



BLESSED JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

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Lent

God and Father of all, in your infinite love you created us to reveal your glory.

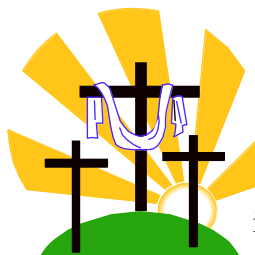
Each time we have sinned and turned away from you, you have called us back to the tender embrace of your love.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus to be our Redeemer, and through his death and resurrection you have reconciled us to yourself.

During this Season of Lent, give us courage to stand against evil and to choose always the path of life. Teach us to forgive one another. Inspire us to reach out with compassion to our brothers and sisters in need. Renew within us a deeper commitment to the works of justice and peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



Easter will soon be here. We will have an opportunity to renew our baptismal vows and celebrate the resurrection of our Saviour Jesus. My prayer is that we are all filled with the new life that Jesus' resurrection offers us. This new life will be embraced throughout the Easter season which will begin on Easter Sunday, April 24, and will last until Pentecost on June 12, 2011. Take this opportunity to renew and celebrate your faith.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS AT ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CHURCH:

Good Friday

- 10:00 am Stations of The Cross
- 3:00 pm Passion of Our Lord
- 7:00 pm Stations of The Cross

Holy Saturday

- 8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

- 8:00 am 10:00 AM, and 12 noon.
- All are welcome to attend.

VIRTUES EDUCATION:

During the month of April we celebrate the virtue of Love. Love can be seen in the simplest acts of kindness, such as sharing a pencil, playing a game, or even by saying "thank you". We should always show our love for others because love is about seeing the good in people even when they make us angry.

We should always remember an important lesson from Jesus, Love is not about us – it is about looking out for the good of others.

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A loving person.....

- wants the best for others
- is willing to make sacrifices for the good of others
- gives their time to help others
- knows that we are all loveable
- prays for others
- cares about other people's feelings

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:



The Grade two students of Blessed John XXIII Catholic School will celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion between Easter and

Pentecost. Parents have signed up at the church for a specific date.

CONFIRMATION:

The grade 8 students from Blessed John XXIII Catholic School will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Martin of Tours Church on May 19, 2011.

VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteers play an important role in the life of any school community. At the classroom level, they help to enhance the learning opportunities available to students or help with planned School Council activities. Please contact the school if you are interested in volunteering. All volunteers must have a Criminal Reference Check. Please contact the office for an application form.

EQAO PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENTS

All grade 3 and 6 students will again be participating in the provincial assessments scheduled to take place from Monday, May 30 to Friday June 10, 2011. We ask that parents please avoid medical and dental appointments for your grade 3 and 6 children during this assessment period. More specific information will be forthcoming just prior to the start of the assessment.

SCHOOL SECURITY:

We continue to be very diligent about school security. We thank all the parents who are entering

through the front door and meeting their children at the office.

PIZZA LUNCHES:

Our pizza lunch for this month is on Thursday April 21st.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

At various times through the year, students stay after school for various reasons. Please make sure that you make arrangements for your child to be picked up, or walk home with a friend. We do not feel that it is safe for your child to walk home alone.

EXTENDED VACATIONS:

We have been noticing an increasing number of parents taking their children out of school to go on an extended vacation. By taking your children out of school, you are depriving them of their education. They are missing the teaching of key concepts and some students are having a very difficult time catching up. If you are planning an extended vacation, please do so during the summer.

GRADE 4 FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM:

All Grade 4 students in Dufferin-Peel will participate in a Sexual Abuse Prevention Program, titled, *I Matter*, consisting of a series of four lessons, during the month of April. The program is an extension of the Family Life program and has been approved by the Council of Bishops.

FLEXIBLE BOUNDARIES REQUEST:

Thank you to all the parents who have submitted their letters requesting flexible boundaries for the 2011 – 2012 school year. Out of the 55 flexible boundaries students, we only received 16 letters. All 16 families have been granted flexible boundaries.

IMMUNIZATION UPDATE:

The health department has sent out notices to all students whose immunization is not up to date. If you received a letter from the health department, please ensure that you provide them with all

updated information by the end of May. According to the Education Act, if your child does not have updated immunization, he/she will be suspended from school.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY:

Please remind your children about our no physical contact rule when playing in the schoolyard. We have had occasions where students get carried away while playing a game and someone accidentally gets hurt.

NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:



Tuesday, April 26, 2011
at
6:30 PM
in the library

Everyone is welcome!

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER:

Our chocolate fundraiser is well underway. This is an opportunity to raise funds for various initiatives around the school. Because of your support, we are able to provide our students with little extra's that are not covered under the school budget. A big thank you to Mrs. Medeiros for single handedly getting all the chocolates sent home.

FACEBOOK 101-PARENT PRESENTATION:

On Tuesday April 19, 2011, at 7:00 PM, St. Joseph Secondary School has scheduled a guest speaker, Chris Vollum. His topic is "Face Book 101". His presentation is about informing parents, teachers and students about the dangers of social network sites on the internet. This "must see" presentation is free to parents. If you missed this presentation, here is another opportunity.

CYBERBULLYING AND THE LAW:

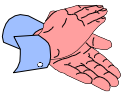
On Wednesday April 13, 2011 at 7:00 PM, Eric Roher, a lawyer, will be at Iona Secondary School to present a very informative session for the

community on Cyberbullying and the Law and how it links to our children. All are welcome to attend.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK:

We will be celebrating Catholic Education Week from May 2 to May 6, 2011. The theme this year is "Celebrating the Spirit". The staff has planned a variety of special events. More information will follow.

THANK YOU & APPLAUSE TO:

- Parents who reminded their children about our no physical contact rule.
- Parents who volunteer in the school.
- Parents who are providing us with up to date contact numbers.
- Parents who are working closely with the teachers to ensure that their children's work is complete. 
- Parents who attend our religious celebrations.

INTERNET SAFETY:

Here are some tips to help parents stay connected: Get involved! Learn and follow what your children are doing online

Use filtering software to protect your child from potentially harmful sites and programs

Have computers in common rooms where they can be easily supervised

Limit the amount of time your child spends online
Your child shouldn't be communicating in online chat rooms

Pictures should not be taken and/or received online

Inform your child about the negative effects an online profile (like face book profile) can have on their file

For more information regarding Internet Safety, visit these websites:

www.kidsintheknow.ca

www.cybertip.ca

www.mediaawarness.ca

www.nsteeens.org
www.peelpolice.on.ca
www.opp.ca

DPCDSB SUMMER 2011 ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult CO-OP Programs (905-362-0701 or 905-891-3934)
ESL English as a Second Language (905-891-9263)
FSL French as a Second Language Conversation 905-891-9263 (ext 37955)
LINC Language Instruction for Newcomers (905-279-6816)

Visit our website: www.dpcdsb.org/coopcentre

Life Long Learning and Ongoing Registration!

DO YOU KNOW.....ABOUT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Why should the government support a school system which is rooted in a particular Christian faith tradition? How does the whole province benefit from its existence? These are challenging questions but valid and exciting ones to pursue. As people committed to public Catholic Education, we as educators and parents, must bear the enormous responsibility of providing clear, honest answers to these questions. Every person who supports Catholic Education needs to find the words and speak them confidently and often. As part of a Catholic School System we are able to celebrate our faith on a daily basis. We can openly celebrate Lent, Easter, Advent, Christmas and other Holy Days. We can celebrate the life of Mary and Jesus and follow their examples. We are truly blessed to have this as part of our school system. Parents, students, teachers, administrators, clergy, custodians and even bus drivers....all have a critical role to play in determining the future of Catholic Education.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Apr 6	Grade 7 Hep B Shots
Apr 8	Chocolate Fundraiser ends
Apr 11	Grad Photos
Apr 12	Rosary Apostolate
Apr 12	Mass at St. Martin Church 1:00
Apr 17	Holy Week Begins
Apr 21	Holy Thursday Liturgy
Apr 21	Pizza Lunch
Apr 22	Good Friday – School Closed
Apr 24	Easter Sunday
Apr 25	Easter Monday – School Closed
Apr 26	Resurrection Celebration
Apr 27	Administrative Professional’s Day