



**March
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Newsletter**

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Lenten Prayer

*Dear God, as we begin this season of Lent,
We call on you to help us to love you more
and to reach out to others in friendship, especially those who need us most.
May the ashes we received remind us of our call to change our ways
by making greater effort to show our love for our families,
colleagues and especially those we have hurt in the past.
May your Spirit give us the courage and strength to be people of faith.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,*

Amen.

Principal's Message:

Lent takes place in the early spring. It is the perfect time to renew our life with Christ because all of the earth is being "reborn". It is a time to make changes, heal relationships and grow closer to God.

Here at Queen of Heaven Lent will be a time for prayer, almsgiving, and sacrifice as we make small changes in our daily lives that can make a big difference in our classrooms, in our homes and in our community. All of our students are called to daily prayer and reflection. Almsgiving need not only be the giving of food or money but also the giving of our time to others. Sacrifice can mean not only giving up something special but giving of ourselves to others.

Our students will be giving of themselves through acts of kindness as they reflect on their personal promises and post them on a Lenten cross created by our youth ambassadors. As a school community we will be focusing on daily prayer and acts of charity that will culminate with financially supporting Share Life and St. Dominic's Church.

Once again we will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with pancakes for all students and staff. Lenten pretzels will also be available to the students during Holy Week. As a Catholic community let us embrace this time with a deep desire to grow ever closer to God and one another.

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SAFE ARRIVALS POLICY

Every day our secretary, Mrs. Crook, spends a great deal of time following our Safe Arrivals Policy by telephoning parents as to the absence of their child, if the parent does not call in. We are a very busy school and we are asking your assistance in calling the school prior to 9:00 a.m. to report your child's absence. Please call **905 278-9771** and leave a message on our machine. We have also noticed a significant number of students arriving to school after the bell at 8:30. It is very important to instill in your child the importance of arriving at school on time. Students should report to the office for a late slip. We ask that parents **do not escort children to the classroom after the bell.** While you may feel that others know who you are, you are a stranger to other children and teachers in the school. All visitors must **report to the office, sign in and receive a visitor's sticker.** Your cooperation in keeping our students and school safe is greatly appreciated.



LITERACY NEWS

Teachers in our primary and junior classes continue to work with our Literacy Consultant Norma Resendes to focus on the further development of our student's literacy skills. Our teachers are involved in Professional Learning Teams with their colleagues and will meet with Marla Newton from the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat to work on selecting rich resources and "high yield" strategies to guide their teaching and help our students to achieve continued success.

EQAO NEWS AND AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Thank you to all parents who responded to the after school tutoring program being offered to grade 3 and 6 students after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Confirmation letters have gone home and all tutoring begins Tuesday, March 1st through Thursday, May 26th. Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Correia – DeSousa and Ms. Telech will serve as the tutors for these sessions. All work begins at 3:00 p.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m. Parents are to arrange transportation home.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Our Ash Wednesday Mass will be observed at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, March 9th at St. Dominic's Church. We invite all parents to join us as we come together as a faith community.

ST. DOMINIC'S PARISH NEWS

All candidates for Confirmation, and their parents, are reminded of their up-coming interviews with Father Phil or Father Noel. The candidate and at least one parent are expected to attend the interview. Candidates are also reminded to return the parental consent form by Friday March 4th, if they wish to participate in the volunteer morning at the Canadian Food for Children warehouse on Tuesday March 15th.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to all parents who were able to come out to our last meeting and listen to keynote speaker Lesley Andrew. It was a very moving and inspirational evening. We would also like to thank Council members for their support of our Pancake Breakfast being held on Shrove Tuesday, March 8th. Students will enjoy delicious pancakes and syrup from The Golden Griddle Family Restaurant on Dixie Road. Parent volunteers and our youth ambassadors will ensure that the pancakes get to the classrooms on time. We suggest that you send in an extra drink with your child on this day. It is a wonderful way to begin our Lenten season.

Our next School Council meeting is being held on Thursday, April 14, 2010.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (PEDS)

As part of our efforts to promote and maintain a positive Catholic climate in our schools, the school continues to enforce board policy regarding Personal Electronic Devices (PEDS) such as cell phones 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.** At Queen of Heaven we ask that students leave all electronic devices and games at home as the school cannot be responsible for their safe keeping. Cell phones are permissible as long as they are turned off during the school day and **not used in or on school property.**

MAD SCIENCE PRESENTATIONS

Throughout the months of March and April students from grades 2, 3 and 4 will participate in Mad Science presentations. The half day sessions are hands on, experiential ways to learn about science. These insightful and enjoyable presentations are provided courtesy of our School Council.

BASKETBALL NEWS

The intermediate boys' and girls' basketball have completed their season. They worked hard and represented our school well. Team members included Rebecca C., Brianne C., Nicole F., Caroline M., Holly P., Victoria G., Eden C., Emilia R., Sarah H., Michaela A., Christian A., Taidgh B., Matthew F., Dylan F., Justin K., David L., Kyle L., Chris M., Sean S., and Volodya T. Thank you to Ms. Rodrigues, Ms. Bertolacci, Mr. Chircop, Mrs. Correia and Mrs. Harden for their dedication and time in preparing our athletes.

CRUSADERS HOCKEY TEAM

The members of our hockey team continue their season as they head towards the playoffs. Team members include Cara C., Mark V., Christian A., Matthew F., Nathan F., Nicholas R., Michael C., Joshua H., Matthew R., Luca F., Cameron O., C.J. C., Paul L., Dario G., Jordan H., Lauryn F., Kyle D., and Anthony A. Thank you to our coaches Mr. Camilleri and Mr. Cullen. Let's Go Crusaders!!!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

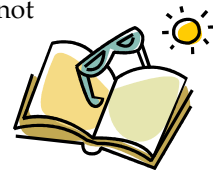
Our student council wishes to thank everyone who supported Spirit Week. All money raised will go towards the Share Life Campaign at St. Dominic's Church. Your student council is hard at work planning future student events, including Pretzel Day on Holy Thursday, as well as other events during the months of March and April. There will be a small charge to participate in these events and all money raised will go to Share Life. More information will follow soon.

LIBRARY NEWS FROM MRS. MCKEOWN

Last month we began our Battle of the Books club. This club, for students in grades 4 to 6, encourages students to read and respond to a variety of books from an approved list. Nine students from the club will be chosen to represent our school at the **Mississauga East Battle of the Books Competition** on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at St. Alfred's School. Our coach, Ciara Z. will help prepare our team for the competition by attending our weekly meetings and encouraging students to read, read, read! In the library, we will focus on preparing for **Lent, St. Patrick's Day and Spring**. We continue to read nominees for the Ontario Library Association's **Blue Spruce Award**. These picture books highlight Canadian authors and have been chosen for their excellence.

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

Homework is generally work not completed in class or reinforcement of concepts taught in class. Often when parents take regularly scheduled holiday times, we are requested to provide homework which would cover the same material as the students may miss. It is better to take full advantage of what can be learned on the trip and have students read material related to what they will see and write a journal about their activities. If a student is having some difficulty demonstrating the expectations of the grade level, parents may want to be cautious of how much school time is missed and the possible effect on the academic success of the student.



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THE VIRTUES PROGRAM IN OUR SCHOOL

Our school continues to focus on the Virtues Program. This month's virtue is Kindness. We all deserve to be shown concern for our welfare and our feelings. We have all been given the Fruit of the Holy Spirit called kindness. Kindness can only be seen through actions. This month especially, we are called to demonstrate kindness through our actions and words.



IMPORTANT NEWS FROM PEEL HEALTH

Peel Public Health will be reviewing immunization records of all students at our school from March to June 2011. Peel Public Health must have proof that your child has been fully vaccinated (immunized) according to the Ontario immunization schedule. During the record review, you will receive a letter from Peel Public Health if your child's record is incomplete. It will tell you what vaccinations your child needs to meet the requirements for Ontario.

Immunization records are considered incomplete if:

- Peel Public Health has not received your child's vaccination record or
- Your child's record does not show that he/she has had all the required doses of vaccine (e.g. infant and booster doses) or
- You do not have a valid exemption from immunization for your child

If you receive a letter, please be sure your child has received the required vaccination(s), then give the date(s) to Peel Public Health immediately to update your child's record. For more information please call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 or visit www.immunizepeel.ca. Translation services are available.

FLEXIBLE BOUNDARY POLICY

Many students attend Queen of Heaven under the "Flexible Boundary policy". This offers convenience for many parents who access daycare in the area. Parents who have requested flexible boundary admittance for their children must be aware that the policy will be considered on a student-by-student, year-to-year basis taking into account the class size of the students who are enrolling and the resources available at the school. While we offer support to all of our students, please understand that the availability of the flexible boundary policy should never negatively impact on the class size and school resources. Please feel free to call the school if you have any questions regarding this policy.

ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM

Kidssentials says take a break from packing lunch... and *help us* help the environment by eventually going paperless! When you order meals for the April to June term, you now have the additional payment option of **ordering online**. It's fast, easy and secure. Information on how to register for an account and how to place an order will be attached to the next Kidssentials hot lunch order form going home early this month.

For more information, contact Kidssentials at: 905.855.1914 or mail@kidssentials.com. To create an account, visit: www.kidssentials.com/parents



SWIM TO SURVIVE

The City of Mississauga Aquatic team will be providing the students from grade 3 with the opportunity to participate in the Lifesaving Society's Swim to Survive Program. Swim to Survive is an important first step to being safe around the water. There is no cost involved and the three in-pool lessons will take place at Cawthra Pool. Please look for additional information and permission forms to come home the final week of March.

CROWNING OF MARY CELEBRATION

2010-2011 marks Queen of Heaven's 50th Anniversary Year. Our major celebration will be our Crowning of Mary Mass being held on Wednesday, May 25th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Dominic's Church. Following this special mass we will gather for a reception at the school. Please mark this date on your family's calendar.

STOPR BUS INFORMATION

The school board's bus transportation services are operated by Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR). This is a consortium, or partnership, between the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and the Peel District School Board. 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. Integrated ridership works best in situations where schools are located close to one another and the number of students involved helps achieve better organized bus runs. STOPR staff is currently assessing areas where integrated ridership would work best and will provide additional information regarding the selection of schools where integrated ridership will be implemented. STOPR will keep you informed through regular updates in school newsletters over the upcoming months.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1;	After School EQAO Tutoring Begins
March 2;	Class Mass Miss Nevins 9:15 Pizza Day Hockey Game 3:00 @ Cawthra
March 3;	After School EQAO Tutoring 3:00-4:30
March 4;	CCCCAT Assembly 9:00 in Gym
March 7;	Lion's Speaking Contest 7:00 p.m. Hockey Game 3:00 @ Cawthra
March 8;	Pancake Day for all classes Kidsentials Hot Lunch
March 9;	Lenten Mass 9:15 @ St. Dominic's Church Pizza Day
March 12-20;	MARCH BREAK
March 21;	First Day of Classes after the Break
March 23;	Class Mass Mrs. Stewart 9:15 a.m. Pizza Day
March 25;	Q of H celebrates Earth Day
March 26;	Earth Day
March 29;	Kidsentials Hot Lunch
March 30;	Reconciliation Grades 3-8 Pizza Day
March 31;	Parish School Symposium

