

FROM OUR HEARTS TO YOURS...

WE WISH ALL OF YOU A VERY JOYOUS, PEACE FILLED HOLIDAY!!



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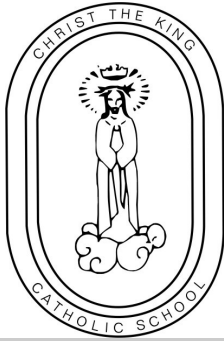
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Advent Prayer

O God,

As light comes from this candle,

May the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us,

Warming our hearts and brightening our way.

May Christ our Saviour bring life into darkness of this world,

and to us, as we wait for His coming.

Amen



Principal's Message

The Season of Advent is a time of expectation, waiting, caring, kindness, compassion and hope. We strive to prepare our hearts and our lives as we wait in great anticipation for the coming of Jesus. The birth of Jesus signifies a new beginning that heralds new hopes and dreams that light up our lives and give it new meaning.

On behalf of the staff of Christ The King School, I extend our best wishes during this Christmas Season to you and your family. We hope that you will be blessed with the spirit and gifts of the first Christmas – peace, love and goodwill toward all.

May the promise of Christmas help to show God's boundless love and may you be blessed with good health, prosperity and happiness throughout the New Year as we strive to work with you and for you in providing excellence in Catholic Education in our community!

M. McIsaac

VIRTUES PROGRAM - DECEMBER ~ HOPE

This month we will celebrate the Virtue of Hope.

We believe that God comes to us as a real human who can show us the way of life.

We understand that both the world and its people are from God and so are essentially good. Furthermore, God has given us this Advent season year after year in order to focus our minds and our hearts on the good all around us.

Year after year, we are reminded that God chose to send His Son to us because we are worth it. God knows how great we can be when we all come together.

People of Hope...

- ◆ Keep up a positive attitude
- ◆ Can bounce back from tough situations
- ◆ Set and stick to their goals
- ◆ See the good in others even when they make mistakes
- ◆ Work to include others
- ◆ Let others know that *they* are good people

All Virtue information has been added to the front pages of your child's agenda.



Christ The King School Nominated for Teacher of the Year Award

We would like to congratulate **our** Mr. Masson for being nominated for the Toronto Star

Teacher of the Year Award this past fall. Thank you to Mr. Duggan to take the time to nominate and bring awareness to such an amazing educator that has touched our hearts in many, many ways!!! We are very proud of him and are truly grateful for his presence in our daily lives!!

VIRTUES PROGRAM - JANUARY ~ SELF-CONTROL

This month we will celebrate the Virtue of Self-control.

God has given us the ability to choose.

We are able to control how we react to what happens around us.

We may feel pressure from inside or from outside ourselves to react violently to a situation. We've all "lost it" at one time or another. We are never proud of those moments. As soon as they happen we make a promise that they will not happen again.

Through prayer and concentration, we can get better at controlling our reactions. We can get better at showing *self-control*.

Self-control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that we will regret. Self control helps us to resist the temptation to something that will harm ourselves or others. Self-control is one of the marks of a spiritually mature person.

When we all use self-control, we can be sure that our school will be a safe, caring and inclusive place to live and to learn.

A person with self-control...

- ◆ Is patient
- ◆ Knows how to wait his/her turn
- ◆ Can calm him/herself down and think before reacting to situations
- ◆ Knows how to avoid physical aggression (hitting, kicking, pushing, fighting, etc.)
- ◆ Can think things through and do what is best for everyone



Advent Celebrations

Our Advent Celebrations will take place throughout the four weeks prior to Christmas in the school gymnasium at 9:15 a.m.

Monday, November 28th

Monday, December 5th

Monday, December 12th

Monday, December 19th



*You are cordially invited to:
Christ the King Advent Mass
at St. Francis of Assisi Church
Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.
Come Celebrate Advent with Us!*



Comic Book Art Tour

On November 28th, 2011 we were thrilled to have “Freeze DNA” coming to Christ the King school for a free 45 minute comic art workshop for students in grades 2-6.

“Freeze DNA” is a children’s book publishing company that provides children with an opportunity to explore their artistic abilities and help them build their self-esteem.



Michael Wade

The author of the “And then it Happened” series visited our Grade 3 - 8 classes on November 16th.

All the students enjoyed the way he connected language curriculum to the creative process of writing with the genre of humour. Students came away from Mr. Wade’s presentation truly believing that anyone can become a writer and enjoy reading. We would like to thank the School Council for their financial support, Mrs. McIsaac for her dedication to humor and reading and Mrs. Chelak for organizing the amazing presentations.



Breakfast with Santa on December 6th

Santa & Mrs. Claus are coming to CTK for a pancake breakfast.

Santa will be taking pictures with

students. Order forms and information will be sent home shortly. Special Thank you to Joe Feeney from Woodchesters Sobeys Ontario for his generous donation. All proceeds will be helping the Breakfast for Kids program.



Thank you to the St. Christopher Community who supported our Breakfast Club through generous donations of breakfast items! We truly

appreciate their generosity in allowing us to assist some of our students with a healthy breakfast and ready to embark on their journey to learning!!



News from the Library...

The Annual Library Christmas Raffle items will be on display in the amphitheatre from December 12th until the draw on December 16th. The tickets are 50 cents each or 3 for \$1.00. All monies raised will be used to purchase wonderful new items for the Library. Come, have fun, and support the Library Program at CTK.

Snow Balls

Every year about this time we need to remind students that throwing snowballs, kicking snow, is prohibited on school property. If students are caught throwing snow in any fashion, parents/guardians will be contacted immediately. So students: SNOW STAYS ON THE GROUND!!! Thanks for your cooperation.

Cold Weather and Illness



In colder weather we often receive requests to allow students to remain indoors when students have a cold, flu etc.. Please note that we cannot comply, as we have neither the facilities or the staff to supervise these students. Please use discretion in keeping your child at home to recover if they are ill. A child who is wheezing, coughing... is not in a state to learn and will infect others. If your child is well enough to attend school, they should be well enough to go outside at recess.

Clothing in Cold Weather



Children will go outside for recess and lunch hour, weather permitting. On extremely cold days we limit the amount of time students spend outdoors. During morning announcements, we remind students to wear all winter clothes. Children should come to school with boots, winter coats, scarves, hats and mittens. As well, in order to keep their workplace clean, please ensure your child has a pair of “indoor” shoes. It will reduce the amount of dirt and mud brought indoors. This will also assist our custodial staff in keeping our school clean. Thanks for your continued cooperation.

Message from Sharon Hobin~Trustee Wards 2 & 8

Well the school year is moving quickly as it always does (especially as we get older)! I am pleased to report that to date this has been a wonderful start up with many exciting events happening in our schools. Thanks to everyone who organized the many tributes to our veterans on November 11th. Both my parents were veterans of World War II. It is very important that our children know and understand the terrific sacrifice made in the past and continues to be made by our armed forces. As the Christmas season approaches it also means it is time for the school board to hold its elections for chair and vice chair as well as committee chairpersons. The organization board meeting will be on December 6th. Information as to who has been elected will be on our board web site at www.dpcdsb.org.

We welcome the opening of another Catholic school in Brampton. Our Lady of Lourdes opened its doors in September. It will serve a large population in the Brampton area and is predicted to grow in numbers every year. The new Loyola is moving along and is right on time if not ahead of schedule. We look forward to the opening in September. Course choices will include many of the new programs. And while writing about Loyola, sincere congratulations to the Loyola Senior Girls Basketball team for winning the AAA (ROPSSAA) Tier 2 Championship. This is Loyola's 27th championship team in the last eight years. Congratulations also go to the entire Cross Country team! They participated in the ROPSSAA championship on October 28th. It was a very cold day and the course was muddy but this did not deter the Loyola Warriors for a ROPSSAA gold medal!!! Many of our elementary schools are winning Family and board wide championships as well...too many to list. Sincere congratulations to all.

Congratulations to MPP Laurel Broten who has been appointed Minister of Education. We look forward to a positive partnership and wish her all the best in her endeavours. Congratulations to MPP Bob Delaney who has been appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education.

We will be inviting our local MPPs to meet with the board of Trustees and senior staff in the New Year to discuss goals, concerns and issues. I hope that our local MPP will be able to attend.

I am hoping that you will make an effort to attend your Catholic school council meetings. This is an opportunity for you to hear the latest news about your children's school and to ask pertinent questions. Thank you so much to our school council members and volunteers for your time and talent.

As I visit my schools I am acutely aware of our outward signs of our Catholicity. It is crucial that we continue to make our elected representatives aware that we expect that they will stand for Catholic education in this province. I wish each and every one of you a blessed Christmas and all the very best for the New Year. May the good Lord always hold you in the palm of His hand.

South Common Community Centre Visits

As part of their Physical Education Curriculum the Grade 7 and 8 students will be participating in a program provided by 'South Common Community Centre' through the City of Mississauga. The program includes; dancing, fitness and yoga activities.

The students will be lead by qualified personnel from the Community Centre .

These activities will allow the children exposure in promoting a continual active/healthy lifestyle.

At this time we would like to thank South Common Community Centre for allowing this wonderful opportunity at no cost to the school or community!



Loyola Grade 8 Information

December 7, 2011 - 9:00 p.m. Course selection and option sheet process visit

December 13, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. – Parent Information Evening

December 15, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. -

January 19, 2012 - 7:00 p.m. – Curriculum Information Evening for Grade 8 Parents

January 25, 2012 – Grade 8 Registration Package Due

Chess Club



The Christ the King Chess Club began on November 10th, with over 50 participants! We have begun round robin play in each of the three divisions and new players

are learning how to play. The club takes place on Thursday and Fridays during lunch recess, in room #115. New and gently used chess game donations are always welcome!

Crawford Lake School Trip

Mrs. Gawronski's Grade 2/3 and Mrs. Pendergast's Grade 3 classes will be going to the Crawford Lake Conservation Centre on Friday, December 9th. This excursion is an extension of the Social Studies Theme: Early Settlements in Upper Canada. The children will be visiting a replica of a Huron village and hiking around Crawford Lake. We are hoping for fine weather and a fun day!

EXTENDED FRENCH INFORMATION MEETING

Grade 4 parent(s)/guardian(s), who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 5 Extended French class for September, 2012 are invited to attend an information meeting at:

St. Christopher School

1195 Clarkson Road North, Mississauga

Wednesday, January 18, 2012 7:00 p.m.

At the present time, the above mentioned school is the designated centre for our area. Applications will be accepted at that centre until 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 8th, 2012.

FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION MEETING

Senior Kindergarten parents/guardians, who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 1 French Immersion class for September, 2012 are invited to attend an information meeting at:

St. Margaret of Scotland Wednesday, January 11th, 2012 7:00 p.m.

The deadline for submission of Applications will be **2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 8th, 2012.**

Parents of Christ the King
Invite You to Our "Helping Hands for the Holidays" - Breakfast



Join us for some Christmas cheer

Date: Friday, December 16, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Place: Christ the King Amphitheatre

Enjoy coffee, tea and light refreshments.

All parents are welcome.

In the spirit of Christmas, we are also collecting gift cards to assist families in our community.

If you are able, we would ask you to bring a gift card

(in any amount) suggested retailers and grocery stores are:

Wal-Mart, No Frills, Longo's, Food Basics, Pizza Outlets, and Movie Theatres.

All Donations are anonymous.

If you cannot attend our breakfast, but would like to contribute,
a donation box will be located in the main office until December 16, 2011.

**Thank you for helping to make this Christmas
a little brighter for our families!**



**Christ The King School Christmas Food Drive
Monday, December 5th - 9th Christ The King School will be collecting food items for the Eden Food Bank.**

The Eden Food Bank is a local food bank that services many families in our community. We thank you in advance for your generosity in assisting with such a worthy cause!!

Eden Food Bank

Christ The King collected \$209.54. Our thanks and appreciation to all the staff and students who participated in Toonie Tuesday. So far, the food bank has collected over \$6,000 from about half of the 40 schools that participated. When all the toonies have been counted, Eden Food Bank hope to have collected up to \$15,000.

Peel Regional Police Community Partnership



Welcome Constable Walter and Constable Masters as our neighborhood community officers through the Region of Peel. They will be stopping by the school on a regular basis and visiting classrooms to speak with students about their role

as Police Officers.

This year we would like to welcome Constable Moore, who will be sharing all the Peel Regional Police Educational programs with our students .

Grade 8 Montreal Trip Fundraisers

We are well underway in conducting all of our ‘Montreal Trip’ Fundraisers in order to assist our Grade 8 students. Please find listed below all of the past and upcoming activities that have been scheduled for the year and the tentatively proposed usage of funds.

Thank you to the staff and students who are working so hard to ensure a successful trip for all!

Thank you for all of your contributions/purchases and please know that the funds will certainly help and touch the hearts of many!!

Activities

- Halloween Dance
- Christmas Candy Cane Grams
- Christmas ‘Guess’ Candy Canes In A Jar
- Bake Sale
- Valentine Dance
- Popcorn Sales

Proposed Use of Funds

- Student ‘Lunch’
- Gratuities for Bus Driver
- Subsidizing the overall cost for all students
- Subsidy for “Families in Need”
- Offset cost of Popcorn & Candy Cane Grams, ‘Dance’ items



NO DOGS ALLOWED ON PROPERTY

In the interest of student safety, please be reminded that dogs are not permitted on school property. A dog’s behavior and response around strangers can be unpredictable. Also, some students may be allergic to dogs and others are afraid of them. Thank you very much for your cooperation.



**Stay Tuned...
Group photo shot taken October 2011 will be available to order
in January 2012 more information to follow**

Kindergarten Registration Information

Junior and Senior Kindergarten Registration for 2012-13

Registration for Junior and Senior Kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year, will take place at Christ the King School on the following days:

Monday, February 6, 2012*

7:00-9:00 p.m.

*Snow Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2012 - 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 8, 9 & 10, 2012

9:00-11:00 a.m.

1:00-3:00 p.m.

For more information, call Christ the King School or visit www.dpcdsb.org. or www.dpcdsb.org/CKING (click general)

Kindergarten Entry Planning for September 2012

Information Night for Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Students with Special Needs in the areas of Vision, Hearing, Autism, Physical/Medical and/or Developmental Delays in the cognitive and/or motor areas.

On Tuesday, January 17, 2012, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board will present an Information Night for Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of students with Special Needs in the areas of Vision, Hearing, Autism, Physical/Medical and/or Developmental Delays in the cognitive and/or motor areas. The session will run from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and will be held in Room 301 at the Catholic Education Centre at 40 Mathe-son Boulevard West, Mississauga.

Information will be provided regarding School Entry Planning for students entering JK, SK and Full Day Kindergarten. At the session parent(s)/guardian(s) will be reminded to ensure they register at their local school.



Spaces
Available!

*Season's Greetings From
PLASP Child Care Services*

*Looking for before school care for your
child? PLASP operates programs right
in this school.*

Before School - from 7:30 a.m. to
school start. Breakfast provided daily.

Voted Best
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13 years in a row,
by the readers of
City Parent
Magazine.



For more info,
see the PLASP staff at this school;
call the PLASP at 905-890-1711 or
visit www.plasp.com



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Roman Catholic Church
 Mississauga, Ontario

Dear friends of Christ the King school,

I pray this newsletter finds you embarked on a blessed Advent Season and that you are looking forward to the Christmas days. I look forward to seeing you all during the many Masses that we can share together and this year, everything is new, with a new Roman Missal, new prayers at our liturgies – all very exciting. It really is the way we capture the true spirit of Christmas. When we find ourselves caught up in decorations and advertisements, God invites us to take a moment to recognize the Light and the Word which is at the heart of our lives.

Above all, may this Christmas season revive in us a sense of solidarity, sharing and simplicity. May it also help us rediscover what is most essential in life: to love God, and to love our neighbour, yes even as we love ourselves.

May God bless and protect each and every one of you and a truly Merry Christmas to you and all those you love.

Fr. Joseph Grima



**CHRISTMAS &
 NEW YEAR MASS
 SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve – Saturday,
 December 24th, 2011**

Masses at 6:00 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 10:00 p.m. and 12 Midnight

Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25th, 2011

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, December 31st, 2011–Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st, 2012 – Masses at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 3 from 4:00 until 4:45 p.m.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION
 SERVICE**
 (9 priests in attendance)
 on Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00

Saturday, December 10 from 4:00 until 4:45 pm

Saturday, December 17 from 4:00 until 4:45 pm

No Confessions on Sat. Dec. 24, 2011

or

Sat. December 31, 2011



<http://www.st-francisofassisi.ca>

**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF PEEL REGION (STOPR)
BUS CANCELLATIONS/SCHOOL CLOSING DUE TO BAD WEATHER
2011 – 2012 SCHOOL YEAR**

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 and television stations:

VIRGIN RADIOFM99.9	CHUM AM1050	CFTR AM680
CFNY FM102.1/AM640	CJCL AM590	CHFI FM98.1
CFRB AM1010	EZ ROCK FM97.3	CJBC (FR) AM860
FM Z103.5	FM93.1	FM Q107
CHIN FM100.7/AM1540	CBC99.1	
CITYPULSE	GLOBAL NEWS	CTV

We will be communicating one of four standard messages to the radio stations. The four announcements and their effect on the transportation system are as follows: (Please note that the highlighted text only will be communicated by the radio stations).

1. **“DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES SERVING ST. ANDREW, ST. BENEDICT AND ST. PETER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND R.F. HALL SECONDARY SCHOOL ARE CANCELLED FOR TODAY.”**
2. **“THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES IN THE TOWN OF CALEDON AND THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN ARE CANCELLED”**. This means that all runs listed under announcement #1 PLUS the following are cancelled.
 - All schools in the Town of Caledon and all school runs that begin in the Town of Caledon.
 - Individual schools will be notified if this cancellation affects their school.
3. **“THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES ARE CANCELLED.”** *This means that:*
ALL Transportation services provided by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and The Peel District School Board, including buses, vans and taxis have been cancelled for the entire day.
4. **“THE SCHOOLS AND OFFICES OF BOTH THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ARE CLOSED.”** *This means that:*
ALL Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and Peel District School Board schools and offices are closed to all students and staff.

Note: For Secondary School students riding Public Transit, cancellation of service will be communicated by the respective transit property over the radio. Please be advised that Public Transit rarely cancels and that the level of service on days with inclement weather is unpredictable.



Colonial / Collegeway News

November 2011

The Grade 7 and 8 students would like to thank the following members of the

Erin Mills Youth Group for teaching us the “Recital Dance”

M. Nuss - Executive director	S. Brown - Program Super	J. Tate - Community Worker
B. Sepirita - Administrative Assistant	K. East - Dance Instructor	