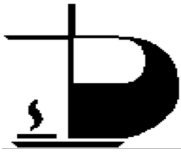


NEWSLETTER

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## A Prayer for Saint Valentine's Day

**Most Gracious Heavenly Father**, You gave Saint Valentine the courage to witness to the gospel of Christ, even to the point of giving his life for it. Help us to endure all suffering for love of you, and to seek you with all our hearts; for you alone are the source of life and love. Grant that we may have the courage and love to be strong witnesses of your truth to our friends and family and to the whole world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

## Principal's Message

With the coming of February, we have now reached the half-way point of this school year. We have accomplished much, but the journey of this school year continues towards completing our academic goals, sacramental celebrations, events in the arts, athletics and our rich cultural diversities.

If you have even one hour per week to help a child learn to read, please consider becoming part of our "All Star" reading program. Children need your help and their thank you smiles will light the room and fill your heart. We have more children than volunteers right now and we are about ready to start our next cycle.

Every week, we welcome new students and their families to our great school, as well as say good bye to others. Our current enrollment sits at 480 students.

In closing, I ask you to continue to pray for our community members who struggle to find work, long for better health or are simply in need of our prayers. Thank you for your continued support.



## FAITH COMMUNITY

### Catholic School Heritage

**How long have Catholic Separate schools been educating Catholic children and contributing to the public good in Ontario?**

For about 170 years. In the early 1800's there were separate schools in many cities, towns and townships. In Peel, three separate schools opened before Confederation (1867): St. James in Malton in the 1830's, St. John's Agricultural College in 1861 and St. Patrick's (1861), both in Wildfield.

### **St. Timothy Feast Day Mass**

Our St. Timothy Feast day school mass was held on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in the gym. Father Ruggiero was the celebrant. It was truly a wonderful way to celebrate as a community gathered in faith. Thank you to parents and family members who were able to join us on this special day.

### **VIRTUE OF THE MONTH**

Respect.....

See God's presence in themselves and others.

Treat others as they would like to be treated.

Welcome others with smiles and friendly greetings.

Always display good manners.

Say „Excuse Me“, „Please“ and „Thank you“

Avoid the temptation to swear or gesture inappropriately. Look for ways to encourage and praise others. Talk kindly about others and avoid gossip.

## News and Activities at St. Catherine of Siena Parish

**2010 Tax Receipts** are ready for pickup in the Church Office.

**2011 Mass Book** is open for anyone wanting to reserve one, call the office.

**Pilgrimages for 2011**, being planned by the parish:  
Portugal, Spain, France & Italy (April 29 to May 12)  
Holy Land, Egypt and Jordan (November 4 to 14)

### Activities for our children:

**Children's Liturgy** every Sunday at the 11:30am mass for kids ages 3-10.

**The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** is offered for children ages 3-15 on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:30pm in Scalabrini Hall. 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** (ages 12-18) meets every Tuesday from 6 to 7:30pm.

**Young Catholics** (ages 19-35) meet on last Friday of the month from 8 to 9:30pm. *Ten* of our youth will be attending World Youth Day next summer in Madrid, Spain with Pope Benedict. Please pray for them.

**Altar Servers** are always needed, ages 8 and up.

### Activities for our adults:

**Confirmation classes** in English or Spanish for adults who are not confirmed, started in January. You can still register at the church office.

**Bible Study** for adults every Tuesday @ 7:30pm in Fr. Zanon church hall.

**Prayer Groups in English, Spanish and Italian** meet on a weekly basis at the parish, you are all welcome to join.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER EVENTS PLEASE CALL THE PARISH AT 905-272-1454 OR VISIT THE WEBSITE AT [www.stcatherine.ca](http://www.stcatherine.ca).

**March Break**

A reminder to everyone that March break will be from March 14 to March 18th this year. There are no classes during this time and the school will be closed. Classes will resume on Monday, March 21st.

**Report Cards**

Report cards will go home Tuesday, February 1st. The evening of Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and the P.A. Day on Friday, February 4th have been set for Parent/Teacher/Student conferences.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Dufferin-Peel Catholic Schools have a long tradition of observing Black History Month. Teachers have highlighted this theme within their curriculum programs as an opportunity to develop a greater awareness and understanding of the many significant contributions of Black Canadians to our nation. To help promote this event in our school, our students will be exposed to various activities and discussions about different leaders who have inspired others, have been role models, and have made a positive difference during their lives. These activities will take place in different classrooms, on the morning announcements and in displays throughout the school.

Listed below are some of the various activities the students will participate in for the Black History Month....

- ✓ Songs, stories & Novel Studies
- ✓ Heritage discussions & wearing traditional clothing
- ✓ Family history, traditions, and celebrations
- ✓ Researching and presenting biographies of politicians, actors, publishers and musicians
- ✓ Newspaper article discussions
- ✓ Novel studies
- ✓ Celebrating Cultural diversity within our classes and school

**FACEBOOK 101 + TWITTER**

Parents from St. Timothy School are invited to the presentation

"Facebook 101 + Twitter - Tools to Increase you Privacy and Security" on March 1 at St. Phillip Elementary School (905) 306-8420, or, on March 3 at St., Edmund Elementary School (905) 277-8962. The presentation is from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Please RSVP those schools directly if you plan on attending a presentation.**

**SKIING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND**

On Monday, January 17, the Grade 6 classes went to Centennial Park for an AMAZING day of skiing and snowboarding. The students had full-day lessons taught by very helpful and patient instructors. It was a very beautiful, sunny day and the hills were covered with a fresh blanket of snow. It was like skiing in a big bowl of icing sugar! The Grade 6's highly recommend that other students take skiing or snowboarding lessons at Centennial Park. It's a great way to get good exercise and beat the winter blues!

Ms. Salvati's Grade Six Class

**HEALTH & SAFETY****Parking Lot Safety and Kiss n' Ride**

When dropping your child off at school, please use the Kiss and Ride Lane which is located at the front of the school. For the safety of all of our precious children, **CARS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARK, DROP OFF or PICK UP students in the driveway or bus lane located at the side of the school.**

**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

A separate registration form is available for children with special needs such as vision, hearing, physical/medical, developmental or autism who are entering JK or SK in September 2011.

**FOOD DAYS**

- Thursday, February 3 - Pizza Day (due to P.A. Day Fri. Feb. 4)
- Friday, February 11 - Sub Day
- Friday, February 18 - Pizza Day
- Friday, February 25 - Hotdog Day
- March 4 - Pizza Day

**GRAD PHOTO DAY**

Thursday, March 3

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY**

February 4 - Professional Activity Day (no school for students)

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

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

February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1

**EQAO**

Our Grade 3 and 6 students will be participating in the Provincial EQAO assessments during the weeks of May 30th-June 10th. It is very important that your child be present at this time. Further information will follow.



**Information...Just a click away!**

**Check out St. Timothy's website at**

<http://www.dbcdsb.org/TMTHY>

**ATTENTION ALL SENIOR KINDERGARTEN PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Re French Immersion**

The French Immersion parent/guardian information sessions concerning the three (3) new (additional) sites for September 2011 are scheduled as follow:

- St Pio of Pietrelcina (Mississauga) – Tuesday, February 22, 2011 7:00 p.m.*
- St Peter (Orangeville) - Wednesday, February 23, 2011 7:00 p.m.*
- St. Elizabeth Seton (Mississauga) - Thursday, February 24, 2011 7:00 p.m.*

**FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION MEETING**

Senior Kindergarten parent(s)/guardian(s) who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 1 French Immersion class for September, 2011 are invited to attend an information Meeting (above).

The deadline for submission of applications is **2:00 p.m. Friday, March 11, 2011**.

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING FRENCH IMMERSION LOTTERIES**

**Should an application have been submitted to more than one centre:** In the event that lotteries take place, each centre, to which an application has been submitted, is required to notify you in writing within six (6) school days of the lottery results. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for accepting/declining a placement or waitlist ranking from each centre by April 8, 2011.

**NOTE:** Failure to respond in writing to the notification by the April 8, 2011 deadline will result in a forfeit of either the placement or waitlist ranking.

**Parent(s)/Guardian(s) who have already applied to existing French Immersion Centres:**

Should you be interested in applying to either St Pio of Pietrelcina, St Elizabeth Seton or St Peter elementary schools, attendance is required at the Parent/Guardian Information Session in order to obtain an application.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**February 1** - First Formal Report Cards sent home

**February 2** - School Council Meeting

**February 3** - Interview Evening

**February 4** - Professional Activity Day (no school for students) - Reporting to Parents

**February 11** - Grades 7-8 Skating 10:00-11:00

**February 17** - Rose Cultural Performance "Blue Berries" in gym 1:15 (all grades)

**February 18** - Grades 1-3 Skating 10:00-11:30

**February 21** - Family Day (Schools will be closed)

**February 25** - Grades 4-6 Skating 10:00-11:30

**March 3** - Grad Photo Day

**March 4** - Grades 7-8 Skating 10:00-11:00

**March 10** - Grades 4-6 Skating 9:30-11:00

**March 11** - Grades 1-3 Skating 10:00-11:30

**March 14 to 18** - March Break



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