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Newsletter

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*Loving God,
our Creator, our Saviour, our Companion,
bless this journey on this special 50th anniversary school year.
Refresh our souls and renew our spirits
as we embrace those who are new to this community
and ask that You strengthen them to share
the wonderful gifts that You have given them.
Lord, make our hearts pure as we prepare
for the return of students, staff and families to this school
and may You guide them to return
with open hearts and minds eager to learn and grow.*

Amen.

Principal's Message:

The first day of school brings a sense of excitement and as we return I trust that students, staff and parents have had the opportunity to enjoy their time with loved ones over the course of this beautiful summer and that everyone feels rested and eager to get back to school as we celebrate 50 years of Catholic education here at Queen of Heaven School.

As we begin the school year, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Vice-Principal Mrs. Noce, Ms. Di Iorio, Miss Telech, Ms. Nicoletti and Mrs. Gibbs, who join our staff and to Miss Rodrigues, Miss Bertolacci, Miss Anderson, and Mrs. DeSousa-Correia, who return to our staff, all of the new families in our school community and of course to welcome back all our students who are returning. Welcome Mrs. Scapicchio (CYW) and Mr. Almeida (S.W.) Mr. Mangiardi continues to recover and I am confident that we will see him back this school year.

This 50th Anniversary year is filled with promise and many wonderful opportunities for our students especially as we embark on the Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program with our ECE partners Mrs. Barbosa, Mrs. Romero and Mrs. Ejzenchart. We are blessed to have a devoted Parish Team, an involved School Council, a hard working trustee, a new superintendent and supportive parents. The staff of Queen of Heaven School is committed to working with their partners to support our children in their quest for knowledge, happiness and spiritual development. Together we can ensure that this will be a very successful school year.

Principal
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SCHOOL HOURS

Queen of Heaven School hours for the 2010-2011 school year remain as before:

Grades ELKP (Formerly JK/SK) 1 - 8

School Begins	8:30 a.m.
Recess (a.m.)	10:35 - 10:50 a.m.
Lunch	11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Recess (p.m.)	2:00 - 2:15 p.m.
Dismissal	3:00 p.m.

STUDENT ABSENCES

As in the past, we ask that you call the school on the days that your child will be absent. This is a safety precaution that can save precious moments should there ever be an emergency situation. We thank you for your continued support in following this procedure. Upon reaching the school answering service please leave the following information:

- Date of absence
- Student's full name
- Grade level and teacher
- Reason for absence
- Date of return

Please continue to call each day that your child is absent. When your child returns to school, please provide the teacher with a note regarding the specific reason for the absence.

ENTRY AND EXIT

Teachers will be reviewing with their students which doors to enter and exit. Students are asked to use the assigned doors for their entry and exit and to proceed to the front of the school to meet their parents. We ask that parents who do not make use of the Kiss and Ride drop off/meet their children at the sidewalk areas located at the front of the school at the start and end of the day. Parents are not to be in the yard with the children.

VALUABLES

Students are requested **not to bring** valuables such as cameras, cell phones, iPods, electronic games, large amounts of money or items of importance to school. The school does not accept responsibility for the above. All personal items should be marked with your child's name.

STAFFING

September 2010-2011 school organization is based on projected enrolment established through the School Board. The government continues to cap primary (1-3) class sizes at 20 students. It is understood that this Ministry initiative has resulted in more combined grade classes, with a reduced student-teacher ratio. Based on enrolments within our boundaries during the first two weeks of September, we may need to reorganize the classes. ***Please note that your child's classroom assignment is tentative*** until new enrolments or withdrawals are completed during this time frame. If your child's placement or classroom teacher changes, you will be notified. Only those students affected by reorganization will be moved.

SCHOOL DRIVEWAY / KISS AND RIDE

In the interest of safety, please use the designated entrance of the school driveway to drop off and pick up your child during morning Kiss' n Ride. Do not park in the drop-off lane, block the bus lane or double-park in the parking lot. Students and parents walking to school are reminded to stay on the sidewalks and to use the crosswalk when walking to and from the parking area to the front of the school.



TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Transportation is provided for ELKP and Grade 1-8 students at Queen of Heaven School who meet the Board distance eligibility for busing. At present we are reviewing all eligible student seats. Requests for a courtesy seat application are to be made in writing and sent to Mrs. Noce by September 17th for review as per Board policy. No Courtesy seats will be made available until the Transportation Department gives us the go ahead in October.

TEXTBOOK POLICY

Textbooks are the property of the school and are loaned out to students with the expectation that they will be returned at the end of the school year in good condition. The teachers keep a record of each textbook that students are given. Please help to keep our costs down by encouraging your child to take proper care of them. There will be a replacement cost to the student if the textbook is damaged, lost or not returned at the end of the school year.

CATHOLIC CODE OF CONDUCT

The Catholic Code of Conduct sets standards of behaviour that promote, encourage and foster a shared commitment to gospel values in daily life, respect for the dignity of persons created in God's image, responsible participation in the civic life of the school community, peaceful conflict resolution, respect for diversity, and a commitment to exemplary conduct, conscientious work, and service to others. At Queen of Heaven we continue to work together to provide a safe, caring, inclusive and healthy Catholic school community for all.

EARLY RELEASE DAY

On Early Release Days students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. (lunch). Afternoon classes will be cancelled. Our first Early Release Day will be Thursday, September 30, 2010.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY

Friday, September 17th is a Professional Activity Day. Students do not attend school on this day. Teachers will be involved in professional development.



VISITORS IN THE SCHOOL

In order to insure the safety of students and staff, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board requires **ALL** visitors (including parents, guardians, volunteers) to use the front doors located near the main office to enter the school, sign in and pick up a visitor's sticker upon entering the building. Anyone not wearing an identification sticker will be asked by staff to return to the office to sign-in and pick one up. This procedure will help students and staff in recognizing our many visitors at Queen of Heaven School. If you are picking up your child at school at a time other than regular dismissal, we ask that you report to the office to sign them out.

Arrangements will be made for your child to be sent to the office. If you intend to send someone else to pick up your children, please write a note to the classroom teacher or inform the office.

THE LUNCH TABLE

Once again, a table has been placed in the foyer for lunches. Please ensure that your child's name is on the lunch bag/container. We are encouraging nutritious lunches. Classes are not to be interrupted for students to pick up lunches. Please let students know in the morning if they should expect to have a lunch dropped off. They should be responsible to come down and pick up their lunch. We can not be responsible if a lunch goes missing. We stress that there are students with food allergies and therefore students are not to share food. Please check with your child's teacher if you have any questions.



MEDICAL ALERT – ANAPHYLACTIC SHOCK - NUT ALLERGIES

This year, as in the past, we will continue to have some students with severe life threatening food allergy to **NUTS (PEANUT) ALLERGIES**. This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to certain allergens and can result in death within minutes. Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, please send lunches and snacks to school with your children that are free from peanuts or nut products. We ask that you do not send in food products for the whole class to celebrate birthdays or social occasions. A donation of a book or game to the classroom is a safe alternative to food products and will be enjoyed so much longer by the children. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions. We thank you for your co-operation and attention to this health watch.

STORAGE AND ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Parents are responsible for ensuring that all medication and forms are updated annually for any student who requires medication to be administered at school. If your child requires medication, please have the necessary forms completed and return them, along with any medication, to the office as soon as possible. Forms are available at the school office.



HEPATITIS B and HPV INOCULATIONS

Peel Health will continue to offer free immunization against Hepatitis B for students in Grade 7. It is given as a series of two injections over a period of six months. Grade 8 girls are also given the opportunity to receive the HPV inoculation. If you have any questions please call the Peel Health Department at (905) 799-7700. The following dates have been assigned to Queen of Heaven School:

Hep B Dose #1: October 21, 2010 Dose # 2: TBA HPV: TBA

STUDENT INSURANCE

As required by the Education Act and the Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost-effective student accident insurance coverage via student courier. Although enrolment is voluntary, the Board encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage especially if your child participates in sports, excursions/field trips, or if parents do not have dental insurance coverage. Enrolment in writing is required. There are two options for enrolment: 1) Complete the traditional form and mail it in or 2) Photocopy the form and fax it to Reliable Life at 1-905-522-7211 or 1-800-463 KIDS (5437). Parents alone have the right to insure their children.

Y.M.C.A. CHILD CARE SERVICES

Y.M.C.A. Daycare operates before and after school programs, in this school, for children up to 12 years of age. There are still some places available. Please contact Melissa Collins at (905) 276-9329 Ext. 228.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS OCTOBER 25, 2010

Queen of Heaven is a municipal elections site. As such we require a Hall Monitor to work Election Day from 9:30 -8:00 p.m. The rate of pay is \$110. Interested parties please contact the school for an application.

SCHOOL AGENDAS

As you know organizational skills are imperative in the success of a child in school. To assist in this process, school agendas have been ordered for the children in Grades 2-8. Your child is responsible to record their homework, upcoming projects/assignments, important dates, and teacher notices in their agenda. We are asking that you, as a parent, check your child's agenda on a daily basis and initial it. The teachers will be reviewing the importance of the agenda with their students and we ask that parents take the time to go over it with your child(ren).

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE /B.B.Q.

Our annual B.B.Q. and Meet the Teacher Open House will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2010. This is an opportunity for you to:

- Meet your child's teacher(s) and learn about the 2010-2011 school year, curriculum, expectations
- Socialize with members of the community at the B.B.Q. hosted by the parents of School Council

5:30 -7:00 p.m. B.B.Q. and Social
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Meet the Teacher

Please watch for the flyer that will be sent home with further details.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Elections of the new School Council will take place on September 28th. You are invited to pick up application forms in the main office now and until nominations close on September 24th. The first meeting of the Queen of Heaven Catholic School Council will be held on Thursday, September 30th at 7:00 p.m.



TERRY FOX WALK

Again this year Queen of Heaven will participate in the Annual School Terry Fox Walk/Run for Cancer Research. We will be hosting a "Toonie for Terry Walk" the morning of **Friday, October 1, 2010**. Parents are invited to join us for the walk and to help us support this very worthy cause.

LIBRARY NEWS AND BOOK FAIR

To start our school year, Queen of Heaven will host the Fall Scholastic Book Fair. The family event will take place on Thursday, September 23rd at our Annual BBQ and Meet the Teacher night. Make sure you stop by the library and support this fantastic literacy fundraiser. The Safari Book Fair will open at 6:00 p.m.

PED POLICY

As part of our efforts to promote and maintain a positive Catholic climate in our schools, the Board maintains a policy regarding Personal Electronic Devices (PEDS) on school property. In this regard, all PEDS must be kept out of sight, turned off and not used within school premises or during school-sanctioned activities. To prevent the loss or damage of PEDS, we ask students to leave electronic devices and games at home as the school cannot be responsible for their safe keeping. Parental support is requested and greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL MASS AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS

Our first school Mass is Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 9:15 at St. Dominic's Parish. Parents are invited to attend. During the course of the year preparatory meetings and family sessions have been organized at St. Dominic's Parish. These meetings will provide you with an opportunity to be an integral part of your child's spiritual growth in these sacraments. It is the responsibility of the parents to register and participate in the sacramental preparation of their children offered at the parish. Please contact Beverly O'Grady @ (905) 278-7762 for more information.

- **Parent Meeting to Register for First Reconciliation and Eucharist**
Sunday, September 26 @ 1:30-3:00 p.m. OR Tuesday, September 28 @ 7:00 -8:30 p.m.
- **Celebration of Reconciliation Grade 2**
Wednesday, December 1 @ 7:00 p.m. OR Saturday, December 4 @ 10:00 a.m.
- **Celebration of First Eucharist Grade 2**
Weekend of Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8, 2011 at All Masses

PICTURE DAY

Individual student photos and class pictures will be taken Thursday, October 14, 2010 for all students. More information will be sent home with the students closer to the date.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- September 7th: 50th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting @ 8:30 a.m.
School Council Nomination Forms Available in Office
- September 8th: Full Day Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Interviews
- September 9th: Full Day Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Interviews
- September 14th: Full Day Kindergarten Begins for all JK students
- September 17th: P.A. Day No Classes
- September 22nd: Opening School Mass 9:15 @ St. Dominic Church
- September 23rd: B.B.Q. and Meet the Teacher Open House
T.D. Waterfront Clean Up Grades 5-8
- September 24th: School Council Nominations Close
- September 28th: School Council Elections 7:00 p.m. (if needed)
- September 29th: Pizza Day from Amadio's Pizza
- September 30th: Early Release Day No Afternoon Classes
- October 1st: Toonie for Terry Fox Walk in a.m.