



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 Prayer About The First Day Of School

*God, as you know,
it's the beginning of a new school year.*

*Thank you for the summer and all the fun
I had.*

*But help me to remember that now I have
to find time to do well in school and try
my very best.*

*Please help me learn about all kinds of
interesting ideas.*

*Help me to make some new friends and
get along well with my classmates.*

*And thank you for the fall and the nice
weather.*

*It helps to make the beginning of school
special.*

Amen

WHAT'S NEW

Every school year brings changes. We thank those teachers and staff members who have left St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School and who gave excellent service to the students entrusted to their care over the years they were here.

A special welcome to the following staff new to St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School for the 2011/2012 school year:

- A. Wanat—Gr 1 French Immersion
- A. Tulipano - Gr. 4

We thank them in advance for their dedication to the students of our school.

Time Change

8:45 a.m. - School Starts

10:35—10:50 a.m. - Recess

11:15 a.m. - Kindergarten Dismissal

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Lunch

12:45 p.m. - PM Kindergarten Entry

1:50 - 2:05 p.m. - Recess

3:15 p.m. - Dismissal

In order to equal our morning and afternoon times, several time changes have been made to the school bells beginning this school year, September, 2011.

Please note that the start and dismissal times have not changed nor has the kindergarten entry and dismissal times. The lunch times and recess times have been changed. Please note that our lunch times begins at 11:30 am and ends at 12:30 p.m.

These changes benefit students as we will have longer literacy and numeracy blocks both in the AM and PM

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special thank you to the caretaking staff here at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School. The hard work they put in on a day to day basis to ensure that our learning and working environment is clean is very much appreciated. Thank you Mrs. Miller, Mr. Sengupata and Mrs. Davies.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back! On behalf of the entire school community I would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are new to our community. Each school year is an exciting beginning. The staff and I look forward to working with you and your children over the next tens months to provide a highly rewarding year, both spiritually and academically, for all our students.

The staff has been hard at work preparing curriculum, planning and creating a welcoming learning environment for all our students.

The new beginning always holds much excitement as students start their school year and begin meeting the challenges that their new grade level has to offer them.

I look forward to working with staff, students, parents, our pastor and the broader community in order to provide a "faith enriched" learning environment for all who enter our school. It is my hope to continue to serve, support, and enhance the dynamic relationships that already exist within the school community. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the school to speak to either staff or myself.

D. Scardicchio
Principal

ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call our office to report his/her absence before 8:30 am on the day of the absence. You may call at any time and leave a message on the answering service. **It is very important that you inform the school if your child will be absent.**

Thank you for your assistance in this student safety initiative.

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Picture Day

Picture Day is **Friday, October 21, 2011**. Please check your children's backpacks for your reminder.



NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will be sent home with the youngest or only child in the family in September.



At St. Elizabeth Seton we are very environmentally conscious, therefore, all other newsletters will be on our website at **www.dpccdsb.org/SETON** or sign up to receive the newsletter by email. We can, through our efforts, stop the cycle of abuse to the environment and leave a much healthier footprint for our children. Newsletters are meant to serve as a means of communication between home and school. They will inform you about various school activities, programs, routines, reminders and so forth.

The newsletters will be supplemented by letters concerning special events, trips, religious celebrations, etc.

If you do not have a computer, please send your child to the office, a few copies will be available.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

As we begin a new school year we would like to inform you that St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School, is an allergen aware school. There are pupils in attendance who suffer from severe and life threatening allergies to certain foods, such as peanut and nut products. Exposure to the smallest quantities can cause severe life threatening reactions. Anaphylaxis is a severe and life threatening allergic reaction. The most common allergen triggers are foods containing peanuts, insect stings, medications, exercise and latex. An anaphylactic reaction involves symptoms from two or more body systems. **We would appreciate the cooperation of the entire school community by NOT sending any lunches or snacks that contain nuts, nut oils or derivatives (e.g. peanut butter, peanuts, or peanut oil) which could potentially harm a pupil**

Please avoid sending food for birthday or special occasions. There are many alternatives such as stickers and pencils.

If you have any questions please talk to your child's teacher or the school staff.

We look forward to your co-operation in making this a safe year for all our pupils.





Virtues Initiative

A Catholic Faith Community is rooted in a set of common beliefs which are inspired by the life, mission and teachings of Jesus. As a Catholic Community we are called to learn, to grow and to become more like Jesus in the way we see and treat others. Our Catholic faith plays an important role in helping us shape schools that are safe, caring and inclusive.

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School will **continue** with the “Virtues Program” this year. This program is designed to help us nurture virtue and character development in the lives of our students. Each month, the entire school will focus on a different virtue. Classroom activities and school wide activities will all focus on the nurturing of a specific virtue.



We would appreciate your support in discussing these virtues with your child and encouraging behaviours that would demonstrate these virtues. Here is a list:

September	Faith	February	Respect
October	Empathy	March	Kindness
November	Conscience	April	Love
December	Hope	May	Acceptance
January	Self Control	June	Fairness

Please visit our school website for current information about school procedures, upcoming events, church bulletins, newsletters, school council information, school history, etc.



www.dpcdsb.org/SETON

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sacraments are parish, not school events. Initial preparation is done by the schools through the religion program. Immediate preparation is the responsibility of the parents and the parish. REGISTRATIONS FOR SACRAMENTS TAKES PLACE AT MEETINGS AT THE CHURCH.



September 16 -PA Day - No School for students

September 21—Meet the Teacher Night

September 23—Terry Fox Walk/Run

September 23 - Nomination Forms for Parent Council are due in office by 4 pm

September 27—Opening Mass
In school gym at 9:15 am
All are welcome

September 27 - Parent Council Mtg
Library @ 6:30 pm



HELP NEEDED FOR THE 2011 – 2012 SCHOOL YEAR !

Volunteers are needed as members of the 2011/2012 St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School Council. Many vital programs are funded and made possible by the work of our school council members. These programs include the following: busses for school masses, religious pins for the First Communion and Confirmation programs, student agendas, and school presentations (i.e. authors, musicians and drama). Without the ongoing support of our School Council, these programs will be in jeopardy. Information regarding participation in the school council and applications for Criminal Reference Checks are available at the school office. Anyone working in our school as a new employee or **volunteer must have a Criminal Reference Check completed by the Peel Police.** CRC's are free of charge for volunteers. Forms will be available from the office.

Please consider helping to make St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School a better place for your children!

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

An active and enthusiastic School Council is essential to the success of any school. Sincere appreciation is extended to all those parents who participated in the School Council last year. Your efforts have contributed to the education and development of all of our students here at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School.

Elections and/or the selection of executive positions for the 2011/2012 School Council will be conducted at the first council meeting of this year on **Tues. September 27th at 6:30 pm in the Library.** Forms will be available in the office during the period of September 19th - Sept 23th for anyone interested in being part of the School Council executive for the school year 2011/2012. **The deadline for submission of these forms is 4:00 pm on Monday, September 26th.**

Please mark these dates down in your calendars and do come out and participate. **YOUR PARTICIPATION IS VERY MUCH NEEDED!**

SAFE SCHOOLS IN DUFFERIN-PEEL

Initiatives and efforts will continue this year to make St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School a safe environment for all of our students. Procedures are in place to ensure that strangers do not have access to our school and the comprehensive approach to minimize bullying will be continued. This approach includes participation from public health professionals, police officers, child service agencies, students and school staff. Please cooperate with and support our various safe school initiatives.

PA DAY

Friday, September 16th is a professional activity day for the staff and students of our school. This day will be used for school organization and staff faith development purposes.

STUDENT AGENDAS



Students in Grades 2-8 will be using school agendas to help develop their organizational skills. Please take some time to look over your child's agenda. It is used daily to help assist your child with organization. It is also an effective vehicle we use to keep parents informed on what is happening in class and in the school. The cost of the agenda is \$3.00. Thank you to the St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School Council for covering part of the cost of the student agendas.

SEPARATE SCHOOL TRUSTEE

The Separate School Board Trustee for our school and i Esther O'Toole. If you have a concern regarding School Board Policy or how it affects you as a Separate School Supporter, you may reach her by calling the number which is listed under the Serving Our Community Section found on the front cover of the Newsletter.

OPEN HOUSE AND PIZZA

Our annual school Open House will be held on **Wednesday, September 21st**. The following schedule will be followed:

- 5:30 - 6:30 pm - pizza

- 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - classroom visits



PARENTAL HELP IS REQUIRED TO ENSURE THE PIZZA EVENT CAN TAKE PLACE.



PROMOTING A HEALTHY AND SAFE

EARLY ARRIVAL

Students must remain outside of the school building until 8:45 a.m. Students arriving prior to this time should go to the area where their class assembles for entry. In case of inclement weather teachers on duty will advise the students where to wait inside the building.

WALKERS

Please continue to instruct your child regarding safe passage to school; i.e. crossing with the guard, and / or at signed locations, walking with a buddy, and to always watch out for vehicles. Drivers please drive slowly and carefully.

KISS & RIDE / CHURCH PARKING LOT

PARENTS – A reminder to all parents who drive their children to school and park their vehicle in the school parking lot and allow children to cross the drive-thru and kiss n ride lane to get to the school yard is a very dangerous practice. We encourage the use of the Kiss N Ride Lane to drop your children off. Having children exit your vehicle from the drivers side in the kiss n ride lane is also a very unsafe practice due to cars driving through the drive-thru lane. **WE ASK, FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS, THAT YOU DO NOT PARK IN THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT BETWEEN 8:15 – 8:45 am and 3:00 – 3:30 pm.**

Thank you very much to all those parents who are using our front driveway drop off lane as it was intended. Please be reminded that cars should never be parked or left unattended in the front lanes of our school. **If you need to escort your child to the school or yard please park in the church parking lot behind St. Elizabeth Seton (Inlake Rd). The church has been kind enough to allow parents to use their parking lot before and after school each day.** If you are planning to visit the school for an extended period of time or want to pick up you child(ren), especially at the end of the day, please use this area. Parents who park their cars in the Kiss & Ride lane, especially between 3:15-3:30 are making it unsafe for children to leave the school and you risk receiving a traffic ticket from the City Parking Control. **Also please turn off your cars, idling pollutes our air!**

LEAVING DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Parents are asked to send a note to the teacher stating the time your child is to **meet you in the office area**. Please be aware that **no** child is allowed to leave the school without a signed and dated note from the parent.

LUNCH POLICY

Students who stay at school for lunch are not permitted to leave the school property. If ever there is a need to do so, a **written request signed and dated, from a parent is required for each occurrence**. Parents must sign their child out and in when taking them for lunch. In Grade 7 and 8 parents check the NO option on the annual permission form. .

Please remember, that if you have given your child blanket permission to leave the school property at lunch time, or give them specific permission in writing on individual days to leave school property at lunch time, the school cannot assume responsibility for their supervision once off school property. Some students may choose to go to the plaza at the corner of Britannia and Glen Erin for lunch, necessitating that they cross a busy intersection. Your support in reviewing lunch hour expectations with your child(ren) and discussing safety issues would be very helpful.

If you are dropping off a lunch for your child, please have it clearly marked with your child's name and inform your child that it will be left for them on our lunch table in the hall. Considering that the office becomes a very busy place at lunch time, please make prior arrangements with your child regarding the pick up of lunches. Phone calls will not guarantee that the message will be relayed to your child..



EMERGENCY INFORMATION

It is important that we are able to contact you during school hours. We have on record telephone numbers for home, work and an emergency contact person. In order to keep our records up-to-date, please update the Student Verification Sheet that will be sent home soon with your child. It is vital that information be kept up to date in order for the school to contact you in case of an emergency.

EMERGENCY INCIDENT POLICY

We have a detailed fire/emergency evacuation and lock-down policy. We will be practicing many times over the course of the school year. **You need to know that in case we have to evacuate the school, our evacuation site is Meadowvale Community Church on Inlake Road.**

A REMINDER: Students must wear shoes in the school building at all times. If the fire alarm goes off, students will not be permitted to stop to put on shoes, coats, hats etc. Their safety is our first priority. **Please ensure that your child has an extra pair of shoes at school during the winter months.**

EXCURSIONS AND FIELD TRIPS

Educational trips which extend learning opportunities in curriculum areas do take place. Teachers need to follow appropriate Board procedures. A limited number of trips may be planned by teachers.

BY LAW the school must have on file permission forms which must be signed by the parents/guardians. If on the day of the excursion your child did not return his/her form, and the parents/guardians cannot come into the school to sign the permission forms, the student will remain at the school. VERBAL TELEPHONE PERMISSION IS NEVER ACCEPTABLE.



SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

The beginning of each school year is always marked by change which requires all of us to be understanding, accommodating and flexible. The September school organization is based on projected enrolment numbers prepared by the school board. Such enrolment projection determines the number of teachers assigned to the school and consequently the grade and class configurations. In the event that student enrolment falls below or above projections, an adjustment to classes and the number of teachers assigned to the school may follow, which may affect the placement of your child. Therefore, as we start the year, **staffing is still tentative.** Presently our enrolment is changing and we may reorganize the classes. Any changes to classes will take place on the P.A. day scheduled for September 16th. We appreciate your understanding.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Every effort will be made by your child's teacher to keep you informed of his/her progress and involvement in class. If you wish to speak with a teacher, a note sent with your child requesting a call is usually sufficient. If, however, you wish to contact a teacher by telephone, please telephone the office. If the teacher is not available you are asked to leave a message.

We also ask your consideration in NOT dropping into classes unannounced during school hours. **If your child is late and you are bringing him/her to school, or if you come to school to meet your child or to pick him/her up for an appointment , we respectfully request that you check in at the office and SIGN your child IN or OUT. The SIGN IN BINDER is located in the office.**

For the safety of the students, please keep dogs off the school property. All dogs regardless of size or breed.

Thank you



VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL AND SIGN-IN PROCEDURES

FOR SAFETY REASONS, WHICH WE HOPE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND, WE ARE REMINDING THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY THAT ALL VISITORS MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE AND SIGN IN. THE SIGN-IN BOOK IS LOCATED IN THE OFFICE. PLEASE DO NOT GO INTO THE YARD OR TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM WITHOUT SIGNING IN FIRST AND RECEIVING APPROVAL.

REMEMBER, TO YOUR CHILD YOU ARE THE PARENT....TO THE OTHER STUDENTS YOU ARE A STRANGER. SO ONCE AGAIN...PLEASE REPORT TO THE OFFICE FIRST AND SIGN IN.

STUDENTS MUST SIGN IN OR OUT WHEN:

- THEY ARE LATE ARRIVING TO SCHOOL IN THE MORNING OR AFTERNOON
- THEY HAVE A NOTE FROM PARENTS ASKING THE SCHOOL TO DISMISS THEM EARLY FOR APPOINTMENTS ETC.

NO STUDENT IS TO BE DISMISSED DIRECTLY FROM THE CLASSROOM BY TEACHERS OR PICKED UP AT THE CLASSROOM BY PARENTS/GUARDIANS ETC. ALL MUST COME TO THE OFFICE AND SIGN IN OR OUT.



Cell Phones, i- Pods, MP3 Players and

Please do not send your child to school with a cell phone.

They are not necessary and do become a distraction for your child and others during the instructional day. Advanced technology such as camera phones becomes a safety concern around the privacy of other children. If you feel that a cell phone is necessary for your child before or after school hours, please ensure that they keep the phone turned off and out of sight while at school. Please be advised that if a cell phone is exposed on school premises it will be removed and you will be contacted. Students should not be carrying a cell phone while in class. It is also not permitted to use a cell phone inside or outside the school building.

Students are not encouraged to bring I-Pods, MP3 players and electronic games to school. They are usually very valuable and can be targeted for theft. If these items are brought to school they are not to be used during class instructional times in the classroom or school hallways. The school will not assume any responsibility if lost or stolen.



DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICATION

Medication At School

Please be advised that for safety reasons, no child should bring any form of medication to school without prior approval from the office. The school will store necessary medication if a Request Form has been filled out and signed by the doctor. Forms are available in the office.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS A LIFE THREATENING ALLERGY, PLEASE CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY. WE NEED TO KNOW!



Pediculosis (Head Lice)

Pediculosis is a problem which occurs from time to time each year in schools. If cases are found we inform all parents of the class involved by letter. If a child is infected, we request that she/he be kept out of school until she/he has been treated with the correct medicated shampoo. Please keep us informed if this happens to your child.

BUS SAFETY

Ensuring student safety is a very important goal to all working with students. You are asked to review carefully the following rules for students while riding the school bus.

Students are required to:

- be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the pickup time.
- listen to the driver when getting on or off the bus, especially when a road must be crossed.
- go directly to their seat and stay seated until they are let off the bus.
- follow all instructions from the bus driver, especially where they put their belongings
- not eat or drink, fight, swear or engage in

other types of poor behaviour-not open or close windows unless the driver permits

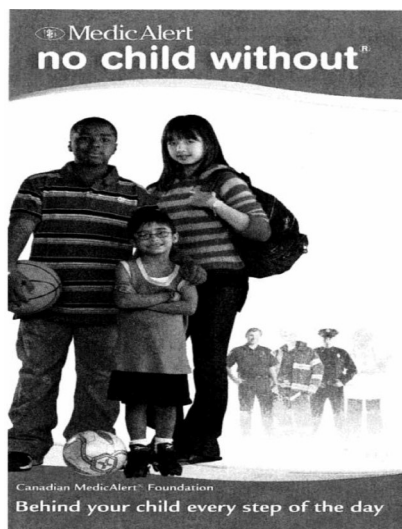
- keep all belongings inside the bus
- keep arms, hands, heads etc. inside the bus
- not damage the bus seats (students will be held responsible)
- respect private property

Every effort must be made to maintain a high standard of discipline and safety in the operation of the school busses.

When improper conduct is reported:

On the **FIRST** occasion, the Principal will speak to the student.

On the **SECOND** occasion, a letter or phone call will be made to the parents



Pamphlets available in the school foyer

Class Disruptions

Parents, please help us minimize classroom disruptions by not knocking or peeking in windows. In addition, calling students from the class to answer phone calls are all disrupting to the class. Pulling students from class is usually reserved only for urgent situations. Please make any necessary arrangements with your child at home and not during the school day.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.



Hepatitis B. Inoculations

Peel Health will continue to offer free immunization against Hepatitis B and meningococcal shots for students in Grade 7. If you have any questions please call the Peel Health Department at 905-799-7700. The HPV vaccine is also scheduled for the girls in grade 8. Forms will be sent home.

The date for the first dose has been scheduled for September 23, 2011. You will be notified of the second date later in the year.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Reliable Life Insurance was awarded the student accident insurance contract again this year and will be distributing brochures to all schools the week of August 28th. In your newsletter to Parents, please enclose the following information about student accident 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 accident insurance coverage via student courier. Although enrolment is voluntary, the board encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage, especially if their child/children participate in sports, excursions/field trips, or, if parents do not have dental insurance coverage.

Enrolment is required in writing -- there are two options for enrolment:

- 1) Complete the traditional form and mail it in
- 2) Photocopy the form and fax it to Reliable Life at 1-905-522-7211 or 1-800-463-KIDS (5437).

Parents alone have the right to insure their chil-

DRESS CODE

It is not our intention to usurp your responsibility for determining appropriate grooming and dress for your children. At the same time, there is an expectation that all students be clean, neat and appropriately dressed.

Students should dress in a manner conducive to good behaviour and to the creation of a good educational atmosphere in the school.

We ask for your continued support for a dress code which reflects the school as a place for serious work, accompanied by standards of sensitivity, politeness and decorum.

STUDENT USE OF SCHOOL MATERIALS

The school will provide your child with many of the regular school materials such as pens, pencils, workbooks and textbooks. It is important that children learn to make proper use of these materials. Your child's teacher will explain our expectations in this matter.

One of our expectations is that students will be responsible for the replacement of lost books or damaged materials including texts or library books, both of which are quite expensive.

PLASP

The school offers a before and after school PLASP program. PLASP operates Before and After School Programs, in this school, for children up to 12 years of age.

For more information, see the PLASP staff at this school or call the PLASP Head Office at

905-890-1711 or visit www.plasp.com

TERRY FOX SCHOOL WALK / RUN DAY

The Fall of 2011 marks the 31st anniversary of the amazing and courageous charity run of Terry Fox. A Terry Fox charity event will be held here at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic school on Friday, September 23rd.

Seton Staff Supports Sharelife/United Way

You may notice that on Friday's staff will be dressed in a more casual fashion (jeans, etc.). This is not because they are starting their weekend early -- staff members are active participants in "Dress-Down Friday's" where a donation is made to United Way/ShareLife.



It's a natural progression from casual Fridays to Pajama Mondays.

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

“I Support Catholic Education”

When you move, your “*Direction of School Support*” automatically defaults your direction to public schools.

How can I help? By completing the form: “*Application for Direction of School Support*” and by raising the voice to families and friends.

Who completes this form? Any owner of a house; any Catholic person who believes in Catholic Education. You don't have to have children, to complete this form. You don't have to wait until your child reaches school age to become a supporter. You just have to support the Catholic Education by submitting this form.

When do I complete this form? When you move, even if your children don't change school, you still have to complete this form.

Where do I find this form? In your school office or on line (Google: “*Application for Direction of School Support*”)

Would I pay more taxes because of this? NO, this is a declaration where you want your tax to be directed. We want to see Catholic schools continue to exist and flourish.

How do I find out if I'm correctly registered on the Municipal tax rolls? Check your Property Assessment Notice that comes every year. Under “*School Support Designation*” make sure it states English Separate (This is the term for English Catholic School Supporter) or call the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Admissions Department at 905-890-0708 ext. 24500 and they will check the Municipal Rolls database for you.

Ontario's New School Foods and Beverage Policy

The Ministry of education's School Food and Beverage Policy requires healthier food and beverage choices to be offered in Ontario schools. Food and beverages offered on school premises must comply with requirements set out in the policy. Look forward to some healthier changes in our special lunch days! More information can be found at:

www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/150.html





2011-2012 School Year Calendar

First day of classes elementary and secondary schools	Tuesday, September 6, 2011
Last day of classes Semester 1 Secondary (Semester Schools Only)	Tuesday, January 24, 2012
First Day of classes Semester 2 Secondary (Semester Schools Only)	Friday, February 3, 2012
School Year ends Elementary and Secondary Schools	Friday, June 29, 2012
Number of school days for the 2011 – 2012 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 2011-2012 School Year

Every Saturday and Sunday	
Labour Day	Monday, September 5, 2011
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 10, 2011
Christmas Break (inclusive)	Monday, December 26, 2011 to Friday, January 6, 2012
Family Day	Monday, February 20, 2012
Mid-Winter Break	Monday, March 12, 2012 to Friday, March 16, 2012 (inclusive)
Good Friday	Friday, April 6, 2012
Easter Monday	Monday, April 9, 2012
Victoria Day	Monday, May 21, 2012

► Elementary Schools – Professional Activity Days

1. Friday, September 16, 2011	Principal's Day: Re-organization/Faith Development/Prov. Priorities
2. Friday, November 18, 2011	Provincial Priorities and Faith Development
3. Monday, January 16, 2012	Term 1 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress
4. Friday, February 3, 2012	Reporting to Parents on Evaluation and Pupil Progress
5. Friday, May 11, 2012	Provincial Priorities and Faith Development
6. Monday, June 11, 2012	Term 2 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress

St. Sofia Only

1. Friday, November 18, 2011	Provincial Priorities and Faith Development
2. Monday, January 16, 2012	Term 1 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress
3. Friday, February 3, 2012	Reporting to Parents on Evaluation and Pupil Progress
4. Friday, April 13, 2012	Principals Day: Curriculum and Faith
5. Friday, May 11, 2012	Provincial Priorities and Faith Development
6. Monday, June 11, 2012	Term 2 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress

► Secondary Schools – Professional Activity Days

1. Friday, September 16, 2011	Provincial Priorities and Faith Development
2. Friday, November 18, 2011	Provincial Priorities and Faith Development
3. Thursday, February 2, 2012	Principal's Day: Semester Turnaround
4. Wednesday, June 27, 2012	*Principal's Day: Year End Reporting and Activities
5. Thursday, June 28, 2012	*Principal's Day: Year End Reporting and Activities
6. Friday, June 29, 2012	*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 Schools – Examination Days

Semester 1: January 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 2012

Semester 2: June 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 2012

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FOODS THAT CAN CAUSE AN ANAPHYLACTIC REACTION

Any food can cause a reaction to someone. Anyone can be or become anaphylactic to ANY food at anytime throughout their lifetime.

The ten most common food allergens are: peanuts, tree nuts, milk, eggs, wheat, seeds, fish, shellfish, soybean, and sulphite. The following lists are some alternative names that may be found on labels.

PEANUT

cold-pressed peanut oil
ground nuts
nut meats
mandelonas
arachis oil
goober nuts
nu-nuts

TREE NUT

walnut
almonds
brazil nuts
cashews
chestnuts
pecans
hazelnuts
pine nuts
shea nuts
macadamia nuts
pistachios
hickory nuts
pinion

WHEAT

couscous
gluten
farina
durum wheat
wheat bran
wheat germ
graham flour
bulgar
semolina
spelt
kamut

EGG

ovalbumin
globulin
lecithin (from egg)
albumin
conalbumin
lysozyme
ovomucin
vitellin
ovovitelin
vomucoid
livetin

MILK

whey
curds
casein
caseinates
milk ingredients
milk solids
modified milk ingredients
lactalbumin
lactoglobulin
- lactose is a milk sugar not a milk protein

SOYBEAN

soya
hydrolyzed soy protein
soy protein
tofu
soja

SHELLFISH

crab
crayfish
shrimps
prawns
lobster
snails
oysters
octopus
scallops
squid
abalone cockle

FISH

tuna
bass
bluefish
carp
anchovy
catfish
cod
eel
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SEEDS

sesame/tahini/tachini
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flaxseed
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ACHIEVEMENT

A Report to our Catholic School Communities



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

Visit Dufferin-Peel CDSB online at www.dpcdsb.org

Welcome to International Languages Elementary School Level

Register **Saturday September 10th** for International Language classes of your choice

24 languages offered throughout DPCDSB

For details refer to our Fall 2011 Adult and Continuing Education Flyer posted on our website at www.dpcdsb.org/cec/cne

Or call 905-891-9263 ext. 0

The elementary school International Language program (JK-8) takes place on Saturdays beginning September 10 through June 3 (Sundays at St. Herbert) from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m..

Parents who wish to register their child in this program may attend a walk-in registration **at the school which offers the language of interest to them, on Saturdays (Sundays at St. Herbert)** from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. as of September 10. Registration is ongoing (space permitting) throughout the school year.

For specific International language classes not currently offered please call our office at 905-891-9263 Ext. 0.

Welcome to International Languages Secondary School Credit Level

Register **Saturday September 10th** for Secondary credit International Languages

19 languages offered for credit at three secondary school sites

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Students may earn up to 3 International Language credits towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Students currently attending secondary school are welcome to register for this program. Walk-in registration **at the school which offers the language of interest to them, is scheduled for September 10** from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m..

For specific International language credit classes not currently offered please call our office at 905-891-9263 Ext.0

Welcome to General Interest Courses for Adults

General Interest programs in personal development, communication and health and fitness are available throughout the DPCDSB Region

For details refer to our FALL 2011 Adult and Continuing Education Flyer posted our website at www.dpcdsb.org/cec/cne

Or call 905-891-9263 ext. 0

General Interest Programs are offered to the community by the DPCDSB. We encourage you to get involved and to join others with similar interests.

Register now to ensure a place in the program of your choice. Registration deadline is **September 23, 2011**.

Welcome to Adult ESL Programs

Adult ESL and Citizenship Programs are offered throughout Mississauga and Brampton

Registration is on-going for many of these programs that run during the day and in the evenings seven days a week

Please see our Fall 2011 Catalogue posted on the board website at www.dpcdsb.org/cec/cne

or call 905-891-9263 ext. 0

Welcome to Adult FSL (French as a Second Language Classes)

Adult FSL programs are offered at BJJ Adult Learning Centre and St. Gabriel Adult Learning Centre

Classes are offered during the day and in the evenings

Please see our Fall 2011 Catalogue posted on the board website at www.dpcdsb.org/cec/cne

or call 905-891-9263 ext. 0

Secondary Night School Credit Fall 2011

Secondary students and adults may register now for Secondary Night School Credits offered by the DPCDSB

Registration deadline is Wednesday September 14, 2011

Information is available at all our DPCDSB secondary schools

Join the DPCDSB Adult Credit and COOP Programs

We offer Accounting, Office Administration, and Coop Work Experience for Foreign Trained Professionals

Registration is ongoing throughout the year

Please see our Fall Catalogue posted on the board website at www.dpcdsb.org/coopcentre

Call 905-362-0701 for classes in the North or 905-891-3034 for classes in the South