

Principal's Message

Welcome back to a new academic year at St. Luke Catholic Elementary School.

I hope that you have all had a restful and relaxing summer. I would like to welcome all of our new students and families. It is a pleasure to include you into our school community!

Staff have been working hard over the past few weeks in preparation of our school opening. Thank you to the teachers who have been preparing their classrooms and a special thank you to our custodial team for all of their hard work over the summer!

In order to keep you informed of events at the school, you will be receiving a monthly newsletter. Please make sure that you get the opportunity to read it for pertinent information regarding your child's education.

We are fortunate at St. Luke School to be strong in a variety of areas – academics, discipline, arts and athletics. We have students who are willing to be involved and a dedicated staff willing to provide the opportunities for their growth and development. We anticipate another rewarding and challenging year as we serve the students in our care.

(Please read below a message from our Superintendent N. Milanetti.)

God Bless
Mrs. M. McIsaac

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and for those of you who are new to our board, I hope you find your school to be a safe, caring, Catholic learning environment. It is our aim to provide the best possible learning and faith environment for your children.

As Superintendent of the Mississauga South Family of Schools, I am committed to our student's success. I pledge that our board and family of schools will stand as a model of excellence in education and maintain high expectations for classroom

achievement and behaviour, while providing assistance for those students who need alternative approaches.

Education is a co-operative endeavour and as parents, please understand that you play an absolutely essential role in your children's success. We ask you to set high expectations for your children's academic success. A parent's expectation of success becomes a propelling force to motivate a child. When children aren't expected to do well, most often they don't. So please don't accept mediocre grades and poor study habits; rather get involved and expect your child to achieve to their fullest potential. There are many ways to do this, such as by supervising homework, fostering reading at home, limiting TV and video games, and talking with your children about the importance of education.

You must also set high expectations for your school. We welcome your involvement, support and even your criticism, which when constructive, can help us to improve. Specifically, get involved with your children's schoolwork and tell us right away about any possible problem --for example, whether work is too easy or too difficult. Get to know your child's teacher and form a partnership.

We look forward to working with you to achieve educational excellence. Please get involved and do not hesitate to speak to me or your school administrator about your child's education.

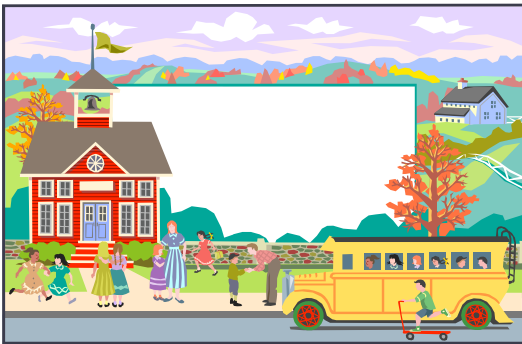
Yours truly,

Nick Milanetti
Superintendent



School Hours

- 8:15 – School office opens
- 8:45 – Supervision in the yard
- 9:00 – Morning bell
- 10:25 – 10:40 - Morning recess
- 12:00 – 12:20 – Lunch
- 12:20 – 1:00 – Lunch recess
- 2:30 – 2:45 – Afternoon recess
- 3:30 – Dismissal
- 4:00 – School office closes



Class Lists/Placements

Due to unforeseen increase and or decrease of student population, all class lists are tentative until the end of September when final numbers are sent to our school board. We have, to date, many new registrations. We will be reviewing our numbers throughout the next 2 weeks and we may need to reorganize some classes within the school. Should this be necessary, all students involved will receive a letter explaining to the parents the mandated reorganization and the process involved.

Lunch Contract

This week your child(ren) brought home a **Lunch Contract**. This must be filled in and returned to your child's teacher by Friday, September 9, 2005. This will ensure that the

school is aware of where you prefer your child(ren) to be over the lunch hour. The classroom teachers will keep the contracts and a master file system will be housed in the main office. Any changes to the contract throughout the year must be submitted in writing to the teacher and or office. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Once children have arrived at school they must remain on school property. They are not permitted to leave school property without written permission, and must be accompanied by an adult, this includes appointments and lunch.

Lunch (Delivered)

We have many parents who drop off lunches for their child(ren) at school. Classes are not to be interrupted for students to pick up lunches. Please advise your child(ren) in the morning to expect a lunch to be dropped off prior to 12:00. They will be allowed to come down and pick up their lunch at this time.

Student Absences

All parents/guardians are required to call the school and inform the school if your child(ren) will be absent. You may also leave a message on the school voice mail. Upon reaching the answering service please leave the following information:

- Student's full name
- Grade level and teacher
- Reason for absence
- Phone Number: 905 – 274-0847



Communication

Open communication between home and school is very important. Although we will be reporting to you formally during the year, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time if you have questions or concerns. A phone call on the onset

of a concern usually resolves itself before it becomes a problem. On our part, if we have any concerns about your child, we will also contact you at the earliest opportunity.

Visitors/Volunteers

All visitors are required to sign in at the office when entering the school. Identification badges are required to be worn when visitors are in the school. Please enter the school through the main doors only and wait in the foyer area or outside in the playground. **Do not** wait outside your child's classroom. This will ensure your child's safety at all times. Thanking you in anticipation of your cooperation!

Valuables

Students are requested not to bring valuables, items of importance or money to school. The school does not accept responsibility for the above. Every effort will be made to help students find missing items. Personal items should be marked with the child's name.

Student Agendas

The St. Luke Agenda has been ordered for students in Grades 4 – 8. This agenda serves as a teaching tool for homework planning and organization. They will be available for purchase (\$5.00) during the first two weeks of school. Please read your child's agenda on a regular basis. It is a valuable tool in communicating between home and school.

Allergies

We have a number of students in our school who have severe allergic reactions to peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oils and any peanut by products. As in the past we are asking you to not put any child at risk, therefore we are requesting that **PEANUTS, PEANUT BUTTER, PEANUT OILS AND ANY PEANUT BY PRODUCTS NOT BE BROUGHT INTO THE SCHOOL.**

Storage/Administration of Medication:



Parents are responsible for ensuring that all medication and forms are updated annually. If your child requires medication please have all pertinent forms completed and returned with the medication to the office as soon as possible. A reminder that children are not allowed to keep any medication in their desk, backpack or classroom (with the exception of an epi-pen if allergies are severe). All dispensing of medication requires medical permission and must be stored in the office.

Crossing Guard / Cobalt and Canyon

Please be advised that on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 the Traffic Safety Council will be conducting a site inspection on the corner of Canyon St. and Cobalt in order to determine if a Crossing Guard is required for the aforementioned intersection. The inspection will be held at 8:30 a.m. and then again at 3:30 p.m. I feel that it is important that all students that cross at this intersection be present at both times of the day in order to convey our need for a Crossing Guard at this particular area.

National Quality Institute

It is with great pride and pleasure that we announce that St. Luke School will be receiving the Silver Canada Award for Excellence in Education. Further information will follow regarding celebratory events!!!

Open House/BBQ



Please reserve Thursday, September 29, 2005 for St. Luke's Open House/BBQ. At this time you will be given the opportunity to meet the new administration and your child's teacher. The BBQ will begin at 6:00 p.m. At 7:30 you may visit the classrooms and receive important curriculum information. More information will be forthcoming.

School Advisory Council

Communication between home and school is greatly enhanced by parental involvement with the School Advisory Council. All parents/guardians are encouraged to come out to meetings and participate. You do not have to be

an executive member of the council to voice your thoughts and ideas. More information regarding School Advisory Council meetings will be forthcoming.

School Council Elections



It is our pleasure to invite all parents to consider becoming a member of the School Advisory Council. Please note that our Council will be comprised of parents, school staff as well as community and parish representatives. The aim of the School Advisory Council is to support school activities and students through involvement and fund raising. The School Council also provides a forum for parents to meet and share information and ideas concerning the school community.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our school council, visit the school office in order to obtain a nomination form. Forms and a brief biography must be submitted to the office by Friday, September 16, 2005. A list of parent nominees with brief biographies will be sent home on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 in the event that an election is necessary. If we do need to have an election day it will occur on Friday, September 16, 2005. Results will be announced at our first meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

On behalf of the school community, a special thank you is extended to last year's School Advisory Council members for their outstanding work during the course of the year. I am sure that students will continue to benefit from their dedication and commitment.

Terry Fox Day:



Friday, September 16, 2005 has been designated as Terry Fox Day throughout all of Mississauga. Every school in Peel and Dufferin-Peel will be participating in various activities in order to fundraise, support and celebrate the anniversary of Terry Fox. All funds will be donated to the Terry Fox Cancer Foundation. More information will follow with the details.

Volunteers:

Volunteers play an important part in the life of any school community. At the school level, they help to enhance the learning opportunities available to students. They can make a difference in the academic life of a student. They assist students with reading, writing, academic drills and reinforcement, educational games and in other activities that help to improve a specific needs area.

If you are interested in participating in such a vital program please do not hesitate to contact the school.

A reminder that any person working with children must submit to the school a completed **Criminal Reference Check** obtained through Peel Regional Police (application may be obtained at the school). If you have already submitted one to the school a **Criminal Offence Declaration** must be completed yearly prior to commencing any volunteer work at St. Luke School. This may also be obtained at the school. M. Martin will be coordinating the volunteer program please feel free to contact her or M. McIsaac if you have any further questions or concerns.

P. A. Day:

Monday, September 19, 2005 will be the first P.A. day of the year. There will be no classes for children. The day has been set aside for the staff to develop in Faith and Curriculum and reorganize classes if necessary.

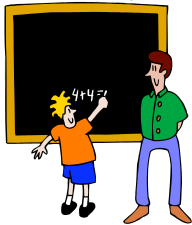
INSURANCE AND LIABILITY

"As required by the Education Act and the Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost-effective student accident insurance coverage via student courier. Although enrolment is voluntary, the board encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage, especially if their child/children participate in sports,

excursions/field trips, or, if parents do not have dental insurance coverage. Enrolment is required in writing so there are two options for enrolment: 1) Complete the traditional form and mail it in or 2) Photocopy the form and fax it to Reliable Life at 1-905-522-7211 or 1-800-463-KIDS (5437). Parents alone have the right to insure their children. "

Girl Guides

New Sparks, Brownies, Girl Guides and Pathfinders Registration;
September 13 – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at St. Stephen’s on the Hill (on Indian Rd.)



St. Luke School Staff 2005-2006
(Tentative)

Teacher	Grade	Room#
G. Carnevale	J.K.	101
N. Amore	S.K.	102
K. Hartling	1	103
D. Chan	1	105
M. Bertrand	2	106
M. Nasato	2	107
S. Powath	2	201
R. Brochu	3	202
B. Laughton/	3	203
L. MacKenzie		
M. Foster	3	209
R. Spudic	4	210
K. Carleton	4	204
K. Mastromattei	4	201
M. Perrone	5	208
J. Cini	5	205
J. Covello	6	207
D. Burns	6	206
I. Lara	7	211
S. Dutra	7	212
K. Collins	8	213
P. Wilson	8	214
M. Murphy	BLN Class	113
J. Capasso	SERT	111
A. Capuano	SERC	
C. Badali	FSL/ESL	110
M.Carron	FSL	215
C. Badali	P. T. (Music)	
M. Martin	R.R./SERT	
S. Moher	Library	
R. DiMauro	Head Secretary	

M. Ovcjak Asst. Secretary
W. Jackson Vice-Principal
M. McIsaac Principal

Dates To Remember:

- **September 12, 2005** – School Advisory Council Nomination Forms due
- **September 16, 2005** – Parent Council Election Day (if necessary)
- **Terry Fox Day** – info. to follow
- **September 19, 2005** – P. A. Day – no classes for students
- **September 20, 2005** – Opening Mass – 10:00 – St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish (students will be bused)
- **September 21, 2005** –Parent Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Library
- **September 29, 2005** – Open House and BBQ (more info. to follow)
- **October 4, 2005** – Parent Advisory Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. (Council Room)
- **October 4, 2005** – Picture Day!



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. And Mrs. Caruano on the birth of their beautiful daughter Olivia!!

Ms. Santorelli on her wedding over the summer and will now be known as Mrs. Lara!!!

