



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.



Principal's Message

Welcome back and best wishes to all as we enter the 2012 New Year. I sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed a happy and relaxing holiday. On behalf of the entire staff at St. Elizabeth Seton we would like to wish you and your family a happy 2012 filled with much happiness and success.

We give thanks for the many opportunities we have had to work to together, as a giving, sharing and caring community. May your hearts and homes be filled with love, peace and compassion as we continue to be challenged to respond to our infinite call to "service".

A special thank you to the entire community for your generosity and support during the Christmas season.

We supported many families with our Outreach Basket Program. Your generous donations of non-perishable food items and many gifts benefited those less fortunate. The kindness of the families and staff of this school is commendable! A special thank you to Mrs. DiRenzo, Mrs. Radul, Ms. Lettieri, Mrs. Banks and the faith ambassadors for organizing the entire event.

Thank you for your participation in the Advent Mass. It was wonderful to see so many families sharing our faith. Many thanks to Fr. Abraham for leading us in celebration.

Once again, on behalf of St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School, we extend to you and your family best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

D. Scardicchio

PEOPLE OF SELF-CONTROL...

- FOLLOW THEIR CONSCIENCE
- ARE PATIENT WITH THEMSELVES AND OTHERS
- SHARE AND TAKE TURNS
- ARE ABLE TO USE PRAYER TO CALM THEMSELVES DOWN
- THINK BEFORE THEY REACT (W.W.J.D.)
- LOOK FOR PEACEFUL WAYS TO SOLVE CONFLICT
- TRY TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR EVERYONE
- HAVE THE POWER TO STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT

WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?



SELF-CONTROL

REPORTING TO PARENTS FOR FIRST TERM

Teachers will be writing Report Cards on the upcoming P. A. Day January 16th, 2012. Reports will be sent home on January 31st. Interviews will be take place on the evening of February 2nd and during the P.A. Day on February 3, 2012

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next School Council meeting is set for **Tuesday, January 24th** at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

FRENCH IMMERSION & EXTENDED FRENCH MEETING INFORMATION

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 School 2266 Council Ring Road, Mississauga Tel: 905-820-5115 **on January 11, 2012 at 7 pm.** The deadline for submission of applications will be **2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 8th, 2012.**

Parents and guardians of *Grade 4* students interested in the *Extended French Program* are invited to attend information meetings at **St. Therese of the Child Jesus on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.**



Cold Weather Guidelines

The Winter months often bring severe weather conditions. During these times we will reduce the outdoor play time or have indoor recess entirely. Keeping this in mind the following guidelines have been established: (with wind chill)

-25°C or colder - students will be kept indoors

-20°C - there will be a modified outdoor schedule

Exercise and fresh air are important for successful learning and parents are asked to ensure that all children come to school dressed for the weather. Even when it appears that the condition would warrant indoor recess students should still be dressed appropriately—hat, mitts or gloves, scarves and boots. Children who come to school are expected to fully participate in the school program which includes recess breaks. Fresh air is not likely to worsen a mild cold if your child is dressed properly. If the cold or illness is severe, we respectfully suggest that the child not be sent to school. A statement from your family doctor is to be presented for any medical reason when a child needs to remain indoors.



School Procedures—Important Reminders

- 1) Calling to speak to your children or passing on messages during class time: We will not interrupt classes to pass on messages or to have kids speak to parents. This is only used if there is an emergency and not to be misused. The office is busy and messages cannot be guaranteed to be delivered.
- 2) Kids who forget things and parents drop it off: Your child will only be able to come to pick the item up during recess or lunch.
- 3) Students who stay at school for lunch on a daily basis: Students CANNOT leave the school without written consent from the parent/guardian. This permission form should be shown to the teacher and brought down to the office where it is recorded on the Attendance database. The student then signs-out and signs-in upon return. This is for the safety of your child so that everyone is accounted for in school.



ARE YOU TICKED? 

UNLESS you are identified as an English Separate (Catholic) School Supporter...

- ✓ Your children **MAY NOT** be able to attend Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools
- ✓ You **CANNOT** vote for Catholic school Trustees
- ✓ You are **NOT** counted as a supporter of Catholic Education in Ontario

Please note that English Separate School Supporter means the same as Catholic School Supporter.

To register, check or change your Direction of School Support Designation, contact:

Admissions Department
at 905-890-0708 ext. 24512 or email lynch.arsenault@dpedsb.org

 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT
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 Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
A Tradition of Excellence in Catholic Education

Check the assessment section of your Tax Bill or Property Assessment Notice

ARE YOU TICKED?

Direction of school support has long been an issue for Catholic school boards in Ontario. The fact is that, unless the municipality is notified, the school support designation, for assessment purposes, automatically defaults to public school support when an individual or family moves to a new address.

This may have an impact on students' eligibility to attend Catholic elementary schools, trustee representation on school boards, and on government perception of support for Catholic education.

We want to bring a greater awareness around this matter and have created the Are You Ticked? campaign as the communication vehicle for this awareness.

If you would like more information on school support designation or would like us to help you check or change your school support designation to the Catholic system, please call us at (905) 890-0708, ext. 24512.

Pizza Days

- January 19 - January 26
- February 9 - February 23
- March 8 - March 29
- April 12 - April 26
- May 10 - May 24
- June 7 - June 21

Feast Day Mass

Our Feast Day Mass for St. Elizabeth Seton will take place on Thursday, January 26th at St. John of the Cross Church at 7:00 p.m.

Flex Boundary Admissions

Current flex admissions are not guaranteed. If you move out of the school catchment area it is in the best interest of your child that he or she attend their local school. Flex boundary admissions must be requested in writing to the school principal each year.

Grade 3 Students Visit Crawford Lake

On Wednesday, December 1 the grade 3 students visited The Crawford Lake Conservation Area. The students had a wonderful time learning about the fascinating life of the Iroquoian people through a great "hands on" learning experience. The day was spent going on a moccasin walk around the lake, visiting the authentic Iroquoian longhouses and examining all the artifacts. They also played First Nation games and made a craft. The weather cooperated and everyone had a good time.

Public Speaking Competitions

Public Speaking Competitions for grades 4 to 8 will take place on Thursday, January 26th . Many students have already started working on speeches.

Our school competition will take place on Thursday , February 9th in the morning and the Family of Schools Competition is scheduled for Thursday , February 16th.

Flag Football

In November the Intermediate division took part in the annual flag football tournament held at St. Faustina. The team practiced long and hard, and all the hard work showed on the field during the 4 games we played. The team played with pride, honour and good sportsmanship on their way to doubling their victories from 2010. A special thanks go to the coaches for all of the time and effort they put into organizing the team.



Thank you

Thank you so much to those of you who helped make our St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Drive and the Eden Food Bank Food Drive a huge success! It was very heartwarming to see the generosity of our school community. Our families were showered with gifts, gift cards, and true Seton spirit! Thank you for making somebody else's Christmas a little happier. God bless.

Mrs. DiRenzo

Mrs. Radul



One Movement Bullying Prevention

January 31, 2012 This presentation involves interactive dance that incorporates

different styles of dance (ballet, contemporary, jazz and hip hop) to deal with different types of bullying: verbal, physical and physiological and cyber. This performance will help students build self-esteem and respect for others.

Library Update

January is proving to be a very busy month – many class are working on speeches and class projects are also displayed in the library for all the student community to see and enjoy. Students are excited to return from their Christmas break with anticipation that the week of Seton's Book Fair is fast approaching. Each class will be assigned a viewing and buying session. There will additional buying time on Thursday, February 2nd. The buying hours are extended until 8:00 p.m. to correspond with Parent-Teacher interviews times. There will be daily "Book Fair" draws and prizes that will take place throughout the week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and students of St. Elizabeth Seton School for all your continued support in making this year's Book Fair very successful. With the profit made from the Book Fair, I will purchase new books, replace old favourites and complete much loved book series.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the volunteers who gave of their time in the pass to help make the Book Fair successful. Once again, I will send home a volunteer form for anyone who is able to come in and help. Fill in the form and send back to school with your child.

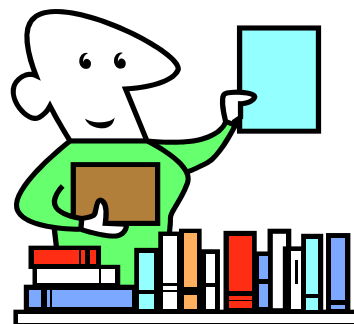
God bless and happy reading,

Mrs. Banks

Teacher-Librarian

Seton Book Fair 2012

Come to our St Elizabeth Seton Book Fair!



Monday, January 30, 2012

Friday, February 3, 2012

Book Viewing

January 30th – February 1st

Book Sales

Wednesday, Feb. 1st **9am – 4 pm**

Thursday, Feb. 2nd **9am – 8:00 pm**

Friday, Feb. 3rd **9am – 10 am**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

St. Elizabeth Seton School will be skating on January 25, February 1st and February 8th at Meadowvale Four Rinks. School Board policy states:

"CSA approved helmet must be worn."

Bicycle helmets are not permitted as they are not appropriate for skating. Helmets are also recommended for all volunteers. Helmets can be rented at a cost of \$12.00 for all three sessions.

Students who do not have the appropriate equipment will not be permitted to participate.



HOMWORK HELP

Free real-time math tutoring now available!

Grade 7 to 10 math students at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board now have access to 20 hours a week of free, online math tutoring to help them improve and succeed in math.

Check out **HomeworkHelp.ilc.org** 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 15 English-language boards taking part in this pilot project funded by the Ministry



The Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence is celebrating its fifth year recognizing outstanding educators and support staff. The awards are a great way to say thank you to the people who have made a difference in your children's lives. Nominations are open until February 6, 2012. Find out more at www.ontario.ca/teachingawards or www.facebook.com/ONteachingawards.



Information Night for Parents of Children with Special Needs

Dufferin-Peel's Special Education Department is hosting an **Information Night for Parents of Students with Special Needs such as Vision, Hearing, Physical/Medical, Developmental, Autism** on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. The information session for students registering for JK, SK and Full Day Kindergarten programs in a Dufferin-Peel school for 2011-2012, and will run from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Room 301 at the Dufferin-Peel Catholic Education Centre, 40 Matheson Blvd W, Mississauga, ON.

IMMUNIZE ON TIME REPORT EVERY TIME.

Report all immunizations your child receives to Peel Public Health.

**online at www.immunizepeel.ca

** call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7000.

Student records are reviewed annually. Over an eleven week period, students with incomplete records receive three letters mailed directly to them to request immunization information. If parents/students DO NOT provide the required immunization information, the student will be suspended from school.

PLEASE NOTE: Please send the above information to Peel Public Health, not to the school Thank you



Super Mario Lego

Rainy Day Recess done by Avery B. Grade 1 in Mrs. Lim's class

PA Day

Monday January 16, 2012

Term 1 Assessment and
Evaluation of Student Pro-
gress. No School

First Communion Preparation

Please note that the parish is your first source for obtaining information for sacramental preparation. A meeting for St. Elizabeth Seton parents to register their child will be Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 3 pm.



Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all students who represented their classes in our School Spelling Bee on December 19th. The students who competed for the title of top speller were:

Janica A..

Tyler B.

Emma M.

Daniel Z.

Kallan B.

Matthew L.

Amanda P.

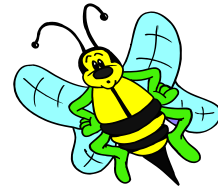
Rachel B.

Emily S.

Alanjim H.

Daniel M.

Katie L.



A special congratulation goes out to Alanjim who won the competition. Alanjim will write a qualifying test in an attempt to participate in the National Post Toronto Regional Spelling Bee which will take place in February.

**THANK
YOU**

A big thank you to all the parents dropping their children off at the Kiss n' Ride. Also to all the parents for their understanding the safety precaution of not being in the school yard after you have dropped your child/ren off. Remember, you are a parent to your child but a stranger to the other children in the yard.

Junior, Senior and Full-Day Kindergarten Registration for 2012-13

Registration for Junior, Senior and Full-Day Kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year, will take place at all Catholic elementary schools in Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon, Bolton and Orangeville on the following days:

Monday, February 6, 2012*

7:00-9:00 p.m.

**Snow Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2012 - 7:00-9:00 p.m.*

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 8, 9 & 10, 2012

9:00-11:00 a.m.

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Junior Kindergarten - Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2012

Senior Kindergarten - Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2012

Full-Day Kindergarten - Children must be 4 or 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2012

Parents/Guardians should bring the following documents when registering their child:

- proof of age (Birth Certificate)
- original Roman Catholic baptismal certificate (for child and/or parent/guardian) or baptismal certificate from an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome. *If the child has not been baptized, and the parent/guardian is a baptized Roman Catholic or is baptized from an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome, the parent/guardian must bring their own baptismal certificate.*
- updated immunization records
- proof of Canadian citizenship (Birth Certificate or Passport) or of Landed Immigrant status
- proof of address (tax bill, utility bill, bank statement)
- for schools in Caledon and Dufferin County: emergency rural address numbers for identifying your property

**All documentation must be submitted in English.*

Journey in Learning... Journey in to Faith
[A Handbook for Parents of Kindergarten Students](#)



January 9, 2012

Welcome Back

January 11, 2012

French Immersion Information Mtg.

St. Margaret of Scotland 7 PM

January 16, 2012

PA Day - Term 1 Report Card Assessment

No School

January 17, 2012

Information Night for Parents of Students with Special Needs

Board Office 7 PM

January 18

Extended French Information Meeting

St. Therese of the Child Jesus - 7 PM



January 19, 2012

Pizza Day

January 24, 2012

Parent Council Meeting

6:30 pm in the library all are welcome



January 25, 2012

Skating - All Grades 1—8 participate

January 26, 2012

Pizza Day

Feast Day Mass @ St. John of the Cross Church at 7 PM

January 30, 2012—February 3, 2012

Book Fair

January 31, 2012

Report Cards Go Home



February 1, 2012
Skating - Gr 1—8 participate
Book Fair Feb 1, Feb. 2, Feb. 3



February 21, 2012
Shrove Tuesday
More Information to Follow

February 2, 2012
Parent Teacher Interviews
More information to follow

February 22, 2012
Ash Wednesday Liturgy - 9:15 am in gym

February 3, 2012
PA Day
Interviews



February 23, 2012
Pizza Day

February 6, 2012
JK Registration
7—9 PM

February 28, 2012
School Council Meeting
6:30 pm in library - All are welcome

February 8, 2012
French Immersion Deadline 2 PM
Skating - Gr. 1 - 8 all participate

February 29, 2012
Leap Year Day

February 9, 2012
Pizza Day



February 10, 2012
Meningococcal— Grade 7
HPV Vaccine - Grade 8 Girls

February 14, 2012
Happy Valentines Day



February 16, 2012
Family Speeches

February 20, 2012
Family Day Holiday