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PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

*Bless us, O Lord, and bless the time and seasons
yet to come.*

*Teach us to number our days right,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
And fill this new year with your kindness,
that we may be glad and rejoice
all the days of our life.*

AMEN

Principal's Message:

Happy New Year and welcome to 2011. It promises to be a year of new beginnings. We welcome Mrs. Di Carlo back from maternity leave and Ms. Karcz has returned from her leave. Mr. Mangiardi continues to recuperate and sends his best wishes to everyone.

I would like to thank the many parents who came in the week before Christmas to wish us a happy holiday and to thank our wonderful staff for their hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank everyone who contributed to our Annual Hat, Mitten and Food Drive in support of St. Dominic Church. Through your generosity we were able to help many families in our community.

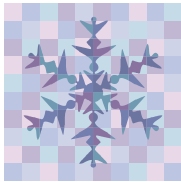
During the month of January we will focus on the virtue of "self-control". Each time we exercise self-control, we resist the temptation to do something we will regret and grow stronger in the Lord. As part of our anti-bullying policy we will continue to recognize students who consistently make good decisions and act on their Catholic virtues through our Outstanding Student of the Week Award.

As we begin 2011, I would like to encourage parents to visit our school website to read the newsletter, school goals and find the dates for upcoming events. Happy New Year to each and every one of you., may it be a year filled with good health, love and God's continued blessings.

C. Cauduro
Principal

THANK YOU

On behalf of St. Dominic's Parish and the staff of Queen of Heaven School, we wish to thank all of you, including our School Council, who generously contributed food, hats, scarves and mittens to our Annual Christmas Drive. The items were distributed to those in need during the Christmas season.



COLD WEATHER ADVISORY

Once again we are asking that children come to school prepared for the winter weather. That means that they are expected to have warm winter jackets, winter boots, hats, mittens or gloves and scarves. Unless the weather is below -24 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.



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 the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and we are located in the **Region of Peel.**

PLEASE LABEL BELONGINGS

Please label your child's belongings so that when hats, mittens, gloves, boots or jackets go astray they can be found. Many young children have similar belongings and we want to ensure that your child has their own boots and clothing.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you again to all of the members of the School Council for their hard work on our school fundraiser. They approved over \$10 000 in "Wish List" items for the school. Teachers have begun spending the money on presentations, Christmas craft supplies and outdoor games materials for the children.

Please join us for our next School Council meeting being held on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.



INTERMEDIATE BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL

The intermediate boys and girls basketball teams are being selected and will begin their season this month. Thank you to Mr. Chircop, Mrs. Harden, Mrs. DeSousa-Correia, Miss Bertolacci and Miss Rodrigues for their dedication and time in preparing our athletes. We wish both of our teams a successful season.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Our student council had a very busy December organizing events on a Christmas theme. There were weeks of wearing Christmas hats, a red, white and green day as well as Christmas Trivia and a Christmas Door Decorating Contest. Thank you to all who participated. Congratulations to the top door decorating done by Ms DeSousa-Correia, Mr. Arduini, and Mr. Grogan's classes. They will each be awarded a pizza party for their designing efforts. Stayed tuned for Valentine Day news!!!

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is the next step in your child's initiation into adult faith. Your support and prayers are needed in your child's spiritual growth. Prayer and attendance at Sunday Mass are crucial elements of our faith tradition. Registration for Confirmation is scheduled for **Sunday, January 16th at 1:30 p.m. and Tuesday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m.** Parents and sponsors are invited to attend. There is a \$20 registration fee. Please contact the parish if you have any questions.

FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION

For those parents who have registered their child for First Eucharist preparation, the first meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 13th at 1:30 p.m. or Tuesday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. **Please note - this is a Parent Meeting.** If you have not yet brought in your child's baptismal certificate, please bring it to this meeting.



EXTENDED FRENCH INFORMATION

Parents of Grade 4 students who wish to enrol their child in a Grade 5 Extended French Program 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. For further information, please speak to your child's teacher.

KISS AND RIDE

Thank you to those parents who are following procedures in the morning and at dismissal time. Remember not to park and block our neighbours driveways or on the sidewalks at any time. It is also understood that parents are not to leave their cars unattended when in the Kiss and Ride lanes or to idle in the fire route lane. If you choose to park on the street please ensure that you obey the posted parking signs.



MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

For safety reasons, no child should bring medication to school without prior approval from the office. The school will store necessary prescribed medication upon completion of the "Request for Storage and Distribution of Prescribed Medications" form, which has been filled out, signed by the parents and physician and returned to the school. School staff, without proper board documentation, cannot distribute medication of any kind.

JUNIOR INTERMEDIATE LITERACY FOCUS

During the month of January the students from grades 4 to 8 will be involved in the writing and presentation of speeches. Public speaking is an important life skill and all students are required to write a speech 3 to 5 minutes in length, memorize it and present it to their class. Each class will then select 2 or 3 students to compete in the school competition being held in the gym on Wednesday, January 26th (Gr. 7- 8 in a.m., Gr. 4-6 in p.m.). Parents are invited to attend the Public Speaking Competition.

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. The 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 on daily reading. Reading certificates will continue to be issued to recognize student accomplishments each month. Please continue to support and encourage all of your children to participate in our reading club.



FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Registration will be held on Monday evening, February 7th from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. and from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. and 1:00- 3:00 p.m. during the day February 9, 10, and 11th, 2011.

The following documents must be brought to the school when you register your child(ren):

- Updated Immunization Records
- Birth Certificate (Proof of Child's Age)
- Child's Baptismal Certificate (Original)
- One Parent's Baptismal Certificate
- Proof of Home Address
- Proof of Canadian Citizenship

Students currently in Full Day Kindergarten (who are NOT ON FLEX BOUNDARIES) at Queen of Heaven School will automatically be registered for full day September 2011 at the school. All JK and new SK registrations are for full day. No flex boundary registrations will be taken at this time. If you have any questions please contact the school at (905) 278-9771.



SUPERVISION

A reminder to parents that supervision in the yard begins at 8:15 a.m. Students should not be at the school prior to that time and will not be permitted to enter the school building prior to 8:30 a.m.

Students who do not ride the bus home and are picked up by parents must be picked up at the 3:00 p.m. dismissal time. Do not contact the office during the day requesting the office to supervise your child after this time. We do not have staff available for this service and the secretarial staff are not permitted to supervise students unless in emergency situations.

VALUABLES

As part of the Board's PED Policy (Personal Electronic Devices), students are reminded not to bring any valuable items such as portable game units, CD players, iPods, cell phones, cameras etc... to school or on class trips.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CULTURE AND CARING

Here at Queen of Heaven we continue our anti-bullying initiative through weekly community building activities. Our focus during second term will be "Together We Can Be A Bully-free Community. Students will be engaged in anti-bullying activities and presentations. We believe that learning and practicing skills that enable collaboration and cooperation will help us all to build a safe, caring, healthy and inclusive school community.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

The month of January is dedicated to the virtue of Self-Control. A person with self-control...

- is patient
- knows how to wait his/her turn
- can think things through

Self control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that we will regret. As people of faith, let us invite peace to settle over our lives as we work to make good decisions as we exercise self-control.

FIRST TERM REPORT CARDS

On February 1, 2011 students will bring home their first term report cards. In the new elementary school Ontario report cards there have been changes to the Learning Skills and Work Habits to include:

Responsibility, Organization, Independent Work, Collaboration, Initiative and Self Regulation.

The improved elementary provincial report Card also emphasizes and gives examples of the learning skills and work habits required. It has ample space for teachers to add meaningful, clear and personalized comments so you can understand how your child is progressing. The report card continues to use letter grades for Grades 1-6 and percentage marks for Grades 7-8 so parents clearly understand how well their child is doing. On this report card teachers will provide suggestions on how you can support your child's education at home.

RAPPER D.O. PRESENTATION

Duane Gibson (D.O.), a hip-hop artist, published writer and professional speaker will be presenting to our students on Tuesday, January 11th at a Motivational Assembly.

D.O. has set a Guinness World Record in rap, has six music videos on Much Music and has performed in Taiwan, Japan, England, France and the U.S.A.

He will be speaking to our students about bullying. The assemblies for JK to Gr. 4 students will be at 9:00-10:00 am. For students in Gr. 5-8 the assembly will be from 10:30-11:30 am. Parents are welcome to attend either assembly.

STOPR (Bus Transportation)

The Ministry of Education requires school board bus transportation consortiums to improve efficiency. One initiative promoted by the Ministry of Education, that is designed to improve efficiency, is known as integrated ridership. In integrated ridership, students from both Dufferin-Peel and Peel schools will ride on the same buses, where feasible. The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board has approved the implementation of integrated ridership, where feasible, starting September, 2011. During the next few months, STOPR staff will be looking at areas where integrated ridership would work best. Integrated ridership does not work well in all areas and, as a result, there may be only a few areas that will have this program. There will be more information to follow.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 3;	Welcome Back
January 4;	Jr/Int Hockey Game 3:00 @ Cawthra
January 5;	Pizza Lunch
January 7;	Gr. 7/8 Skiing @ Hockley Valley Gr. 4 -6 Skating @ Cawthra 12:30
January 11;	Kidssential Hot Lunch Rapper D.O. Presentation in Gym a.m. Extended French Parent Mtg 7:00 p.m. @ St. Thomas More
January 12;	Pizza Day, Amadio's Pizza
January 13;	Gr. 7/8 Skiing @ Hockley Valley New Beginnings Liturgy in Gym 10:45 Gr. 4 -6 Skating @ Cawthra 12:30
January 14;	P.A. Day No Classes
January 17;	Jr/Int Hockey Game 3:00 @ Cawthra
January 19;	Pizza Lunch
January 20;	Jr/Int Hockey Game 3:00 @ Cawthra School Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
January 21;	Gr. 7/8 Skiing @ Hockley Valley Gr. 4-6 Skating @ Cawthra 12:30
January 25;	Kidssential Hot Lunch
January 26;	Pizza Lunch Int. Speech Contest in a.m. Jr. Speech Contest in p.m.
January 31;	Jr/Int Hockey Game 3:00 @ Cawthra
February 1;	Report Cards Go Home Today