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“Faith in God and Service to Others”

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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.



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Attachments:

Calendar for next year
STOPR Transportation

As the year begins.....

Visitor Policy

Just a reminder that you are required to sign in at the office before going anywhere inside the school building. You are then required to wear a visitors' badge. Our school yard is an extension of our building during school hours, therefore the same rules apply. This policy is in place for the safety of all our students.

If you wish to meet with a teacher we will gladly inform the teacher and he or she will get back to you to set up a time. Teachers are unable

to speak to you during class time especially at the beginning of the day.

Washrooms are available for the students only. Adults even school personnel are not allowed to use the students' washroom. We do have adult facilities and we will direct you to the nearest washroom if needed. Please check in at the office.

Once again this year the parking lot will be off bounds for dropping off and picking up students. Students are encouraged to walk and use the paths provided of if you have to drop off your child, you may use the parking lot across the street and cross with the guard. You may also drop off your child in the front. There will be an adult to help your child leave the car and walk around to the schoolyard.

Virtues

September- Faith one of the most important Virtues

Our virtues program will continue this year. 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 their religion and family life programs.

Our foyer and daily reflections will reinforce these 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

Our Sept. Virtue

A faithful person...

- Prays regularly and reverently
- Learns from Scripture stories
- Honours people's God-given names
- Assumes that there is good in everyone
- Accepts the God-given worth of themselves and others

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.

Please consider purchasing this worthwhile service.

Student verification sheets will be sent home this week. Please go over this information and change any incorrect information or add information where necessary. It is very important that we have accurate phone numbers in the case of an emergency with your child. Please make sure that these sheets are returned promptly to the school.



We will continue to have ALL STAR reading this year. If you can provide some time to help children read, we would greatly appreciate your help. We will provide the training and you can give as much time as you feel you are able to give

This program helps to reinforce and develop strong reading skills through practice and reinforcement. If you are interested please leave your name at the office and Mrs. Campagna will get in touch with you.

Classes for 2011-2012

This year we have a number of combined classes. During this week we monitor our numbers in each class very closely. If there is a discrepancy with the number of students in a class according to Board and Ministry policy, we will then look at reorganization on the first PA day in September. That date is September 16th .

Placement of students in respective classes takes time and is done in consultation with the teacher from last year. We always try and place students with a friend as well as break up uncomfortable situations if we can.

The following is our staff with their assignments

JK/SK - R. Chrysanthou

Grade 1- L.Carolan

Grade 1/2- O. Reis

Grade 2/3 - L. Brewer

Grade 2/3 - M. Stewart (for S. Serino who is on Maternity leave)

Grade 3/4 - S. Chwartacky

Grade 5 - D. Wesley

Grade 6 - W Templar

Grade 7/8 - C. Boldrini

Grade 7/8 - L. Budisa

M Umana - FSL

SERT/SERC - M. Gutt

Librarian - M. Campagna

ESL/Planning time - C.Fulford

ERW - C. Colton/ K. Prins

Head Custodian - S. Archibald

Night Custodian - D. Mariampillai

PLASP - F. Wong

Administration:

Administrative Assistant S. Muncaster

Principal - C. Klugman

A few reminders.....

Parking and dropping off or picking up students....

Our parking lot will remain closed before and after school. If you wish to walk your child to the schoolyard, you may park in the church parking lot across the road. You may also drop off your child in the driveway where an adult will help your child out of the car and direct him/her to the schoolyard. Parking in the driveway is a violation and your car will be ticketed. There are often two parking spots open in the front of the school that you can access as well.

When picking up your child, please go to the door that your child exits. Teachers with the primary children always make sure that a child is going home with the designated person . Students are asked not to use the front door unless they are taking the bus.

Cell phones and PDF's

Although times are changing and everyone has a cell phone today, it is very difficult to teach a class where students are texting or receiving texts or phone calls. Texting can also involve cheating on a test. Please advise your child of the proper use of his or her phone on school property. If a child is in violation of these expectations, the cell phone will be taken away and the child can retrieve it at the end of the day in the office.

Nut Free Zone

As you are aware, we have students who are allergic to a variety of nuts and nut products. We ask that you refrain from sending peanut butter sandwiches or nutella sandwiches. Please check as well with your child's teacher before you send in any snacks for the whole class.

Book Family Time to read with your children every day.

E-Newsletters

If you would like to receive the school newsletter in your inbox please supply us with a name and an e-mail address. All addresses will be used for newsletter only. We will not start this practice until we have a number of addresses but will let you know when we will be ready. This project is one of several projects in preparation for SMB becoming an ECO friendly school.

Dates to remember...

Friday, September 16, 2011 P.A. Day

Friday September 30 2011 Terry fox Run/walk

www.dpcdsb.org/MBOUR

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School Council News

Welcome back to our School Council who will be finishing their term at the end of September.

There are approximately seven positions on the school council that need to be filled each year. As you can see, we also have parent advisors.

If you would like to be part of the Council please let the office know and we will make sure that you get a form to fill in indicating your interest in the Council.

Remember also that you don't have to be a member of the council to attend our general meetings or to put forth your name to be part of the executive.

Yearbook

Our Yearbook has been completed and is in the hands of the publisher-Life Touch. We will be letting you know when it arrives and the protocol that we will using to disperse the orders.

Welcome to International Languages Elementary School Level

Register **Saturday September 10th** for International Language classes of your choice:

24 languages offered throughout DPCDSB

For details refer to our Fall 2011 Adult and Continuing Education Flyer posted on our website at www.dpcdsb.org/cec/cne

Or call 905-891-9263 ext. 0

The elementary school International Language program (JK-8) takes place on Saturdays beginning September 10 through June 3 (Sundays at St. Herbert) from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Parents who wish to register their child in this program may attend a walk-in registration **at the school which offers the language of interest to them, on Saturdays** from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. as of September 10. Registration is ongoing (space permitting) throughout the school year.



PLASP Child Care Services operates Before and After school programs at SMB. The Before school program operates from 7:30 am and continues until school begins. A nutritious breakfast is served daily.

The After School program begins once school is dismissed and goes until 6:00 pm. Children participate in recreational activities, are served a nutritious snack and have time for homework.

Fee assistance is available.

Registration is currently taking place.

To register your child, visit the PLASP Program Director Mrs. Wong before or after school. For further information call 905 890 1711 or visit the website at:
www.plasp.com