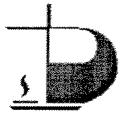


NEWSLETTER
December
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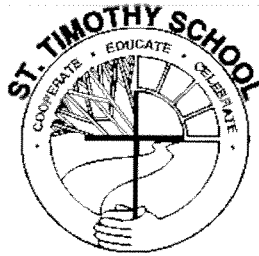
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A Christmas Prayer

O God, Whose mighty Son was born in Bethlehem
those days long ago,
lead us to that same poor place,
where Mary laid her tiny Child.
And as we look on in wonder and praise,
make us welcome Him in all new life,
see Him in the poor,
and care for His handiwork, the earth, the sky and the sea.
O God, bless us again in Your great love.
We pray for this through Christ our Lord.

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 spirit of the Advent season was beautifully depicted in our Advent mass here at the school just a few days ago.

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. Santa will also be making a visit to our school. We are sure he will be pleased with all of the students. For the first time, the St. Timothy Catholic School Council will be hosting the St. Timothy Christmas Bazaar. Please join us on Saturday, December 3 from 10a.m. – 3p.m.

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 specially 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 may take home tags and bring back gifts to be placed 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

FAITH COMMUNITY

New Roman Missal in English (newly translated prayers and responses) will be implemented at the start of the next Liturgical year, first Sunday of Advent 2011. For more info see www.archtoronto.org/romanmissal.

News & Activities at St. Catherine of Siena Parish **Parish Events:**

New Roman Missal in English (newly translated prayers and responses) has been implemented with the new Liturgical year this past Sunday. We pray that it will bring us new appreciation for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We thank God for this wonderful gift and we patiently learn the new prayers and responses with faith and love. For more info see www.archtoronto.org/romanmissal. The New 2012 Sunday Missals can be purchased for \$5.00 each at the office.

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ.

There will be a retreat on Saturday December 3rd from 8:30am to 2pm in the church hall. The Spanish and Filipino communities will have their Novena masses from December 15th to 23rd at 7:15pm and 8pm respectively. All are invited to attend.

Christmas Concert

Saturday December 3rd at the parish, featuring all the church choirs. Tickets are available at the office.

Bake Sale

December 3rd and 4th after all the masses this weekend. All funds raised go to support the various youth activities at the parish.

Right to Life Christmas Cards

Are available for purchase in the church office.

Activities for Youth:

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium) 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. Registration and first meeting will be on Wednesday, October 12th from 4:30 to 6:30pm. For more info call Angela Lecanda at 905-502-5367.

Youth Band & Youth Mass

If you love to sing, join the Youth Band. They practice every Saturday at 4pm and sing thereafter at the 6pm Mass. Youth Mass every first Saturday of the month at 6pm. The youth facilitate the readings, offertory and music.

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

Altar Servers are always needed, ages 8 and up.

Youth Group (ages 12-18) every Tuesday from 6 to 7:30pm. *Ten of our youth attended World Youth Day this past summer in Madrid, Spain with Pope Benedict. Come and hear all about their experience.*

Young Catholics (ages 19-35) last Friday of the month from 8 to 9:30pm.

Activities for Adults:

Get involved in the parish we are always looking for new Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists, Choir members, etc.

Knights of Columbus

New council formed this September at the parish, looking for members.

Bible Study for adults every Tuesday @ 7:40pm in Fr. Zanon church hall.

Prayer and Groups in English, Spanish and Italian meet on a weekly basis at the parish, call for more details.

RCIA Program

Do you know anyone who wants to become Catholic? Program starts soon.

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

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Confirmation-Thursday May 24 @ 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion-Saturday May 5 @ 3:00 p.m.

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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH

CONFESSIONS in preparation for Christmas will be
Mon. – Wed., Dec. 12 to 14, 6:00 to 6:30pm
Sat, Dec. 17, 4:30 to 5:30pm
Mon. – Wed., Dec. 19 – 21, 6:00 to 6:30pm

Saturday, December 24, 2011 Christmas Eve

7:00pm ENGLISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
9:00pm SPANISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
11:00pm SOLEMN ENGLISH MASS

Saturday, December 25, 2010 Christmas Day

8:30am English Mass
10:00am ITALIAN MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
11:30am ENGLISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm English Mass
2:30pm FILIPPINO MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Friday, December 31, 2010 New Year's Eve

8:00am English Mass
6:00pm English Mass

Saturday, January 1, 2011 New Year's Day

10:00am ITALIAN MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
11:30am ENGLISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm English Mass
4:30pm English Mass
6:00pm SPANISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

ADVENT MASS

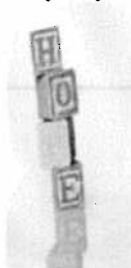
This year Advent began on Sunday, November 27th. We celebrated our Advent Mass as a faith community on Tuesday, November 29. It was truly a wonderful way to capture the “true meaning” of Christmas and to share in this spiritual celebration.

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, from our community, the ages of numerous children 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 at the end of November and return it to your child’s teacher.

A MONTH OF VIRTUES

In December we celebrate the virtue of hope. We believe that God comes to us as a small fragile baby who shows us that even the smallest and poorest can make a profound difference in the world. 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. During this time of hope, 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. When we look at the world through the eyes of God we know that the message of hope in Jesus’ second coming will be and is fulfilled, because Jesus’ love lives in us every day.



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

WINTER WEATHER

During the winter season, many parents are concerned about school policy on outdoor recess. It is generally accepted that when the wind chill factor drops below -25°C, 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.

TRANSPORTATION CANCELLATIONS / SCHOOL CLOSURES

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
FM97.3CJBC (FR)	AM860
FM Z103.5	FM93.1
FM Q107	CHIN FM100.7/AM1540
CBC99.1	CITYPULSE
GLOBAL NEWS	CTV

Want to check bus cancellations and late routes on-line???

Visit STOPPR.com

PARKING LOT SAFETY AND KISS AND RIDE

Our school driveway is a matter of great concern in regards to the safety of our students. **Please use the Kiss ‘n’ Ride lane at the front of the school to drop off or pick up your child.** You cannot park your vehicle in the Kiss ‘n’ Ride lane before school or at dismissal time. For the safety of all of our children, ***CARS ARE ALSO NOT PERMITTED TO PARK, DROP OFF or PICK UP students in the driveway or bus lane located at the side of the school.***



PEDICULOSIS

A problem which seems to occur at least once a year in most schools is pediculosis or head lice. Head lice are parasites which have been common among human beings for centuries. They are not connected in any way with dirt, neglect, and so on. **Anyone** can be infested with them. Unfortunately, in recent years, they have become quite common throughout North America. In order to control these pests, we shall do the following and request your full cooperation.

If even one case is found in the school, we shall inform all parents of children in that class. We will be monitoring friends and classmates, however, we would ask that you also check your own children and if you find them to be infested, we ask you to let us know so that we can help you get the proper treatment and take the necessary precautionary measures. Even if cases are not reported from the school, it is a wise precaution to check your children periodically. If your children are infested, we will be asking you to keep them out of school until after they have been treated with the correct shampoo. If we all cooperate with these procedures, we may not entirely escape outbreaks, but we will be able to bring them under control quickly.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

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

December 7 (Special Guest Trustee Bruno Iannicca as well as Superintendent Charles Blanchard)

February 1

March 7

April 11

May 2

June 13



COMPUTER HEADPHONES

Students are often involved in computer activities requiring them to utilize headphones. Although the school does have a set of headphones for students to share, parents may wish to send an inexpensive, labeled set of personal headphones to school to be stored by the classroom teachers for this purpose.

FULL-DAY KINDERGATEN REGISTRATION FOR 2012-13

Registration for Full-Day Kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year, will take place at St. Timothy 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 the school at 905-277-0990, or, visit www.dpcdsb.org

KINDERGARTEN 2012-2013

There will be an information session for parent(s)/guardian(s) of children with **special needs such as vision, hearing, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays** who are entering JK, SK or Full Day Kindergarten in September 2012. The information session will be held at the **Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board -- Catholic Education Centre, Room 301 on January 17, 2012 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

FOOD DAYS

December 2 – Sub Day

December 9 – Sub Day

December 16 – Pizza Day

December 23 – Pizza Day

January 13 – Sub Day

STUDENT COUNCIL

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

During Advent, the St. Timothy Student Council will sponsor a food drive for non-perishable food items. The food will be distributed through St. Catherine of Siena Church to those in need in our community.

DRESS DOWN DAYS

You may have noticed that the staff dress in a casual manner on Fridays. Through donations made on these Fridays, we are supporting the many charities associated with the United Way of Peel and Share Life.

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 on **January 19, 2012 at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas More , 3270 Tomken Road, Mississauga - L4Y 2Y7 (905-279-6472).**

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

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 at:

French Immersion centres	Session location
Our Lady of Providence St Angela Merici St Joachim	St Joachim
Divine Mercy St Elizabeth Seton St Margaret of Scotland	St Margaret of Scotland
St Gertrude St Pio of Pietrelcina	St Gertrude

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

STAKEHOLDER RESPONSIBILITIES BREAKDOWN IN THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA:

Student Transportation and Students Walking to School

Material was developed by the Mississauga Traffic Safety Council, with input from the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and the Peel District School Board, and adopted by the City of Mississauga Council on October 12, 2011. The document illustrates jurisdictional responsibility related to student transportation and students walking to school in Mississauga. Please find attached.



Please check the school's website for events and newsletters at:

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

GRADE 2 CRACK POT STUDIO CRAFT

On November 17, 2011 instructors from Crack Pot Studio visited the Grade Two's. They taught us how to make snow people out of clay. Also, they taught us how to score, slip and smooth the clay to stick things together. We made small pinch pots with our fingers while pinching and turning. We decorated our snow people. We made all the body parts out of clay. I named mine Santa Snowman. I liked making snow people in school with my friends.

Written by: Kate R.

Ms. Garcia's Grade 2 Class

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Please be sure to attend the **Christmas Bazaar at St. Timothy School on Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.** Events will include: children's crafts and events, assorted vendor tables displaying Christmas items, jewelry, crafts, handmade items, cosmetics, kitchen accessories, cookie decorating, tea and coffee, chili, hot dogs and bake sale items. Children will also have an opportunity to have their picture taken by a professional photographer. They are encouraged to wear Christmas attire for the photos. Thank you for supporting this event! Bring your appetite and enjoy!

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 1 – Gr. 4-6 French Presentation 10:30-12:30

December 1 – Hockey Tournament

December 2 – Milk order forms due

December 3 – Christmas Bazaar

December 7 – Celebration of Reconciliation Grades 3 to 8 at 9:15 am (at the school)

December 7 – School Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm

December 7 to 8 – Grade 4's to Slivercreek Outdoor Ed Centre

December 8- Gr. 3 to Black Creek Pioneer Village

December 13 – Dufflebag Theatre presents Rudolph

December 16 – Santa Visits Primary Students All Day

December 26 to January 8 – Christmas Break (schools closed)

January 9 - First day back from Christmas break

February 6, 8, 9 and 10 - Kindergarten Registration



STAKEHOLDER RESPONSIBILITIES BREAKDOWN
TRAFFIC SAFETY COUNCIL

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>
Sidewalks (along city streets)	-maintenance and construction (summer and winter)	City of Mississauga Transportation and Works Dept. Call: 311
Signs in School Zones (not on school property)	-maintenance and installation	City of Mississauga Transportation and Works Dept. Call: 311
Crossing Guards	-placement / removal	Traffic Safety Council City Clerks Office Laura Wilson: 905-615-3200 x 5425
	-conduct	Transportation and Works Dept. Sheelagh Duffin: 905-615-3200 x 5167
Park Pathways	-maintenance and construction (summer and winter) -pathway lighting	City of Mississauga Community Services Dept. Call: 311
School Bus Eligibility (criteria)	-distance criteria policy	Board of Trustees Peel District School Board 905-890-1010 Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board 905-890-1221
School Bus Routes	-school bus routes and stops -implementing distance policy	Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) 905-890-1221
Safety	-personal safety	Peel Regional Police 905-453-3311 Emergency: 911
	-walking routes to schools (physical conditions)	Traffic Safety Council City Clerks Office Laura Wilson: 905-615-3200 x 5425
	-school zones operation review	Traffic Safety Council City Clerks Office Laura Wilson: 905-615-3200 x 5425
	-school zones – illegal parking	City of Mississauga Call: 311
	-school property	school principal
	-students getting to and from school	parents

STAKEHOLDER

RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents

- get their children safely to and from school and/ or a bus stop
- where a safety concern is identified notify the appropriate agency

City of Mississauga

Transportation and Works Dept.

- sidewalk and roadway maintenance (summer and winter)
- traffic signals (pedestrian signals) maintenance
- crossing guard administration
- traffic signs and school zone signage
- parking enforcement

City of Mississauga

Community Services Dept.

- park pathway maintenance (summer and winter)
- park lighting maintenance

City of Mississauga

Council

- appointment of Traffic Safety Council
- consider / action recommendations from Traffic Safety Council

City of Mississauga

Traffic Safety Council

- review and make recommendations with respect to:
 - crossing guard placement and removal
 - school walking route safety (physical conditions)
 - school zone operation
 - school drop-off and pick-up operation
- where a safety concern is identified notify the appropriate agency

School Board Trustees

- set policy for student eligibility distances for bussing
- where a safety concern is identified notify the appropriate agency

School Principal

- safety of students on the school property
- where a safety concern is identified notify the appropriate agency

School Board Administration

- school property maintenance (summer and winter)
- school building maintenance
- school hours
- where a safety concern is identified notify the appropriate agency

Student Transportation or Peel Region (STOPR)

- provision of student transportation (school bussing) in accordance School Board policy
- determine the eligibility for student transportation based on the policies established by the school boards
- establish school bus routes and stops
- identify safety issues or concerns in respect to bussing
- where a safety concern is identified notify the appropriate agency

Peel Regional Police

- Highway Traffic Act* enforcement (u-turns, speeding, etc.)
- personal safety issues