



# ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Guiding Hand

*I dreamt I stood in a studio and watched two sculptors there.*

*The clay they used was a young child's mind and they fashioned it with care.*

*One was a teacher- the tools he used were books music and art.*

*The other a parent, worked with a guiding hand,*

*and a gentle heart. Day after day, the teacher toiled with touch that was deft and sure.*

*While the parent laboured by his side and polished and smoothed it o'er.*

*And when at last, their task was done they were proud of what they wrought.*

*For the things they had molded into the child could neither be sold or bought.*

*And each agreed they would have failed if each had worked alone.*

*For behind the parent, stood the school and behind the teacher the home.*



## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to a brand new school year. As we begin this September, St. Marguerite has seen a number of changes. We have a number of new staff and I myself are new to the community. I have heard many excellent things about this community and so far they are all proving to be true. I hope to assist the community as we grow in our faith, our knowledge and our respect for one another. I am looking forward to being part of the day to day learning that is such an integral part of this community. I would like to extend an invitation to all of you to drop into the office

and say hello. Thank you to all those who have extended welcomed me to this great school community.

## Our Staff for 2007/2008 School Year

R. Chrysanthou	JK/SK
O. Reis	Grade 1
L. Brewer	Grade 1/2
M. Campagna	Grade 2/3
L. Budisa	Grade 3/4
D. Dolan	Grade 4/5
D. Wesley	Grade 5
W. Templar	Grade 6
M. Gutt	Grade 6
R. D'Astolfo	Grade 7
C. Boldrini	Grade 7/8
M. Baltazar	Grade 8
C. D'Alfonso	French
M. Brown	French Grade 4&4/5
L. Carolan	Library
N. Trigiani	Special Education
A. de la Bastide	Special Education /ESL
V. Milicevic	ERW
C. Colton	ERW
R. Gray	Head Custodian
D.Mariampillai	Night Custodian
S. Muncaster	Head Secretary
C. Klugman	Principal

## CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOLS

As you are aware, the Ministry has developed a process to assist boards and communities to look at enrolment in our schools and where necessary the closure of some schools. St. Marguerite is part of a pod of schools(4) that will be meeting four times beginning in October to address declining enrolment and develop a plan that

would make the best use of all four schools. This committee is comprised of all the stakeholders from each school that has been identified in the pod. As the year progresses we will keep you informed of any information that we may have pertaining to this issue. This in no way means that St. Marguerite is going to close. A number of scenarios will be looked at and the best one will be chosen to meet the needs of all the students.

#### **JUST A REMINDER.....**

All personal electronic devices (i.e. cell phones, ipods etc) are not allowed on school property according to Board Policy.

Cars are not allowed in the parking lot to drop off students. The Church across the road is our drop off area and students can walk across with the crossing guards.

School starts at 8:30 am. It is very important that your child be in the schoolyard by 8:20 so that they can be present in the line that proceeds to the classroom. When students are late they must check in at the office which prevents them from being part of the introductory remarks by the teacher that outlines the format for the day. Please help your children to be here on time for class.

Pets are not allowed in the schoolyard during school hours. This is a very important rule as we do not always know how our pets are going to react to a crowd of people. Therefore for the safety of the students we ask that pets not be present on school property during school hours.

Agendas have been given out. We are requesting two dollars to help defray the cost.



#### **VIRTUES**

New to our Dufferin-Peel schools this year, is a program called Virtues. By practicing virtues, we hope to develop habits of goodness. Practicing

virtue also gets us ready to contribute to the good of all people. In a school community, virtue formation contributes to a healthy, positive learning environment by fostering a

climate in which all members feel safe, confident and hope-filled about themselves, their relationships and their futures. Teachers will be highlighting these virtues within Religion and Family Life programs and our foyer and daily reflections will reinforce these virtues as well.

Each month we will be focusing on a specific virtue in the classroom and throughout the school. The following indicates which virtue we will focus on in which month:

September – Faith  
October - Empathy  
November – Conscience  
December - Hope  
January - Self-control  
February – Respect  
March - Kindness  
April - Love  
May - Acceptance  
June - Fairness

Perhaps at some time throughout the respective months these virtues could be talked about and reinforced at home.

## **Open House**

**Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>,  
2007**

**6:30 – 7:30  
Classroom Visits**

**7:30 – 8:00  
A Brief liturgy**

**Introductions of teachers and  
School Council Members**

**Looking forward to meeting  
you on this evening.**

Attachments: 2007/2008 School Year  
Calendar  
Temporary Revised Code of Conduct (new  
one expected February 2008)

### **EARLY RELEASE DAYS**

Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 2007  
Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 2008  
Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 2008

### **STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

Student accident insurance brochures have been sent home with your child. This insurance is very worthwhile and inexpensive. If you did not get a brochure please call the office and we will get one to you.

### **COUNCIL CORNER**

First Pizza day – Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 2007- Terry Fox Run Day

Council this year is again selling chocolates. The kickoff assembly for this great event will be October 3<sup>rd</sup> and the chocolates will go home on October 4<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow and as in previous years participation is optional.

As incentives for the students and families to sell chocolates, the Council collects or buys various prizes. If you are in a business that could help by donating prizes for the fundraiser it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Parent Council, we have a new sign in the front. We will be using the sign to announce various events in the school and important dates.

### **WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE.....**

Council is presently looking for new people to be part of Council. We have had a number of members whose children have moved on to High School so they are no longer a part of our Council. If you have some time to give and would like to part of the Executive, please call the office and we will have a form sent home. If you need more information please call the office and we will answer your questions or put you in touch with a Council member

### **COME OUT AND GET INVOLVED**

#### **. DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Pizza Day – Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 2007  
Terry Fox Run/walk – Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 2007 (more info to follow)  
Professional Development Day- Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 2007  
Assembly for the Fundraiser- October 3, 2007

**Remember you can check the school website for a complete list of school events.**

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