



St. Luke School

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BLESSING FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Dear God, as a new school year begins,
Fill the hearts of our children with an
Eagerness to learn about the world
You have created, about themselves
And most of all, about You.

Bless our teachers with
The gifts of wisdom and patience,
That they may help their students
Find the truth.

Give our parents generous hearts,
To support, encourage and love their children.

Help us all to work together
To form a community of learning,
That teaches not only skills for success
But all that we need,
To live our faith fully in this world.

Amen



Principal's Message

I trust that staff and students have had the opportunity to enjoy the pleasures that our beautiful summers bring and that everyone feels rejuvenated and eager to get back to school. The smiles on your children's faces on the first day of school are a true indicator of the sense of excitement and contentment in returning to St. Luke School. Together with my wonderful staff, I will do my best to help your children experience spiritual, academic, social and emotional growth throughout the school year. As the new school year begins, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new families in our school community and to welcome all those returning to St. Luke School. A special greeting is also extended to our Junior Kindergarten children who are starting school for the first time. As we anticipate the successes of the year ahead, I encourage you to remember that each success will be the result of the mutual support and respect, we as parents and educators show one another. As our students mature, we are reminded that their beliefs, ideals and sense of responsibility, friendship and family are constantly challenged and the common language and support we share as role models in their lives will impact greatly on their character development.

We are truly blessed to have a devoted Parish Team, involved School Council and supportive parents.

I look forward to working with Cathy Saytar as our Superintendent of Mississauga South. The 2011/12 school year will continue to present many challenges and provide excitement and opportunities. We face these challenges with determination, courage, expertise and enthusiasm. The staff of St. Luke School is committed to working with their partners to support our children in their quest for knowledge, happiness and spiritual development. I ask for your continued support and commitment to your children. I am sure it will be a very successful school year. God Bless.

C, Serjeant
Principal

From your Superintendent Cathy Saytar Mississauga South Family of schools September 2011

Please see insert

From Your Catholic School Trustee –Sharon Hobin

Please see Insert

Transportation Revised Eligibility

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board has enhanced eligibility standards by reducing the distance criteria for eligibility from 1.6 kilometers to 1.0 kilometers for grade 1 students and by reducing the distance criteria for eligibility for grades 7 and 8 students from 3.2 kilometers to 2.0 kilometers. Distance for grade 2-4 is 1.6km. Grades 5-8 is 2km. This means that students currently in Senior Kindergarten who are bussed will continue to be bussed next year. Additionally students currently in grade 6 will continue to be bussed next year and some students currently in grade 7 and ineligible for transportation will be eligible for transportation in grade 8. Secondary walking distances have remained the same because of budget restraints. For those who may wish to apply for **Courtesy Ridership** please check the STOPR web site at www.stopr.ca. Click on School Forms at the side of the page and find form TFL004 –Courtesy Seat Procedure.

Access to Bus Information

Please be advised that the following website, **businfo.stopr.ca**, is now available to students, parents, school administrators, and school bus operators. This website provides basic information for students and parents, specific to what school do I attend?, and am I eligible for transportation? Also, parents of students who are eligible for transportation will be able to login to the **businfo.stopr.ca** site and access the specific details of only their child's transportation arrangements.

Combined Classes

Many of you will see your children in combined classes. This is due to declining enrolment and more importantly due to the legislation which tells boards that we may not have more than 23 children in a class in grades 1 to 3. This is a hard cap that cannot be changed as per this legislation. I repeat that this legislation comes from the ministry and not from the board of trustees. Principals and staff will do their very best to see that students are placed in the best possible situation for them.

Catholic School Councils

Members of Catholic school council must be in place 30 days after school begins. I encourage you to join school council to add your expertise to the council, volunteer your talent and to join committees that help the school flourish. Do not leave it to someone else. Children whose parents are involved in their school do better in school. Give it a try!!!!

All the very best for this school year. You may reach me at (905)301-1210 or sharon.hobin@dpedsb.org
May the good Lord always hold you in the palms of His hands

School Hours

8:00 – School office opens
8:15 – Supervision in the yard
8:30 – Morning bell
10:36 – 10:51- Morning recess
11:31 – 11:51 – Lunch
11:51 – 12:31 – Lunch recess
1:54 – 2:09 – Afternoon recess
3:00 – Dismissal

Liturgical School Year Calendar

These will be coming once we have met with Fr Neil McMillan

Lunch Contract:

The **Lunch Contract went home in the beginning of the year package**. This must be filled in and returned to your child's teacher. This will ensure that the school knows that your child is staying or going home for lunch. 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 11:30. You may drop off the lunch on the designated

table in front of the office. Paper and pencil is supplied in order for you to label the lunch accordingly. They will be allowed to come down and pick up their lunch at 11:31. Children eat their lunch at 11:31 -11:51 and then go outside for the remaining 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, teacher and reason for absence. Please continue to call each day that your child is absent. When your child returns to school, please provide the teacher with a note regarding the specific reason for the absence.

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. If you are picking up your child at school at a time other than regular dismissal, we ask that you report to the office to sign them out. Arrangements will be made for your child to be sent to the office. If you intend to send someone else to pick up your children, please write a note to the classroom teacher or inform the office. We thank you for your cooperation in supporting a safe environment at St. Luke.

Valuables:

Students are requested not to bring valuables, Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) money or items of importance. Cameras are not permitted at school and cell phones should be off at all times and kept in your child's bag. They are not to be used on school property. The school does not accept responsibility for the above. Personal items should be marked with the child's name.

Student Agendas:

The St. Luke Agenda has been ordered for students in Grades 1 – 8. A very special thank you to our School Council who purchased these agendas for all students. Please read your child's agenda on a regular basis. It is a valuable tool in communicating between home and school. The Virtues program is outlined and also our Catholic Code of Conduct. It would be a good idea to review this with your child.

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.



Open House/Meet the Teacher Night

Please reserve **Thursday, September 22, 2011** for St. Luke's Open House. (7:00 to 8:00) At this time, you will be given the opportunity to meet the administration and your child's teacher. At 7:00 p.m. you may visit the classrooms and receive important curriculum information. At 8:00pm there will be a brief assembly in the gym. **Please be advised that the School Council will be providing pizza before the Open House. More information will follow.**

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. More information regarding School Advisory Council meetings will be forthcoming.

School Council Elections:

It is our pleasure to invite 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, 2011. Elections will be held at our first School Council meeting on Mon. Sept. 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m..

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.

Student Monitor

This year we require two student monitors for the 2011-12 school year. The student monitor is required to work one hour per day 11.31 am – 12.31 pm, however the pay is for 1.2 hours per day. Rate of pay is \$11.45 per hour(+ 4 % vacation pay) ...If interested please contact the school office

Insurance Forms:

As required by the Education Act and the Ministry of Education, Dufferin-Peel annually provides parents with information about cost-effective student accident insurance coverage via student courier. These forms were included in the package that went home the first day. Although enrolment is voluntary, the board encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage, especially if their child/ren participate in sports, excursions/field trips, or if parents do not have dental insurance coverage. Enrolment is required in writing – there are two options for enrolment:

- 1) complete the traditional form and mail it in
- 2) photocopy the form and fax it to Reliable Life at 1- 905-522-7211 or 1-800 463-5437. Parent alone have the right to insure their children.

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. Foster will be coordinating the volunteer program. Please feel free to contact her or if you have any further questions or concerns.

We would like to welcome back Ms. Santolli, Mr. Figliola and Ms. Kariam. We would also like to welcome to St. Luke, Ms. Meceli, Mr. Sabetti , Ms. Marra and Kety Gizzi

P. A. Day:

Friday, September 16, 2011 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.

St. Luke Tentative Staff List 2011/12

Teacher	Grade	Room#
G. Carnevale	J.K	101
D. Chan	S.K.	102
K. Hartling	1	103
M. Hospital		
K. Albisser	1/2	105
S. Hlebec	1	104
N. Marra	2	106
K. Kariam	2	107
D. Santoli	2/3	202
K. DiCecco	2/3	210
A. Von Gradowski	3	209
M. Nasato	3	201
S. DiMauro	4	204
R. Brochu	4	203
S. Powath	4/5	205
S. Cranstone	5	208
L. Mackenzie/		
B. Laughton	6	207
D. Burns	6	206
M. Figliola	7	212
W. Gilgan	7/8	215
M. Miceli	8	214
K. Mastromattei	8	213
J. Cini	L.B.N.	113
N. Gervais	SERC/SERT	111
M. Foster	SERT/ESL	110
G. Capasso	SERC/SERT	108
M. Basso	FSL	Seminar#1
S. Boland	FSL/P.T.	Seminar#1
C. Badali	Music/P.T	112
L. Wirkowski	P.T.	Seminar#1
K. Gizzi	P.T.	
J. Covello	Library/P.T.	
A. Maksimowski	L.B.N. C.Y.W.	113
C. Yip	ERW	
D. Pelligrini	ERW	
M. D'Imperio	ERW	
J.P. Sabetti	ERW	
R. DiMauro	Head Secretary	
J. Lister	Asst. Secretary	
M. Masucci	Vice-Principal	
C. Serjeant	Principal	

Kiss 'n Ride

In the interest of the safety of our children, please use the Kiss'n Ride to drop off and pick up your children. If you are picking up at the end of the day please do not leave your car. Your child must meet you in the Kiss'n Ride area. We are still in need of volunteers. If you could help out please call the school. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Family Reading Magazine Offer

Once again we are offering through QSP the opportunity for you to order magazines. A flyer will be sent home in the near future. Our school will earn approximately \$10.00 from every order. Ordering a magazine for a friend or family member is a great gift idea. Date of sale will be September 22 – October 8. We will have a school assembly on Wed. Sept. 21 at 1:00 to kick start our fundraiser. Thanking you in advance for your participation.

Innisbrook Wrapping Paper and Gifts

We are very excited to offer the Innisbrook Wraps and Gifts Catalogue. St. Luke's School will receive up to 47.5% profit on all catalogue products. Help support our school and have fun shopping! More information will be coming home next week. A special thank you to Mrs. Marinaccio from our School Council for taking on this project.

Transportation

This year an Internet Query Facility called GeoQuery is available to parents in order to provide current and up-to-date transportation information. The website <http://businfo.stopr.ca> displays **Delays and Cancellations** and identifies whether your student is eligible for bussing. Once you have accessed the website follow the information box prompts. Another advantage is that GeoQuery's map display shows a selected address and the closest schools and also allows the user to zoom, pan and print the map/policy information. Should you need further information from the transportation department please call 905-890-6000.

Virtue of the Month – Faith

A faithful person believes that God's plan for us includes the right to be safe, cared for, and included, especially at school. Faith is the great virtue of believing in God. Our faith helps us to remember the importance of God in our lives and calls us to deepen our relationship with God, when things are going well and when they are not.

A faithful person.....

Prays from the heart

Learns from Bible Stories

Believes that there is good in all

Knows that we are all loved by God.

Sacramental Parent Meetings

St. Christopher Parish

Reconciliation & First Holy Communion mtgs

Tuesday September 27th or

Wednesday September 28

Confirmation parent(s) and candidate attend one of these mtgs

Tuesday September 20 or

Wednesday September 21

St. Mary Star of The Sea

All families who wish to have their children prepare for the sacrament of First Holy

Communion or the sacrament of

Confirmation are asked to call St. Mary Star

of The Sea at 905 278 2058 in order to

arrange to have your child registered. The

registration period lasts from August 3, to

September 18, 2011

Dates To Remember

September 16 – P.A. Day (no school for students)

September 21 – QSP Assembly 1:00

September 22 – Open House/Meet the Teacher Night – 7:00 p.m.

September 19 – School Council

Meeting 7:00 p.m. – Staffroom

September 28 – Terry Fox Walk 9:00

– Rain date is September 30 more info to follow

October 7 – Beginning of the year School Mass

October 18 – Picture Day