAO website provides many resources for both parents and teachers. ([www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)). A letter will come home with children in grades 3 & 6 as the writing time approaches. In order to facilitate testing, please ensure that no appointments are booked at this time.

## Elementary Summer School

### Grade 7 and 8

This program is designed for those students whose achievement in Language and Mathematics indicates that they are likely to experience difficulty. Students' eligibility for the summer school program will be determined by the principal, and classroom teacher, in consultation with parents and the student. If you would like further information, please contact your child's teacher.

### Literacy Camp – SK – Gr. 6

Continuing education offers a literacy reinforcement and enhancement program for students from SK to grade 6. Registration is available only through teacher referral. The program costs \$200.00 per week.

## WALK FOR ALS

Join us at Jim Archdekin Park on Conestoga Drive, **June 4th from 8:30am to 1 pm** for the Walk for ALS. ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease is a progressive and fatal disease that affects the muscles and neurons that affect all movement. Donations through the website or at the Walk will help ALS families with much needed and expensive equipment, and support, and helps ALS Canada in their search for treatments and a cure. Parents and children can find information on this disease at [www.als411.ca](http://www.als411.ca). Donations can be made on-line or at the Walk site on the day of the walk. You can also download sponsorship pages at <http://www.walkforals.ca/findawalk> There is a bbq at end of the Walk.

***Let's go for a Walk for ALS!***

## Numeracy Websites for Parents and Students

To assist your children with homework and understanding in the area of numeracy, you are encouraged to visit the website for the core Nelson resource:

[www.math8.nelson.com](http://www.math8.nelson.com)

Additional websites include:

[www.mathadventures.com](http://www.mathadventures.com)

[www.nctm.org/families](http://www.nctm.org/families)

<http://www.figurethis.com>

<http://www.mathguide.com>

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/parents/Math/Index.html>



## Health and Safety

### Protecting the skin

Overexposure to the sun can cause skin damage. We remind students regularly to take precautions during recess breaks. The following are some suggestions to help protect the skin:

- Wear protective clothing to cover the skin
- Wear a hat to protect both the eyes and the skin
- When possible, stay out of direct sunlight
- Know your skin type, and if you are more sensitive, wear sun block with a high level of protection

Parents are encouraged to reinforce these strategies with their children regularly.



## Junior Girls Basketball

Mr. Valezi and Miss Mateljan would like to congratulate the junior girl's basketball team. They won their pod tournament on April 12<sup>th</sup> against 3 other schools in our area. This qualified them to move onto the Brampton West family tournament on April 28<sup>th</sup>. The girls fought hard, but unfortunately, lost by only one point in the finals.

For the majority of the girls, this was their first time on a basketball team. We are so proud of your dedication during practice, positive attitude and teamwork. See you next year!

The girl's team consisted of:

Adebola A., Kristyn A, Naomi B., Alyssa C., Audrey C., Rebekah F., Rachel H., Danielle N., Selena N., Sophia O., Vanessa O., Kaitlynn S., and Isabella T.

## Boys and Girls Baseball

The boys and girls are working hard preparing for their baseball tournaments in May. The boys' tournament will be held on May 24th and the girls will play on May 25th. Tryouts have been taking place for the last week, and the coaches would like to thank all the boys and girls for coming out. There was a tremendous turnout!

The boys team consists of: Matthew B., Isaiah W., Dante B., Dylan V., Jordan V., Matthew K., Adam M., Aidan S., Nolan C., Anthony D. and Brandon F.

The girls' team is still to be determined.

### Kindergarten Registration

If you are aware of anyone who needs to register for September, please encourage them to drop by the school to complete registration forms.



If you are planning a move or have already moved, please let us know. You are required to complete new assessment forms even if you move within our school boundaries. If you are moving to a new school we will give you a Transfer form to take with you to the new school. If you are moving but would like your child to remain at Guardian Angels School, please submit your request in writing to Mr. Waters. The principal of both schools must be in agreement before a decision is made. We are preparing classes for September 2011 and this information will be helpful in determining classes and trying to avoid reorganization.

## Guitars at GA

R. Merino

This year the junior students have had the experience of playing guitars for music class. This practice allowed them to learn about the fundamentals of picking notes, playing chords and strumming patterns. Guitars being one of the most popular instruments, was a huge hit with the students and has inspired many of them to play guitars that family members had laying around their home.

Mr. Merino and Mrs. Valentini had an enjoyable time instructing the students and foresee many future musicians coming out of Guardian Angels. **Rock On!!!**

## Eco Certification - Earth Angels

R. Merino

The Guardian Angels Eco Certification is going well. We are an environmentally/social justice centered team. This team presented to the grades 3-8 students an assembly titled "The Earth Angels Hour". This presentation centred around various important aspects of helping our planet and the people who live on it. At the end of the assembly there was a challenge presented for the school and the community to modify their home lives so that they can join in on being an "Earth Angel" as well.

Kool-Aid also participated in the assembly and presenting us a check for \$100 for winning the Terracycling contest they had ran from December to March, by being the most effective Terracyclers in all of Canada, with all the proceeds going to Dr. Simone.

From the Harmony group:

*Harmony* is an extra-curricular leadership-training program that challenges youth to recognize and strengthen their leadership skills, while positively affecting the school community. The students are made aware of the impact of prejudice and discrimination in their lives and are encouraged to develop personal strategies to address these issues. The students who completed the leadership program at Guardian Angels School this year received a Diversity Leadership Certificate at a Harmony assembly, which the students planned and presented as a way of spreading the message of *Harmony*.

The *Harmony* students are collecting school supplies to send to our twin schools in Trinidad. Please be generous and send in supplies to these schools that have so little. The supplies will be shipped to St. Finbar's School and St. Joseph's School in Trinidad by the end of May.

*The following students participated in the Harmony group this year:*

*Mr. Merino's class:* Allyssa, Mackenzie, Breanna, Sarah and Audrey

*Mrs. MacDonald's class:* Raianna, Emily and Jana

*Mrs. Bedford's class:* Nathaniel, J-don, Michael and Natasha

*Mrs. Valentini's class:* Ken

*Mr. LaBuda's class:* Sasha, Jessica, Kesiya, Chelsey, Marie and Daniella

*Mrs. Brkic's class:* Akayla and May

*Ms. Persad's class:* Catherine and Claudia

*Ms. Limanni's class:* Whitney

*Ms. Wajzer's class:* Claudia and Tishanna

Thank you from the staff leaders for a job well done.

*-Mrs. Brkic, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. McCannel*

## TRAFFIC SAFETY

The KISS and RIDE LANE is designed to be a quick and convenient method to drop off children at school, without the need to park or leave your vehicle.

- **Parking in the Kiss and Ride Lane is prohibited.**

Illegally parked vehicles pose a danger to students and pedestrians.

- **Parking in the school driveway is prohibited.**

After dropping children at Kiss and Ride, parents are to use the front driveway as a drive through. There is no parking.

If you wish to walk your child to school, please park in a designated parking spot or park on Heatherdale.

Please be advised, that the City of Brampton, Parking Enforcement will be present to heighten safety awareness during peak drop off and pick up times.

Do not park in spots designated, with signage in Handicapped and reserved parking.



## Junior Craft Club Column

As mentioned previously our Junior Craft Club has had a successful year and will come to an end on Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. We have had a wonderful time crafting together each week as well as building new friendships and learning from one another. Below you will find some eyewitness accounts from some of our Junior Crafters who have taken the time to write about their experiences in the Craft Club this year!

I love craft club! It's a place to have a great time and have fun while making crafts. I had so many experiences with cool crafts I wouldn't have even thought of and I would like to thank Miss Tesolin and Mrs. Walker for making this even possible. I can't even think of my favourite craft – they are all my favourite! Honestly, if craft club wasn't made I would be lonely and sad. Craft club saved my life. I can't wait until the last one! We're decorating cupcakes! Yummy! Well I'm done now but thanks a lot. Daniella S.

I don't really have a favourite craft because this whole experience was amazing. Miss Tesolin and Mrs. Walker are very helpful on everything. I had so much fun but I'm very sad that craft club is ending. Overall, we had a great time working with new people and showing our talent in what we can do in art. Abigail C.

My memories for craft club was fun and that we did cool crafts. I met new people and they are nice. My favourite craft I made was the bunny, the mask, the leprechaun, and the mug. And it was fun to make them all together and now it's time for us to leave. We came back again and again and made fun crafts. Cassandra A.

Every week we have craft club we always do amazing crafts. Three of my favourites are the stuffed snowmen, wash cloth bunny, and last the mask. I would like to thank Miss Tesolin and Mrs. Walker for the awesome work they did. Even though it ends on May 4<sup>th</sup> I will never forget the best craft club year ever! Ashley S.

Every week on Wednesday everyone in craft club goes to Miss Tesolin's class and we all make a craft that Miss Tesolin and Mrs. Walker give us. My favourite one was the candles. I LOVE Craft Club!! Gabby J.

Every week on Wednesday craft club members (9 girls and 1 boy) join together on lunch recess to create a wonderful craft. Craft Club is a creative club. It gets all of us closer together. My favourite craft is when we made bunnies. That was really really fun! And my second favourite was making Christmas trees for Christmas. But now we are all really sad that craft club is now finishing. For our last craft we will be decorating cupcakes. Well that's all I have to say. Hope you enjoyed this letter. Thanks for reading! Alina U.

Every week since we've been at craft club has been so much fun! We've gotten to talk, make crafts, and have so much fun! Miss Tesolin and Mrs. Walker always helps us make awesome crafts. It has been a really great experience and we owe it all to them. Thank you for letting us have so much fun!! I'll miss craft club! Emma T.

My favourite craft club crafts were the Easter bunny, mask, and snowmen. I had a lot of fun enjoying how to make different crafts and meeting new people. Craft club gives you creative thoughts of what to do and helps you to use your imagination. I appreciate how the teachers took time off their lunch to run and help us with Craft Club. Christina D.

## ***News from Guardian Angels School Library***

### Overdue Library Books

During the month of May, overdue notices will be sent out to students. All overdue books must be returned. Lost books must be paid for. Please search for your books and return them to the school library.

### Forest of Reading 2011

Voting has been completed for the Forest of Reading programs at Guardian Angels School Library. There are different categories according to the grade level from Grade 1 through Grade 8.

Winning books and participants:

Blue Spruce 2011- All students in grades 1 through 3 participate in the Blue Spruce reading program when they visit the school library for their weekly library class. The students have voted for their favourite book from the selection of ten Canadian picture books.

Results are:

*Third Place:* Willow's Whispers by Lana Button

*Second Place:* My Think-a-ma-Jink by Dave Whamond

❖ *First Place:* Have I Got a Book for You! by Melanie Watt

Silver Birch Express 2011- This reading program is for students in grades 3 and 4 and is run as a reading club. Students must read at least five of the ten nominated books from the list of fiction and nonfiction titles.

❖ *First Place:* Binky the Space Cat by Ashley Spires

*The following students were eligible to vote:*

*Mrs. Daniel's class:* Abigail, Amanda, Joseph, Kieran and Tamara.

*Mrs. Kotarska's class:* Jean, Natasha, Zuwa, Cheyenne, Serena and Rouvin.

*Mrs. Gibson Power's class:* Rachel, Samantha, Leah and Valerie.

*Mrs. Di Muzio's class:* Alissa, Evan, Hanna, Isabella, and Thomas.

*Mr. Buzdon's class:* Brianna, Julia, Kushal, Linda, Stephanie, Noah and Nichole.

*Ms. Mateljan's class:* Marcus, Emily, Ross, Alexis, Gail, Lucas, Monaye and Rachel.

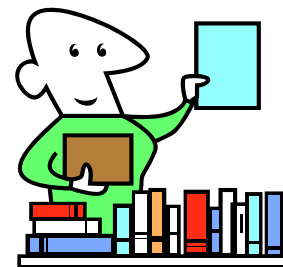
Silver Birch Fiction and Nonfiction 2011- This reading program is for students in Grades 5 and 6 and is run as a reading club. Students have two categories to choose from and are eligible to vote once they have read five books in a category.

❖ Silver Birch Fiction- First place: Dunces Anonymous by Kate Jaimet

❖ Silver Birch Non fiction- First place: How to Build Your Own Country by Valerie Wyatt

The following students were eligible to vote for Silver Birch Fiction:

Mr. Merino's class: Kayla, Allyssa and Grant  
Mrs. MacDonald's class: Ashley, Jana, Emily, William and Emma  
Mrs. Parris' class: Ede, Alexis, Katherine and Brianna  
Mrs. Valentini's class: Veronika, Jessica and Geshini  
Mrs. Bedford's class: Sophia, Samuel and Adam



The following students were eligible to vote for Silver Birch Non Fiction:

Mr. Merino's class: Allyssa and Leander  
Mrs. MacDonald's class: Nicholas, Jana, Mel, Emma, Daniel and Emily  
Mrs. Parris' class: Alexis, Gilda, Ede, Julia and Katherine  
Mrs. Valentini's class: Christina  
Mrs. Bedford's class: Simon, Michael G. and Anton

Red Maple 2011- Fiction and Non Fiction- This reading program is for students in grades 7 and 8. Every second year there is two categories- Fiction and Non Fiction.

Winning books at Guardian Angels School were:  
Fiction: The Summoning by Kelly Armstrong  
Non Fiction: No Girls Allowed by Susan Hughes

The following students were eligible to vote for Red Maple Fiction:

Vanessa, Jessica, Trisha, Kesiya, Claudia, Daniella, Stephanie, Sasha, Whitney, May and Katrina  
The following students were eligible to vote for Red Maple Non Fiction: Michela, Sasha, Whitney, Daniella, Stephanie and Kesiya.

**We are awaiting the Ontario wide results at the end of May!**

For more information about the Forest of Reading program visit

[www.accessola.com](http://www.accessola.com).

*Thank you- Mrs. McCannel, Teacher Librarian*



## **Before and After School Programs**

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

The **Before School Program** operates from 7:30 a.m. until school start. A nutritious breakfast is served daily.

The **After School Program** runs from the end of the school day until 6:00 p.m. Children participate in recreational activities, are served a nutritious snack daily and have time for homework.

## **Registration currently taking place for September.**

**Fee assistance is available.**



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](http://www.plasp.com).



## Dates to Remember:

May 12	Brampton Fit Kids Program – Gr. 6
May 18	EQAO Tutors End
May 19	Health Day
May 20	First Nations Workshop
May 22	Victoria Day
May 24, 25	Brampton West Intermediate Baseball Tournaments
May 25	Grade 8 Confessions
May 26	Confirmation Rehearsal
May 30	Confirmation 7:00 at St. Leonard's
May 30	EQAO Begins
May 31	Flag Football Tournament @ St. Roch
June 1	7/8 Christian Leadership at Toronto Soup Kitchen
June 2	Kindergarten Trip to Downey's Farm
June 3	Grade 4 Trip Medieval Fair
June 3	Board Intermediate Beach Volleyball Tournament
June 7	ROM Grade 5 Trip
June 10	Year End Mass 9:15
June 10	EQAO Completed
<b>June 13</b>	<b>PA Day</b>
June 14	Grade 7 <i>Bonded together by our Faith at St. Roch</i>
June 15	Primary Play Day
June 15	RFH Secondary Production Grades 1-4 1:30 p.m. in gym
June 17	Primary Athletic Awards
June 19	Father's Day
June 22	Family Track and Field Meet
June 23	Kindergarten Spring Celebration
June 24	Board Track and Field Meet
June 27	Grade 8 Graduation
June 28	Reports Home
June 30	Last Day of School

