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*I Have Come to Bring You
Peace*

*I have come to bring you peace,
Not the peace of the season, for
it is too fleeting*

*Not the peace of the carol for it is too nostalgic
Not the peace of the greeting card for it is too
slick.*

Not the peace of the crib for it is too wistful.

*Rather I have come to bring you peace,
Peace of the ordinary, the daily, the homely,
Peace for the worker, the driver, the student,
Peace in the office, the kitchen, the farm.*

*I have come to bring you peace,
The peace of accepting yourself as I fashioned
you.
The peace of knowing yourself as I know you,
The peace of loving yourself as I love you,
The peace of being yourself as I am who I am.*

*I have come to bring you peace
The peace that warms you at the completion of a
task
The peace that invades you at the close of a day,
The peace that sustains you at the beginning of the
day,
The peace that reinforces you when you are
reconciled with another,
The peace that touches you when your family is in
order.*

Without peace, my coming is unfulfilled.

Without peace my birth is forgettable.

Without peace Christmas is a contradiction

I have come to bring you peace.

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*Excerpt from Advent- A Quality Storecupboard
The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer*

ACTIVITIES

On Friday, November 30th the Dufflebag Theatre was here to entertain us with their rendition of Dickens "A Christmas Carol" William L. and Christina M. played key roles in the play along with Mr. D'Astolfo. It was a very enjoyable afternoon. Thank you to the Parent Council for paying for this very worthwhile performance.



Please refer to the attached calendar for the activities for December. There are many things going on in December. Please join us whenever you are able to.



HOCKEY

Hockey tryouts and team formation for junior and

intermediate will begin in January. We will be participating in two tournaments this year.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS

From time to time, teachers have to attend workshops that further their knowledge and professional practice. During these times supply teachers are present in your son/daughters classroom. The work for the students is prepared by the classroom teacher and therefore is in accordance with what they are learning. These days should not be a disruption in the learning of the students. Instead it should enhance their learning as the teacher is energized with new ideas and ways of presenting learning expectations when he/she returns.

LATE FOR SCHOOL.....

We are still experiencing a number of students who come late. It is very important that your child be on time for school. This is a life long lesson that needs to be learned and maintained throughout their school life. Students need to be in the schoolyard between 8:15 and 8:20 so that they can walk into class with their peers. Students who are late will be receiving a letter that must be signed and returned to the office the next day.



REPORT CARDS/ARC

Report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, December 4th 2007. Along with the report card will be a notice about the Accommodation Review Committee. On Thursday, December 6th you will be asked to sign a letter showing your support for the representatives on the committee and informing you about the Public meeting on February 5th 2008. Please make sure you are informed about this issue as it will affect your school community. There is information on our school website as well.

PARKING LOT ACROSS THE ROAD

Thank you for your cooperation when the parking lot was being paved. Everyone seemed to be very patient and look for alternate ways of getting their children to school.

BOOK FAIR

Our book fair begins December 12th. Come and browse and pick up some last minute gifts for you loved ones. A



gift of literacy is one of the best and most endearing gifts that you can give. The book fair is open on the following days ; December 13, 14, 17 and 18. Students will bring home the exact hours of operation. Looking forward to seeing you.

FOOD DRIVE/ MITTEN AND HAT TREE

Once again this year we will be having a food drive in conjunction with St. Anthony's Church. Classes will be asked to collect food in a contest format with a prize going to the class that collects the most. As in years past we will also be having a mitten and hat tree.



POP TAB COLLECTION

Ms. Budisa has been organized our Pop Tabs collection to help pay for wheelchairs for those in need. The classes have been doing an excellent job of filling their

two litre pop bottles with tabs. The final collection for the first term will be on December 19th .These pop tabs will go to an organized legion who will make sure that they are part of a larger collection called Robert's Run. We will then start again for second term. Congratulations for everyone's efforts in our first term.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Grade 8 Retreat – **January 29th** – At St. Anthony Church hall

P.A. Day – January 30 2008

Ash Wednesday – **February 6, 2008**

Early Release - **February 8, 2008**

New Public Holiday – February 18, 2008

- **Family Day**