



# St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School Newsletter

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November 2011

## 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 Flanders' fields

By Lt. Col. John McCrae  
(of Quelsh, Canada)  
Died January 28<sup>th</sup>, 1918, while on  
active service in France.

**I**n Flanders' fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place, and in the sky  
The larks still bravely singing fly,  
Scarce heard amidst the guns below,  
We are the dead: Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders' fields.

**T**ake up our quarrel with the foe,  
To you from falling hands we throw  
The Torch—be yours to hold it high;  
If ye break faith with us who die,  
We shall not sleep though poppies grow  
In Flanders' fields.




## Monthly Virtues

Each month students learn, pray about and celebrate our Catholic Virtues and learn to live them each day of their lives. To date, we have learned about the Virtues of Faith and Empathy. In November we will learn about the Virtue of Conscience. We'll learn about how a person of conscience chooses to do the right thing and feels good about it, can see how his/her actions may hurt others, admits wrong-doing and feels badly, says sorry and tries to make up for mistakes and keeps promises.

**PEOPLE OF CONSCIENCE...**

- FEEL RIGHT AND WRONG AND PAY ATTENTION
- LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT INSIDE
- CHOOSE TO DO WHAT JESUS WOULD DO
- KNOW THAT FOLLOWERS OF JESUS WILL HAVE TO MAKE DIFFICULT CHOICES
- KEEP PROMISES EVEN WHEN TEMPTED TO GIVE UP
- CAN SEE HOW HIS/HER ACTIONS MAY HELP OR HURT OTHERS
- ADMIT THEIR SINS AND FEEL BADLY ABOUT POOR CHOICES
- SAY SORRY AND TRY TO MAKE UP FOR HURTFUL ACTIONS

**CONSCIENCE**



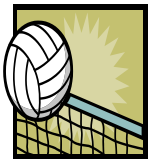
## Cross Country



Congratulations to our 2011 Cross Country Team who represented our school at the Family Meet in Mississauga. We are very proud of all the runners and their accomplishments. We would also like to thank Ms. Radul, Miss Lettieri and Mrs. Bissola for all their help.

Congratulations to Noah H. who represented Seton at the Board Cross Country meet at heart Lake on Tuesday, October 25, 2011.

## Intermediate Boys Volleyball



Ms. Radul, Miss Lettieri and Mr. Figliola would like to thank all the members of the boys volleyball team for a great season. They demonstrated team spirit and dedication. Way to go!! Thank you to all the parents that volunteered to drive and that came to the games to support. The team members included Daniel S., Jakob S., Jakob M., Kyle D., Brandon F., Noah H., Daniel M., Peter A., Alanjim H. and Samuel C.

## Intermediate Girls Volleyball

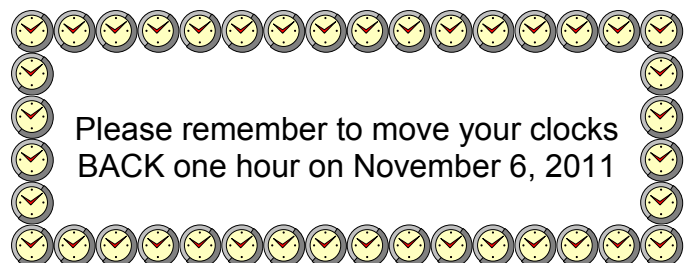
Miss. Wanat and Miss Tulipano would like to thank the intermediate girls team for their enthusiasm and commitment this season. Thank you to all the parents that volunteered to drive and come out and cheer us on. Team members were: Cassidy A., Jodie P., Emily B., Bianca A., Sarah A., Emilia S., Czarina P., Katie L. and Thea W.

**GO SETON!!**

## Spirit Day

On Friday November 4th we will be holding our annual spirit day to raise money for the united way. The intermediate volleyball teams will be playing against the teachers

PA Day  
November 18, 2011  
Provincial Priorities and Faith  
Development



Please remember to move your clocks  
BACK one hour on November 6, 2011



## End of Day Pick Up

The end of the school day is a very hectic time. It is a time when many parents, older siblings, relatives and friends are picking up children from school. It is also a challenge, as you can imagine, making sure that all students and adults are matched up. We ask that you keep your family pick up arrangement consistent. Our younger students find it very stressful and confusing when arrangements are different every day.

**If a change needs to occur, please send a note to your child's teacher on the day of the change. Parents who call during the last few minutes of the day to change plans may leave it too late. Also, please be on time in picking up your children. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.**

## School Hours

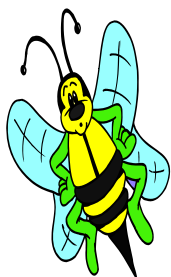
Supervision in the school yard does not start until **8:30 a.m.**  
*Please do not drop off your children before that time.*

## 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.

## Spelling Bee

Students in grades 4—8 will be participating in the CanSpell Spelling Bee again this year. There will be a Written Bee on December 2nd where each classroom will start their Bees at 9:00 a.m. The top two spellers in each class will advance to the School Verbal Spelling Bee which will take place on December 16th at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. All are welcome. The winner of our school Bee will then have a chance to qualify for the CanSpell Regional Bee in Toronto. Students in grades 4 -8 have received a study kit— please help your child prepare for this exciting event.



If you have any questions, contact Ms. DiRenzo.

## Picture Retake Day

Wednesday, November 16th is Picture Retake Day



Photos courtesy of the Dept. of National Defence

## REMEMBRANCE DAY LITURGY

Friday, November 11, 2011 at 10:30 am.

All are welcome

## Santa is coming to Seton

On November 30th Santa will be coming to St. Elizabeth Seton. Photo's will be available. More information will be coming home shortly.

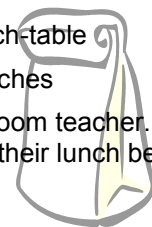
## Rainy Days

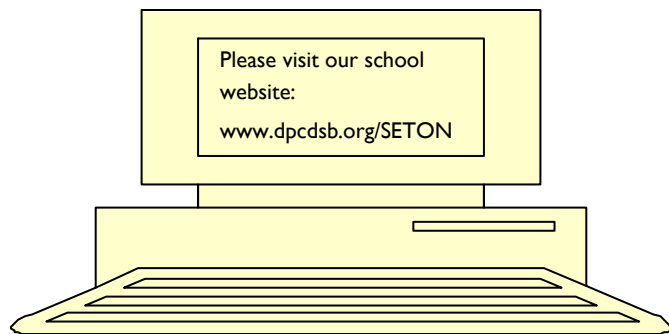
On rainy or inclement days we have many more parents arriving in their cars to pick up their children. We would remind all parents to please be patient and follow our usual Kiss and Ride protocols. Parents are not to park at the front of the school and wait for the children. This area is a bus loading zone. Also idling your car is illegal and bad for our environment. Our main goal is student health and safety. We need your help to ensure that all of our students are safe in arriving and leaving school. We thank you for your continued support.

## Lunch Drop Off

All lunches should be dropped off at the lunch table located near the office. Please label the lunches indicating your child's name and their classroom teacher. Students will be called to come and pick up their lunch before the bell.

Thank you





## Inclement Weather

Please be advised that during the winter months, inclement weather may cause disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations. **Please note: The message is often unclear when busses are cancelled in Caledon. The website is often the better place to check.** A decision to cancel school transportation and/or to close schools is usually made by 6:00 a.m., and will be announced on the following radio and television stations:

CJBC (FR) 860 AM	CHUM 1050
CFTR 680	CFNY 102.1
ENERGY FM93.1	CBC
CJCL 590	CHFI 98.1
CFRB 1010	CFTO
CJEZ EZ ROCK	CKFM 99.9
CHIN 100.7	FM/1540
TALK 640	Z103.5
CJMR/CHWO 1250	FOXY 88.5FM
THE WEATHER NETWORK	CJEZ
CITY PULSE	

Or on the school board website at

<http://www.dpcdsb.org/pr/schoolcancellations.html>

## LOCKDOWN PRACTICE

We will soon have a lockdown practice at the school. This is an important procedure in case of an emergency at the school where the school must go into lockdown mode. When we are practicing or during an actual lockdown, no one will be able to enter or exit the building. If we are in lockdown you will see a sign on the front door that this procedure is taking place. If we are only practicing then it will take approximately ten minutes and then you may enter the building.



**Iona Catholic Secondary** School is hosting ***its Arts Program Information Night*** on Wednesday, November 16 from 7:00PM-9:00PM in the school cafeteria. Grade 8 students who may be interested in enrolling in this program are invited, along with their parents, to attend.

## Parent Council News

Next meeting is November 29, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Our chocolate fundraiser is coming to a close. Thank you to all the parent volunteers that helped out during this fundraiser. We are always looking for volunteers for various school functions. If you are available please leave a note with your name, phone # and your availability at the office.

We are also looking for prizes towards our various fundraisers. If you are able to donate any child appropriate prizes please drop them off at the office. Thank you for your continued support.

## FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION MEETING

Senior Kindergarten parents/guardians, who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 1 French Immersion class for September, 2012 are invited to attend an information meeting at;

St. Margaret of Scotland

2266 Council Ring Road

Mississauga, Ontario, L5L 1C1

Tuesday, January 11, 2012 @ 7 PM

## Continuing Ed Courses

As you know, the Adult & Continuing Education program offers a wide variety of programs, including General Interest and International Language programs. Call the Adult & Continuing Education department at 905-891-9263 for further information.



Calling all schools...Our 7th annual Toonie Tuesday campaign to raise funds for the Eden Community Food Bank will be held Tuesday, November 15, 2011. Your support is needed more than ever, so please give a Toonie on Toonie Tuesday. This simple donation will make a huge difference in the lives of those we serve.

## Recycling Program

Thank you to the students in Mr. Telfeyan's Recycling Club for being responsible for the recycling program in the school. Students are reminded to empty all juice and liquid containers in the classroom sink before placing them in the blue box. We would also like to remind students not to crumble paper before placing it in the blue box.



## Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel

Make a difference in the life of a child in as little as one hour a week by volunteering to be an In-School Mentor. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel in partnership with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board matches elementary girls and boys with a caring adult mentor. Matches meet for one hour each week from September – June during school hours and on school property to share in fun activities such as playing board games, baking or playing sports. The result – increased self esteem, better grades and improved relationships with family and peers.

Children are in need of mentors in our schools and we need your help. You can make a significant difference by volunteering or encouraging your friends and family to mentor a child in a school in their neighborhood.

The In-School Mentoring Program is currently offered in 25 DPCDSB schools across Peel. Call 905-457-7288 or visit [www.bbbspeel.com](http://www.bbbspeel.com) for more information.

## Save the Date

Grade 8 girls & their parents/guardians  
are cordially invited to the  
**Grade 9 Information & Registration Evening**

on  
Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 @ 7:00

Holy Name of Mary Catholic S.S.  
115 Glenvale Blvd.  
Brampton, Ontario  
905-458-5541 ext. 64104



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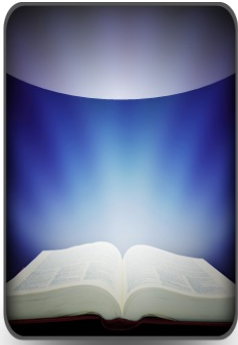
CLASS OF  
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## PEEL REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

The Peel Regional Police Service has been in contact with us, as they do every year, as part of our Safe Schools Initiatives.

Two neighbourhood policing officers have been assigned and will be working closely within our school. These officers will be visiting our school regularly and they will be engaged in the many activities within our school.





## Faith Ambassadors

St. Elizabeth Seton Elementary School would like to recognize the efforts of a group of Intermediate students. Exploring burgeoning leadership qualities, the group not only kept the school body updated on the progress of our Thanksgiving food drive through frequent P.A. announcements, they also spent most of their recesses in the last few weeks collecting, organizing and packing canned and non-perishable goods for St. Vincent de Paul. Students were always excited to gauge each class's progress on the thermometers in the breezeway hall! In total, the group packed up almost 30 boxes of food!! Excellent results from a well-planned and well executed food drive! They would like to send a HUGE THANK YOU out to all the students and their families who supported our local food bank! We are very blessed to have such a giving community!

Next on the agenda...this enthusiastic group of students will be baking up a storm to provide the winning classroom, Ms. Walter's Grade 5 students, with a dessert party! As Student Faith Ambassadors (SFAs), these young people are only just beginning a productive year as role models and examples of our Catholic faith in action! They are still collecting milk bags to make sleeping mats for Haiti. The team is hoping to have a representative of the program to explain the need for the mats and to help teach them how they can help make the mats by crocheting the plastic bags.

As well, the SFAs would like you to mark November 15<sup>th</sup> on your calendars! Eden Food bank is designating that Tuesday as "Take a Bite out of Hunger Day" and is asking every student to donate a toonie to help our local families in need. Letters, posters and announcements regarding this day to follow!!!

And that's not all.... plans are underway to create a sacred space in the empty classroom in the Junior Hall! The SFAs are in the process of creating 'stained glass' windows and designing murals to beautify the presently empty room. We will continue to update as the progress continues!!

We, at Seton, are extremely proud of these students. They spend time in prayer, work to be servants in the school, and truly are role models for those younger than themselves. Keep up the fantastic work !

### Leaving School Property at Lunch Time

Please note that at recess (a.m. & p.m.) no student is permitted to leave the school grounds at any time. At lunch time the expectation is that all students in grade 1 to 6 stay at school for lunch unless they have written permission from their parents stating otherwise. Parents must sign their child out and in when taking them for lunch. In grades 7 & 8 some parents checked the no note option on the annual permission form. Please remember, 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 grounds. Some intermediate students choose to go to the plaza for lunch, necessitating that they cross a very busy intersection. Safety tips have been re-viewed with the Grade 7 & 8's so that they can remain alert and safe while off school property. Your help in reviewing your lunch hour expectations with your children and discussing safety issues would be helpful .

### Sunday Mass

We should all be faithful to our parish church, be involved in it, participate actively in the liturgy and attend Mass on Sunday regularly.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says:

**#2180** The precept of the Church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the **faithful are bound to participate in the Mass.**"

**#2181** The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and the confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason. Make every effort to attend Mass every Sunday. Without Sunday we cannot survive in our faith.

## Pediculosis

Although it may seem early in the school year, we would like to bring to your attention a problem which occurs from time to time in each school. This problem is an infestation of head lice also known as Pediculosis. Pediculosis is in no way connected with poor hygiene or dirt. Anyone can become infested. In order to control these pests we will follow these procedures and request your full cooperation and understanding. If cases are found in the classroom, we shall inform the parents of that class. We would ask that you check your children's hair and if you find it to be infested, please notify the school and we will advise as to the appropriate treatment. If a child is infested he/she will be kept out of school until they have been treated with the correct shampoo and their hair is entirely clear of both lice and nits (eggs). Information on head lice may also be obtained from your family doctor or pharmacist.

## Dogs on School Property

Please do not bring your dogs, or other pets, onto school property. Even if on a leash and normally passive/friendly, your pet may respond in an unexpected manner if surrounded by a large group of curious children. While most of us are pet lovers, some youngsters are frightened by animals and may get nervous or anxious when approached by one. Also, other children in our community suffer from allergies that are often triggered by pet fur and dander. Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated.

## Excursions and Trips

Educational trips that extend learning opportunities are encouraged. Teachers must follow appropriate Board procedures and by law, the school must have on file permission forms which must be signed by parents. **VERBAL PERMISSION IS NEVER ACCEPTED.**

## Scent Free Policy

Children are discouraged from wearing perfume and cologne to school. Some of our students and staff have asthma and allergies. The smell of perfume can trigger allergic reactions and breathing difficulties for them.



## Daily Physical Activity

As a school, we have implemented the government mandated 20 minutes of daily physical activity. Ask your child's teacher about the program or visit the Ministry's Website at:

[http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/teachers/dpa\\_boards.pdf](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/teachers/dpa_boards.pdf)

## Textbooks

School textbooks are school property and are loaned to the students annually. The expectation is that textbooks will be returned at the end of the school year. Students are responsible for these textbooks and will be asked to pay if these books go missing or have been vandalized. The cost of an average textbook is about \$50.00 each. Please encourage your child to take care of textbooks!



## Free Dental Health Program

The Region of Peel Health Services is promoting *Healthy Smiles Ontario*, a free dental program to students who meet the program's eligibility requirements. Healthy Smiles Ontario is a new program for **children 17 and under** who do not have access to any form of dental coverage. If eligible, children will be able to visit a licensed dental provider such as a dentist or dental hygienist for basic dental services including fillings, x-rays and scaling at no cost to the family. Children are eligible if they:

- live in Peel
- have a valid Ontario Health card
- are under 18 years of age
- are members of a household with an Adjusted Family Net Income of \$20,000 per year or less AND
- do not have access to any form of dental coverage (including government funded programs like Ontario Works)

Please contact Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 for more information regarding *Healthy Smiles Ontario Program* and to book an appointment for a free dental screening.

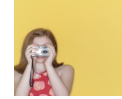
## Grade 4 CCAT

Our grade 4 students are writing the **Canadian Cognitive Achievement Test** in November. The results from this test are used to identify students who may be eligible for "gifted" programming in the future, and other students who may be struggling academically. Questions may be directed to Mrs. Bissola.





# November

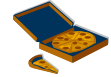


Thursday, November 3, 2011 - Pizza Day

Friday, November 4, 2011 - Spirit Day



Friday, November 11, 2011 - Remembrance Day  
10:30 am in gym



Wednesday, November 16, 2011 - Picture Retakes

Thursday, November 17, 2011 - Pizza Day

Friday, November 18, 2011 - PA Day, no school for students

Tuesday, November 29, 2011 — School Council Meeting  
6:30 pm in Library - All are welcome  
Santa Pictures and Santa visit

# December

Thursday, December 8, 2011 - Pizza Day

Friday December 9, 2011 - Advent Mass

December 16, 2011 - Spelling Bee  
9:00 am in gym

Thursday, December 22, 2011 - Pizza Day

December 24, 2011 - January 8, 2012  
Christmas Break

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



October 2011

### Dufferin-Peel students continue to shine on latest EQAO tests

Recently released EQAO test results for primary (Grades 1-3) and junior (Grades 4-8) assessments of reading, writing and mathematics, and the Grade 9 mathematics indicate that Dufferin-Peel students continue to meet or exceed provincial averages.

Some of the improvements this year over last year are as high as 6% and 10%. This is great news for our students and shines a light on the hard work of faculty, staff, administrators and trustees in aligning system resources to support all learners.

Assessment	2009-2010	2010-2011	1-Year Comparison
Primary Division (Grades 1-3) Reading	62%	68%	+6%
Primary Division (Grades 1-3) Writing	71%	76%	+5%
Primary Division (Grades 1-3) Mathematics	71%	69%	-2%
Junior Division (Grades 4-8) Reading	73%	77%	+4%
Junior Division (Grades 4-8) Writing	78%	78%	+2%
Junior Division (Grades 4-8) Mathematics	63%	62%	-1%
Grade 9 Academic Mathematics	85%	87%	+2%
Grade 9 Applied Mathematics	42%	52%	+10%

\* Results indicate percentage of students who achieved at or above the provincial standard (Levels 3 and 4)

While this year's results are impressive, results over the past several years provide further evidence that Dufferin-Peel students continue to improve over time. This is great news, but it doesn't mean we cannot do even better. Board staff will further analyze the EQAO results to provide support to schools, students and parents/guardians to ensure that more students continue to improve in all assessment areas. Each school has its own plan, which will be reviewed in the context of its students' test results, to improve students' skills in all subject areas. School plans include strategies to assist all students, including intervention and reinforcement for students who did not achieve the provincial standard.

Check your school website, or contact the principal for your school's EQAO results. Additional information can be obtained through the EQAO website at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

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