

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Victoria Day is on

Monday, May 18th

and school is closed for the
provincial holiday

DANCE-A-THON 2009 WRAP UP

Dance-a-thon 2009 was held on May 8th in the school gym with students, parents, and staff dancing to some great music supplied by our Disc Jockey, Jamie.

The annual Dance-a-thon is always a highlight of the year for students as they participate in the design and announcement contests in the weeks leading up to this event.

The students and staff thank Mrs. Peplinskie, the Dance-a-thon chairperson, and her committee of many parents, who donate their time and effort to make this event so successful.

The Dance-a-thon generates some high energy school spirit and raised over \$15,000.00 for our school. We thank the parent community for their generous support of this event. We also thank Scotiabank for their donation of \$5,000.00 to the Dance-a-thon.

Watch for more post Dance-a-thon information in the next School Council letter.

COMING EVENTS

May 13th -School Mass at St. Timothy Church at 10:00 a.m.

May 14th -Pizza Day

- Grade 8 Graduation Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m.

May 18th -Victoria Day - no school for students

May 19th - Catholic School Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

May 20th - Bike Roadeo

May 25th - Intermediate Quebec City excursion

May 26th - Welcome to Kindergarten for incoming JK students

May 27th - Crowning of Mary celebration at 1:00 p.m.

May 28th - Primary/Junior Play Day

- Pizza Day

May 29th - Toronto Symphony Orchestra performing for JK to 3

June 2 - Peer Mediators to Canada's Wonderland

June 4 - Fire Safety Presentation for primary classes

- Grade 4 excursion to Dundern Castle

June 8 - Boys' Intermediate Soccer Tournament in Caledon East



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PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to both Sarah M. and Taylor H. for participating in the recent Lions Club Public Speaking Competitions with Sarah placing third overall in her division.

We thank both girls for representing St. Andrew School at a number of competitions this year.

CROWNING OF MARY

We will be celebrating the Crowning of Mary on Wednesday, May 27th at 1:10 p.m. in the gym.

If possible, students are invited to bring donated flowers to school that day. The flowers received will be processed to the statue of the Virgin Mary during the Liturgy. Parents are welcome to join us and celebrate the Crowning of Mary on May 27th.

ARE YOU MOVING?

If you are planning a move over the summer out of the St. Andrew School catchment area, we would appreciate it if you would call the school and let us know.

We try to keep track of the number of students moving into and out of our school area over the next few months. This movement of students and their families can influence our projected September 2009 enrolment total and could impact on our class organization plans for the next school year.

EQAO - REMINDER

Just a quick reminder that our school's Grade 3 and 6 students will be participating in the Provincial EQAO Assessments from May 25 to June 5, 2009.

The Grade 6 students will be involved in the assessments on May 25, 26 & 27th while the Grade 3 students will be tested on June 1, 2 & 3rd.

We respectfully ask parents not to book any appointments for their children in Grades 3 or 6 on the actual EQAO assessment dates.

HUMAN INFLUENZA—H1N1 (SWINE FLU)

As you are aware, various health organizations have identified a new strain of influenza, Human Influenza A—H1N1 (Swine Flu), which has been reported in several countries around the world, including Canada. The World Health Organization (WHO) and health officials are still learning more about this disease and its spread.

Our regional health authorities, from whom school boards, including Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board take direction on matters concerning public health, are working with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Public Health Agency of Canada to monitor and investigate the impact of this disease in our communities. We are in daily contact with Peel Health and Wellington/Dufferin/Guelph Health Unit. We have been advised that there are no special actions that need to be taken by schools or by the board at this time.

Our board is ready to respond and will take advice or action that our regional health authorities recommend to reduce the risk to our school and system communities.

We remind students and staff to continue to reinforce the use of prevention strategies to reduce the spread of influenza. These strategies include:

- Washing hands well and often with soap and warm water.
- Covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when you sneeze and cough.
- Coughing and sneezing into your sleeve or arm
- Avoiding contact with sick people.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms, contact your family doctor and stay at home if you are ill.

School administrators and school staff continue to monitor the general health condition of students. As is our standard practice, if students exhibit symptoms of illness, parents/guardians are called and advised to have students stay home until they are well. As always, the safety and well-being of our students and staff, and the safe operation of our schools are our priority.

For health-related information and updates, please visit the Peel health website at:

<http://www.peelregion.ca/health/index.htm> or the Wellington/Dufferin/Guelph Health Unit website at: <http://www.wdghu.org>. You can also call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000.

For school-related inquiries, please contact your school principal. Please keep apprised of school board information at www.dpcdsb.org.

