

NEWSLETTER
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Prayer of Return

O Lord, we return from a time of rest, vacation, visiting.
We return from camps, travels, cottages.
Thank you, Lord for the summer.
It eases the mind, relaxes the body and soothes the soul.
We return to school, to routines and to lessons.
Thank you, Lord for our students, teachers and parents.
Strengthen all who instruct; guide all who learn.
Lord, keep us from getting so organized that there is no time for you.
Let us seek and serve you in everyone we meet;
Everywhere we go, and in everything we do.
As we return to our routines, let us not forget,
Who has sent us on this journey.
Amen

Principal's Message

Welcome back! As we once again gather as a community of students, parents, teachers and church to continue on the journey of valued education here at St. Timothy, I would like to extend my thanks for the most warm and inviting welcome that I have received in my new placement. This has already proven to be a community that lives its motto: *Co-operate, Educate, Celebrate*.

We open our doors and welcome many new children and their families. They will soon come to know how great a school community we truly are. Welcome to the new members to our staff and we wish former staff all the best in their new teaching opportunities.

I am looking forward to meeting all of our parents to our Open House and BBQ being held next Wednesday, September 29. This will be a great opportunity to begin the relationship and valuable communication between teacher and parent which will lead to great outcomes for our students.

May God bless us on the school's journey as we set forth in this new school year.



FAITH COMMUNITY

Our first school mass will be Tuesday, September 21st at 9:30 at the school. Our opening mass is a reminder of the importance of partnership between the church, home and school as we all move along our faith journey. All are welcome!

Sacramental Preparations

Confirmation Registration: Meeting with parents & children at St. Catherine of Siena Church- Tuesday, Sept., 28, 2010 **OR** Monday, October 4, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Confirmation- Tuesday, June 14 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

First Holy Communion Registration: Meeting with parents & children at St. Catherine of Siena Church- Monday, September 27, 2010 **OR** Tuesday, October 5, 2010 @7:30 p.m.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion- Saturday, May 28, 2011 @ 1:00 p.m.

First Reconciliation for grade 2 students: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.

School Hours

St. Timothy School Hours for the 2009-2010 school year remain as before:

Grades 1-8	9:00-12:05
	12:05-1:05
	1:05-3:30
JK/SK	9:00-11:30
	1:00-3:30

Yard Supervision

Please do not send your child/children to school before 8:45 a.m. Staff supervision of students in the playground begins at 8:45 a.m. To ensure your child's safety, we appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Student Absence

As in the past, we ask that parents continue to call to notify the school if their child will be absent and/or late. Your phone call to the school saves us time trying to ensure your child is safe. Remember that you can call the school's attendance line twenty-four hours a day to report your child's absence at 905- 277-0990- **press 1**. Upon reaching the school answering service please leave the following information: a) Date of absence b) Student's full name c) Grade level and teacher d) Reason for absence e) Date of return Students must report to the office if they are late. Please continue to call on each day that your child is absent.

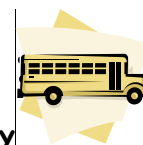


Storage and Administration of Medication

Parents are responsible for ensuring that all medication and forms are updated annually for any student who requires medication to be administered at school. If your child requires medication please have the necessary forms completed and return them, along with any medication, to the office as soon as possible. Forms are available at the school office.

Student Information

It is important that we have up to date records of your address, phone numbers, and emergency contacts in the event that the school must contact you regarding your child. Please inform the office or your child's teacher if any information changes throughout the year.



School Bus Courtesy Seat Policy

At this time, transportation is available to students who are deemed eligible. Those wishing to access the Courtesy Bus Seat policy are asked to pick up an application form at the school office and return it to Mrs. Loftus. Depending on availability, seats will be allocated by October. The Courtesy Bus Seat policy requires parents/guardians to apply every year for a seat on the bus if they live beyond the eligibility requirements

Hepatitis B and HPV Inoculations

Peel Health will continue to offer free immunization against Hepatitis B for students in grade 7. It is given as a series of two injections over a period of six months. Grade 8 girls are also given the opportunity to receive the HPV inoculation. If you have any questions, please call the Peel Health Department at (905) -799- 7700. The following dates have been assigned to St. Timothy school:

Dose #1 Hep B- October 21-Grade 7, HPV- Grade 8 girls- October 21

PED Policy

As part of our efforts to promote and maintain a positive Catholic climate in our schools, the Board maintains a policy regarding Personal Electronic Devices (PEDS) 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. To prevent the loss or damage of PEDS, we ask students to leave electronic devices and games at home as the school cannot be responsible for their safe keeping. Parental support is requested and greatly appreciated.



Textbook Policy

Textbooks are the property of the school and are loaned out to students with the expectation that they will be returned at the end of the school year in good condition. The teachers keep a record of each textbook that students are given. Please help to keep our costs down by encouraging your child to take proper care of them. There will be a replacement cost to the student if the textbook is damaged, lost or not returned at the end of the school year.

School Agendas

School agendas have been ordered for children in Grades 1-8 to assist your child in organizing his/her time. The teachers will be reviewing the importance of the agenda with their students. Your child is responsible to record their homework, upcoming projects/assignments, important dates, and teacher notices in their agenda. We are asking that you check your child's agenda on a daily basis to keep informed.

Custody of Children

On rare occasions, we are faced with difficult situations in which non-custodial parents arrive at school asking to visit their child or to take their child home after school. We are best able to serve and protect students when we are made aware of legal custody arrangements, visitation rights and other special instructions. If legal custody matters affect your family, please ensure that our office and classroom teachers are aware of any custodial arrangements that may affect your child during school hours.

Fire Drills/Lock Down Procedures

We are required to conduct three fire drills in the fall and three in the spring. We are also required to practice two lock down drills during the year. Lock down drills involves students moving away from the classroom door to a location within the classroom away from windows. Lights are turned off and the doors are locked. These practices are to ensure that students and staff are prepared in case we should need to go into lock down. Lock down would be initiated by police and Board security personnel.

Staffing

September 2010 school organization is based on projected enrolment established through the School Board. The government is capping primary classes (JK-3) at 20 students. It is understood that this Ministry initiative has resulted in more combined grade classes, with a reduced student-teacher ratio. Based on enrolments within our boundaries during the first two weeks of September, we may need to reorganize the classes. Please note that your child's classroom assignment is tentative until new enrolments or withdrawals are completed during this time frame. If your child's placement or classroom teacher changes, you will be notified. Only those students affected by reorganization will be moved. Changes may also occur in the Junior/Intermediate division when numbers exceed the designated average set by the Ministry.

Criminal Reference Checks

Anyone working in our school as a new employee or volunteer must have a Criminal Reference Check completed by the Peel Police. **CRC are free of charge for volunteers.** Forms are available at the school office.

Professional Activity Day

Friday, September 17, 2010 is a Professional Activity Day. Students do not attend school on this day. Teachers will be involved in professional development and reorganization of classes if necessary.

Early Release Day

On Early Release Day students will be dismissed at 12:05p.m.(lunch). Afternoon J.K. and S.K. classes are cancelled. This year's Early Release day is scheduled for **Thursday, September 30th**.

Visitors to our School

All visitors and parents are asked to enter the building through the front door and report the office. Please sign in and obtain a visitor's sticker if you plan to remain in the building, for any reason, during school hours.

School Council

Elections of the new School Council will take place on Tuesday, September 28, 2010. You are invited to pick up application forms in the main office until nominations close on September 24 at 4:00p.m. The first meeting of St. Timothy School Council will be held on October 6, 2010.

Terry Fox Walk

Again, this year St. Timothy is proud to participate in the Annual Terry Fox Walk/Run for Cancer Research. We will be hosting a "Toonie for Terry Walk" the morning of Friday, October 1, 2010. Parents are invited to join us for the walk.

Annual Open House/B.B.Q.

Our annual B.B.Q. and Meet the Teacher Open House will be held on **Wednesday, September 29, 2010**. Mark this date on your calendars and plan to attend to meet your child's teacher and socialize with members of the community at the B.B.Q hosted by the parents of the School Council.

B.B.Q.- 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Open House- 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Classroom visit- 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Student Insurance

As required by the Education Act and the Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost-effective student insurance coverage via student courier. Although enrolment is voluntary, the Board encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage especially if your child participates in sports, excursions/field trips, or if parents do not have dental insurance coverage. Enrolment in writing is required. There are two options for enrolment: 1) Complete the traditional form and mail it in or 2) Photocopy the form and fax it to Reliable Life at 1-905-522-7211 or 1-800-463 KIDS (5347).

Library News

The book fair will be arriving soon. More details to follow.

Upcoming Dates:

September 17	P. A. Day
September 21	Opening Mass
September 24	Nomination Forms for Parent Council due by 4:00
September 29	Open House/B.B.Q.
September 30	Early Release Day
October 1	Terry Fox Walk/Run
October	Terry Fox Rain date
October 5	School Picture Day
October 6	School Council Meeting @ 7:00 in the library
October 11	Thanksgiving Day



