



**April
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Newsletter**

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Cross in My Pocket

*I carry a cross in my pocket, a simple reminder to me-
of the fact that I am a Christian wherever I may be.
This little cross is not magic, nor is it a good luck charm.
It isn't meant to protect me from any physical harm.
It's not for identification, for all the world to see.
It's simply an understanding between my Saviour and me.
When I put my hand in my pocket, to pull out a coin or a key,
The cross is there to remind me, of the price He paid for me.
It reminds me too to be thankful, for my blessings day by day.
And to strive to serve Him better-
In all that I do and say.*

Amen

Principal's Message:

During this season of Lent all Christians are called to be actively involved in fasting, prayer and sacrifice. As a Catholic community our students from grades 3 to 8 were able to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. Thank you to Father Phil and Father Noel for making this possible.

Our school has focused on prayer and acts of charity. Students have created a cross filled with Lenten promises in our front foyer. Daily announcements by our youth faith ambassadors highlighted Lenten reflections showing how we can all grow closer to God. Everyone in our community has been donating food for the Easter Food Drive in support of St. Dominic's Church.

Our Student Council is raising money through a Lenten Pretzel Sale and will host a Spring Dance to continue to raise money for Share Life. The intermediate students are preparing the Stations of the Cross and will present to us on Holy Thursday. We invite parents to attend this moving liturgy.

As a faith community we have embraced the spirit of Lent. We look forward to the hope born of the Easter promise as we move into the final term.

**C. Cauduro
Principal**

SAFETY FIRST

Please review the following Safe School Procedures to help us to continue to provide a safe learning environment for your children.

- 1) The school day begins at 8:30 a.m. Kiss N' Ride is supervised from 8:15-8:30 daily. Please do not drop off your children, or send them to school before these times, as supervision is not available; ensure students arrive on time to begin classes at 8:30
- 2) Parents/guardians are asked to pick their children up at the main office and to sign them out if they are leaving the school early;
- 3) If students are returning from an appointment during the day, parents/guardians are asked to sign students back in at the main office;
- 4) Please continue to phone in your child's absences;
- 5) All parents/visitors must sign in at the office and receive a visitor's sticker;
- 6) Parents are not to be in the school yard at any time. All students are to exit at their assigned doors with their class and meet their parents on the sidewalk areas of the school yard.

Thank you for your co-operation, support and understanding.



SUMMER LITERACY CAMP

Summer Literacy Camp will be held at a variety of locations (including St. Catherine of Sienna) from July 4 – 29, 2011. This extremely worthwhile program is offered to children S.K. to Grade 6 at a cost of \$200 for first two weeks, \$200 for the second two weeks and \$380 for all four weeks. The deadline for applications is June 3rd. Your child's teacher has further information available. Transportation is not provided.

GRADE 7 AND 8 SUMMER SCHOOL

Grade 7 and 8 students are eligible to attend Remedial Literacy and Numeracy classes from July 4 – 22, 2011. There is no cost for the program and busing is provided. The deadline for applications is June 3rd. If you believe that your child would benefit from this program, or would like more information please contact your child's teacher for an application.



LITERACY NEWS

Teachers in our primary and junior classes continue to work with our literacy consultant Norma Resendes and LNS consultant to the Board, Marla Newton on Ministry initiatives to further develop our student's literacy skills. During the month of April teachers will focus on the use of success criteria with the students to clarify the expectations and improve their oral and written responses to the materials they have read.

EQAO

Our Grade Three and Grade Six students will be participating in the Provincial EQAO assessments during the weeks of May 30 – June 10. 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. More specific information will be forthcoming prior to the start of the assessment.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to Frances S., and Joanne Z., who represented Queen of Heaven at the Credit Valley Lion's Club Public Speaking Contest held on March 7, 2011. We are very proud of both of these fine orators and our school's tradition of excellence in public speaking.

EDUCATION WEEK

Catholic Education week begins Monday, May 2 to Friday, May 6, 2011. A number of activities including our Spring Concert, Book Fair and faith opportunities have been planned to help us to celebrate this year's theme, "Celebrating the Spirit".



ST. DOMINIC'S PARISH NEWS

A reminder to all members of our community of the mass schedule for Holy Week April 17th -23rd. All masses on April 17-18th will honour Palm Sunday. Monday of Holy Week: April 18th; 8:00 am Mass. April 21st HOLY THURSDAY; 8:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight. APRIL 22, GOOD FRIDAY; 12:30 pm Good Friday Service for Families with children, 3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross led by the Youth Ministry. *NO confessions and NO 5:00 pm Mass on Holy Saturday.* APRIL 23, HOLY SATURDAY; 11:00 am Blessing of the Food, 1:00 pm RCIA Rehearsal, 8:00 pm EASTER VIGIL. April 24, EASTER SUNDAY 8:30 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 noon. Please make it a priority for your family to attend.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council continues to fund many initiatives at the school including the upcoming Mad Science and Medieval Brass Rubbings presentations. A reminder to all that our next School Council meeting is being held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

BASKETBALL NEWS

The junior boy's and girl's basketball teams have begun their season. There is a series of four games being played by each team.

At any and all home games **spectators must have a permission note to be in attendance and be accompanied by an adult.** Our coaches cannot be responsible for the spectators as they are busy coaching their teams. All spectators and parents are asked to sign in at the main office and to remain seated on the stage for the games. Food and drink are not permitted in the gym.

Thank you to our coaches Miss Bertolacci, Ms. Rodrigues and Mr. Chircop for their time and effort coaching our young athletes.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Our student council wishes to thank everyone who participated in our Lenten Pretzel Sale. All money raised will go towards our Share Life campaign. Thank you to our intermediate students who will be participating in a Spring Dance. All money raised will once again go to Share Life. We appreciate your ongoing support of these fun-filled student events.

GRADE 6 TRIP TO MANSFIELD

Wednesday, April 6th to Friday, April 8th our grade 6 students will be participating in an overnight trip at the Mansfield Outdoor Education Centre. Activities will include orienteering, survival skills and nature walks designed to supplement our Science and Social and Environmental Studies curriculum.



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 2-6th. Any unclaimed items will be donated to local charities.

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, short skirts, p.j. bottoms are contrary to both the philosophy of our Catholic School teachings and to the standards we set as parents and educators. With warmer weather soon on its way, we will remind all students of dress code expectations. Your assistance in ensuring that your child is dressed appropriately is appreciated.



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The Spring Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the library during Education Week. The book fair will be held in the library from Friday, April 29th to Thursday, May 5th. A family event will be held on the evening of our Spring Concert, which is May 5th, 2011.

The Mississauga East Battle of the Books competition will take place on Wednesday, May 18th, 2011 at St. Alfred's School. Nine junior students, who have read from a list of 50 titles, will participate in this academic competition with nine other schools. Good luck to our Battle of the Books team!

FLEX BOUNDARY

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 to the principal stating their intention to have their child(ren) remain in the school.

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

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 6, 2011.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND PHONE NUMBERS

It is critical that the school has all of the up-to-date phone numbers and emergency contacts in the event of an illness or injury to your child. Please inform the office staff of any changes to work, home, cell and emergency contact numbers. Also, if you move we require your new address information for our school files. Your child's safety and well-being are important to us all.

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM PEEL HEALTH

A number of parents have received information specific to their child(ren)'s immunization record from **Peel Public Health**. It is the responsibility of the parent to update these records in a timely fashion or **risk suspension** of their child(ren) from school.

To contact Peel Public Health or submit an immunization record:

- Submit records online at www.immunizepeel.ca
- Call 905-799-7700
- Fax records to 905-789-0597

VIRTUES PROGRAM

Jesus made one lesson clear above all others- the lesson to: "Love one another as I have loved you." During the month of April we will focus on what it means to be a loving person who...

- wants what is best for others
- is willing to make sacrifices for the good of others
- knows that we are all loveable
- prays for others

Love can be seen in the simplest acts of kindness, such as sharing a pencil, playing a game, or even by saying thank you. We should always show our love for others because love is about seeing the good in people.

STUDENT CELL PHONES AT SCHOOL

Our school board PED Policy (Personal Electronic Devices) requires all student cell phones to be turned off during the school day. Students who are caught texting, talking or using their phones during the school day (especially during class time) will have their cell phone removed and taken to the office. A parent will be called to come and pick up the cell phone and to review the board policy with the principal.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Every other year, our school participates in Jump Rope for Heart. Students are encouraged to collect pledges from friends and family members before they "jump rope" for an extended period of time on April 15th. As a school we have set a goal to raise \$2000.00 for this worthwhile cause. Please support this fundraising effort and encourage your child to collect pledges in the fight against heart disease. To learn more about Jump Rope for Heart, check out the website at JumpRopeforHeart.ca

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 4;	Gr. 3 Swim to Survive @ Cawthra 1:00
April 5;	EQAO Tutoring Gr. 3 and 6 Jr. Girls/Boys Basketball @ Q of H Jump Rope for Heart Assembly 2:15
April 6;	Lenten Mass 9:15 @ St. Dominic Church Pizza Day; Amadio's Pizza Gr. 6 Trip to Mansfield
April 7;	EQAO Tutoring Gr. 3 and 6
April 8;	Intermediate Spring Dance Grade 6 Return from Mansfield
April 11;	Gr. 3 Swim to Survive @ Cawthra 1:00 Jr. Girls/Boys Basketball @ St. Dominic's
April 12;	Gr. 4 Garage Sale in a.m. Kidssential Hot Lunch EQAO Tutoring Gr. 3 and 6 School Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
April 13;	Gr. 8 Graduation Photos in a.m. Class Mass 9:15 Mrs. DeSousa-Correia Pizza Day; Amadio's Pizza
April 14;	EQAO Tutoring Gr. 3 and 6 Jr. Girls/Boys Basketball @ Q of H Welcome to Kindergarten Evening for all New JK students @ 6:30 p.m.
April 15;	Jump Rope for Heart Day in Gym Intermediate Boys Soccer Tournament
April 18;	Holy Week Begins Gr. 3 Swim to Survive @ Cawthra 1:00
April 20;	Class Mass 9:15 Mrs. Karcz Pizza Day, Amadio's Pizza
April 21;	Holy Thursday – Stations of the Cross in pm Pretzels Delivered
April 22;	Good Friday- No Classes
April 25;	Easter Monday – No Classes
April 26;	Jump Rope Pledges Due Officer Taylor Class Presentations Kidssential Hot Lunch EQAO Tutoring Gr. 3 and 6
April 27;	Pizza Day, Amadio's Pizza Officer Taylor Class Presentations
April 28;	Officer Taylor Class Presentations EQAO Tutoring Gr. 3 and 6
April 29;	Officer Taylor Class Presentations
May 2;	Education Week: Celebrating the Spirit
May 5;	Spring Concert

Please mark Wednesday, May 25th on your calendars as we will celebrate our 50th Anniversary with the Crowning of Mary mass at St Dominic's Church. Mass will begin at 6:00 pm and we will return to the school for a social.

If you have any Queen of Heaven memorabilia you could lend us for display, please contact Mrs. Crook at (905) 278-9771.