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## THANKS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

*Blessed are You, loving  
Father,  
For all your gifts to us.  
Blessed are You for giving us family  
and friends*

*To be with us in times of joy and  
sorrow,  
To help us in days of need,  
And to rejoice with us in moments of  
celebration..*

*Father,  
We praise You for Your Son Jesus,  
Who knew the happiness of family  
and friends,  
And in the love of Your Holy Spirit.  
Blessed are you for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

Since February is the month of love and respect, it is only fitting that our prayer reflect those people who mean the most to us as we celebrate Family Day on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

## ACTIVITIES

### HOCKEY

Our team is practicing tirelessly once a week before school. Thank you to the coaches Mr. Wright, Mr. D'Salvia, Miss Baltazar and Miss Wesley for all their efforts to establish our school hockey team. Congratulations go out to the following students who comprise the team:



Jordan C.      Liam H.  
Mason H.      Matthew D.  
Amanda W.      Sean C.  
Aaron G.      MarK F.  
Ryan C.      Keith O.  
Chris L.      Alex S.  
Jason C.      Victoria P.



### HOCKEY FUNDRAISER

\$5.00 from every Battalion ticket sold will come back to the team which will help pay for some of their tournaments. The game that we are selling tickets for is Brampton Battalions vs Barry Colts (it promises to be a great game) on March 13, 2009. Each ticket is \$13.00. Anyone that is interested in buying a ticket can see Ms Baltazar or Ms. Wesley as well as any of the hockey players. The money raised will go towards the cost of hockey practices and games.

### BASKETBALL

The basketball season is well underway. Practices have been happening on a weekly basis and the Tournaments are scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Mr. Torchia and Mr. D'Astolfo for coaching the teams this year. Congratulations go out to the following team members:



Girls:  
Elizabeth A.      Madison H.  
Amanda W.      Jessica B.  
Amy H.      Ashley C.  
Brittany S.      Bryanna S.  
Maria G.      Lauren G.  
Adrianna W.

Boys:

Sean C.  
Brandon N.  
Michael G.  
Jacob D.  
Dorian S.  
Kenrick H.

Mark F  
Juan D.  
Samuel O.  
Mason H.  
Daniele F.

present and past community members join us for this great celebration.

**LATE FOR SCHOOL.....**



We continue to remind the students that it is not acceptable to be late for school. We have given a five minute grace period to allow for winter weather difficulties which has helped with the number of students that are late but some students have just pushed it later and are coming after 8:35. Please help your children to be on time for school. It is an important skill to have as students move through their teen and adult lives.

**DANCE-A-THON**

On February 13<sup>th</sup> we will be having a dance-a-thon for the Heart and Stroke Association. Admission is \$1.00 with all proceeds to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Classes will have a specified time to dance and a chance to buy a cookie and a ring pop for \$2:00. Cookies are Valentine cookies from Terra Cotta cookies who also donate some of their profits to the Heart and Stroke foundation.



On February 26<sup>th</sup> we are having a Winter Carnival for the whole school.

The day will consist of indoor and outdoor activities and will have a Quebec Carnival theme. Let's hope our snow remains.

**CAMP MUSKOKA**

Information Night for grade 7 and 8 parents who are interested in their children attending Camp Muskoka is on **February 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 6:30 pm.** No money will be needed on this evening as this only an information night. The dates we are looking at to go to Camp Muskoka are June 15 to 17<sup>th</sup>. Please join us if you are interested in participating.



**WE NEED YOUR HELP.....**

Parents or any adults that are not working in our building are not allowed to be in the halls without checking in at the office. The time before school for teachers is a time that they put the finishing touches on their lessons or talk to other colleagues about a variety of things that could be occurring that day. Although your child knows who you are and some of the other children know you, there are number of children who don't know you and therefore you are a stranger to them. If parents were randomly allowed in our hallways it would make it very difficult to monitor for adults that shouldn't be on the premises. This is a safety issue and we need to be diligent in following this protocol.

**SNOW, ICE AND SNOW HILLS....**

We need your help. Please remind your children that they cannot throw snow balls or ice in the schoolyard. This is



definitely a safety hazard. The snow hills are more intense this year due to the amount of snow that we presently have. Students have been asked to stay off of these as well. If we allow all the students on the hill, the quantity of students on the hill contributes to injuries as students are pushed or slide down on top of one another.

Several students have a difficult time understanding these rules. However through our winter carnival we are hoping they can see the merit of making snowmen, and playing a few other games that are snow related

**SKIING**

The intermediate students are taking part in a day of skiing on February 19th at Mount St. Louis

**OUR TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY**

We are in the planning stages for our 25th anniversary. We are hoping to have our celebration in June beginning with a Mass, followed by a BBQ and open house. We hope to see all our





## **Introducing ABC123 Videos for Parents**

Helping your child improve his or her reading writing and math skills is as easy as abc123 with new video resources, now available in English and French.

- A- Apply what your child learns in the classroom to regular activities at home.
- B- Bring reading, writing and math into your family's everyday life. That could mean counting items at the grocery store or reading signs while you take a walk.
- C- Check out [ontario.ca/abc123](http://ontario.ca/abc123) to view video pod casts and watch real families like yours using some practical ideas to help their children learn.
  - 1- There is only one requirement for watching the video pod casts: a computer with a media player such as Windows Media.
  - 2- Two new videos will be posted every month so bookmark the abc123 website and keep checking in for simple ways to help your child learn.
  - 3- You can view the video pod casts in three different ways
    - Watch them online
    - Download them to your computer or
    - Put them on a mobile device with video capabilities (such as an iPod)

Complete instructions about how to download the videos are available at [Ontario.ca/abc123](http://Ontario.ca/abc123) or [www.dpcdsb.org/LBPEA](http://www.dpcdsb.org/LBPEA) under General information-Websites for Students

Besides the video pod casts, the abc123 website offers tip sheets and guides for parents who want to help their children improve their skills in reading, writing and math. These Tips and guides are available in English, French and several other languages.

## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION Junior & Senior Kindergarten Registration for 2009-10**

Registration for the 2009-10 school year will be held at all Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools on the following dates:

**Monday, February 23, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.\***

*\*Snow Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 25, 26 & 27, 2009**

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*Junior Kindergarten - Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2009*

*Senior Kindergarten - Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2009*

Parents/Guardians should bring the following documents when registering their child:

- proof of age
- original Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (or Baptismal Certificate of other rite in communion with the See of Rome)
- updated immunization records
- proof of Canadian citizenship or of Landed Immigrant status
- proof of address (utility bill, bank or credit card statement)

## **ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION DPCDSB**

### **ESL PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**

We offer a variety of ESL, Citizenship and Coop Programs for Adults throughout Mississauga and Brampton.

Registration is on-going for many of our programs.

Please see our Winter Flyer posted on the board website at <http://www.dpcdsb.org>. or call us at 905-891-9263



Night School Secondary  
School Credit Winter  
2009

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School  
Board  
SECONDARY NIGHT SCHOOL CREDIT  
COURSES  
WINTER SESSION 2009  
February 9 to May 25, 2009

MISSISSAUGA LOCATIONS

St. Aloysius Gonzaga S.S.  
2800 Erin Centre Blvd. Mississauga, ON  
Philip Pocock S.S.  
4555 Tomken Rd. Mississauga, ON

BRAMPTON LOCATION

St. Marguerite d'Youville S.S.  
10815 Dixie Rd. Brampton, ON

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**IMPORTANT DATES.....**

Family Day – February 16,  
2009

Kindergarten Registration-  
February 23, 2009

Winter Carnival – February 26,  
2009

Professional Development Day  
– Friday, February 27, 2009  
No school for students

March Break – Week of March  
16-20,2009

