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# Queen of Heaven School

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## Prayer for Peace

Show us, oh Lord,  
The peace we should seek  
The peace we must give  
The peace we can keep  
The peace we must forgo,  
And the peace you have given  
In Jesus our Lord

Amen.

## Principal's Message:

*Thank you to all of our families and staff who contributed so generously to our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. So many goods were collected and delivered to St. Dominic's Parish that the food will be distributed to those in need throughout the Fall.*

*Members of our School Council worked very hard the past two months and their efforts in organizing and coordinating our Annual Halloween Dance-a-thon were extremely successful. The costumes were ghostly and ghastly, the music was terrifyingly terrific and the day was filled with fun for all while raising money to support our school and students.*

*During the month of November we continue our focus on Catholic virtues and the Safe, Caring, Inclusive and Healthy School initiatives. Our daily prayers, thoughts for the day, and actions this month will revolve around the virtue of conscience – the voice of God within us. As a Catholic school we will continue to focus on weekly community building activities aimed at building a sense of inclusion and fostering self-esteem for all of our students.*

*Finally, the month of November is a time to reflect on the lives we are able to lead and the freedoms we enjoy due to the sacrifice of those men and women who lived and died for us and continue to promote peace around the world. Let us keep them, and those in service, in our thoughts and prayers.*

C. Cauduro  
Principal

## ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION

Cold and Flu season are here. We need your help in making our attendance verification work efficiently. Please call the school at (905) 278-9771 leaving a detailed message to report any student absence. We do have voice mail available 24 hours a day for your convenience. A note to the classroom teacher explaining the absence is expected upon the student's return to school.

## LATES

Being on time is a life skill which students need to be successful in the future. Please ensure that your child(ren) arrive on time by 8:30 a.m. to line up outside with their class when the bell rings. This ensures that there is no disruption to classes and that all students are in class and ready to begin their day.



## WINTER WEATHER

Soon we will begin to experience colder weather and winter will not be that far off. It is imperative that students dress appropriately to participate in all activities, including all three outdoor recesses. We ask parents to ensure that children wear hats, gloves, scarves, winter outerwear and winter boots. We also ask that students have a pair of indoor shoes so that they are comfortable and the classrooms are kept as clean and dry as possible.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER/BUS CANCELLATIONS

During the winter months inclement weather may cause disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations. **A decision to cancel school transportation and/or to close schools is usually made by 6:00 a.m. and will be announced on the following radio stations:**

VIRGIN RADIO 99.9	CHUM 1050
CFTR 680	CFNY 102.1
CFTO	CBC
CJCL 590	CHFI 98.1
CFRB 1010	Z103.5
CJEZ EZ ROCK 97.3	
CJBC (FR) 860 AM	
CHIN 100.7 FM/1540 AM	
CJMR/CHWO 1250	
FOXY 88.5 FM	
THE WEATHER NETWORK	
GLOBAL NEWS	
CITYPULSE	

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

On November 11<sup>th</sup> Queen of Heaven School will commemorate the sacrifice of thousands of Canadians who died in war for us. Our school community will mark Remembrance Day with a liturgy in the gym at 10:30 a.m. We invite all parents, who are able, to attend.



## EMERGENCY PROCEDURE DRILLS

In accordance with Ministry regulations, we have conducted three fire drills this fall. While we hope that a real fire never occurs, this practice helps prepare students in the event of a real fire. In addition, we will have to complete a lockdown practice this month. This procedure is intended to prepare students should a high risk incident occur on school property or in the near vicinity.



## LUNCH POLICY

We have a large number of students eating lunch at school and often children need to be reminded of proper behaviour while eating. We ask for the parent's cooperation in reinforcing with your child(ren) appropriate lunchtime behaviour. Students are expected to:

- Remain seated while eating
- Not to share food (Sabrina's Law Policy re: allergies)
- Chat quietly with classmates
- Dispose of all garbage and clean up before leaving



## FIRST TERM REPORT CARDS

On Tuesday, December 1st, report cards will be sent home for all students from Grades 1 to 8. The evening of Thursday, December 3rd and, the next day, Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> are set aside to conduct parent/teacher conferences. Requests for these conferences will go home in late November. Please be sure to complete these requests as soon as possible and return them to your child's teacher. It is important for parents and teachers to work together as a caring and supportive team. A critical part of this teamwork is the first term parent/teacher conference and we hope to see all parents in attendance.

## CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

After participating in the annual Family Meet on October 22nd, where our team made an awesome showing, several of our runners were successful in earning a place at the Board Meet. Congratulations to Nicole F., Joshua H., Brianne C., Taidgh B., Nicholas L., and Chris P. We were extremely proud to take these athletes to the Board Meet on October 29th. We would like to thank their coaches: Mlle. Pelosi, Mr. Grogan, Mrs. Ganko, Ms Chilicka, Mrs. Salema and Ms. Radul for their encouragement and organization of this worthwhile athletic activity. Queen of Heaven is proud of their cross country athletes!!! Thank you to all parents went out to support our children.

## INTERMEDIATE BOYS AND GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

We enjoyed a successful volleyball season. While both our boys and girls played well and showed great team spirit, they did not qualify for the Family Tournament. Team members included: Brianne C., Meghan F., Amanda L., Kathleen M., Aleksandra M., Caroline M., Mildred P., Ana Maria T., Emily U., and Rosanna Z. The boy's team was made up of Frankie D., Michael H., David L., Nicholas L., Justin R., Volodya T., Alex V., and Johnny V. Congratulations to all! Thank you to the coaches Mr. Grogan, Mrs. Palka, Ms Manguino and Mlle. Pelosi for all of their hard work. Way to go Crusaders!



## YOUTH FAITH AMBASSADORS

As a Catholic faith community, Queen of Heaven encourages our students to be active leaders and role models. Seventeen students from grades 6 -8 have been selected to become youth ambassadors at our school and to attend a Youth Faith Ambassador Mass at St. Dominic Church on November 17th. We know that Tricia C., Samantha P., Rosanna Z., Ana Maria T., Dominik M., Deanna L., Michelle B., Emilie C., Ania A., Victoria G., Eden C., Ciara Z., Daniela M., Anthony C., Molly F., Nicky R., and Taidgh B. will be inspired by the powerful message from Brian Finamore, Chaplain at St. Paul's S.S., to follow their conscience, stand up for their beliefs and become positive leaders and true examples of the gospel values.



## ADVENT

Once again, as the season of Advent begins, God invites us to prepare our hearts as Joseph and Mary did. He wants to fill us with expectation. This year Advent begins on Sunday, November 29th. Queen of Heaven students, staff and parents will celebrate Advent Mass as a faith community at St. Dominic's Parish on Wednesday, December 9th at 9:15 a.m. Please make it a date to join us. Also, we are hosting weekly Advent Liturgies and encourage parents to attend.



## PARISH NEWS

A reminder to parents whose children are preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation that the parish is hosting preparation meetings for parents and children to attend together on Sunday November 22nd from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. or Tuesday, November 24th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

An overwhelming thank you goes out to our parent and school community for supporting our Halloween Dance-a-thon. We would like to thank the members of our school council for their hard work and dedicated efforts organizing this exciting event, decorating the gym, and providing treats for the students. We will announce the grand total as well as all prize winners within the next two weeks. Our next council meeting is Thursday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m.

## COLD AND FLU SEASON

Please use your discretion in keeping your child home to recover if they are ill. A child who is coughing and wheezing is not in a state to learn and will only infect others. Please be assured that we are following all health protocols including frequent hand washing. We remind all parents that if your child is well enough to attend school they are well enough to go outside at recess.

## RECOGNITION AWARDS

As part of our Safe, Caring, Healthy and Inclusive School initiative we continue to build community through our Catholic virtues. In addition to our weekly community building and anti-bullying initiatives we will be celebrating and recognizing individual students for their daily achievement and model behaviour with a weekly "Outstanding Student Award." This award will be given to students who model and demonstrate outstanding behaviour, Catholic virtues and good citizenship. The students will be recognized by their class, school administration and given a certificate to bring home.

### J.K. AND S.K. REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration for the 2010-2011 school year will be held at Queen of Heaven on the evening of Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and during the regular school day February 24, 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>. Children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2010 to register for Junior Kindergarten and 5 years old by December 31, 2010 to register for Senior Kindergarten. More information to follow closer to the registration date.

### HOLY NAME OF MARY

Parents of girls in grade 8 are invited to attend an Information Night that will be held on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Name of Mary school gym. If you have any questions please contact the guidance office at (905) 458-4451 Ext. 64104.

### ARTS AND CULTURE PATHWAY

Iona Secondary School is hosting an information evening for the parents of grade 8 students to hear about the Arts and Culture Pathway program at 7:00 p.m. on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Please call (905) 823-0136



### ST. PAUL PARENT NIGHT

The evening of Thursday, December 10, 2009 has been set aside for St. Paul Secondary School's Parent Information evening. All parents of grade 8 students are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please contact Mavourneen McHenry at (905) 278-1163.

### P.A. DAY

Monday, November 16, 2009 is a P.A. Day. This day is dedicated to the evaluation of pupil progress and report card preparation. There will be no classes for students on this day and the main office will be closed as Mrs. Crook will be away.

### PICTURE RETAKE DAY

All student and class photos have been taken and returned to students to place their orders. Students wishing to have retakes may do so the morning of Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

### VIRTUES

During the month of November we focus on the virtue of conscience. God helps us to choose to be good people and to do the right thing – even when it is hard. As we strive to be people of conscience let us work to:

Mend a quarrel. Search out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust. Write a letter to someone you love. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forego a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Think first of someone else. Appreciate, be kind, be gentle. Laugh a little more. Worship God. Gladden the heart of a child. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still again. **Author Unknown**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

November 3 <sup>rd</sup> ;	Kidsenntial Hot Lunch Dance-thon Pledges Due
November 4 <sup>th</sup> ;	Pizza Day Take Your Kids to Work Day
November 6 <sup>th</sup> ;	Iona Arts Visit to Gr. 8 Classes
November 11 <sup>th</sup> ;	Remembrance Day Liturgy Pizza Lunch
November 12 <sup>th</sup> ;	Reconciliation Service Gr. 6-8 Lockdown Drill Junior Boys/Girls Volleyball Game
November 13 <sup>th</sup> ;	Dance-a-thon Prizes Awarded
November 16 <sup>th</sup> ;	P.A. Day – No Classes
November 17 <sup>th</sup> ;	Picture Retake Day in a.m. Youth Ambassador Mass Kidsenntial Hot Lunch Parent Meeting Ottawa Trip 6:30
November 18 <sup>th</sup> ;	Pizza Day
November 19 <sup>th</sup> ;	Reconciliation Service Gr. 3-5 Junior Boys/Girls Volleyball Game School Council Meeting @ 7:00
November 20 <sup>th</sup> ;	Intermediate Skate @ Cawthra
November 25 <sup>th</sup> ;	Pizza Day
November 27 <sup>th</sup> ;	Intermediate Skate @ Cawthra
November 30 <sup>th</sup> ;	Advent Liturgy in Gym @ 8:45 a.m.
December 1 <sup>st</sup> ;	Report Cards Go Home
December 3 <sup>rd</sup> ;	Parent Teacher Interviews
December 4 <sup>th</sup> ;	P.A. Day for Reporting to Parents

