



**October
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Newsletter**

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Thanksgiving Prayer

*Blessed are you, Lord our God, Creator of
heaven and earth and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

*We praise you for your glory,
and thank you for your goodness to us.
We praise you for your generous gifts and for bringing
fruitful results to our labours.*

*As we rejoice in your
kindness, we pray also for those who are in need.
Open our hearts to them, and teach us to be as generous to
others as you are to us.*

Amen.

Principal's Message:

The busy month of September has come to an end. As you know September 17, 2010 was a Professional Development Day and we did reorganize. As a result of lower enrolment, we said goodbye to Miss Di Iorio, Mrs. Granzotto, Miss Furlan and our Vice-Principal Mrs. Noce; Ms. Meleca was moved to our grade 5/6 class and Ms. Anderson to a Full Day Kindergarten position. The intermediate classes were reorganized forming new grade 7, 7 / 8 and grade 8 classes. Change is often difficult and I thank all of our students, staff and parents for their understanding, patience, and flexibility dealing with these changes.

The month of October finds a number of initiatives underway. Our junior and intermediate students will soon begin training for our PALS program. The cross country and intermediate volleyball teams are hard at work and our Student Council has been elected as has our School Council. In fact we have begun working on the School Council Halloween Dance-a-thon and pledge forms will go home with all students on Friday, October 8th.

Our student faith ambassadors and adult faith ambassadors have organized our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for St. Dominic's Church and I would like to thank everyone who has been sending in donations. Our school community is both caring of others and giving of their time.

On behalf of the staff of Queen of Heaven, I wish you all a joyful and bountiful Thanksgiving. Enjoy this beautiful Fall season with family, friends and loved ones.

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SCHOOL DRIVEWAY / KISS 'N RIDE

We ask that parents continue to 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 lanes or block the bus lane.** Students and parents walking to school are reminded to stay on the sidewalks and to use the crosswalk when traveling from the parking area to the front of the school.



INDOOR/OUTDOOR SHOES

As we move into the Fall Season and a change in weather we would ask that all students bring a pair of indoor shoes that can be worn inside of the school and left in their classrooms. Your cooperation is appreciated.



TERRY FOX WALK

Again this year Queen of Heaven participated in the annual School Terry Fox Walk/Run for Cancer Research on Friday October 1, 2010. Thank you to Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. DeSousa-Correia, Miss Nevins and their classes who organized this worthwhile event. Thank you to our wonderful parents who volunteered and helped us on the walk route throughout the neighbourhood. Your support and donations are appreciated.



SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all our families who visited the Book Fair Family Event on September 23, 2010. With your tremendous support, we sold \$3175.00 of product, and in turn received \$480.00 for books selected from the book fair and an additional \$730.00 for other library resources.

Congratulations to the two winners of our **Family Event Door Prize: Amber A. and Emilija**, who each received \$25 to select free items from the Book Fair. The following students were winners of a free poster: Madisynn H., Gabriela G., Ethan C., Martina C., Brayden H., Connor D., Anthony M., Rebecca H., Matthew P., Isabella D., and Serena M.

100 MINUTE READING CLUB

At Queen of Heaven School we continue to focus on improving the reading skills of all of our students. We know that practice makes perfect and that children need a lot of practice reading. The 100 Minute Reading Club recognizes the time children spend reading. A reading log is provided to all students who participate in the reading club and parents are asked to help monitor and log the amount of time your child has spent at this task. Reading certificates will be issued to recognize student accomplishments and, at the end of the school year, the student with the most minutes read at both the Primary and Junior/Intermediate levels will be presented with a plaque. We strongly encourage all of our students and their families to participate in our reading club.



CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Our cross country team is "up and running". Special thanks to the coaches Mr. Grogan, Ms. Pelosi, Mrs. Romero and Mr. Finelli for their hard work and dedication. Practices are being held Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8:00 a.m. The Family Cross Country Meet is Thursday, October 14th at Centennial Park! The Board Cross Country Meet will be Monday, October 25th.

INTERMEDIATE BOYS AND GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thank you to our coaches Mr. Grogan, Ms. Pelosi, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Chircop, Miss Bertolacci and Mrs. Romero for holding try outs and getting our intermediate boys and girls volleyball teams started. Notices have gone home with dates and times for all games this month. We wish all of our athletes a successful season.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive will run from October 1st to October 13th in support of St. Dominic's Church. As a school community we are asking for your support in collecting non-perishable food items. The parish is very grateful for your continued support and generosity.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

As a Catholic faith community we celebrated mass September 22nd with Father Phil Jones. Thank you to Mlle Pelosi, Mr. Napoleone and our student faith ambassadors for preparing the mass, and to all students who read and served at mass. Thank you also to our wonderful choir and to Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Sanelli, Miss Nevins and our musicians Mr. Finelli, Mr. Arduini and Mr. Cullen for their gift of music. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to join us in the school gym when the rainy weather altered our plan to worship at the church.

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE /B.B.Q.

Thank you to all who attended the Annual B.B.Q. and Meet the Teacher Open House held on Thursday, September 23, 2010. Hot dogs and cold drinks were enjoyed by all and it was a wonderful opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. A special thank you to our volunteers and members of last year's School Council who sold the tickets, served the cold drinks and hot dogs. Your hard work is appreciated. Thank you also to our trustee Mario Pascucci who was able to join us for this fabulous evening of community building.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Elections of the new school council were held on September 29th. Thank you and congratulations to:

C. Farrugia-Chair	T. LaRosa – Treasurer
R. Chambers-Secretary	J. Ward-OAPCE Rep.
M. Jansa-Parish Rep.	T. McKeon-Community Rep
E. Tita-Member	B. Gormick-Member
J. Mallozzi-Member	V. Coste-Member
V. Collier-Member	G. Kowtun-Member
C. Salo-Member	C. Gaspar-Member
T. McCaughan-Member	

You are invited to the second meeting of the Queen of Heaven Catholic School Council on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.



SCHOOL COUNCIL FALL FUNDRAISER

This year's Fundraiser will be The Annual Halloween Dance-a-thon scheduled for Friday, October 29th. Students are encouraged to dress up for the occasion and to really demonstrate their school spirit. Our School Council has been busy preparing exciting prizes for this special event. All students will receive a pledge sheet and envelope on October 8th and are asked to have family and friends sponsor them as they raise funds for such ventures as Artists in the School, Families in Need, Graduation and other school events. Students are **NOT TO CANVAS DOOR TO DOOR** to raise money for this event.

VIRTUES PROGRAM

Throughout the month of October we will focus on the virtue of empathy. An empathetic person listens attentively, notices and responds to others, can see a situation from another person's point of view and knows that different people may feel differently about the same thing. As a Catholic community let us pray for the grace and strength to be people of empathy.

ST. DOMINIC'S PARISH NEWS

Parent meetings for First Reconciliation are being held Sunday, October 17th from 1:30 -3:00 and Tuesday, October 19th from 7:00- 8:30 p.m.

The St. Dominic's Youth Group will be hosting a Halloween Tea Party selling baked goods after all masses October 30th and 31st.

On Saturday, November 6th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. St. Dominic's is hosting its 30th Annual Christmas Bazaar and Craft Sale. There will be crafts, Christmas gifts, collectibles, bake sale, raffle, and tea table. Please come out and support your parish.

PEDICULOSIS

A problem, which seems to occur in most schools, is pediculosis or head lice. Head lice are parasites and they are not connected in any way with uncleanliness. If a case is found, we shall inform all parents of all children in that class. We ask that you periodically check your own children. If you find that your child has pediculosis, please ensure that they get the proper treatment. Even if cases are not reported from the school, it is a wise precaution to check your children periodically. If your children are infested, we will be asking you to keep them out of school until after they have been treated with the correct shampoo and their heads are entirely clear of both lice and nits (eggs). If we all cooperate in these procedures, we may not entirely escape outbreaks, but we will be able to bring them under control quickly.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE DRILLS

In accordance with Ministry regulations, we will conduct 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 have scheduled a lockdown practice for the first week of November. This procedure is intended to prepare students should a high risk incident occur on school property or in the near vicinity.

EQAO RESULTS

Last May and June marked the annual administration of the Primary and Junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (E.Q.A.O.). Parents of children who wrote the 2009-2010 assessment received their child's Individual Student Report on September 22nd. These results provide a "snapshot" of each student's achievement of the knowledge and skills in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics. More general information may be found on the EQAO website at www.eqao.com. If you have any questions concerning your child's results, please feel free to contact the school.

HOMEWORK POLICY

Following consultation with system stakeholders, a Dufferin-Peel homework policy document has been adopted to foster consistency across the board in this area. The policy document addresses the following: definition of homework, characteristics of effective homework, types of commonly assigned homework, timing and quantity of homework, general and specific procedures, reporting of homework, roles and responsibilities of administrators, teachers, students and families. The homework policy is fully outlined in the student agendas and may be viewed online at dpcdsb.org/homework.



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 their friends
- Dispose of all garbage/recyclables and clean up before leaving



PIZZA WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday is Pizza Day from Amadio's Pizza. To make it as easy as possible there is no paper, no advance orders. All the students need is to bring \$2 per slice every Wednesday morning **before 9:00 a.m.** NO LATE ORDERS will be taken.

DAILY DISMISSAL

Each day we dismiss students at 3:00 p.m. All students are expected to meet parents and/or older siblings at the front of the school to go home. We want you to feel welcome in the school but parents and high school students are not to be in the school yard between 8:15 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. as we need to maintain a safe environment for all of our students.

Pets are not permitted on the school grounds or near entrance and exit ways as many students have allergies and are uncomfortable around unfamiliar animals. We are also asking that students do not loiter on school property, neighbouring homes or local businesses at the end of the school day.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The race for members of the 2010-2011 Student Council was very close. Thank you to everyone who put nominations forward to represent their school. Congratulations to our new student council executive:

Prime Minister-Victoria G. Secretary-Susan T.
Deputy- Prime Minister-Michelle B. Treasurer-Eden C.
Public Relations-Cynthia L.

We look forward to an exciting and fun-filled year!

NEW REPORT CARD PROCESS

The 2010-2011 school year marks the beginning of a new reporting process to parents. Formal report cards will now be twice a year (February and June). On November 2nd a progress report will be sent home to all parents to highlight their child's strengths, areas of difficulty and next steps to work on before formal reporting takes place. An evening to meet and discuss the progress report is slated for Thursday November 4, 2010. Please see the insert in this newsletter for more details.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1 st ,	Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins
October 4 th ;	Student Council Elections
October 5 th ,	Kidsentials Hot Lunch
	Fundraiser Committee Mtg. 7:00
October 6 th ;	Pizza Day
October 7 th ,	Choir Practice @ St. Dominic's
	Family Literacy Evenings Begin
October 8 th ,	Thanksgiving Mass 9:15 @ St.
	Dominic Church
October 11 th	Thanksgiving Day - No Classes
October 12 th ,	Thanksgiving Food Drive Ends
October 13 th ,	Pizza Day
October 14 th ,	Cross Country Meet @ Centennial
	Park
	Family Literacy Evening in Library
October 19 th ;	Kidsentials Hot Lunch
October 20 th ,	Class Mass Mr. Grogan 9:15
	Pizza Wednesday
October 21 st ;	Hep B Dose 1 Grade 7 students
	Family Literacy Evening in Library
October 25 th ,	Polling Station in Gym for Municipal
	Elections
	Board Cross Country Meet
October 27 th ;	Class Mass - Mr. Camilleri 9:15
	Pizza Wednesday
October 29 th ;	Dance-a-thon Fundraiser in Gym
November 1 st ;	Picture Day with Edge Imaging
November 2 nd ;	Progress Reports Sent Home

