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# Queen of Heaven School

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## ADVENT PRAYER

O God,  
as light comes from these candles,  
may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us,  
warming our hearts and  
brightening our way.  
May Christ our Savior bring life  
into the darkness of this world,  
and to us, as we wait for his coming.

Amen.

### Principal's Message:

*The season of Advent is upon us. As a people of faith this is a time when we are filled with hope. It is a time to celebrate Jesus' presence in our midst, and to prepare our hearts for his light coming into the darkness*

*As we journey towards Christmas with our families and friends, let our hearts also be open to those most in need of God's love during this season of giving. Here at Queen of Heaven School we hope to provide a special Christmas through donations of canned foods, new and unopened toys, mittens, hats and scarves during our Annual Hat, Mitten, Toy and Christmas Food Drive. As always, your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.*

*This month we focus on the virtue of Hope. With our weekly community building activities students are actively engaged in being messengers of hope through their participation in our Advent celebrations, Advent Mass, and good works. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope". Romans 15:13*

*On behalf of the staff of Queen of Heaven School we wish you a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you back safe and sound when we resume classes on Monday, January 3, 2011.*

C. Cauduro  
Principal

### ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

The Advent wreath is a symbol of God's eternal love for us. It is a reminder of Christ, the light of the world, dispelling our darkness. Here is a blessing for the families in our community who may wish to have an Advent wreath in their homes.

Father, we praise you for sending your Son to save us from our sins and to be the light in our darkness. Bless us as we gather in His name, and bless this wreath as a sign of His light among us. We ask this blessing through Christ our Lord, Amen.



### ADVENT MASS

On Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> Advent Mass will be celebrated at 9:15 a.m. at St. Dominic's Parish. We invite all of our parents/guardians, who are able, to come and celebrate with us.

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Once again the families of Queen of Heaven School are asked to help with our Annual Christmas Hat, Mitten, Toy and Food Drive for those less fortunate than ourselves during this Christmas season. Students are asked to bring in non-perishable canned foods, dry food items, mittens, hats, toys and toiletries from December 6<sup>th</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup>. We would also ask for donations of gift cards to help brighten the Christmas season. All donations are in support of St. Dominic's Parish and local families.



### WEATHER ADVISORY

Once the cold, snowy weather has arrived we ask that the children come to school prepared for our Canadian winter. That means that they are expected to have warm winter outerwear, winter boots, hats, mittens or gloves and scarves. Unless the weather is -20 Celsius or colder, with the wind chill factored in, students will be outside for two 15 minute recess breaks and one 40 minute lunch recess period. Please also insure your child has indoor shoes to wear in the classroom.

### 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  
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

Remember that we are located in the **Region of Peel**.

### SCHOOL DISMISSAL

The school day ends at 3:00 p.m. Students are to exit the building from their designated doors. Parents and older siblings are asked to meet students and leave school property promptly. Students and parents are reminded not to loiter in the yard after school hours.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you again to all of the members of the School Council and our school community for their hard work and tremendous effort with our major fundraiser. It was a great success raising \$12 349!

We would like to thank a number of businesses and families who supported us through their generous donations. Thank you to: Brunswick Bowl, Laser Quest, National Sports, Trox Music Academy, Fun to Grow On, The School Council, The McKeon Family, Policelli Family, Farrugia Family, Crawford Family, Farace Family, Tita Family, Spadafora Family, Gaspar Family, Andrew's Family, Kowtun Family, O'Brien Family, Larosa Family and J. Malozzi. Your support was greatly appreciated. Congratulations to our Grand Prize winners: Gabriela G., Julia M; Maya M., Georgina C., Alana R., Julia K., Lauryn F., Joseph R., John W., and Ethan C. Our top three classes (Mr. Finelli, Ms. Meleca and Ms. Telech) each raised over \$1000 and will enjoy their choice of a pizza party or an ice-cream sundae party.

### EXTENDED FRENCH MEETING

Parents of Grade 4 students who wish to enroll their child in Grade 5 Extended French class for September 2011 are invited to attend an information meeting at **St. Thomas More School on Tuesday, January 11, 2011** at 7:00 p.m.

### **JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

The junior boys and girl's volleyball teams have completed their season. Our boy's team played their best but saw their season come to an end all too soon. Team members included: Alek B., Alexander F., Frank M., Aniel R., John P., Dominik V., Luciano V., Bruno V., and Liam Z. The girl's team played well, winning some of their games but did not advance. Congratulations to team members: Britney B., Monica C., Jessica C., Danya K., Sarah K., Mikeila M., Aoife M., Mia M., Melissa P., and Raquel R. Thank you to our coaches Mr. Cullen, Mlle. Pelosi Mr. Chircop, Miss Bertolacci and Miss Rodrigues. We are proud of both of our teams.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL:**

The Student Council has been busy planning events for the month of December. These include helping to support the Annual Hat, Mitten, Toy and Food Drive from December 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>; The Christmas Door Decorating Contest December 6<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>; and Christmas Trivia from December 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. All students and classes are asked to participate and share in the festivities.

### **FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Registration will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and during the day February 9, 10 and 11, 2011. The following documents must be brought to the school when you register your child(ren):

Updated Immunization Records  
Proof of Age (Birth Certificate or Passport)  
Original Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (for parent/guardian and child)  
Proof of Home Address in our school area  
Proof of Canadian Citizenship

As you know, Queen of Heaven is a Full Day Kindergarten learning school and can only accept registrations from families living in the community.

### **ST. DOMINIC'S PARISH**

The celebration of First Reconciliation is being celebrated with our grade 2 students on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00- 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> at all masses. Christmas Caring and Sharing has begun and everyone is asked to sign up to help provide for families in need. Please see the church bulletin for the Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule.

### **LITERACY NEWS**

Our Primary Division continues to work with our Special Assignment Teacher, Norma Resendes, focusing on guided reading strategies. Over the course of the next month all primary teachers will be incorporating guided practice and descriptive feedback into their daily literacy block. The primary division we will have Christmas Elf Mystery Readers visit the classes each day from December 6- 16<sup>th</sup> to read Christmas stories to the children. As always, we encourage parents to support your children's literacy development by reading with or to them on a daily basis and supporting our 100 Minute Reading Club.

### **CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CULTURE AND CARING**

Our Safe School Committee kicked off our Outstanding Student of the Week Recognition Award with a fabulous assembly. The theme, "BOOM", is in recognition that each and every one of us has an important part to play in making Queen of Heaven a safe and caring community. The weekly community building activities and recognition awards are intended to bring us closer to acceptance and inclusion of every individual in our school. The recognition awards will begin the first week of December and are based on our Catholic virtues, faith, community agreements and daily learning skills and include co-operation, Catholicity, appreciation of others, attentive listening, mutual respect, initiative, conflict resolution, empathy, kindness, and independent work. It is our firm belief that learning and practicing skills that enable collaboration will help us all to build a safe, caring, healthy and inclusive school community.



### **PRIMARY LITERACY CELEBRATION**

Christmas Kits complete with books and craft materials for our Kindergarten to grade 4 students will be used during the month of December. Activities and crafts will be done in the classes over the next three weeks and will culminate with two weeks of Mystery Elves reading to the children. Special thanks to Mrs. O'Brien for organizing these activities and all of our primary teachers for their hard work.

### **INTERMEDIATE SKIING**

Once again this year the intermediate students are being given the opportunity to ski at Hockley Valley Resort in Orangeville. All students are to complete the required forms/payment before December 16, 2010. We will monitor the weather and transportation on the ski dates closely. Busses are set to depart the school by 8:00 a.m. and return to school by 4:30 p.m. Please mark the following dates on your calendars: January 7, 13, 21 and 28, 2011.

### **CATHOLIC RATEPAYERS**

If you are a Catholic ratepayer, we urge you to check your property tax bill to ensure that your support is directed to your local Catholic school board, in our case, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. If you are a tenant, you can verify your support by contacting our Admissions Department at (905)890-0708 Ext. 24511 or 24519, or your local municipal office. By ensuring that you are a Catholic school supporter, you can help deliver a powerful message to the government about the level of support for publically-funded Catholic education in Ontario.



### **CHRIS VOLLUM PRESENTATION**

The St. Philip School Council invites parents to an evening with Chris Vollum. This hands-on, user-friendly workshop explores how to maximize Facebook's settings with an emphasis on safety, security and privacy. This insightful presentation to parents is being held at St. Philip School on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 from 7:00- 8:30 p.m. Please contact our school office for registration forms.



*On behalf of the Queen of Heaven Staff, We*

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

November 29 <sup>th</sup> ;	Advent Liturgy 1:15 a.m. Gym
December 1 <sup>st</sup> ;	Pizza Day
	Grade 2 Reconciliation @ 7:00 p.m.
December 3 <sup>rd</sup> ;	Intermediate Skating 12:45 Cawthra
December 4 <sup>th</sup> ;	Grade 2 Reconciliation 5:00 p.m.
December 5 <sup>th</sup> ;	Grade 2 Reconciliation @ All Masses
December 6 <sup>th</sup> ;	Door Decorating Starts
	Mystery Readers Begin Today
December 8 <sup>th</sup> ;	Pizza Day
December 9 <sup>th</sup> ;	St. Paul Grade 8 Parent Night
December 10 <sup>th</sup> ;	Advent Celebration in Gym @ 10:50
	Intermediate Skating 12:45 Cawthra
December 13 <sup>th</sup> ;	Christmas Trivia Contest Begins
December 14 <sup>th</sup> ;	Kidssentials Hot Lunch
December 15 <sup>th</sup> ;	Advent Mass 9:15 @ St. Dominic's
	Pizza Day
	Christmas Door Judging
December 16 <sup>th</sup> ;	Intermediate Skating 12:45 Cawthra
December 17 <sup>th</sup> ;	Christmas Caroling in Gym a.m.
	Intermediate Dance in Gym p.m.
	Red, Green & White Day
December 18 <sup>th</sup> ;	Christmas Break Begins
January 3 <sup>rd</sup> ;	School Resumes



*Wish you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*