



St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School is a community of learners committed to the development of the whole person. We are gifts of God working together to serve the Lord Jesus and each other. With family and parish, we strive for excellence and a commitment to life long learning.



A big thank you

- To those parents who remember to telephone in their child's absence to (905)-821-2277 #2.
- To those parents who remember to send a note with their child if they are going to be dismissed early.
- To those parents to remember not to send medication of any type with their child to school unless proper forms are completed.
- To those parents who refrain from sending nut products or snacks that may contain nuts to school.
- To those parents who follow our Kiss and Ride Protocol and help us to maintain a safe procedure for children.
- To those parents who do not park in the bus lanes and park their cars properly.
- To those parents who turn off their engines so we all can have cleaner air.
- To those Parents who volunteer on school trips and in classrooms.

- To all the parents who support their children with the completion of homework, in an effort to reinforce the learning that is happening with the classrooms.
- To all the parents who help their children arrive to school on time.
- To all the parents who have supported the various charity drives we have had throughout the year.

PEOPLE OF FAIRNESS...

- TREAT OTHERS AS THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED
- REFUSE TO BEND THE TRUTH OR TWIST RULES FOR PERSONAL GAIN
- LISTEN FOR GOD'S ADVICE BEFORE FORMING OPINIONS
- THINK W.W.J.D.* WHEN FACED WITH MORAL CHOICES
- SHOW GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP
- KNOW THAT RELATIONSHIPS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN POSSESSIONS OR POPULARITY
- GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO THOSE WHO NEED EXTRA SUPPORT
- WORK TO BRING ABOUT PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS
- CHEER ON THE SUCCESSES OF OTHERS



FAIRNESS



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As our school year draws to a close, I would like to take this time to thank you the parents and guardians for all your support, cooperation and active involvement throughout the school year. We are blessed with a truly dedicated caring and collaborative Catholic community of home, school and parish as we continue to serve our *children first*. It is through your extra efforts and hours of volunteer work that we have had such an incredibly busy school. It is not the building or our surroundings that defines who we are as a school, but it is the people who make up our community. I wish to especially recognize the staff of *St. Elizabeth School* for their tireless efforts to our students. Everyone's effort and contribution has helped make this a successful school year.

During this past year our curriculum focus has continued to be in the area of literacy, specifically in the junior and intermediate divisions, as we continue to work on enhancing student's literacy skills. Our staff has worked to establish a common language and assessment for literacy in order to build a seamless connection for students as they move through the junior and intermediate divisions. We have found that our students continue to demonstrate a good knowledge and understanding of the specific skills and concepts taught. The teachers have continued to meet as a division working collaboratively to address best teaching strategies and assessment practices in order to facilitate this learning for our students.

To our *Grade Eight graduates*, we extend a fond farewell, and best wishes for continued success and happiness as you continue your education in secondary school in September. To the students who will be moving next year, we hope that you will remember your days at *St. Elizabeth Seton* fondly, as we will remember you. I would also like to congratulate all the students on their diligence and efforts during the school year. The staff has enjoyed the gifts and talents which the students bring to *St. Elizabeth Seton* Catholic School.

A special thank you goes out to:

- * Mr. Pritchard, who will be leaving *St. Elizabeth Seton* at the end of the current year. Your presence will be missed! Your contributions to our school community have been outstanding, best wishes in your new school community.
- * Our ESL teacher Ms. Schleifer who will be retiring this year. We wish her the very best as she embarks a new chapter in life's journey.
- * Our JK/SERC LTO Ms. Tulipano and Ms. Duliunas (Grade 7) Thank you for your many efforts and contributions this year. We wish you the very best as you move forward in your teaching career.
- * Ms. Zovko, our ERW, thank you for your contributions this year and we wish you good luck in your next placement.

In closing, thank you to parents, staff, St. John of the Cross Parish and School Council for the roles that each of you have played in making our school a warm, caring, inclusive, nurturing and supportive environment. As we follow many different paths on the beautiful journey of life this summer, may the good Lord bless all of you and keep you safe with His love and hope!

Sincerely,

D. Scardicchio

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Elections for our School Advisory Council for the 2010 school year will take place in September, as directed by government legislation. The staff and students wish to thank our School Council for all their efforts. The organization of the major fund-raising events and their assistance with school events, Masses and activities is very much appreciated. A special thank you to Mrs. Magat for all her work as chair of the School Council this year.

Council News

Once again our chocolate fundraiser was a great success! We raised over \$4600.00. These funds will go towards important events such as the grade 8 graduation and Artist in the School. Thank you to all the parents and teachers for your continued support and thank you to Mrs. Vanbokhorst for all her hard work.

**Please mark these dates in your calendar:

Sept. 23, 2010 - Meet the Teacher Night

Sept 28, 2010 @ 6:30 pm - Parent Council M Meeting library. We will be voting in our New Council for the 2010/2011 school year. More information will follow in September.

Junior Kindergarten children DO NOT attend school on September 7th. Parents will be contacted by their child's teacher regarding their child's specific start date. JK students are scheduled to start school on a staggered basis during the first two weeks of the school year.

CLASS PLACEMENTS AND SEPTEMBER ENTRY

Class placements for September will be not be available until the 1st day of school because of the need to respond to last minute enrollment changes. On September 7th, which is the first day back for students, all returning or newly registered students will be met in the playground at entry time by their teachers, and escorted to their new classrooms. Signs indicating the entry door for each grade will be posted. If you are moving, please let us know so that we can provide a student transfer form. Classes are never officially confirmed until the re-organization day at the end of the second week of school. Teachers have been spending a significant amount of time organizing the classes for next year. We have received a number of parent requests for their children's placement and at this time, we are no longer entertaining additional requests.

Play Day

Please note that we will be having our annual school play day on **Friday June 25th**. Please remind your child to have a good, healthy breakfast, bring sun-screen, a hat and a water bottle to ensure that they have sufficient fluids. A **BIG** thank you to the Parent Council for providing freezes!!

ENSURE THAT YOUR TAX DOLLARS REACH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL SYSTEM...

Catholic Ratepayers – Check your Tax Bill to Ensure Proper Tax Support

If you are a Catholic ratepayer, we urge you to check your property tax bill to ensure that your support is directed to your local Catholic school board, in our case, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board.

If you are a tenant, you can verify your support by contacting our Admissions Department at (905) 890-0708, ext. 24511, 24512, or 24519, or your local municipal office.

By ensuring that you are accurately recorded as a Catholic school supporter, you can help deliver a powerful message to the government about the level of support for publically-funded Catholic education in Ontario.

In order to be eligible to vote for your local Catholic school board trustee, you must be registered as a separate school supporter.

Epi Pens & Medication

Please note that students' Epi-Pens and medication will be returned to your child on June 30th, the last day of school. Please ensure to check their backpacks and review the expiry dates as you may need to renew the prescription over the summer. Thank you for your cooperation.



On May 5-7 the Grade 8's went on an adventure to Muskoka Woods. The class represented St. Elizabeth Seton admirably, showing all of the schools there what we are all about. They had many adventures, from zip-lining 40 feet in the air to hiking through the wilderness and singing around a roaring campfire. Mr. Naismith is very proud of the class and the way they acted. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Lovelace, Miss Witteman and Miss Massion, who joined the class on the trip as chaperones.

Office Helpers

Mrs Stewart would like to give special thanks to all the grade 8 students who volunteered their time in the office as Office Helpers on a regular basis. Thank you for being such a wonderful example of Christian service. Your warm smiles, cheerfulness and willingness to help with any task at hand has shown the community, our staff and students that Seton's grade 8's are truly the best!!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADE 8 GRADUATES

Congratulations to the grade 8 graduates of St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School. The students have worked very hard, showed leadership and cooperated well. We wish all the students well in their future endeavors. Our prayers go with them as they enter secondary school. The graduation ceremony will take place on Monday, June 28th beginning with Mass at 6:30 pm at St. John of the Cross Parish followed by the awards ceremony in Nessinger Hall.

Volunteer Appreciation Tea

Attention Volunteers!!

It's that time of year where we at Seton love to show you our gratitude for all the wonderful things you do for us. You enrich the learning experiences for all of our students. Our "Volunteer Appreciation Tea" will take place on Thursday, June 10th. Invitations will be sent shortly.



French Café

Miss Davi and Mr. Telfeyan's Grade 5/6 class would like to send out a huge thank-you to all the students here at Seton who participated in the French Cafe on Thursday, May 13, 2010. It was "Fantastique"!! Everyone enjoyed themselves and we raised approximately \$450.00 for the Mississauga Humane Society. Merci Beaucoup!



RETURNING SCHOOL BOOKS

As the year draws to a close students are reminded to return any books belonging to St. Elizabeth Seton School. Parents please assist your children in checking all the "nooks and crannies" for any books that may be hiding there. If any have our school stamp in them, please send them to the school.





Library Update

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and students of St. Elizabeth Seton School for all your support in making this year in the library very enjoyable and successful.

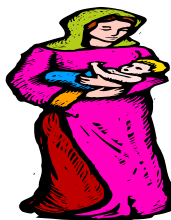
St. Elizabeth Seton's' library was blessed with Ministry and Board money to purchase new books, replace old favourites and complete much loved book series. Students were very conscious of keeping books in good condition. Since we are coming to the end, I request that all books be returned **no later** than Friday, June 11, 2010.

May the Lord bless you all with a safe and restful summer.

Happy reading!

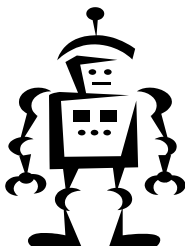
Crowning of Mary

Thank you to our Primary Division for all of their hard work in putting together a wonderful Crowning of Mary Celebration. The students readings were engaging and the tableaux's were exceptional!!



Robotics

This year we began our robotics team in March. We practiced building and programming our robot to compete tasks. Our first competition was at St. Aloysius Gonzaga at the board level where our robot explored Mars. We successfully completed the challenge, ending up in first place and advancing to the Provincial level in Waterloo.



At the provincials, our robot competed in the 2010 Olympics. We competed in events like curling, uphill skiing, hockey and biathlon. Unfortunately, we were unable to earn a medal, but we feel that we tried our best and had fun!! We can't wait till next year and thanks very much to our awesome coaches', Mrs. Scrivo and Mr. Pritchard

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Blue Veil Concert

"Rejoicing in Hope" -- that was the theme of this year's Education Week celebrated by all schools in the Dufferin-Peel Board. Coincidentally it was also the message being promoted by the rock band Blue Veil. On May 11th, the staff and students of St. Elizabeth Seton School were treated to a concert by Blue Veil in the school gym.

The group entertained the audience with Christian rock songs and modern rock songs that present a positive message such as love, hope and peace. Many thanks go out to the Parent Council whose generous support from the money of "The Artist in the School" budget made this wonderful and exciting event possible. Many members of our school community who attended the concert gave very positive feedback on the joy they experienced in listening to the Christian messages being presented at the Blue Veil concert.

Mrs. Banks

REPORT CARDS

Your child's report card will be sent home on Monday, June 28th. We wish to bring to your attention once again, page 3, called the Response Form. Please return page 3, if you wish, to your child's teacher on June 29th.

PLASP

Voted best Before and After School Program 10 years in a row, by the readers of the Mississauga News.

PLASP operates Before and After School Programs, in this school, for children up to 12 years of age.

REGISTRATION NOW TAKING PLACE.

For more info., see the PLASP staff at this school; call the PLASP Head Office at 905-890-1711 or visit www.plasp.com.

Last Day of School

The last day of school for students will be Wednesday, June 30, 2010.

And Finally.....

On behalf of the St. Elizabeth Seton School staff, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and support throughout this past year. It is with this kind of teamwork that great things happen for your children. I look forward to continuing our partnership next fall. I hope you enjoy a safe and relaxing summer. School resumes on **Tuesday, September 7, 2010.**

Please find attached the school calendar for next year 2010-2011. Keep this calendar for your records.

D. Scardicchio

Have a Safe Summer



June 2010

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2	3 Year End Mass 9:15 AM	4 School Track & Field	5
6	7	8	9	10 Pizza Day Volunteer Tea in Library 1:00 pm	11	12
13	14	15 Family Track & Field	16	17	18 Board Track & Field	19
20	21	22	23	24 Pizza Day SK Grad	25 Play Day	26
27	28 Report Cards go home Graduation Mass @ church 6:30 PM	29	30 Last Day of School 			



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2010-2011 School Year Calendar

First day of classes elementary and secondary schools	Tuesday, September 7, 2010
Last day of classes Semester 1 Secondary (Semester Schools Only)	Monday, January 24, 2011
First Day of classes Semester 2 Secondary (Semester Schools Only)	Thursday, February 3, 2011
School Year ends Elementary and Secondary Schools	Thursday, June 30, 2011
Number of school days for the 2010 – 2011 school year	194
Number of Instructional Days in Elementary Schools	188
Number of Instructional Days in Secondary Schools	188
Number of Professional Activity Days in Elementary Schools	6
Number of Professional Activity Days in Secondary Schools	6

► School Holidays for the 2010 – 2011 School Year

Every Saturday and Sunday	
Board Designated Holiday (students)	Friday, September 3, 2010
Labour Day	Monday, September 6, 2010
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 11, 2010
Christmas Break (inclusive)	Monday, December 20, 2010 to Friday, December 31, 2010
Family Day	Monday, February 21, 2011
Mid-Winter Break	Monday, March 14, 2011 to Friday, March 18, 2011 (inclusive)
Good Friday	Friday, April 22, 2011
Easter Monday	Monday, April 25, 2011
Victoria Day	Monday, May 23, 2011

► Elementary Schools – Professional Activity Days

1. Thursday, September 2, 2010	Provincial Priorities and Faith Development
2. Friday, September 17, 2010	Principal's Day: Re-organization/Faith Development/Prov. Priorities
3. Friday, November 26, 2010	Provincial Priorities and Faith Development
4. Friday, January 14, 2011	Term 1 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress
5. Friday, February 4, 2011	Reporting to Parents on Evaluation and Pupil Progress
6. Monday, June 13, 2011	Term 2 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress

St. Sofia Only

1. Thursday, September 2, 2010	Provincial Priorities and Faith Development
2. Friday, November 26, 2010	Provincial Priorities and Faith Development
3. Friday, January 7, 2011	Principal's Day: Curriculum and Faith
4. Friday, January 14, 2011	Term 1 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress
5. Friday, February 4, 2011	Reporting to Parents on Evaluation and Pupil Progress
6. Monday, June 13, 2011	Term 2 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress

► Secondary Schools – Professional Activity Days

1. Thursday, September 2, 2010	Provincial Priorities and Faith Development
2. Friday, September 17, 2010	Provincial Priorities and Faith Development
3. Wednesday, February 2, 2011	Principal's Day: Semester Turnaround
4. Tuesday, June 28, 2011	*Principal's Day: Year End Reporting and Activities
5. Wednesday, June 29, 2011	*Principal's Day: Year End Reporting and Activities
6. Thursday, June 30, 2011	*Principal's Day: Year End Reporting and Activities

*Semester and year end evaluations and school wide promotion meetings; contact parents with summer school recommendations, OSR and report card preparation; inventory management of books, equipment, learning materials; curriculum development for new course outlines; goal setting for the upcoming school year.

► Secondary School Examination Days (10) ► Holy Name of Mary Examination Days (10)

Semester 1: January 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 2011	June 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 2011
Semester 2: June 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 2011	



From Your Catholic School Trustee

Esther O'Toole

It is hard to believe that our schools will be closing for the summer very soon. There have been so many activities and certainly it has been a very busy time at the school board.

First I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to our Principal Mr. Scardicchio for a wonderful year. Thank you to the St. Elizabeth Seton, custodians and support staff. We know how hard you work, every year there is something new you bring to the students. A special thanks to Superintendent Denise Oude-Reimerink, who is so supportive of both the school and to me. Thank you again Mr. Scardicchio for your dedication to St. Elizabeth Seton.

As your trustee it is always a pleasure for me to be able to share good news with you. The board, after many conversations has approved new walking distances for those students who take the buses. These new distances will come into effect in September. The revisions are as follows:

THAT BOARD POLICY 7.10, ITEM #2 BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS TO DISTANCE ELIGIBILITY:

- GRADE 1 STUDENT ELIGIBILITY BE REVISED FROM 1.6 KILOMETERS TO 1.0 KILOMETERS;
- GRADES 2 – 4 ELIGIBILITY BE 1.6 KILOMETERS;
- GRADES 5 – 8 ELIGIBILITY BE 2.0 KILOMETERS;
- GRADE 7 & 8 STUDENT ELIGIBILITY BE REVISED FROM 3.2 KILOMETERS TO 2.0 KILOMETERS;

WITH THE UNDERSTANDING FUNDING WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGH EFFICIENCIES.

After Bill 177 we must work with the bussing consortium, which is called STOPR. The board does continue to make policies, which the consortium is bound to follow. As your trustee I have had many calls from parents regarding bussing distance and a special thanks the parents who came to the board to support my motion that passed May 25, 2010.

Catholic Education Week was a huge success. Each class took part in Catholic Education Week by inviting parents and the community into the school. I was very happy to witness the great things that happen in our schools.

A sincere thank you to your Catholic School Council and volunteers for all of their hard work and dedication to the school community. I encourage you to attend the school council meetings. I have attended meetings and events and have always enjoyed and been impressed with the level of activity of this council.

We are so blessed to have Father Leo and Father Joe and Fr. Abraham and Deacon Cannon, who support and visit the school. They are so busy, but they always find the time to come to help and celebrate with us.

The municipal election is October 25th. Make sure to vote. If you do not vote you do not have a voice. You may vote for Mayor, Councilor and Catholic Trustee. And make sure that your **tax assessment** is ticked "separate school supporter". When you move it automatically defaults to the public board. This is crucial to us.

I wish you a safe and happy summer. May God bless you and your family and may He always hold you in the palm of His hand.