



# 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.**

### In the spirit of Thanksgiving, let us give thanks to...

**The students of St. Elizabeth Seton School and the community for supporting for our Terry Fox Walk.**

**All families who attended our Open House.**

**The many staff and students involved in preparing prayers, songs and readings for our opening school mass.**

**Our volunteers, staff, coaches, leaders and all other persons who give unselfishly of their time to children and are sometimes taken for granted.**

**Those responsible for and those who continue to support the right for our children to experience a Catholic education.**



**Our friends and families without whom there would be no true celebration.**

**The entire staff of St. Elizabeth Seton extends our best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend.**

## PEOPLE OF EMPATHY...

- CAN UNDERSTAND AND NAME THEIR FEELINGS
- CARE ABOUT OTHER'S FEELINGS
- LISTEN CAREFULLY TO OTHERS
- LISTEN FOR CLUES IN TONE OF VOICE
- WATCH EXPRESSIONS AND BODY GESTURES FOR MESSAGES
- NOTICE WHEN SOMEONE IS UPSET
- CAN SEE AND RESPECT HOW OTHERS LOOK AT THINGS
- KNOW THAT OTHERS MAY FEEL DIFFERENTLY ABOUT THINGS THAN THEY DO
- RESPOND GENEROUSLY TO HELP OTHERS

**EMPATHY**



## Prayer For the Season of Thanksgiving!

Father all-powerful, Your gifts of love are countless

And Your goodness infinite.

On Thanksgiving Day we come before You

with gratitude for your Kindness:

open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women,

so that we may share Your gifts in loving service.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

One God, for ever and ever

Amen



## Ontario Elections - Student Vote Day

Students in Ms. Walters' grade 5 class and Mr. Telfeyan's 5/6 class have been participating in Student Vote. On October 5, the students voted for the candidates in the Mississauga-Streetsville riding. The results will be on CBC television within the first 15 minutes of the polls closing at 9:00 pm on October 6th.

We hope this activity will assist students to be more inclined and prepared to participate in their democracy in the future.



## Cross Country

Congratulations to all the boys and girls that are participating in the Mississauga North Cross Country Meet. Ms. Radul, Ms. Lettieri and Mrs. Bissola are looking forward to a successful Meet on October 13th at Erindale Park



## Volleyball

Intermediate Volleyball tryouts and practices have taken place. We wish to thank Ms. Wanat, Ms. Tulipano, Miss Lettieri and Mrs. Radul for coaching. We wish them luck with their season.

### GO SETON!

Parents/Guardians,  
We continue to see dogs on school property before and after school. Please note, no matter what size of dog it is, we must respect the safety of all our students. This includes small dogs being carried. Please keep dogs off the school property.

Thank you



St. Elizabeth Seton Student Faith Ambassadors have started off the year by organizing two social justice endeavors! We have a wonderful group of student volunteers who are spending most of their recesses to ensure the success of the two projects. First of all, they are organizing the collection of food stuffs for **St. Vincent de Paul to be distributed in our own community. They will be accepting donations until October 20<sup>th</sup>!** The class bringing in the most food will win a dessert party, prepared and served by their SFAs!

Their second project is a year long endeavour. **They are collecting milk bags (the one that HOLDS the 3 smaller bags) to be made into sleeping mats for underprivileged Haitians.** It takes approximately 500 bags to make one mat! So please make sure to save ALL your bags and send them to the school! There will also be dessert parties awarded for the classes bringing in the most milk bags every 2 months. Therefore the first party awarded for this session will be awarded at the end of November! Your Student Faith Ambassadors are counting on your support!! Look forward to many more involving activities!!!



## EQAO

Our Spring 2011 Grade 3 and 6 EQAO results are in and on the whole I am extremely proud of both the grade 3 and grade 6 students and their teachers for some amazing results.

Our Grade 3's scored 83% in reading, 91% in writing and 83% in mathematics. These results are over and above the Board and Province scores.

Our Grade 6's scored 72% in reading, 81% in writing and 62% in mathematics. Although they scored just slightly below the Board and Province in reading, they scored at or above the Board and Province in Writing and Mathematics.

As a school, we continue to put plans into place in the areas of math and literacy in order to improve student achievement throughout JK to Gr. 8.

Parents, you can also help by continuing to read with your child into their junior and intermediate years as it is important to help your child develop the comprehension and critical literacy skills that they will need to be successful in their later school years and in life.

While your child may not need your help to decode the words, as they do in their primary years, they do need someone to talk to about their reading and check that they indeed understand what they read. Please make time to read to and with your child.

Congratulations to our students and teachers who have collectively worked so hard.



## Getting Ready for Winter

With winter right around the corner, it is important to remind your children to dress appropriately for outdoor activities. Under most circumstances, the students will be sent outside for fresh air. It is cool to keep warm at St. Elizabeth Seton. The wearing of a warm coat, hat, gloves and boots, will help to make outside activities more enjoyable



## Picture Day

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

## Parents on School Yard and Parent Visitors

As we now move into the month of October we ask that parents avoid from standing in the schoolyard when dropping off their children. Please kiss them goodbye on the sidewalk in front of the school or in the church parking lot at the far end of the field. If you walk your child to school and you wish to see them off we ask that you remain on the outside of the schoolyard gates. There are far too many parents wandering within the school yard and this makes it very difficult for students to distinguish between a stranger and a parent. Your child and their friends may know who you are, but to the other children and staff members **YOU ARE A STRANGER. All staff members do wear their vests to help create a safe environment for the children.** We believe that after the first four weeks of school the students are comfortable and into the morning routine. We kindly ask that all parents cooperate with this request. If your child continues to have difficulty with separation anxieties please see your child's teacher.

Also just a reminder that at no time are parents allowed to enter the school or onto the playground during school without checking into the office first and signing in. A visitors badge will be provided upon registration.

## KISS & RIDE / CHURCH PARKING LOT

**PARENTS, PARENTS, PARENTS!** There are still a number of parents who continue to disregard the safety of all children at our school. Please, for the safety of all our children **DO NOT PARK YOUR VEHICLE IN THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT between 8:15 am and 8:45 am.** There are a number of children that are crossing the drive through and kiss & ride lanes to get to the school yard. This has become a very dangerous practice. **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.

## Suspected Child Abuse

The law requires that "members of the public," including professionals who work with children, have an obligation to report promptly to the Children's Aid Society if they suspect that a child is or may be in need of protection. Teachers/principals and indeed all adults face substantial fines if they do not comply. It is the role of the Children's Aid Society, to whom we report, to investigate such a report. If your child is bruised or marked from an accident you may wish to let the teacher know the circumstances. Should a report be made to the Children's Aid Society, you should understand that we are complying with the law and have the best interest of your child in mind.





Parents/Guardians, - Once again we would like to remind you that St. Elizabeth Seton is a Peanut Free environment.

### Anaphylaxis - Life Threatening Allergies and School

As most of you are aware we have many children who have life threatening allergies which pose a significant safety concern for these students and their families. In fact, some of you may have already received notice regarding dietary restrictions in your child's room. Additionally, some individual rooms are nut restricted as well. The school is unable to guarantee a nut free environment. Parents of children with life threatening allergies understand this and recognize that the first line of defense for children with allergies is self advocacy and awareness. However, the school strongly encourages and promotes school wide allergy awareness as a health and safety concern through community concern and cooperation. At our September staff meeting a presentation was given on severe allergies and how to administer an Epi - Pen which is an emergency injection of adrenalin in response to a severe allergic reaction. We ask your cooperation by refraining from sending your child to school with nut products or foodstuffs which may contain nut products. In the event that your child does come to school with these products and you have received notice of nut restrictions for your child's room they will have the opportunity to eat in a designated area which will limit the exposure of these allergens to the general school facility. Your cooperation and assistance is appreciated

### Rough Play

Students have been given guidelines about appropriate behaviour in the playground. At St. Elizabeth Seton we continue to enforce a hands off policy for schoolyard activities. Aggressive play can lead to unintended injuries and unnecessary arguments. Teachers have been instructed to send students to the office who continue to disobey these rules.

### Extra Curricular Activities & Class Excursions

This year, your son or daughter will have the opportunity to take field trips and participate in a number of extra-curricular activities. In preparation for such events, permission forms will be sent home. It is essential that these forms be filled out, signed and promptly returned to the school. **NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED ON ANY TRIP WITHOUT A SIGNED PERMISSION FORM. TEACHERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO MAKE ANY EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE**

### Terry Fox

Our seventh annual Terry Fox walk which was held on Thursday, September 22nd was once again a great success. Thank-you to all the parents volunteers, our students and teachers who participated. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and our involvement certainly helps in supporting this cause and finding a cure for cancer.

M. Davi



### HALLOWEEN SAFETY

### Reminder

November 6, 2011

We move the clocks back one hour



### 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 coloured 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 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 anyone else's property.
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Start trick or treating early, and be home by 8:30 p.m.

Students are permitted to wear costumes to school. We ask students NOT to wear masks. Also, please remember that guns, swords or any other items associated with violence are not permitted. St. Elizabeth Seton is a nut free school.



We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the outgoing council members and parents for their hard work and volunteer hours dedicated towards all the students at St. Elizabeth Seton. It is only through your volunteerism and commitment that our students are able to enjoy some of the activities that take place.

## School Advisory Council

Congratulations to the members of the 2011/2012 St. Elizabeth of Seton School Council. The following members constitute this year's council:

Chair - Lisa Magat

Vice Chair - Florence Allen

Secretary - Sandra Gardiman

Treasurer - Beverly Brown

Parish Rep - Tehnaz Robinson

Community Rep - Julia Biondi

Fundraising Rep - Barbara Perez

Parent Rep - Melanie May

Parent Rep - Barb Monks

Non-teaching Rep - Veronica Heaps

Teaching Rep - Mrs. Magnus, Mrs. Banks

OAPEC Rep - Richelle Komes

### Future Council Meeting Dates

October 18      November 29

January 24      February 28

April 24      May 29

Meetings are in the School Library at 6:30 pm . All are welcome.

## Parent Council

Our Annual Fundraiser is in progress. We will be selling the "World's Finest chocolates"...YUM!!



Please help by supporting your child and lets make a difference. Our goal , with your help, is \$7,000.00

The funds raised will go to various activities, i.e.: literacy, agenda's, artists in the school, World Vision, etc.

## Pizza Dates

Our Pizza Days for the remainder of 2011 are:

October 6      October 20

November 3      November 17

December 8      December 22



## Safety of Pupils

Emergency response procedures in the event of a fire, bomb threat, serious accident/injury or and intruder have been established and are revised on an ongoing basis. All students and staff will participate in practicing emergency procedures.

## Custody Orders

If you are separated or divorced or otherwise have a custody order pertaining to your children, we require a copy in the office. Otherwise we must release your children to either parent upon request. We only need the one or two pages pertaining to access. These are kept in a confidential file in the Principal's office.

## Lunch Hour Routines

If you plan to drop off your child's lunch, please assist us in efficient distribution by reminding your child to come to the office at lunch time. Please label the lunch bag with your child's name and teacher/grade. A table in the main office will be available for the lunch drop-off. A reminder that students who regularly stay for lunch are NOT permitted to leave school property without a signed and dated note from parents each time they wish to leave school grounds. It is expected that students leaving the school to each lunch elsewhere, consume all their lunch prior to entering the school yard. Thank you for supporting this important safety routine.

## PED Policy

To promote respect and dignity for all members of our school community, and to enhance student safety, **use of PEDs (Personal Electronic Devices) by students/parents/visitors is strictly prohibited in the schools, on school property, or during school related activities** (such as retreats, field trips, sporting events, etc.). *These devices should be kept out of sight and turned off in the event that they must be brought to school.*

To enhance student safety, **use of skateboards or rollerblades by students is strictly prohibited on school property.**

## World Teacher's Day

October 5 is the day specially designated to recognize the contribution of teachers throughout our education system. At St. Elizabeth Seton School we are very fortunate to have so many dedicated individuals who work to provide for the education of the young people in the community. Thank you to all our teachers.

## Late Slips

All students arriving at school after 8:45 and 12:45 must obtain a late slip from the office. Part of being a responsible student is to arrive at school on time. It is disruptive to a classroom environment to have a student enter the room once class has begun. Lates will also be recorded on the students Report Card and in the school Attendance Register.

## Recess Bells

Recess breaks serve a special purpose in the daily life of a school. Students are expected to go outside for fresh air and exercise. If your child is sick, he or she should be at home recuperating and not spreading their flu or cold virus, etc., throughout the classroom. Remember, there is no indoor supervisor at recess as staff is occupied elsewhere or on duty outside.



## BUS INFORMATION

Please check the Region of Peel's Transportation Department's websites ([www.stopr.ca](http://www.stopr.ca) and <https://businfo.stopr.ca/>) to check for delays and cancellations. All concerns and complaints regarding bus transportation are to be made directly to the S.T.O.P.R. at 905-890-0614.



## Homework Help

Free real-time math tutoring now available

Grade 7 to 10 math students at Dufferin-Peel now have access to 20 hours a week of free, online math tutoring to help them improve and succeed in math. Check out Homework Help where certified Ontario teachers are available Sunday to Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., for one-on-one confidential help. Dufferin-Peel is one of 32 English-language boards taking part in this pilot project funded by the Ministry of Education.

Registered students in Grades 7 through 10 math are able to:

Access a collection of online math resources 24/7

Access free personalized tutoring from a certified Ontario math teacher

Other important information about the service:

Chats take place Sunday to Thursday between the hours of 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Homework Help is free, live and anonymous.

· Visit <http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/> to learn more!

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

**The St. Elizabeth Seton Staff wishes you and your family a very happy and safe Thanksgiving**

## St. Elizabeth Seton Staff

I would like to introduce the staff at St. Elizabeth Seton:

L. Banks	Library
T. Bissola	SERT/ESL
A. Carey	Gr. 2/3
N. D'Alanno	Gr. 1/2
J. Lim	Gr 1/2
M. Davi	Gr. 6/7
A. DiRenzo	SERC
M. Frackowiak	ERW
S. Lettieri	FSL
J. Magnus	Gr. 3
S. Mesic	Planning
H. Miller	Custodian
M. Naismith	Gr. 7/8
C. Radul	Gr. 7/8
M. Riccio	JK/SK
D. Scardicchio	Principal
A. Scicluna	ERW
N. Soberal	CYW
D. Stewart	Admin. Assistant
A. Telfeyan	Gr. 5/6
A. Tulipano	Gr. 4
M. Walters	Gr. 5
A. Wanat	Gr. 1F

## Staff Special Services

Special Services staff provides resource to the school for a variety of services. We are pleased to have available the following personnel:

Speech Language	Mrs. Gymmel
Social Worker	Mrs. Lithwick
Psychology	Mr. Kotsopoulos
CYW	Ms. Soberal
S.A.T.	Ms. Giljanovic





October 6 - Pizza Day

October 10 –Thanksgiving holiday

October 13—Cross Country Meet - Erindale Park

October 18 - Parent Council Meeting—6:30 p.m. in library

October 20 - Pizza Day

October 21 - Picture Day

October 25 - Progress Reports go home

October 27 - Interview Evening - More Information to follow

October 31 - Halloween



November 3—Pizza Day

November 6—Daylight Savings Ends—clock go back 1 hour

November 11 - Remembrance Day

November 16 - Picture Retakes

November 17 - Pizza Day

November 18 - PA Day no school

November 27 - Advent begins

November 29 - School Council Mtg.

