



**May
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Newsletter**

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Hope in Our Schools

*God of wisdom,
We praise you and we bless you.
You teach us your ways.*

*May wisdom flow through our classrooms;
May compassion walk gently in our hallways;
May joy ring out in our playground and gymnasium;
May words of integrity justice
be spoken in our offices and workrooms.*

By our joyful hope let all know that this is God's school.

Amen.

Principal's Message:

The theme of this year's Catholic Education Week is "Rejoicing in Hope". Each day of the week has a sub-theme including: Hope in Our Hearts, Hope in Our Homes, Hope in Our Schools, Hope in Our Communities, and Hope in Our World. Catholic Education Week begins on Sunday May 2nd and continues until Friday May 7th.

At Queen of Heaven Catholic School we believe in fostering an environment that instills a co-operative spirit within the family, the church, the school and the community. We believe in communicating, supporting, sharing, interacting, caring and working in harmony so that goals of excellence can be pursued with vigor and confidence.

During Catholic Education Week let each and every one of us take some time to reflect on the significance of Catholic Education's presence and contribution in our Church and in our society. We invite all members of our community, especially our parents, to participate in the celebrations and activities that will mark our celebration of Catholic Education Week.

We look forward to seeing you out at our Annual Spring Concert as we come together as a community to enjoy the many gifts and talents of the children.

**C. Cauduro
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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Catholic Education week begins Sunday, May 2 to Friday, May 7, 2010. A number of activities have been planned to help us to celebrate this year's theme, "Rejoicing in Hope".

E.Q.A.O.

Our Grade Three and Grade Six students will be participating in the Provincial EQAO Assessments during the weeks of May 31 – June 11. We will stagger the dates for administering the test. It is very important that your child be present at this time. We ask the co-operation of parents/guardians in ensuring the attendance of their children during this time.



CELEBRATING LITERACY

Our students continue to do very well in their literary pursuits. Caleigh C., Benjamin C., and Ciara Z., had their written work judged at the OECTA Young Author's Awards. Caleigh's short story and Benjamin's poem placed first and will be published with other award winners. Congratulations!



NEWS FROM MRS. MCKEOWN

The Mississauga East Battle of The Books competition took place on Wednesday, April 28th at St. Alfred's School. The team competed against nine other schools in our family and earned first place! Thank you to Mrs. McMahan and Mrs. Larmondin for spending the day with us.

This year's **Battle of the Books Gold Medalists** are: Ciara, Emilia, Eden, Molly, Anthony, Erika, Aoife, Hailie, and Meagan. These students diligently attended daily meetings, read wonderful books, and spent hours studying. We are very proud of them and the incredible dedication and commitment they have shown.

The Spring Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the library from Friday, April 30th to Thursday, May 6th. A family event will be held during Education Week on the evening of May 6th. Parents and students are welcome to drop by after their evening performance at the Spring Concert.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Our Grade 2 students will receive their First Holy Communion the weekend of May 1st and 2nd. Our Grade 8 students will celebrate their Confirmation on the weekend of May 22nd and 23rd. Thank you to our parish team and parents for the many months of preparation and to our staff; Ms. Karcz, Ms. De Sousa, Mrs. Pasma, Ms. Rodrigues, Mrs. Stewart, Mr. Grogan and Mr. Camilleri for their work with the children. Finally, thank you to Father Phil, Father Noel and Father Rudy for their continued direction and guidance.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Once again we thank the parents of the school council for their continued support in all areas of the students' education here at Queen of Heaven. Recently they purchased Communion and Confirmation gifts for our grade 2 and 8 students which we will present during our Crowning of Mary liturgy. We would also like to thank them for the outdoor games purchased for all grades J.K. to 8.

A reminder that the next School Council meeting is being held on Thursday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m.

BASKETBALL NEWS

What a good season for the Queen of Heaven Junior Boys and Girls Basketball Teams!!! Under the coaching and guidance of Ms. Pelosi, Mr. Cullen and Mr. Grogan the girls improved throughout the season. Team members include: Eden C., Victoria D., Aoife M., Deserae M., Daniela M., Emilia R., Kalisha R., Victoria R., Taylor S., Mursades S., and Samantha S.

Congratulations to our boy's team and their coaches Ms. Rodrigues and Mr. Napoleone for their fine efforts. Team members were: Matthew A., Alek B., Taidgh B., Michael C., Christopher C., Sheldon D., Alex D., Oleksiy D., Dylan F., Martin G., Jordan H., Kyle L., and Cameron O.



GRADE 6 TRIP TO MANSFIELD

From Wednesday, April 21st to Friday, April 23rd our grade 6 students participated in an overnight trip to The Mansfield Outdoor Education Centre. Activities included orienteering, survival skills, nature hikes and outdoor games designed to supplement the Science and Social and Environmental Studies curriculum. We would like to say a very special thank you to Mr. Finelli for the time and effort put into organizing this trip and to Mr. Arduini, Ms. Radul, Mrs. Bochar, Ms. Anderson and Mlle. Pelosi, for helping to make this experience a memorable one for our students.

DRESS CODE

School Board Policy states that all students are expected to dress to standards of neatness, cleanliness, modesty and good taste. Certain items i.e.: shirts with inappropriate logos/ wording, exposure of undergarments or midriffs, tight or torn clothing are contrary to both the philosophy of our Catholic School teachings and to the standards we set as parents and educators. Specifically with regards to clothing:

- It should be neat, clean and without tears and/or holes
- Shorts and skirts shall be walking length and hemmed
- Halter tops, mesh shirts, spandex bicycle wear, cut-off shirts/shorts, midriff tops, spaghetti straps and bandanas are not appropriate attire for school
- Hats, sunglasses and sunscreen are encouraged for outdoor wear

Your assistance in ensuring that your child is dressed appropriately is appreciated.

GRADE EIGHT GRADUATION

Grade Eight Graduation is scheduled for Monday, June 28, 2010. Graduation Mass will be at St. Dominic's Parish at 10:00 a.m. and all are welcome. A luncheon and afternoon dance for the **graduates** will be held at the school from 11:30- 4:00 p.m. The Awards Ceremony will be held in the school gymnasium **beginning at 6:00 p.m.** for the families of the graduates. Please look for more detailed information to be sent home.



SPRING CONCERT

On Thursday, May 6th Queen of Heaven staff and students will be presenting "Music to My Ears; Chart Toppers" their Annual Spring Concert. We have scheduled a 9:00 a.m. show and a 6:30 p.m. show to help accommodate parents and their busy work schedules. The **9:00 a.m. performance** is open to family and friends and **does not require tickets**. The **6:30 p.m. evening performance does require tickets** with a maximum of 4 tickets per family. Students are asked to arrive at 6:00 p.m. and to report to their classrooms. Doors will open to parents at 6:15 p.m. Please come out to enjoy these memorable performances.



BICYCLE SAFETY

With the warmer weather students are able to ride their bicycles to school. We expect that every student who rides a bicycle to school follows these rules:

- Enter the school at the south side and walk bicycles on school property (sidewalks)
- Lock bicycles in the bicycle parking area for the day
- Obey all bicycle safety rules
- Wear a helmet to and from school

Please ensure that your child complies with these rules or they will not be allowed to ride their bicycles to school.



ROLLERBLADES, SKATEBOARDS AND SCOOTERS

Students who wish to rollerblade, skateboard or ride their scooter to school must remove their rollerblades or pick up their skateboards/scooters as soon as they leave Alexandra Avenue and enter onto school property. All rollerblades, skateboards and scooters are to be placed into the student's backpack and are not to be used on school property.

VIRTUES PROGRAM

At Queen of Heaven School we continue to live out the virtues on a daily basis. Every day our students are praised, recognized and rewarded for making choices that contribute to the common good. During the month of May we will focus on the virtue of Acceptance. God wants us to make friends with everyone no matter how different they may look or act. As tolerant people we...

- are friendly and open to all God's people
- sense God's presence in people of all ages, beliefs, genders, cultures and abilities
- look for positive traits in others
- notice who is left out and include them

CROWNING OF MARY

As we do every year, the community of Queen of Heaven will be celebrating the Crowning of Mary on Wednesday, May 26th. Students are encouraged to bring flowers to honour Mary. Parents are invited to join us for this special celebration beginning at 9:45 a.m. in the gym.

YOUTH FAITH AMBASSADORS

Our grade 7 and 8 student faith ambassadors recently participated in the Mississauga East "Together in Harmony" Diversity Conference at John Cabot S.S. Identity, Awareness, Empathy and Action were the focus of the day intended to motivate students (and staff) to make a difference and do something about issues of inequity in their lives and the lives of others.

FLEX BOUNDARY POLICY

Parents who have requested flex boundary admittance for their children will be considered on a yearly basis, taking into consideration the number of students enrolling at the school. Each year, students attending under the Flexible Boundary Policy will receive a reminder letter, and are required to submit an annual Flex Boundary request.

MOVING?

If you are planning on moving out of the Queen of Heaven School area, or simply changing address within our school boundaries, please let the office know as soon as possible.



CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2010

In May of each year, teachers and administrators work together to discuss the academic and social/emotional needs of your child, and determine the class placement that will best meet these needs. If you wish to have input that will assist us regarding the placement of your child please submit the learning needs of your child in writing to Ms. Cauduro no later than Friday May 7, 2010.

EARLY ARRIVAL/LATE DISMISSAL

A number of students are being dropped off early in the morning and being picked up well after the dismissal bell goes at the end of the day. Parents are reminded that supervision of the school yard begins at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 3:15 p.m. It is important for the children's safety to arrive and leave on time.

M.S. Read-a-Thon

This year the students at Queen of Heaven School raised \$ 3748.94 for M.S. Thanks to all parents and students for their participation in this worthwhile fundraising event. The Top 4 Classes to raise funds were: Mrs. Stewart's grade three class who raised \$772.50, Ms. Mullen's kindergarten classes brought in \$580.34, Ms. Anderson's junior kindergarten class contributed \$330.00 while Mr. Arduini's grade five and six class raised \$308.50.

Finally, we would like to recognize the following students for their tremendous fundraising efforts on behalf of M.S.: Gabriela G., Jessica D., Georgina C., Tiana S., Dylan M., Sydney D., Caleigh C., Sarah C., and Domenic T. Once again the Queen of Heaven community has reached out to help a worthy cause.

LOST AND FOUND

Please encourage your children to check the Lost and Found often. We have accumulated a great deal of items including coats, hats, mittens, shoes and boots. We will have them on display up to and including Catholic Education Week May 3-7th. Any unclaimed items will be donated to local charities.



DATES TO REMEMBER

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| May 1-2; | Gr. 2 First Eucharist @ St. Dominic's Church
All Masses |
| May 2; | Catholic Education Week Begins |
| May 5; | Pizza Day Amadio's Pizza
Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal |
| May 6; | Spring Concert Shows 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. |
| May 7; | Spring Concert Show for Students @ 9:00 |
| May 11; | Grade 4 "Garage Sale"
Kidsential Hot Lunch |
| May 12; | Pizza Day Amadio's Pizza |
| May 12-14 | Gr. 8 Trip to Ottawa |
| May 18; | 50 th Anniversary Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m. |
| May 19; | Pizza Day Amadio's Pizza
School Track and Field Day |
| May 20; | Welcome to Kindergarten Evening @ 6:30 |
| May 21; | School Track and Field Meet (Raindate) |
| May 22-23 | Grade 8 Confirmation St. Dominic's Church
All Masses |
| May 24; | Victoria Day No Classes |
| May 25; | Grade 4 Medieval Times Trip
Kidsential Hot Lunch
Grade 8 Shadow Day @ St. Paul S.S. |
| May 26; | Crowning of Mary 9:45 a.m. in Gym
Pizza Lunch Amadio's Pizza |
| May 27; | Intermediate Spring Dance
School Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. |
| May 28; | Intermediate Girls' Soccer Tournament |
| May 31; | EQAO TESTING Grades 3 and 6 Begins |



NEWSLETTER SURVEY

In effort to "go green" we are considering changing our newsletter to an electronic version. Kindly detach and return the survey below to your child's teacher by May 7th.

- I regularly read the newsletter. _____ Yes _____ No
I would go online to read the newsletter _____ Yes _____ No
I would prefer a paper copy _____ Yes _____ No

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