

# Canadian Martyrs Catholic School

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## School Website

Check out our school website:<http://w3.dpcdsb.org/CMART>

## December 2011 Newsletter



### ADVENT

*The circle of this wreath will remind us  
of the coming of Christ,  
whose love for us has no end.  
The light of these candles will remind us  
of the coming of Christ,  
who is the light of the world.  
The green colour of these branches will  
remind us of the coming of Christ,  
who brings us eternal life.  
My friends, let us bless the Lord.  
By day and by night,  
and through every season,  
you watch over us, Lord.  
We praise you for this Advent wreath.  
It is the evergreen crown of your people,  
and it shines with the promise of victory.  
By the light of this wreath  
we shall wait in patience for your Son  
our Lord Jesus Christ.  
He will comfort our fears  
and bring hope to our waiting world.*

*All  
glory*

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS  
December 24, 2011 – January 8,  
2012  
NO SCHOOL**

*be*



### Advent

Advent began on Sunday, **November 27th, 2011**. It is a period of simple living and extra prayer. It is a time to prepare for a new coming of Jesus, our Saviour. Advent means 'coming', a time when we remember Jesus' first coming, and prepare our hearts for a new coming. Jesus is a loving and peaceful Saviour. He calls his followers to make the whole world loving and peaceful.

During Advent, we prepare our homes and our lives for Jesus, the King of Glory and the Prince of Peace. Advent is also a time to reevaluate our priorities, to 'wake up' and to walk with God.

Advent is not only a time for meditation and prayer, but also a time for active service towards those who are poor in body and poor in spirit. It is a time to set aside differences and unite in peace and love.

Advent beckons us to go beyond our own misgivings and to reach out to those less fortunate.

Like the shepherds, let us show we love Jesus by our efforts to be with Him.

Like the Wise Men, let us not keep our wealth to ourselves but rather share it among those who have little.

Like the little drummer boy; let us shout to the world, "Gloria in Excelsis Deo."

### Canadian Martyrs Community Advent Mass

Our Community Advent Mass will be held at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, on December 6, 2011 at 9:15 am. It is a wonderful way to capture the "true meaning" of Christmas.



## Faith Activities



### Sts. Peter & Paul Church News:

#### Christmas Mass Schedule

##### Confessions:

December 15 5:30p.m.-6:30p.m.

December 16 5:30p.m.-6:30p.m.

December 17 3:30p.m.-4:30p.m.

##### novena masses:

December 15, 16,17,18,19, 20, 21,  
22, 23 @ 7:00p.m.

#### Christmas Eve:

December 24: 6:00 p.m Family Mass

10:00 p.m. Italian Mass

12:00 midnight mass

#### Christmas Day:

December 25: 7:45 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Italian Mass

10:30a.m.

12 noon

#### Octave Christmas:

**December 26** 9:00a.m.

**December 27** 12:10p.m.

**December 28** 12:10 p.m.

7:30p.m.

**December 29** 12:00 noon

**December 30** 12:10 p.m.

**December 31** 8:00 p.m. ONLY English/ Italian

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

#### New Year's Day

**January 1** 7:45 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Italian Mass

10:30 a.m.

12 noon

#### Parish Sacramental 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**

### Virtue of the Month December

In December, we celebrate the virtue of **Hope**. We believe that God comes to us as a small fragile baby who shows us that even the smallest and poorest can make a profound difference in the world.

God has given us this Advent season year after year in order to focus our minds and our hearts on the good all around us. During this time of hope, we are reminded that God chose to send his Son to us because we are worth it. God knows how great we can be when we all come together.

When we look at the world through the eyes of God we know that the message of hope in Jesus' second coming will be and is fulfilled, because Jesus' love lives in us everyday.

#### People of Hope...

- **Keep up a positive attitude**
- **Can bounce back from tough situations**
- **Set and stick to their goals**
- **See the good in others even when they make mistakes**
- **Work to include others**
- **Let others know that *they* are good people**

#### School News:

##### Our Story, Our Tradition, Our Journey

Students in Grade 7 will be using this new resource as part of the Community Studies Unit. "Our Story, Our Tradition, and Our Journey: Celebrating the Church-School Connection in Dufferin-Peel reveals how Catholics in Peel and in Dufferin overcame a small student base, discrimination, and inadequate funding to develop their vibrant school system." By learning about their rich Catholic heritage, students will come to appreciate and value Catholic education and continue to build upon the existence of Catholic education in Dufferin-Peel.

#### Christmas Concert

Our Primary students (Grades 1- 3) will be performing a variety of Seasonal songs and skits on the evening of December 15, 2011 at 7:00 pm. The Gym doors will be open at 6:30 pm for seating. Families are asked to bring in non-perishable (canned) food for our Christmas Food Drive. We look forward to a fun-filled evening!



#### A Kindergarten Christmas

Our Kindergarten classes will be celebrating the spirit of Christmas through song, crafts & poetry in their classrooms. Information about the dates and times will be sent home with your child's Kindergarten Teacher.

Families are encouraged to participate in our Christmas Food Drive by donating a non-perishable (canned) food to Sts. Peter & Paul Outreach.

### **Remembrance Day**

On November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am our school community paused to reflect on the sacrifices of our fellow Canadians during a beautiful liturgy. It was a meaningful celebration that reflected our gratitude for the freedom we exercise today. Thank you to Mrs. Perozzo, Mrs. Manimandre, Mr. Nagel and their students for organizing such a wonderful Liturgy. Thank you to Ms. Martin for sharing her treasured possessions of World War II in the display case which provided meaning to our students.



### **YFA Buzz**

### **Mitten Tree**



Our Christmas tree has been set up in the front foyer and it needs decorating!! We are hoping that you continue the tradition of donating new mittens and gloves for the needy in our community. All donations will be distributed through Sts. Peter & Paul Outreach Program. Our collection has already begun and we will be delivering them on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity and sharing the joy of the season with others and to the YFA for promoting this social justice activity.

### **Field Trip Fun at Canadian Martyrs!**

On November 4th Ms. Giovinazzo's and Mrs. Pelletier's grade 6 students went on a trip to the Living Arts Centre. The trip was a full day program that linked to the Arts curriculum, specifically Drama and Dance. Students had the opportunity to learn some hip hop moves and drama techniques. Thank you to the School Council for helping to reduce the cost of the trip for students and thank you to our parent volunteers who acted as supervisors. A great time was had by all!

### **Green Team News**

This year Canadian Martyrs will once again be participating in the Ontario Eco-Schools initiative. Our Green Team will work to keep our school eco-friendly as well as educate students about ways they can help our environment. Last year's Green Team experienced much success and earned a Bronze status from Ontario Eco-Schools for their hard work throughout the year. This

year Ms. Giovinazzo and Mrs. Oliveira will once again lead the team with the goal of achieving Silver. With a little hard work we can all make a difference!

### **Martyrs Wildcats**

The **Junior Girls' Volleyball Team** has had an awesome season. They displayed hard work, determination, and great teamwork during the season. With every game Wildcats played, they improved both in their individual and team skills. As a result, they competed in the Mississauga East Family Tournament and placed third. Congratulations and we are very proud of our girls! Team members included: Anika, Victoria, Melanie, Frances, Irish, Reem, Whitney, Jennel, Ashleigh, Andrea and Kally. Thanks to Coach Baldissarelli and Coach Gough for their commitment to the girls.



The **Junior Boys Volleyball Team** continue to have an outstanding season, placing first in both the Pool and Mississauga East Family Tournament. They displayed great effort, sportsmanship, and skill. Team members include: Daniel, Kevin, Nicholas, Jayden, Teadore, Jonathan, Osaru, Juan, Elijah, Gaetano and Kaz. Thanks to Coach Sestito, Coach Mahoney and Asst. Coach Michael M. for their commitment to the boys. We wish the boys luck as they compete in the Board Finals on Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>. GO WILDCATS!

### **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship**

On January 14<sup>th</sup> Sts. Peter & Paul Council will be hosting a Free-Throw Competition at Canadian Martyrs for boys and girls between the ages of 10-14 yrs old. Registration will begin @ 8:00a.m. Contact: William Sheldon for further information at 416-802-0916.



### **School Council News:**

On Monday November 28<sup>th</sup>, members of our School Council delivered a package which included a variety of "Indoor Games" to each classroom teacher. Teachers and students were excited and felt it was a timely gift, given that inclement weather conditions are upon us! Thank you for providing enjoyable games on some dreary indoor recess days!

The Pizza Crew continues to sell pizza on Thursdays for \$1.50. Lunch Moms Inc. continues to provide a Pre-Order Hot Lunch Program for our students on Fridays. Contact the office for more information.

Our next School Council meeting is January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

**Reminders:**

**Going Out For Lunch**

For safety reasons please be advised that a note signed and dated to the classroom teacher must occur each time there is a change in the routine. This is especially important for a child who has permission to leave school property during the noon hour who normally stays for lunch. Students in Grade 7 and 8 are allowed to go out for lunch only if a note is provided. Please use the student agendas for your lunch notes.



**Lost & Found**

Our Lost & Found Box is getting full. During the next few weeks of December, all items will be displayed outside the Library, along the wall. Please encourage your child(ren) to look for missing items.

**Don't Be Late!**

Being punctual is necessary to achieve success at school. Students are expected to arrive at school on time. Being late disrupts the teaching and learning in our classrooms. Please encourage your child(ren) to attend school promptly and regularly.

**Indoor And Outdoor Shoes**

The winter season is here. In order to keep our students warm and comfortable and to help keep their workplace clean, please ensure that your child has a pair of "indoor" shoes. It will reduce the amount of dirt, mud and snow brought indoors. It is imperative that students have a pair of shoes to wear in case of an emergency and they must exit the school. This will also assist Mr. Capunitan and our custodial staff in keeping our school clean. Thanks for your continued cooperation.

**Winter Weather**



Colder weather is upon us! Please ensure that your child(ren) come to school dressed appropriately for outdoor weather. All students should have coats, hats, mittens, scarves, and warm boots. Please provide a pair of indoor shoes as students are required to wear footwear at all times according to Fire Regulations.

In the colder weather, we receive requests to allow students to remain indoors when they are sick. Please note that we cannot comply, as we have neither the facilities nor the staff to supervise these students. Children will remain inside at recess during severe weather conditions, where the temperature with the wind

chill is minus 20 or lower. We will monitor the temperature daily to ensure the safety of our students.

**Dental Screening**

This year The Region of Peel will be conducting the dental screening for students who are in Grade 2 on **December 14<sup>th</sup>**. Their goal is to screen all Grade 2 students in the Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board for the 2011/12 school year. Given the large population of school-aged children in the Region, The Region of Peel is using this academic year to re-establish base line screening data that will allow them to be more strategic in planning subsequent years.

For those children in grades that are not screened this upcoming year, parents can call 905-799-7700 to make an appointment or visit their website for further details.

<http://www.peelregion.ca/health/dental-health/>

**Mississauga Valley Branch Library News:  
Winter Programs - 2012**

905 615-4670 x2480

**Free Drop-in Programs:**

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 7:30 pm

Wednesdays, 10:15 -10:45a.m.

Jan 11 to Feb 29

**Paid Programs:**

Fee: \$15 per child for 8 week session

**Bouncing Baby Storytime**

Thursdays 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

**1-2-3 Read-With-Me**

**Toddler Storytime**

Thursdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Fridays, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

**Spanish Storytime**

Saturdays

Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 3

All Ages; free! 10:30a.m.

**Special Event:**

**Family Open House &  
Storytime**

Sat. Feb. 18 10:00 – 10:45a.m.

All Ages \$2.00

905-279-6472.

### JR. & SR. Kindergarten Registration for Sept. 2012

Registration for the 2012-13 school year will now be held on:

Monday, February 6, 2012 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

*\*Snow Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2012 -7:00. - 9:00pm.*

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 8-10<sup>th</sup>, 2011

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For more info call 905-275-0094

*Junior Kindergarten - Children must be 4 years old by  
December 31, 2012*

*Senior Kindergarten - Children must be 5 years old by  
December 31, 2012*

### Information Night- Planning For Children With Special Needs Entering JK/SK 2012

There will be an information session for parents of children with special needs such as vision, hearing, physical/medical, development or autism who are entering JK, SK in September 2012.

The information session will be held at:

DUFFERIN- PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD- Catholic Education Centre Room 301 on January 17, 2011 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Parents /Guardians are also reminded to register their child here at our school office. Official registration dates are February 6 and 8-10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Snow date is February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

### French Immersion Information

SK Parents/Guardians, who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 1 French Immersion class for September 2012, are reminded to attend an important meeting at St. Gertrude School on Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 @ 7:00p.m. Applications will be accepted at that centre until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012. If you have any questions you can contact the school at 905-568-7660.

### Extended French Information

Grade 4 Parents/Guardians who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 5 Extended French class for September 2012, are reminded to attend an information meeting at St. Thomas More School on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Applications will be accepted at St. Thomas More School until 3:00 pm on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012. If you have any questions you can contact the school at

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 6	Community Advent Mass (Church)
December 7	Peel Aboriginal Network Presentation
December 9	Reconciliation (school)
December 14	Dental Screening (Grade 2)
December 15	Primary Christmas Concert (Gr. 1-3)
December 16	Circles of Rosary
December 22	Christmas Play
December 23	Last Day of School
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1	New Years Day
January 9	Classes Begin –Welcome Back!



### Rezo del Canadian Martyrs Catholic School

Amado Señor,

Háblanos para que nosotros, miembros de la comunidad de

Canadian Martyrs Catholic School  
Atestigüemos que cada uno de nosotros  
es especial de manera propia.

Haz de cada uno de nosotros  
una luz pequeña que brilla  
en la oscuridad de este mundo,  
Una flama que resplandece brillantemente,  
Extendiendo Tu paz, amor y alegría  
A través de este mundo.

Guíanos a lo largo de cada día y noche  
y  
deja que Tu luz brille dentro de nosotros.

Amen

