

NEWSLETTER
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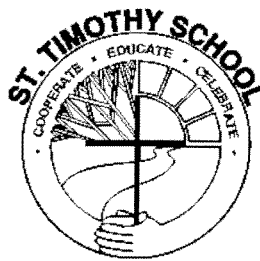
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Thanksgiving Prayer

O Gracious God, we give You thanks for Your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today.

Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence.

Open our hearts to Your love.

We ask Your blessing through Christ Your son.
Amen.

Principal's Message

I would like to thank everyone who helped with our Open House and BBQ evening. It was well attended and many thanks to BRAVO and our volunteers who all contributed to its success.

Highlights of the month: Terry Fox was a great event. All money raised goes towards cancer research. Many thanks to Mrs. Iarossi and her committee as well as the many parents who joined us. We had our opening school mass at the school. To see our children bless themselves as they entered our gym gave a true meaning to St. Timothy being a school of faith.

Our thanksgiving food drive will be lead by Mrs. Chyz's Grade 5's. Our community is always formally recognized in the larger community for having a very giving heart. All donations are appreciated.

All Star Reading is on the increase and it is so good to see young readers gaining in skill and confidence with just a couple of extra hours a week by great volunteers. We have more students still in need of your help. Please consider volunteering. Contact BRAVO- Because Real Angels Volunteer Organization here at the school if you can listen to and help a young child to read. A big thank you goes to Ms. Romeo for supporting our training of our volunteers.

Our first school council meeting is scheduled for Wed. Oct. 5 at 7:00 pm. We welcome and thank all the council members and the parents they represent for the endless giving and support to all of our children. This year no election was necessary. Council meetings typically occur the first Wednesday of every month so please come join us if you can.

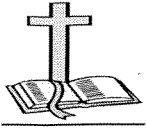
I am very pleased to share that the academic success of our student body as well as the teaching effectiveness of our staff has resulted in our recent EQAO scores surpassing both Board and Provincial scores in all areas in grade 6. We will continue to fine tune our teaching in the areas that we hope to further improve and set those as goals for this year.

We have much to be thankful for as we gather this coming weekend. Let us never lose focus on our many blessings as a school and community.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Monday, October 10, 2011
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

FAITH COMMUNITY



Parish Events:

October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary

The rosary will be recited daily during October in Italian after the 8am morning mass and in English before the 7pm evening mass.

40 Days for Life Annual Campaign

Consider joining people of faith around the world for 40 days of prayer and fasting from September 28 to November 6th to bring an end to the tragedy of abortion. See how you can help at www.40daysforlife.com/mississauga.

Church Bazaar Saturday, October 15 & Sunday, October 16

If you have any items you would like to donate bring them by the office.

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.

Pilgrimage to Holy Land, Lourdes, Paris, Petra & Jordan (Nov. 4-17)

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 @ 7:30pm 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.

Sacramental Preparations

Confirmation Registration: Meeting with parents & children at St. Catherine of Siena Church- Monday, October 3 @ 7:30 p.m.

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

First Holy Communion Registration: Meeting with parents & children at St. Catherine of Siena Church- Tuesday, October 4, @7:30 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

OCTOBER'S VIRTUE ~Empathy

God has given us the ability to form connections with each other - to live together. Empathy helps us to connect and live together in safe, caring, inclusive communities.

An *empathetic* person believes that we all share one Spirit; that we are many parts of one body because we are all created in the image and likeness of God. We know that God has given us the virtue of empathy so that we can learn to appreciate, accept and care for one another.

An *empathetic* person...

Listens attentively

Watches people's body language

Notices and responds when someone is upset

Can name her/his feelings

Can see a situation from another person's point of view

Knows that different people may feel differently about the same thing.



Stanbridge-Innisbrook Fall Fundraiser

St. Timothy School is excited to announce "Innisbrook" as the fall fundraiser for 2011. We are hopeful that everyone will help make this initiative a great success! The deadline for entering orders is October 14th, 2011. Please remember to not permit children to see door-to-door.

Parking Lot Safety and Kiss n' 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.***

Visitors to our School

All visitors and parents are asked to enter the building through the front door and report directly to 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.

Student Supervision Times

Please note that teachers are on supervision duty 15 minutes before the start of the school day. For safety reasons we ask that you not drop your child off at the school prior to 8:45 a.m. and to please pick them up ON TIME at 3:30 p.m..

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 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.

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).

EQAO

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has released Ontario Student Achievement; EQAO's Provincial Report on the Results of the 2010-2011 Assessment of Reading, Writing, and Mathematics, Primary Division (Grades 1-3) and Junior Division (Grades 4-6). Individual student scores have been sent home. More general information may be found on the EQAO website at www.eqao.com

School Council Elections

If you are interested in becoming a member of the St. Timothy School Council, you are invited to pick up application forms in the main office up to September 27. The first St. Timothy School Council meeting will be held on October 5.

Progress Reports

Students will bring home a Progress Report on **Tuesday, October 25, 2011**. It will communicate the student's progress in various subjects as well next steps for improvement. Teachers will contact parents if an interview is requested

Annual Open House/B.B.Q.

Our annual B.B.Q. and Meet the Teacher Open House was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2011. Thank you to the parents of the School Council for sharing their talents for this wonderful evening and making it a huge success.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Mrs. Chyz's grade 5 class will be in charge of the St. Timothy's Thanksgiving Food Drive again this year. In the spirit of sharing and giving thanks, we are hoping that each family will contribute non-perishable foods. Items will be collected from classes beginning on Monday, October 3. Many thanks to our community for your generosity.

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 for Grade 7's - October 25
- HPV for Grade 8 girls- October 25



The Homework Help Pilot Project: Independent Learning Centre's Homework Help Site

The 2011-2012 academic year represents Dufferin-Peel's third successful year of participation within the project. Based upon the success of the project, the Ministry of Education has now expanded Homework Help to all English speaking boards across the province of Ontario. Now over 600, 000 students in grades 7 to 10 will have access to this online math support site.

The ILC operates Homework Help which is a website that provides students with access to a variety of math resources including free and confidential online tutoring from Ontario teachers Sunday to Thursday evenings from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm. To utilize this resource, students must register for the site (<http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org>) by completing the registration process which involves:

1. Creation of an anonymous username.
2. Creation of a unique password.
3. Providing a valid email address.
4. Selecting "students" as user type.
5. Entering their date of birth.
6. Entering their OEN number.
7. Confirming agreement with the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy

(* **Please note** that students who registered in the 2010-2011 academic year can access their existing account and are not required to re-register with their OEN.)



Halloween Safety

Please remind your children of safety guidelines for Halloween:

- ✓ Not to wear a face mask, so your child will be able to see clearly.
- ✓ Wear light colored clothing, so drivers can see them.
- ✓ Carry a flashlight, so your child will be able to see on dark streets
- ✓ Go out with an adult, or an older brother or sister, if under 10 years of age.
- ✓ Stay away from cars and friendly strangers in cars.
- ✓ Watch for cars and look both ways when crossing the street.
- ✓ Wear their costumes above their shoes so they will not trip.
- ✓ Not to eat any treats until they are home and their parents have checked them.
- ✓ Not to damage else's property.

Start trick or treating early and be home by 8:30p.m

Upcoming Dates

Oct. 3	Thanksgiving Food Drive begins
Oct. 5	School Council @ 7:00p.m.
Oct. 7	Pizza Day
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Day!
Oct. 13	Miss. East Family Cross Country Meet (Centennial Park 9:00 to 2:15)
Oct. 14	Sub Day
Oct. 21	Sub Day
Oct. 25	Progress Reports go home
Oct. 25	Inoculations (see above for details)
Oct. 27	Interview Evening
Oct. 27	Picture Re-take Day
Oct. 28	Pizza Day



ACHIEVEMENT

A Report to our Catholic School Communities



Dufferin-Peel
Catholic District
School Board

Fall 2011

A Tradition of Excellence in Catholic Education

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and senior management, we welcome you to the 2011-12 school year. We are pleased that you have chosen a Catholic education for your child(ren) and promise to work hard to ensure that every student has every opportunity to achieve success. As we start the new school year, we would also like to make you aware of the tremendous amount of work that has taken place throughout the system over the past year. In that spirit, we are pleased to provide you with a snapshot report that outlines in bullet format, the work that has taken place over the past year; work that will impact this and future school and board activities. Throughout the year, we will strive to keep you apprised of achievements, issues and events as they unfold. We encourage you to get involved with Catholic education through your local school council and to keep informed of issues and events by visiting our website at www.dpcdsb.org where you can sign up for our free news and information service, eCommunity.

As we begin the new year, we will continue to work with our partners in education, you, the parents and guardians, our parishes, the Ministry of Education, Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association and others, to provide your children with a Catholic education that will serve them well as they strive to become, not only good, well rounded students, but responsible citizens as well. We welcome your feedback and input. To find out more about your local trustee and the role they play in Catholic education, our website is a great place to visit. We hope that this snapshot provides you with a glimpse of the work that we do on behalf of your children and Catholic education.

Anna Abbruscato - Chair

John B. Kostoff - Director of Education

Snapshot of Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board accomplishments and activities during the 2010-11 School Year

- Catholicity System Update
- Approved, for the fifth consecutive year, a balanced budget
- Invested \$4 million for Special Education Services and additional support for Full Day Learning
- Approved construction of two new schools in Brampton
- Launched Dufferin-Peel Baptismal Program with local parishes
- Initiated enrolment management strategy for boundaries for St. Edmund Campion Secondary and St. Rita Elementary schools
- Accepted Year-end Statistical Report on Information and Privacy for 2010
- Accepted Personal Health Information Statistical Report for Privacy Commissioner 2010
- Accepted Update on Green Initiatives from the System Directions and the Board Strategic Plan
- Approved Tender for new Loyola Catholic Secondary School
- Appointed external members to the Audit Committee
- Elected OCSTA Regional Directors
- Accepted Student Transportation Overview presentation, by the Ministry of the Education, regarding questions asked by Trustees
- Acknowledged presentation by Peel Public Health regarding new Nutritional Programs at the secondary level and recognized piloted schools
- Received Update on the Ontario Catholic Student Leadership Conference
- Completed Our Story, Our Tradition, Our Journey, a new student resource text that identifies the history of Catholic education, the role that the local churches and parishes played in Peel Region/ Dufferin County and ways to closer link parishes and schools
- Approved Year 3, 4 and 5 Full Day Kindergarten sites
- Created 3-year Capital Plan that identifies Catholic priorities in Dufferin-Peel, and forwarded to the government
- Approved Public Consultation for budget and regular monthly public budget updates
- Approved Award of Merit to be presented in September 2011 to Religious and Diocesan Orders that were instrumental in the founding of Dufferin-Peel
- Re-named Blessed Trinity School
- Received Ad Hoc Transportation Committee recommendations
- Received regular, monthly Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association updates on Provincial activities
- Accepted Monthly STOPR updates
- Received Integrated Ridership Discipline and Supervision Procedures
- Initiated proposed revision to transportation eligibility
- Accepted STOPR Operational Procedures
- Approved Revised Budget Estimates for 2010-2011
- Created Student Voice Council, comprised of School Prime Ministers, which will meet during the year with the board
- Set boundaries for Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School
- Received, through the Financial Services Department, presentation of the Transportation Consortium effectiveness and efficiency reviews
- Received report on the secondary schools Scholarship and Awards Committee
- Reviewed report on Succession Planning for the next 15 years on both Corporate and Instructional sides
- Received presentation of the Attendance Support Program and implementation procedures
- Reviewed report on Supporting Diverse Learners in the Early Years
- Acknowledged re-engagement strategy for Grade 12 and beyond, and students who have yet to be successful in graduation
- Initiated French Immersion Guardian/Parent Interest Survey
- Approved Provincial Briefing Report to local Members of Provincial parliament on areas of concern of the Dufferin-Peel community
- Catholic Community, Culture & Caring School Climate Survey - Students
- Received Pillars of the Catholic Board Learning Plans

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- Received report on the Eco-Greening Initiatives and Certification
- Approved Equity and Inclusion Strategy
- Received presentation for Catholic Education Week
- Received Overseas Excursion report
- Election of student representatives to the Board of Trustees
- Received Review of Service Coordination in the Dufferin-Peel Region, from Birth to 24
- Received Review of School Health Support Services Report from the Ministry of Education
- Received System Directions Overview by the Director of Education, based on the Strategic Plan
- Approved recommendations to the 2011 Budget Process
- Goal Setting for the Special Education Advisory Committee & alignment to the Catholic Board Learning Plan
- Approved publication of the document, Role of the Trustee, for wide distribution
- Approved publication of the document, Dealing with Complaints, for wide distribution
- Established Ad Hoc Committee with Peel District School Board Trustees to discuss issues of joint concern regarding transportation
- Approved change in walking distance ratios
- Established budget priorities for the 2010-2011 school budget
- Additional years for growth at Cardinal Ambrozic Catholic Secondary School, St. Roch Catholic Secondary School and St. Michael Catholic Secondary School
- Signed agreement with the City of Mississauga regarding track and field facilities at the new Loyola Catholic Secondary School site
- Received review and analysis of EQAO test results for Grades 3,6,10 for all, including diverse learners
- Received review of strategies to improve the graduation rates of Grade 12 students at the Secondary level
- Conducted Public Budget Consultation with community stakeholders
- Approved massive review and revision of 86 by-laws and procedures
- Approved expansion of French Immersion sites through board budget
- Reached agreement on the first DECE contract for the Full Day Learning Program
- Received review and monitoring of student achievement, student graduation rates, programs and services
- Received delegations on a variety of topics at Board and Committee meetings throughout the year
- Initiated and conducted professional in-servicing of Trustees regarding suspension and appeals
- Initiated and conducted professional in-servicing of Trustees on governance issues
- Initiated and conducted professional in-servicing of Trustees on transportation
- Regularly bring forward concerns from rate payers related to policy or issues in their wards
- Over one-third of our schools Eco-Certified as Green Schools
- Conducted application process for community representatives to the Audit Committee
- Held regular meetings with the Regional Audit Team
- Created Risk Assessment document
- Internal Audits randomly conducted at schools
- Appointed external auditors
- Construction of Our Lady of Lourdes - new elementary school opening in September in Brampton
- Approved renovations related to FDK at four schools and retrofits at four schools to accommodate Full Day Kindergarten Program
- Approved energy saving initiatives of roof top solar voltaic panels at five schools and installation of energy efficient lighting, thermostatic controls at three schools. Replacement and repairs coming to six roofs and upgrades to mechanical and electrical systems at 24 schools
- Allocated one time funding utilization of \$1.5 million for Science Textbooks and \$2.0 million for other subject textbooks
- Successfully implemented inaugural year of Full Day Kindergarten
- Aligned Catholic Board Learning Plan, Catholic Board Corporate Plan and System Direction
- Expanded Pathways and Specialist High Skills Major program
- Development of staff capacity to support students with mental health needs
- Drafted New Policy, School Food and Beverage
- Revised Policy 4.04, Educational Trips
- Revised Policy 1.25, Pupils with an Anaphylactic Allergy
- Revised Policy 1.75, Chapels in Secondary Schools
- Revised Policy 4.25, Noon Hour - Supervision
- Revised Regulations 6.59, School Graduations
- Draft of Revised Policy/Regulations 1.10, Admissions
- Revised Policy 7.20, Video Security Surveillance Systems in Schools
- Revised Policy 5.10, Public Health
- Revised Policy 1.20, Advertising Materials
- Received Dashboard updates on the implementation of Strategic Plan System Directions, from the Human Resources Department, Mississauga South Family of Schools, Brampton North East Family of Schools, Brampton East/Caledon/Dufferin/Malton Family of Schools, Mississauga North Family of Schools, Mississauga East Family of Schools, Mississauga Brampton Central Family of Schools, Special Education and Student Services, Program, Brampton West Family of Schools, Student Success Support Initiatives, Planning and Operations, Corporate Services and Employee Relations.

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