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October 2011 Newsletter

Thanksgiving Table Prayer:

*As bread that was scattered on the hillside
was gathered together and made one,
So, too, we, your people, scattered throughout
the world, are gathered together around your
table and become one.*

*Let us eat and drink today with grateful
thanks, for this oneness with all, as we, in
spirit, invite the stranger and welcome the
poor with us at our table this Thanksgiving
day.*

*May we be more aware of our call to reach out
to others in our daily lives, and so be
transformed by your presence within.*

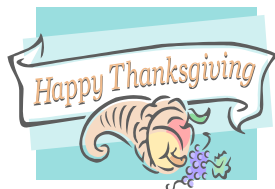
*Our gratitude today is for you, God of all, and
your blessings on us through one another.*

*Open our eyes to those who are poor, and ears
to the cry of those in need, our hearts to the
oppressed.*

*Our lives to your call to be peacemakers today
and forever. Amen*

*"If the only prayer you say in your whole life is
"thank you" that would suffice
Meister Eckhart 1260-1328*

**Thanksgiving Day is
Monday October 10th, 2011
We hope you, your families and
friends enjoy the celebration.**



**School will be closed on October 10,
2011**

Please join us for our Thanksgiving

Principal's Message

I was delighted to see such a wonderful turnout at our BBQ/Open House on September 22nd. Special thanks to our Catholic School Council who organized a festive evening for all and many thanks to all of the families that attended.

Although we have only been in session for a few weeks, a great deal has happened at Canadian Martyrs School. On September 16th we restructured some of our classes to meet the Ministry requirements. We have now settled into our new rooms. Thank you to all for your support and understanding through this process. Please see page 3 for a list of our current class structure.

On September 26th we celebrated Canadian Martyrs Feast day in our gymnasium. Many thanks to Mrs. Pelletier, Ms. Gough and Ms. Hilton for preparing the students for this wonderful celebration.

On September 23rd our students participated in our Annual Terry Fox Run to find a cure for cancer. Thank you to all students that participated and donated a "Toonie for Terry." We will continue to accept donations until Friday October 7th.

Many of our extra-curricular activities such as Cross Country and Intermediate volleyball are well underway thanks to our coaches and volunteers. Where possible, please encourage your children to participate in these activities as this will enrich their educational experience.

L. Papaloni, Principal



Faith Activities

STS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday	12:10 p.m.	English
Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Italian
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	English
(Devotions to Mother of Perpetual Help)		
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	English
Sunday	7:45 a.m.	English
	9:00 a.m.	Italian
	10:30 a.m.	English
	12:00 p.m.	English

STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS:

Reception of the Crosses (Confirmation) December 1

Parish Based Sacramental Retreats:

First Holy Communion-April 14 or April 21

Confirmation-May 5 or May 26

Sacramental Celebrations

First Reconciliation- March 19 & March 22

First Holy Communion- April 15 & April 22

Confirmation May 6 & May 27

Virtue of the Month October

This month we will celebrate the virtue of **Empathy**. God has given us the ability to form connections with each other - to live together.

Empathy helps us to connect and live together in safe, caring, inclusive communities.

We understand empathy to mean the ability to identify with and feel other people's concerns. We believe that in faith community we are nothing without relationships. Relationships that grow in a spirit of communion - an understanding that we share an identity based on being created in the image and likeness of God and being imbued with one Spirit. We are many parts of one body.

An empathetic person...

- Listens attentively
- Watches people's body language
- Notices and responds when someone is upset
- Can name her/his feelings
- Can see a situation from another person's point of view
- Knows that different people may feel differently about the same thing



Catholic School Council

On September 28th Canadian Martyrs Catholic School Council held their first meeting. We would like to congratulate the following individuals as they assume their respective roles.

Mary Jo Ribeiro	Co-Chair
Shiromi Perera	Co-Chair
Patricia Toffolo	Secretary
Kathleen Baird	Treasurer
Marina Sequeira	Parish Rep.
Angie Cascun	Member
Ana Gajsek	Member
Atixhe Zeneli-Griffiths	Member
Barb Cassar	Member
Maria Scupham	Member
Jaqueline Nunes	Member
Heather Brady	Member
Teri Wilczura	Member
Cindy Flandes	Member
Keith Allis	Member
Ms. Martin/Ms. Boem	Teacher Representative
Maria Falduti	Non-Teaching Representative

Our next meeting will be held on **November 15th** at 6:00PM. All are welcome to attend.

Pizza Lunches

Pizza will be delivered every Thursday for those students who wish to purchase a slice. The cost is \$1.50/slice. Thank you to the Pizza Volunteer Team for providing a healthy alternative!



Hot Lunches

Just Catering Kids is offering healthy "hot lunches" on Fridays to students, making healthy eating easy for parents too! An Order form (yellow) was sent home with your child in September. The program is well underway. If you wish to participate there are Order forms in the office.



Move-a-thon Fundraiser

Canadian Martyrs Annual Fundraiser "Shake Rattle and Reach our Goal" will take place on Friday, October 28th. We are encouraging all students to participate by getting pledges from family and friends to raise money for our various school activities. A minimum donation of \$5.00 to cover the cost of this event is greatly appreciated.

Halloween

All students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes or the Halloween colours of orange, black and white to school on Friday, October 28th. We ask students **NOT** to wear masks. Please do not send makeup to school. Please remember items associated with violence are not permitted. All costumes must be appropriate for school.

World Teachers Day

World Teachers Day – a day to recognize and celebrate teachers for their commitment and dedication to Catholic education in Dufferin-Peel - is on October 5. Please help us recognize our amazing teachers!



Nelson Math Website:

Teachers, students, and parents can visit this site for web links and other online support for Nelson Mathematics K-8 titles: www.nelson.com

Progress Report Cards

Students will bring home a Progress Report Card on **October 25, 2011**. It will communicate the student's progress in various subjects as well next steps for improvement. Interviews will be held on the evening of **October 27, 2011**

2011-2012 Class Structure

M.Federico-Zita	JKAM
C.Nicol	JKPM
V.Bojsic	SKAM
R.Simone	SKPM
V. Mendolia	JK/SKAM
M.Engman	1
J. Vallesi	1
L. Liptay (J. Pereira)	1/2
N. Petrilli	2
V.Linardic	2
F. Baldissarelli	2/3
V.Tunney	3
L.Manimendre	3
S.Ciampa	4
L.Perozzo	4
M. Gough	5
A.Cardoz	5
C.Giovinazzo	6
J.Pelletier	6
C.Rapa-Perri	7
K.Oslach-Oliveira	7
C. Jack	7/8
L.Martin	8
D. Darwych	8
C.Nicol	Library (0.5)
A.Nagel	SERC/SERT
V.Boem	SERC/SERT
L.Orsini	SERT/ESL
M.Hilton	ESL
G. Nazar	ESL (0.5)
J. Piedade	FSL
J. Mahoney	FSL
J.Iannetti	Planning Time
J.Sestito	Planning Time
L.Ciminelli	Planning Time
J.Bartolotta	ERW
E.Nowak	ERW
T. Vergas	ERW
R. Zizek	ERW (PM)
P. Lawrence	PFLC teacher
M. Lo-Giudice	Head Secretary
D. Mone	Asst. Secretary
S. Capunitan	Head Custodian
J. Hombrebueno	Night Custodian

Homework Help

Dufferin-Peel C. D. S. Board is participating in its third successful year of the Program. Tutoring in math begins September 25. The site continues to offer students in grades 7-10 with access to a variety of free and confidential online math support including:

-Free confidential online tutoring from Ont. Teachers from Sunday to Thursday

-Video tutorials

-commonly asked questions

-interactive math games

-a virtual locker that allows students to save their tutoring sessions

To access the site the students can:

-use their login information from last year OR

-register as a new user on the site. To do this the students require the use of their OEN number which can be provided by the office. Further info could be found using the following two websites:

- [Ontario Educational Resource Bank](#) – the site provides support and resources for teachers, parents and students from grades K to 12.
- [ILC's Homework Help](#) – this site provides students in grades 7 to 10 with a variety of math resources as well as free online tutoring Sunday to Thursday evenings. (Site launch: September 26th. Please note that the student registration process has changed this year and more detailed information will be sent out closer to the sites launch date.)

Reminders:

Safety of Students

We are requesting that students **not be dropped off prior to 8:15 a.m.** as we do not have supervision in the yard until that time. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter of your child's safety.

Protocol – Parents – Safety

We have been given the job of caring for your child(ren)'s safety throughout the day. Our security system has helped us greatly. We would like to take this time to thank all parents for their understanding and cooperation in following school procedures. Just a few helpful reminders to our community when wanting access into the school.

- All visitors are to report to the office
- All visitors should be wearing a visitor's badge
- Leave forgotten lunches at the lunch drop off table
- Leave messages for the students and teachers at the office
- Adults are not allowed to wander the halls
- Adults are not allowed to use student washrooms
- At dismissal, please wait for your child outside the appropriate door



Kiss & Ride Safety

Canadian Martyrs is proud of its Kiss and Ride Program. In order for it to continue to run smoothly and safely for all our students, everyone needs to follow the same procedure. Please obey the following procedures when driving into the school parking lot:

The **entry, exit, cross walk and bus zone**, on school property, **must never be blocked by cars**. Ample space must be left for busses to enter and exit the school property.

Park in the parking spots at the school or on the street.

Do not park in any of the lanes in the front of the school and please do not leave your car unattended.



Volunteer Services Volunteering

It is only with the help of volunteers that the events at Canadian Martyrs can be run. We are always looking for dedicated parents/guardians to help with events within the school. If you are interested in sharing some of your time with us, please call the school office, register your name and pick up a **Criminal Reference Check Form** (CRCs are free of charge for volunteers.) Anyone working in our school as a new employee or volunteer must have a Criminal Reference Check completed by the Peel Police.



Recess/Outdoor Play

To ensure their safety and adequate supervision, students have been reminded that they are to stay in designated areas during the recess and lunch periods. Primary students are to remain on the Primary Pavement; Junior students may play on the Junior Pavement and field; and Intermediate students are to remain on the Intermediate Pavement or field. Goal posts are open on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Junior students. Goal posts are open for use on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for Intermediate students. Students are not to bring toys (beyblades, pokemon cards etc.) to school as they may be lost or stolen. Students are encouraged to bring soft balls, soccer balls and skipping ropes to school, clearly labeled with their name. We thank our Catholic School Council for generously donating outdoor play toys for the students to borrow at recess.



Medication

School staff cannot administer medication, including aspirins and Tylenol without a “Request and Consent for Administration of Medication” form, completed and signed by a doctor. A properly labelled container is required, including the

instructions and conditions that are to be followed for the administration of the medication for the safety of the child.

Parents of children with **life threatening** medical concerns/allergies are asked to notify Mrs. Noce in the school office and fully complete an Emergency Medication Protocol form each September and return it to the school as soon as possible. All medication is stored in the office area. The only exception to this requirement has to do with any child who, because of life threatening allergies, must carry medication.

Peanut and Other Life Threatening Allergies, Sabrina’s Law Anaphylaxis Reaction

As we begin the new school year, we would like to inform you that Canadian Martyrs is an allergen aware school. There are pupils in attendance at our school who suffer from severe and life threatening allergies to certain foods, such as peanut and nut products. Exposure to the smallest quantities can cause severe and life threatening reactions. Anaphylaxis is a severe and life threatening allergic reaction. The most common allergen triggers are food, insect stings, medications, exercise and latex. An anaphylactic reaction involves symptoms from two or more body systems. **We would appreciate the cooperation of the entire school community by NOT sending any lunches or snacks that contain peanuts or peanut products.** We want Canadian Martyrs to be a safe environment for all students. Thank you for your assistance with this initiative.



Recycling of Unwanted Eyeglasses

In the great Catholic spirit of sharing, Canadian Martyrs would like to solicit from the parents and students of Canadian Martyrs the donation of any unwanted eyeglasses/spectacles to the Lions Club of Mississauga Central, which are given the less fortunate in Canada and throughout the world. This can be done by bringing the unwanted eyeglasses to Canadian Martyrs Catholic School and placing them in the Lions Eyeglass box placed at the front office.



Canadian Mats 4 Haiti

Canadian Martyrs is collecting Milk Bags (the outside bag only) which are crocheted into mats for children and adults in Haiti to sleep on. It takes 650 milk bags to make one mat. This is a volunteer program within the Dufferin-Peel Community of Schools. Please forward CLEAN AND DRY milk bags to your child’s teacher. **Many thanks for your continued support!**



Dates to Remember

Oct 7	HEP B/HPV Clinic
Oct 7	Move – a – thon Kick Off
Oct 7 & 21	Grade 4 Got Skates Program
Oct 10	Thanksgiving Day
Oct 13	Thanksgiving Mass -Sts. Peter & Paul
Oct 14	Circles of Rosary
Oct 20	School Council Chairs Meeting –St. Francis Xavier Parish (6:30 pm)
Oct 25	Progress Report to go home
Oct 27	Reporting Evening
Oct 28	Move-a-thon
Oct 31	Halloween

Bullying Strategies

Parents can also be helpful in addressing bullying behaviour with their children. Helping children understand how to treat one another and to value and make friends is an important, positive step to eliminating bullying behaviour.

The Top Ten Ways to Keep Your Friends

1. Show them kindness and respect.
2. Stick up for them.
3. Be supportive when your friends need help and advice.
4. Tell the truth but be kind about it.
5. If you hurt a friend, say you're sorry.
6. If you make a promise, keep it.
7. Put some effort into your friendships; otherwise your friends might feel neglected.
8. Don't try to change your friends – accept them the way they are.
9. If a friend hurts you and apologizes, accept the apology.
10. Treat your friends the way you want them to treat you.
11. Always be thankful for your friends.

(B. Coloroso: 2002)



Canadian Martyrs Catholic School Prayer
Modlitwa Szkoły Katolickiej imienia Męczenników
Kanadyjskich

Dear Lord,

Panie,

Speak to us so that we members of the
przemów do nas, abyśmy jako uczniowie
Canadian Martyrs Catholic School community
Szkoły Męczenników Kanadyjskich
witness that each of us
dawali świadectwo
is special in our own way.
wyjątkowości każdego z nas
na swój szczególny sposób.

Make each one of us

Uczyń nas

like a little light that glows
światelkiem żarzącym się
in the darkness of this world,
w ciemnościach tego świata.

A little flame that shines brightly,

Uczyń nas płomykiem co
blaskiem swoim

spreading Your peace, love and joy
niesie Twój pokój, miłość i radość
throughout the world.
poprzez świat.

Guide us through each day and night

Prowadź nas we dnie i w nocy
and

let Your light shine through us.
i pozwól aby światło Twoje
promieniowało przez nas.

Amen

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