

NEWSLETTER
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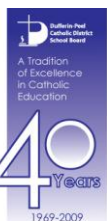
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ST. TIMOTHY SCHOOL

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ADVENT OF HOPE

Gracious and merciful God of all creation,

During this season of hope, we remember how you sent your Son to be a beacon of goodness and light in the world.

*Give us eyes of hope to see the good in everything and everyone around us.
Give us the grace and strength to be beacons of hope and light for all who enter this school.*

Let all who visit share our hope that this school will remain a safe, caring, inclusive community.

*May your virtue of hope guide our decisions for the service of all your people.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, who lived to show us your way.
Amen.*

Principal's Message

It is December and the liturgical season of Advent is here. It is the time to prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The students gather in their classrooms each morning and celebrate the lighting of the candles on the Advent wreath. We devote our daily school prayers, as well as songs, to the excitement of the days leading to Christmas. In fact, Santa recently made a visit to our school and he seemed very pleased with all of the students when I met with him. He was also very complementary of the spirit he felt while visiting. I indicated to Santa that we are a very special school and community.

We are, indeed, blessed to have a school community of very supportive parents and families. This, together with our dedicated students and a devoted staff, give us much to be grateful for. There are, in every community, some who fall on difficult times. It is these families who we keep in mind at Christmas. Tradition continues with our Giving Tree program and Christmas food drive. We have been provided with the names of families with children who would benefit from our blessings and generosity and, because of that, I know they will have a brighter Christmas. Letters have gone home explaining our Giving Tree and children have taken home tags with gifts already appearing under the tree.

May the joy and peace of Advent and Christmas be with you and your family today and all through the year.

K. Kovacs

**Upcoming Events at
St. Catherine of Siena Parish**

Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday at the 11:30am mass for children ages 3-10.

Atrium Program

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is offered at the parish for children ages 3-15. This is a Montessori-based approach to the religious formation of children, rooted in the Bible and Liturgy of the Church. For more info call Angela Lecanda at 905-502-5367.

Youth Group

The Youth Group meets every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Thirteen of our youth will be attending World Youth Day next summer in Madrid, Spain with Pope Benedict.

Altar Servers

New altar servers are always needed, ages 8 and up.

Activities for Adults:

Bible Study Every Tuesday @ 7:30pm in Fr. D. Zanon church hall.

English Prayer Group meets every Saturday from 2:30 to 4pm in Scalabrini Hall and every last Monday of the month in Church at 7:30pm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER EVENTS PLEASE CALL THE PARISH AT 905-272-1454 OR VISIT THE WEBSITE AT www.stcatherine.ca

Catholic School Heritage

Why did Catholics find the non-denominational religious education of the common school unsatisfactory?

Catholics wanted separate schools where all the beliefs of the Catholic Church would be taught, where the pupils would live their faith in a sacramental and community manner in proximity to the parish church and priest, and where religion would permeate the reading, literature and history curriculum. Furthermore, as modern times arrived, the multiculturalism of the public school's student body necessitated the eradication of the teaching of Christianity in public schools.



FAITH COMMUNITY

School Mass

This year Advent began on Sunday, November 28th. We will celebrate our Advent Mass as a faith community on December 6th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. It will truly be a wonderful way to capture the "true meaning" of Christmas and to share in this spiritual celebration.



Giving Tree

During Advent, it is traditional for Christians to prepare for the coming of Christ by sharing with those less fortunate. It is with this spirit that our 'Giving Tree' tradition continues! St. Timothy receives the ages of numerous children in our community who need support at Christmas and we would like to ensure that all of those children have a gift to open on Christmas morning. On our tree, located in front of the office, are tags identifying the age and gender of a child. If you can support this worthy tradition, please complete the form that has been sent out, and return it to your child's teacher.



Winter Weather

During the winter season, many parents are concerned about school policy on outdoor recess. When the temperature or equivalent wind chill temperature is minus -25°C or lower, students should not go outside for recess. Dufferin-Peel C.D.S.B. Policy uses a wind chill factor of -20°C as a determining factor for modified recess. We ask that students come dressed appropriately with hats, gloves, mittens etc. Where possible, please put identification on our child's belongings. Please note that all students should have **indoor shoes** during the winter months so that the classrooms are kept as clean and dry as possible. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

JK REGISTRATION

J.K. Registration will be held on February 7th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and during the day on February 9, 10 and 11 from 9:00 to 11:00 and 1:00 to 3:00. The following documents must be brought to the school when you register your child(ren):

Updated Immunization Records
 Proof of Age (Birth Certificate or Passport)
 Original Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (for parent/guardian and child)
 Proof of Home Address
 Proof of Canadian Citizenship or Landed Immigrant Status

ATTENDANCE

The Education Act (Section 30) states that it is mandatory for all students, between the ages of six and eighteen years to attend school **every day**. School Social Workers are mandated to intervene with students and their families whenever students are identified as truant. We can support students through the following:

- Parent/teacher partnerships
- Teachers identify student's absences early
- School makes referral to the school Social Worker



Student Corner

SANTA VISITS ST. TIMOTHY SCHOOL

On Friday, November 19 2010, Santa visited St. Timothy School. Santa read us his favourite Christmas story because it was about sharing the Christmas spirit. Next, we sang and danced the Reindeer Pokey. Then, we asked Santa questions like, "How do the reindeer fly?". After, we took a class photo with him. Finally, Santa taught us about the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas is about celebrating Jesus's birth.

Written by: Ms. Garcia's Grade 2/3 Class

W.W. II VETERAN VISITS GRADE SIX CLASSES

On Tuesday, November 9, the Grade 6 classes had the honour and the privilege of having former mayor of Mississauga and World War II veteran, Ron Searle, as a guest speaker. The 91 year old decorated war hero spoke about his life experiences before, during and after World War II. The students received an amazing history lesson and were taught the value of supporting world peace and patriotism.

CROSS COUNTRY

St. Timothy was well represented this year by the following students at the Family Level Cross-Country Meet:

Grade 8: Matthew B., Oonagh C., Brittanie C., La'el D., Lauren P., Nicole P., & Andrew L.

Grade 7: Zak B., Matthew F., Isabella H., Nicholas M., Caroline N., & Monica R.

Grade 6: Roman C., Brendan D., Kyle F., Andrew F., Kaitlyn H., Brandon J., Matthew L., Debrah M., Ryan O., Jackson O., Matthew P. & Valentina P.

Grade 5: Christian A., David B., Laura B., Viktoria G., Maya H., Melanie H., Kevin L., Verginia L., Alexander M., Andriene M., Patrick N., Maggie O., Vicente S., Ors S., Laura T. & Trisan V.

Grade 4: Chelsea A., Emma D., Mya L., Chantell P., Alyssa P., Regan S., Gianluca V., & Andrea W.

They showed a lot of enthusiasm, effort and dedication, with 16 students making it to the Board Level Meet.

The highlighted names are the students who placed in the top 20 at the Board Level Meet. **Way to go Titans!**

Many thanks to Mrs. Bakker, Mrs. DeCaire, Mrs. Krampert, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Sadowski who prepared our students for these meets!!

No Child Without: Free MedicAlert Membership for Students at Our School

The Canadian MedicAlert Foundation has developed a program to enable children from Junior Kindergarten up to their 14th birthday to receive a MedicAlert bracelet at no cost to the parents/guardians. A brochure was recently sent home with every student at our school. If you choose to participate in the program, please contact MedicAlert directly as per the information in the brochure.

January 14 - Professional Activity Day (no school for students)

**WEATHER**

During the winter months, inclement weather may cause disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations. A decision to cancel school transportation and/or close schools is usually made by 6:00a.m. and will be announced on the following radio stations: VIRGIN RADIO 99.9, CFTR 680, CFTO, CJCL 590, CFRB 1010, 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, CITYTV, CHU 1050, CFNY 102.1, CBC, CHFI 98.1, Z103.5

Please remember that we are located in the **Region of Peel**.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Council Meeting dates have been set as follows (all held on Wednesdays beginning at 7:00pm)

- December 1st (School Trustee, Bruno Ianicca to attend)
- February 2nd
- March 2nd
- April 6th
- May 4th
- June 1st

CUSTODY OF CHILDREN

On rare occasions, we are faced with difficult situations in which non-custodial parents arrive at our school asking to visit with their child or take their child home after school. We are best able to serve and protect the child when we are made aware of legal custody arrangements, visitation rights and special instructions. We require that a copy of all legal documentation be kept in our child's school records

Ontario Educational Resource Bank

A Ministry run website that houses thousands of online resources that can be utilized by teachers, parents and students to promote student learning within grades K to 12. Resources include lessons, sample assessments, computer activities, SMART notebook files, interactive learning resources and access to the over 200 online courses written by eLearning Ontario.

OERB

Student UserID: dpcdsbstudent
Student Password: oerbs

HOMEWORK HELP 2010 - 2011

- Free online math tutoring Sunday to Thursday nights from 5:30 to 9:30 pm.
- A variety of online math resources and tutorials accessible 24/7.
- <http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org> (Please feel free to register as a guest if you would like to explore the site first hand.

Students must register on the site using their OEN numbers this year.

PASTA FUNDRAISER

Thanks to all who supported the school's Pasta Fundraising Event. We raised just over \$2100.00 which will be used to purchase materials for the Literacy Rooms.

Congratulations to the top 3 pasta sellers:

First Prize - Sara R.
Second Prize - Adam and Nicholas D.
Third Prize - Hayley B.

Small orders of pasta will be sent home on December 1 with the children. Parents are asked to pick up larger orders on December 1 between 3:00-6:45 p.m.

NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF SENIOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION MEETING

Senior Kindergarten parents/guardians, who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 1 French Immersion class for September, 2011 are invited to attend an information meeting:

*St Gertrude School, Mississauga, ON
Thursday January 13, 2011
7:00 p.m.*

The deadline for submission of Applications will be **2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 9th, 2011.**

NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF GRADE 4 STUDENTS

Extended French Information and Registration

Information Meeting for Extended French Program will be take place on **January 11, 2011** at St. Thomas More School at 7:00 p.m. The deadline for completed applications is Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 3:00p.m

FOOD DAYS

Friday, December 3 - Pizza Day
Friday, December 19 - Sub Day
Friday, December 17 - Hotdog Day
Friday, January 7 - Pizza Day
THURSDAY JANUARY 13 - Sub Day (Due to P.A. Day on Jan. 14)
Friday, January 21 - Pizza Day
Friday, January 28 - Hotdog Day

NO PETS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

In the interest of student safety, we remind you that pets are not permitted on school property. A pet's behaviour and response around strangers can be unpredictable. Although animals can be good pets for some people, they can be scary to some and pose an allergic risk to others. Therefore, pets must not be exercised on school property, or brought to school, when dropping off or picking up students.

ST. TIMOTHY

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 1 - Celebration of Reconciliation Grades 3 to 8 at 9:15 am (at the school)
December 1 - School Council Meeting @ 7:00
December 3 - Grade 3's to Pioneer Village
December 6 - School Advent Mass (St. Catherine of Siena Church) 7:00 pm
December 20 to 31 - Christmas Break (schools closed)
January 14 - Professional Activity Day (no school for students)
January 19 - "Cinderella" Cultural Performance JK-Gr. 6 in the gym
January 21 - Grades 1-3 Skating
January 26 - Feast Day Mass 9:30 a.m. at the school
January 28 - Grades 4-6 Skating
February 1 - First Formal Report Cards sent home
February 2 - School Council Meeting
February 4 - Professional Activity Day (no school for students)
February 11 - Grades 7-8 Skating
February 18 - Grades 1-3 Skating
February 25 - Grades 4-6 Skating
March 4 - Grades 7-8 Skating
March 11 - Grades 1-3 Skating
March 25 - Grades 4-6 Skating

St Timothy School Advisory Council Actual for 2009/2010	
Expense	Approved
	2010-11
	\$
Funds Available (monies raised from Beach-a-thon 2009)	9,559.00
Cultural Events (School cost @\$5000)	2,000.00
Sacraments (for Grade 2 & 8; certificates & celebration)	200.00
Graduation (Certificate, medallion & awards)	200.00
Secretary's Day (Based on 2 persons)	100.00
Teacher Luncheon/Dinner (Held at end of year)	400.00
Shrove Tuesday / Pancake Day (March 8th)	250.00
Courtesy (flowers, mass cards)	100.00
Trips for JK-Gr8 (Based on \$4/child @ 480 students)	1,920.00
Retirement Gifts	50.00
B.R.A.V.O. (year-end function & Admin costs)	400.00
Student Council (Prizes for trivia games held for entire school throughout the year/extra curricular)	150.00
Play Day (Treats)	100.00
Classroom Projects (\$58/class x 20 classrooms)	1,160.00
Christmas (Santa's Visit Fee-Nov. 19th)	200.00
Sporting Events - Transportation/Referees, etc....	600.00
Arts Department (Visual/Crafts)	600.00
Student Response Remotes for Smartboards (32 remotes @ \$2359 - this is an allocation fund working towards the total)	1,000.00
<i>sub</i>	9,430.00
Keyboard stands (4 @ \$30ea.)	120.00
TOTAL APPROVED FUNDS	9,550.00

Shaded boxes denotes \$\$\$ that get paid out directly to office for distribution.

