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NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2011



ADVENT

The Advent wreath is the most common symbol of Advent. Each piece of the Advent wreath symbolizes some part of our preparations of Jesus' birth on Christmas day. The circular shape symbolizes eternal life; the purple advent candles symbolize our waiting; the pink advent candle symbolizes our joy of Christmas; the light from the lit advent candles symbolize Jesus as "The Light of the World."

ADVENT MASS

You are cordially invited to attend our school's Advent Mass to take place on Wednesday, December 14 at 10:00 a.m. in our school gym. We hope that you will be able to join us to celebrate our faith, pray as a community, and have an opportunity to wish each other a blessed and joyful Christmas.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL EVENING

On Thursday, December 22 at 6:30 p.m. please join us for an evening of activities and presentation at Cardinal Newman School. The evening will begin at school from 6:30 to 7:20 and then we will be going to Earncliffe Recreation Centre for "Art on Ice". More details

will follow as we get closer to the date.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY



This year the staff and students of Cardinal Newman will be participating in the yearly Christmas Charity. Staff and students are asked to donate toiletries, cash or coins. All money collected will be used to buy toys, hats, mittens and food for needy

families within our community. Every class has been given a specific collection topic. Grades please refer to letter from Christmas Charity Committee for details. For every donation your child will receive an angel to be placed on our front foyer tree.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS



Council gathered for a pot luck and social on Monday, December 5. At this time members and their children decorated for the season of Advent. Merry Christmas to all of our Cardinal Newman families from the School Council.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Christmas break will run from **Monday, December 26, 2010** through to **Friday, January 6, 2012** (inclusive). **Classes will resume on Monday, January 9, 2012**

PIZZA DAY AND NEW LUNCH OPTION

Pizza Days continue to run on Tuesdays. The cost is \$2.00.
Sub Days Thurs., December 22, January 19, and February 16. The cost is \$5.00.

DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR THE WEATHER

Now that the colder weather is upon us we respectfully remind you to ensure that your children come to school dressed warmly to participate in recess activities. When weather conditions are severe we may reduce the outdoor play time, or have indoor recess entirely, but fresh air and exercise are vital components for successful learning, so we will endeavour to have children play outside whenever possible. Help your children by having them come to school appropriately dressed with scarves, hats and mittens.

LOST & FOUND

Our lost and found bin is overflowing with clothing. If your child is missing some clothing, please ask them to take a look for lost items. We welcome you to come in and take a look at the lost and found for any items that may be your child's. It is located outside of our gym near the front foyer. **During the Christmas break all clothing that is not claimed will be given to Dr. Simone for other needy families.**

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to our Neighbourhood Policing Unit Officers, Constables Anderson and Horton. They have been working with our staff and students to promote a safe, caring and inclusive community.

Special thanks to our Iron John and Iron Joan mentors. They have been a great support to our Cardinal Newman Community. They are well received by our students in the classrooms. They are building relationships with everyone in our community.

CASUAL DRESS DOWN DAY

You will notice that staff at Cardinal Newman dress casually on Fridays. Teachers make donations to ShareLife in order to participate in this initiative.

HAVE YOU READ THIS NEWSLETTER?

Congratulations to last month's winners and their families: Rebecca and Matthew Q. and Sarah and Charlotte H. Please sign and return this if you have read the newsletter.
Parent/Guardian Signature:

Child (ren's) Names:

NEWS @ NEWMAN

2011/12 ICE CARDINALS HOCKEY

"Keep your head up over there!" Our intermediate ice hockey squad has been limbering up with practices at Earnscliffe Arena that included sightings of Mr. DaCosta and "Sundin" as well as a strong on-ice "Iron John" presence. The team is gearing up for tournaments early in the New Year hosted by All Saints' in Mississauga as well as St. Edmund Campion in Brampton. Goalies Joseph Nanavati and Travis Smith have remained ever cool in the face of gathering pressure with confident nods of "Yah. Bring it on." Stay tuned and "keep your sticks on the ice!"

ALL CALL FOR THIS WALL!

Hey, every wall is critical around here but we're not referring to just any wall - there used to be trees here! Yes, and for almost four years a lone blue "Earth School" banner has silently marked the spot and kept vigil, waiting - a visual testimony to a by gone wave of environmentalism whose torch is now taken up by our Cardinal Newman Eco Team.

The time has come to call all within our school community blessed with the gift of creativity to focus on an appropriate re-design of this "former wall of trees". Initial concepts need to incorporate the spirit of what was there before as well as the virtues that we celebrate throughout the school year.

As a concrete starting point that will allow for some sense of "the infinite" to be expressed in the final design, a key vanishing point has been located in the approximate center of the wall. On our Christmas evening of gathering/celebration (Dec. 22), all students, parents/guardians, and guests will have the opportunity to "pencil in" a radial line from the vanishing point. These lines will serve as guidelines upon which future (as yet undetermined) elements of the final design may be founded to produce the impression of extended space beyond the actual physical wall.

We look forward to involving everyone in the design process and decision-making as our Earth/Eco Wall re-design takes shape.

FUTURE STEPS @ CARDINAL NEWMAN!

The grade 3, 4 and 5 students have been working hard over the last several weeks, learning ballroom dance. Instructors from Future Steps Ballroom Dance Program

have taught students the tango, meringue, and the fox trot. The students have been doing an amazing job! They will be show casing what they've learned on Wednesday, December 21st, in a dance performance. Parents are invited to attend the performance at 10 am in gym 1.

HALLOWEEN FOR HUNGER CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all the participants who brought in non-perishable food items. Our Social Justice group organized the campaign and our goal was to raise 800 cans!

Congratulations to the top three classes in each of the divisions. Primary: Ms. Forgione's students (61 cans), Junior: Ms. Vlasic's students (204 cans), and Ms. Pereira's students (44 cans). We were able as a community to collect a total of 870 non-perishable food items.

MOVEMBER

The month of November was marked with several male staff members growing their moustaches to raise awareness for cancer. Our student population raised over \$300.00 for this cause. Congratulations to Mr. DaCosta for winning the moustache competition. Special thanks to our Student Council for their work and Mr. Moroniewicz for his inspiration in creating this challenge.

P.A.L.S.

The PALS team is up and running! 25 students from Grades 5 and 6 were trained in November in the PALS program. Look for students coming to your Grade 1, 2 or 3 gym classes and out at recess to teach you some great and fun games!

ECOTeam

The EcoTeam has been busy! The G.O.O.S.E. bin paper committee has been collecting all paper that is still good on one side. Booklets are sold alternating Fridays at lunch hour for \$1.00 in front of the snack shack. Watch for the posters to let you know when the next for sale date is.

Waste-Free Lunch spot checks are coming! The Brampton Clean City representatives will be coming around our school in December and they will be looking for students who are bringing waste-free lunches to school. The golden garbage can and the golden lunch box awards are coming soon! Stay tuned to see which classes in the Primary, Junior and Intermediate divisions have done the best job this month.

The School Ground Greening Committee would like to thank the school community for their bulb donations! We will host another bulb collection drive in the spring. Our students have been out weeding, collecting and raking leaves and planting bulbs. Look for some colourful blooms popping out around the school this spring! Stay tuned for some of our other initiatives coming soon!

The ECO Team is also planning a Used Book Sale. They are requesting donations of any gently-used books. Items can be dropped off to the marked boxes near the front office, by December 16th. They sale will take place on Thursday December 22nd. Watch for our flyer coming home soon!

FROM OUR TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT



**Student Transportation
of Peel Region**

JUNIOR AND SENIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for Junior and Senior Kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year, will take place at Cardinal Newman School.

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.

**Students who are currently registered for Junior
Kindergarten DO NOT need to register for Senior
Kindergarten.**

For more information, call the school office or visit
www.dpcedsb.org.

PLASP BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

PLASP operates before and after school programs, in this school, for children up to 12 years of age. For more information please contact PLASP Child Care Services at 905 890 1711 or feel free to visit their website at: www.plasp.c