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School Hours

9:15 School Begins

11:00 Recess

Kindergarten
Dismissal - 11:45

12:15 - 1:15
Lunch

2:45 Recess

3:45 Dismissal

CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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“Where Heart Speaks to Heart”

Newsletter – September 2011

Prayer for a New School Year

Loving God, you give us the new school year
and new friends with whom to share it.
Bless all who pray, work and learn together.
Grant a happy year to the entire world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

From the Desk of the Principal and the Vice Principal

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new and returning students and their families to Cardinal Newman School. Our entire staff has worked very hard to facilitate a smooth start to the school year.

As a staff, we believe that students will respond to the challenges and the expectations presented to them. As a Catholic School, the celebration of our Faith traditions is the root of all we do. We ask our students to base their actions and make decisions on the teachings of our Faith.

There will be many great things happening in our classrooms. Our goal is to promote the positives in our students. The staff is dedicated to improving student success. We look forward to a great year full of opportunities for students and our Cardinal Newman community.

ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION

Important Information for your child's safety

Daily attendance and punctuality are very important. On the days that your child will be absent, we ask that you please contact the school. The number is 905 792 2268, press '1' for the attendance voice mail. **It is the parent's responsibility to call the school in the event of an absence.** The school is responsible for attendance verification and not an attendance check. This is a safety precaution. Please provide your child's name, grade, teacher and reason for the absence. Thank you for your support in following this procedure.

STUDENTS EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Your child will receive a copy of the Student Verification form which contains your address, phone numbers, emergency contacts and health information as it currently exists in our computer. We ask that you take a few minutes and look over the information to ensure that it is accurate. Please make any changes needed directly onto the sheet and return it to your child's teacher this week. It is very important that we have accurate phone numbers and emergency contacts.

MEDICAL CONCERNS

We have a number of students in the school with health conditions requiring specialized medication or supervision. In order for students to have access to medicine on a daily basis or for us to store medication in the school, there is a consent form that **MUST** be filled out by a doctor. All medication of this sort is to be stored in the school office. We take this precaution so that medication does not fall into the wrong hands. If your child has a medical condition, please notify the school office.

NUT/PEANUT/OTHER ALLERGY ALERT

We are asking for your co-cooperation in keeping our school safe for all our students and staff. Several students/staff in our school suffer from a severe food allergy to all nuts, peanuts and nut products. **We are asking that you do not send your child with any food for lunch or snack that contains nuts or nut products. We do not encourage the sharing of birthday cakes or food items as well.**

If you are thinking of your child sharing a birthday treat at school; please consider a pencil, eraser or small token instead. We want our children and staff to be safe and

healthy and these measures will ensure this. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

For your child's safety, we request that he/she **not** be on school property until supervision begins at 9:00 a.m. Last year many students were left at school in the morning before school supervision begins and remained at school long after school dismissal times. This is not safe and is not in the best interests of the children. Please make sure that you make the necessary arrangements for your child before and after school. Parents will be contacted if children are continually left at school. If you need information about local babysitting facilities or our Before and After School Program, please contact the school office.

VISITORS AT THE SCHOOL

All visitors and parents are requested to enter the building through the front door **and check in at the office.**

Please sign in, and obtain a pass if you plan to remain in the building for any reason during school hours, or in the playground while the children are outside.

Please understand that during instructional time, teachers are not available to meet with you or to take phone calls. All messages or deliveries for students will be handled through the front office. Students are expected to enter and exit through their designated doors.

KISS AND RIDE

The school's Kiss and Ride Program is located at the front of the building. The "Kiss and Ride" lane is for stopping to drop off your child. It is **NOT** for parking in the morning. If you need to come into the school, please park in a designated parking spot. The parking authorities frequently make visits to our school and many members of our community have been ticketed with very expensive fines.

For parents who wish to walk their child to the Kindergarten area, please park your car in the parking area. **Please do not park in the Kiss and Ride area or the reserved parking spots.**

LUNCH HOUR

During the lunch hour, all students who stay for lunch are expected to remain at school, and all students who go home for lunch are expected to go home for lunch. If there is a change in the regular lunch hour procedure for your child, parents/guardians are asked to provide the teacher with a note explaining the change. Student safety

is very important at Cardinal Newman School. **For this reason, students staying for lunch at school will not be permitted to go to the local plaza.**

We would like to remind you that the school is not equipped to provide lunches to students who are sent to school without a lunch. Please ensure that your child has a suitable lunch, everyday. If you plan to deliver your child's lunch to the school, please ensure that it is delivered by 12:15pm. We have limited phone lines available, and it is not always possible to have students call home for lunch reminders.

LUNCH OPTIONS IN THE FUTURE

Pizza Days continue to be organized on **Tuesdays** and cost \$2.00 for one slice.

September 13 – First pizza day

Sub Days will be offered on the second last Thursday of the month.

Sub Days: September 22nd
 October 20th
 November 17th
 December 22nd
 January 19th

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

During each term teachers and students will be practicing emergency evacuation procedures with their students. These will include fire evacuation and heightened awareness/ lockdown procedures.

PEDICULOSIS – HEAD LICE

Pediculosis is not considered a health problem because it is not a communicable disease. However, from time to time incidents of pediculosis occur in any school. It is recommended that parents inspect their children's hair, especially if persistent itching and scratching of the scalp is noticed. **Please inform the school if you discover an infestation.** Your pharmacist can give you treatment information if required. Remind your child that it is not appropriate to share other children's combs and/or headgear (hats, etc.).

SCHOOL AGENDAS

Student agendas are available at a cost of \$5.00. Agendas assist in the development of organizational and time management skills. This also facilitates the bond of communication between home and school when needed. If you wish to purchase an agenda for your child, please forward the money to your child's teacher who will ensure that your child receives one.

SCHOOL REORGANIZATION

Cardinal Newman staffing is based on a projected student enrollment that is calculated in the spring. The projected enrollment numbers attempt to take into account new students and those that are moving in and out of our area.

Students may experience changes should enrollment projections and actual numbers differ. We will inform you in the event that any class reorganization is required.

P.A. DAY

Friday, September 16, 2011 will be a Professional Activity Day. This day is dedicated to organizational meetings, faith formation, goal setting and curriculum discussions for the new school year. There will be **NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS ON THIS DAY.**

TRANSPORTATION

Students who are eligible to take the bus should be waiting at bus stops at least ten minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that children in kindergarten and grade 1 are met at their designated bus stop. Kindergarten and grade 1 children who do not see a parent or babysitter will remain on the bus and will be returned to the school to be picked up there by the parent or babysitter.

Please ensure that your child rides the bus which they have been assigned by the transportation department. It is the Board policy that students ride the bus to which they have been assigned based on your home address.

While we understand that not all students are assigned to the bus stops that parents expected, we are working with our Transportation Department to clarify and **if necessary** correct bus stops. We ask for your patience while this process is complete.

The Transportation Department (STOPR) manages Transportation for both the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board and the Peel District School Board. STOPR endeavours to provide safe and efficient transportation services to and from school each day for students qualifying as eligible for transportation based on each Board's policy governing transportation eligibility. STOPR plans and implements home to school **transportation for approximately 60,000 students**, 350 + schools, with a fleet in excess of 1,300 school buses. The school bus fleet transporting our students travels approximately 80,000 kilometers each day.

Please be reminded that the distance criteria for eligibility for transportation increases at specific grade levels. The distance criteria for transportation eligibility is:

Kindergarten & Grade 1 - 1.0 kilometers
Grades 2 – 4 inclusive - 1.6 kilometers
Grades 5 – 8 inclusive - 2.0 kilometers
Grades 9 – 12 inclusive - 4.8 kilometers

OPEN HOUSE

Please join us on Wednesday, September 28 for our school community annual **Open House Evening** from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Further information will be sent home.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE

As required by the Education Act and Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost effective student accident insurance coverage. Although enrolment is voluntary, the Board encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage. Please take some time to read over the pamphlet sent home with your child.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

There are two primary roles of the Catholic School Council:

- to be an advisory body to the Principal and the School Board
- to promote the vision, values, sacramental life and Catholic practices of the School Board and the Catholic community it serves.

September 6 – 15 – nomination forms will be accepted at the School Office

September 16 – all nomination forms in to office by 3:45 p.m.

September 19 – listing of nominees on bulletin board

September 22 – Election night if required (6:30 – 8:00)

September 23 – Election results posted

September 27 – First meeting of the **new** Catholic School Advisory Council

FUTURE DATES

Parents of students in **Grade 2 - Sacramental preparation meeting @ St. John Fisher Parish Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss First Holy Communion and Confession.**

PA. Day September 16 – No Classes

Parents of students in **Grade 8 - Sacramental preparation meeting @ St. John Fisher Parish Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Confirmation**

Open House – Wednesday, September 28

School Photos Friday September 30th

Thanksgiving Mass - Tuesday, October 4 @ school 10:00 a.m.

BOARD NEWS/ADULT & CONTINUING EDUCATION

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 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.dpccsb.org/cec/cne
- or call 905-891-9263 ext. 0

PARISH NEWS

Charity Garage and Bake Sale

This event used to be held at the Italian Cultural Centre of Brampton. It will be held at:

St. John Fisher Parish Hall

300 Balmoral Drive

September 17th 9:00 – 4:00

September 18th 9:00 – 2:00

All proceeds will go to **CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN**. For further information contact Vera, Dan or Nolan at 905 793 0266.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Visit our website for information, calendar updates, events, newsletters, parish updates, etc.

<http://www.dpccsb.org/CNEWM>

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

PLASP operates Before and After School Programs at this school. The Before School Program runs from 7:30 a.m. until school begins. The After School Program runs from the end of the school day until 6:00 p.m. **Fee assistance is available.** Register your child with the PLASP Staff before or after school. For further information, call 905 890 1711 or visit the website at www.plasp.com.