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A Lenten Reflection

*Jesus, Mentor and
friend, your life
and ministry were
constantly clothed
with love.*

*We hold the image of Your loving
qualities and virtues close to us as we
pray:*

*When our spiritual clothes are soiled
with negativity and neglect,
may we have the desire and energy to
clean them.*

*When our spiritual clothes droop, sag
and do not fit, may we have the wisdom
and determination to let our words and
actions fit our values
and beliefs.*

*When our spiritual clothes need
changing, may we have the ability to
make good decisions and the courage to
follow through with the necessary
changes.*

*When our spiritual clothes are torn and
need mending, may we make amends
and be open to forgiveness and
reconciliation.*

*When our spiritual clothes are not
accepted by others, may we have the self-
affirmation to be our true selves and not
give into the demands
of others.*

*When our spiritual clothes become thin
and frayed, may we strengthen them
with a garment of
loving-kindness.*

*Jesus, mentor and Friend, help us to
overcome whatever keeps us from
footsteps. Amen*

A COUPLE WAYS TO PUT NEW LIFE INTO LENT

Thank people who deserve it....

It is easy to live in fear. To counter that world view, develop an attitude of gratitude. Cultivate the habit of looking for opportunities to thank others. You won't have to look far: maintenance people who clean your workplace, garbage collectors, the neighbor who uses his snow blower to clear the whole block, the mechanic who fixes your car. There are Council members who provide lunch for your children by weekly and others meeting up at your parish hall who find creative ways to keep the parish running. In person or in writing, thank someone everyday this lent.

ADOPT ONE VIRTUE

St. Thomas Aquinas taught that simply having the inclination to virtue did us no good unless we acted virtuously. Use it or lose it. If you want to be courageous, act with courage. If you want to develop patience, practice patience. If you want to be generous, make a habit of generosity. What you feed grows. Put energy and focus into the practice of a virtue this lent and it will be with you the rest of your life.

ACTIVITIES

HOCKEY

Our Team participated in the Tournament on February 20th. They played well and represented SMB very well. Good luck in the upcoming tournaments in March.



HEART AND STROKE DANCE-A-THON



On February 13th we had a dance-a-thon to raise money for Heart and Stroke. We did extremely well and raised \$648.00

dollars through a loonie entrance fee, tuck shop sales and contributions from the sale of hotdogs organized by the Council. Thank you goes out to Mrs. Templar and Ms. Baltazar for all their work in preparing for this event and to the members of Council who come in to BBQ hotdogs for the students.



PEEL SAFETY VILLAGE

The grade five students went to Peel Safety Village to learn about Young Offenders. This day enhanced their curriculum and provided some very valuable knowledge about our justice system.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Thank you for registering your child for Kindergarten. Our registrations continue to grow which is very positive for SMB. If you know of anyone who hasn't registered please tell them they can still do so and to do it as soon as possible so that we can accurately plan for September.



SKI TRIP

The intermediate students had an opportunity to go skiing in February. The weather was great, not too cold, road conditions were good and the day was a very positive experience for all who took part. Thank you to Mr. Torchia and Mr. D'Astolfo for organizing the day.



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The Primary students went to the Science Centre on February 25th to participate in some workshops that were designed to enhance their Social Science learning. Once again they all had a great day. Thanks to Mrs. Reis, Mrs. Brewer and Miss Stewart for organizing this great opportunity for students to enhance their learning.

WINTER CARNIVAL

On February 26th we had a wonderful day that celebrated the French Culture. Our Winter Carnival provided fun for all the students with activities both inside and out. Bonhomme visited us and presided over the Moustache contest the castle making and the mask contest. Students were led outside



in the afternoon for winter activities that included toboggans and of course hot chocolate. Thank you to Mrs. Abou-Faysal for her great organization of the day and to Mrs. Reis, Miss Budisa, Mr. Torchia and Miss Lobo for helping put the day together.

VOLUNTEERING TO GO ON SCHOOL

TRIPS

It is school board policy that volunteers on school trips must have a police check. To do this you must get the form from the office and take it to the police station. They will give you a receipt that we keep here in the office until the official form comes in. This police check is good for two years. However in the second year you must sign a declaration that we have here in the office. As a volunteer there is no charge to obtain a police check. Just a reminder to those who have applied for one that we need to keep the police check here on file in the office. Please make sure that you send it to the office as soon as you get it. Thank you in advance for your diligence in this area.



CCCSC IN-SERVICE

Enclosed is a flyer for our annual in-service and marketplace open to all parents and council members. This is a great day that involves keynote speakers, workshops in special interest areas, marketplace that provides free products and a free lunch. This day is Saturday, April 4th 2009 and this year it is here in Brampton at:

St. Marguerite d'Youville S.S.

Our keynote speaker this year is our Director, Mr. John Kostoff. In order to attend this great day, please send the registration form back to the school with your choices and we will make sure that you are registered. Come, bring a friend, and enjoy a great day.

OUR 25TH

ANNIVERSARY

We are gearing up for our celebration of twenty five years of Catholic Education.

On Saturday, June 13th (please set this date aside) we will be having an outdoor Mass followed by a BBQ and open house. This will be a great community celebration so please plan on joining us.





BECOMING A GREEN SCHOOL....

We have begun to explore ways that we can be a green school. One of the initiatives that we are promoting is the use of our website. How does this help? On the website are a number of our permission forms for various activities within the school as well as the calendars of events for several of the classes. When a student loses a form our message to him or her is that this form is on the website and please access it through there. This definitely decreases our paper costs and encourages the students to make sure that the notice reaches home. Our website is www.dpcdsb.org/MBOUR . This newsletter is also posted there. Perhaps someday we will be a paperless society!

Thank you

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To all parents who do not come into our schoolyard or enter the school without checking into the office first. Just a reminder that if you wish to speak to the teacher about your child please make an appointment. It is very difficult at the end of a busy day to talk to parents when other students are around or meetings are planned or they are trying to plan for the next day. Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Important Immunization Message from Peel Public Health

Peel Public Health will be reviewing immunization records of all students at our school from March to June 2009.

Peel Public Health must have proof that your child has been fully vaccinated (immunized) according to the Ontario immunization schedule. During the record review, you will receive a letter from Peel Public Health if your child's record is incomplete. It will tell you what vaccinations your child needs to meet the requirements for Ontario.



Immunization records are considered incomplete if:

- Peel Public Health has not received your child's vaccination record or
- Your child's record does not show that he/she has had all the required doses of vaccine (e.g. infant and booster doses) or
- You do not have a valid exemption from immunization for your child

If you receive a letter, please be sure your child has received the required vaccination(s), and then give the date(s) to Peel Public Health immediately to update your child's record.

For more information please call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 or visit www.immunizepeel.ca Caledon residents can call toll-free at 905-584-2216.

Translation services are available.

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP.....

- March 16th** – 20th March Break – No School
- March 24th** - Reports go home
- March 26th** - Interviews These interviews are teacher or parent request interviews
- March 25th** - Assembly for the Chocolate fundraiser. Chocolates sent home on this date

Attachment: Internet Safety
CCCSC In-service registration form

