



St. Edith Stein School

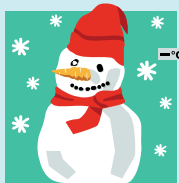
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January, 2011

An excerpt from our School Council Mission Statement:

The mission of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, in partnership with the family and church, is to provide in a responsible manner, a Catholic Education which develops spiritual, intellectual, aesthetic, emotional, social and physical capabilities of each individual to live fully today and to meet the challenges of the future, thus enriching the community.



School Hours:

9:00am – 3:30pm
 Recess 10:25– 10:40
 Lunch 12:00 – 1:00
 Recess 2:30 – 2:45

JK/SKam 9:00 – 11:30
 JK/SKpm 1:00 – 3:30

Attendance Line

Superintendent:
Denise Oude-Reimerink
 (905) 890-0708

Trustee: Esther O'Toole
 (905) 812-5163



A Prayer for a New Year

A whole new year is mine today . . .

May I be wiser, Lord I pray!

I'll strengthen friendships,
old and true,

And learn to cherish new ones too!

May I keep on learning and grow

A little better as I go . . .

To cast aside each grudge and grief,

And hold fast to a firm belief

That life is joyous, gracious, good,

When lived in terms of neighbourhood!

To welcome fun, and play a while.

To lighten work with a happy smile!

To thank the Lord and every day

Remember Him and kneel and pray

In gratitude for strength and health

And blessings which are all my wealth!

This year's a gift from God to me

To spend, or use, or set me free . . .

A whole new year is mine today . . .

May I be wiser, Lord, I pray!

Principal's Message

Happy New Year! The staff at St. Edith Stein extend best wishes for a fantastic year filled with God's blessings. Every new year brings about an excitement to set goals and new resolutions! As we begin the new decade, St. Edith Stein is moving towards become a Healthy School encouraging healthy eating, active living and being stewards of the environment. With each newsletter this year, we have been sending home Healthy Tips to inform you of some of the curriculum we will be covering at school to promote these goals.

March is Nutrition Month, and we will be launching HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) Week. Each day of the week will be devoted to wellness themes. More information will be forthcoming in the near future.

St. Vincent de Paul extends sincere thanks to the generosity of the St. Edith Stein community for providing a wonderful Christmas for many needy families in the Meadowvale community. Over 150 gifts filled the front foyer and decorated our tree with beautiful angels. We also supported a number of families in the St. Josephine Bakhita parish with Christmas baskets filled with gifts and food vouchers. In addition, Junior grades raised funds for World Vision and staff supported Peel Region Police with Toys for Tots. We are blessed to have such a caring community and staff that give so generously.

REMINDERS

Friday, January 14 PD Day—No School

Tuesday, February 1 Reportcards Go Home

Thursday, February 3 Interview Night for All

Friday, February 4 PD Day—Interviews

Kindergarten Registration

Monday, February 7 Evening 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9 to Friday, February 11
Kindergarten Registration continues 9:00-11:00 a.m. & 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Junior & Senior Kindergarten Registration for 2011-12

Registration for the 2011-12 school year will be held at all Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools on the following dates:

Monday, February 7, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*

*Snow Date: Tuesday, February 8 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 9, 10 & 11, 2011
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Junior Kindergarten - Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2011

Senior Kindergarten - Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2011



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

- proof of age
- original Catholic Baptismal Certificate of the Roman, Greek or Ukrainian Rite, for parent (one) and child (if the child has not been baptized, a letter of counselling with the parish priest, to complete the process will be accepted)
- updated immunization records
- proof of Canadian citizenship or of Landed Immigrant status
- proof of address (utility bill, bank or credit card statement)

For more information, contact your local Catholic school or call the Admissions Department at 905-890-0708 ext. 24500.

French Immersion Information Meeting

SK parents/guardians who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 1 French Immersion class for September, 2011 are invited to attend an information meeting at:

School: St. Gertrude School
Address: 815 Ceremonial Dr., Mississauga
Date: January 13th, 2011
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Extended French Information Meeting

Grade 4 parents/guardians who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 5 Extended French class for September, 2011 are invited to attend an information meeting at:

St. Therese of the Child Jesus
6930 Forest Park Drive
Thursday, January 13, 2011
At 7:00 p.m.

Inclement Weather and School Closure

During the winter months inclement weather may cause disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations. **A decision to cancel school transportation and/or to close schools is usually made by 6:00 a.m. and will be announced on the following radio stations:**

VIRGIN RADIO FM 99.9	CHUM AM 1050
CFTR AM 680	CFNY FM 102.1
CJCL AM 590	CHFI FM 98.1
CFRB AM 1010	EZ ROCK FM 97.3
CJBC (FR) AM 860	FM Z103.5
FM 93.1	AM 1540
AM 640	FM Q 107
CHIN FM 100.7	CITYPULSE
GLOBAL NEWS CBC	CFTO

We will be communicating one of four standard messages to the radio stations. The four announcements and their effect on the transportation system are as follows: (Please note that the **highlighted text only** will be communicated by the radio stations).

1. "DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES SERVING ST. ANDREW, ST. BENEDICT AND ST. PETER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND R.F. HALL SECONDARY SCHOOL ARE CANCELLED FOR TODAY."

2. "THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES IN THE TOWN OF CALEDON AND THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN ARE CANCELLED". This means that all runs listed under announcement #1 PLUS the following are cancelled.

- All schools in the Town of Caledon and all school runs that begin in the Town of Caledon.
- Individual schools will be notified if this cancellation affects their school.

3. "THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES ARE CANCELLED." *This means that:*

ALL Transportation services provided by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and The Peel District School Board, including buses, vans and taxis have been cancelled for the entire day.

4. "THE SCHOOLS AND OFFICES OF BOTH THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ARE CLOSED." *This means that:*
ALL Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and Peel District School Board schools and offices are closed to all students and staff.

January's Virtue of the Month is:

SELF-CONTROL/DECISION MAKING

Affirmation:

I have self-control.

I know how to get things done on my own.

I have control over my feelings.

I make good decisions in the way I act and speak.

What is Self-Control / Decision Making?

Self-Control / Decision Making is a set of behaviours that help you:

- understand that the only thing in life which you can change and control is yourself
- keep in check all self-destructive, addictive, obsessive, compulsive, irrational, and unacceptable behaviours
- keep your life in balance and focused by helping you cope with new challenges that come your way
- keep your emotional responses in check or moderation
- accept personal responsibilities in life
- reflect on your inner desire to grow up into a responsible adult

Self-Control is restraint practiced over one's own emotions, impulses, or desires.

Why practice Self-Control/ Decision Making?

You need to practice Self-Control/Decision Making so that you can have control over your life. It is important to develop strategies to help you gain self-control so that you can motivate yourself to get things done. This virtue also helps you practice something until you know how to do it well or make it a part of the way you do things. Every choice you make has consequences and you are responsible for those choices, therefore you need to ensure that you are making the correct decisions. Any decision that is made should be a reflection of your Catholic values.

How do you practice Self-Control/Decision Making?

Self-Control/ Decision Making can be learned. You practice it by pausing and thinking of the consequences that may result from your behaviour or decision. When you feel that you are losing control, you may want to take a deep breath and calmly state how you are feeling or what is upsetting you. Strategies like self-talk are great to use. When you get hit, you need to stop, think and evaluate before you hit back. You may say to yourself:

- ✦ If I hit him, he'll hit me back and we'll get into a fight.
- ✦ I might get hurt or I might hurt him.
- ✦ I might be sent to the office or be suspended.
- ✦ I'm not going to let him get me in trouble.
- ✦ I don't know what his problem is, but I'm going to avoid him.
- ✦ I'll choose to do the smart thing and walk away.

Other coping strategies can be counting slowly, drawing a picture, writing down feelings or talking about it.

You are practicing the Virtue of SELF-CONTROL/DECISION MAKING when you...

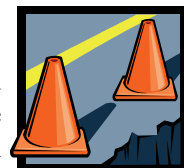
- Think before you act
- Take responsibility for your actions and words
- Can walk away from situations that will cause you trouble
- Resolve issues through discussion

You need more practice when you...

- ✦ Don't stop to think about consequences
- ✦ Resolve issues with aggression
- ✦ Are always following someone else's ideas or actions

Kiss and Ride Safety

We ask parents to be extra patient and cautious when dropping off children in the Kiss 'N' Ride zone. With the anticipation of high snow banks, it may be harder to see students who may be playing dangerously close to the roads. In particular, Osprey Blvd. is much more narrow than usual when snow is plowed to the curbs. Please exercise great caution while driving. Students should walk on the sidewalk; not over the snow banks.



Parking Lot Safety

If walking, please use the sidewalks and walkways rather than crossing through the parking lot, as it becomes extremely busy at drop off and pick up times. Please be aware that the parking lot at the side of the school is NOT accessible after 8:45 a.m. and parents wishing to drop off their children need to use Kiss 'N' Ride or they need to park on the street. Students need to use the walkway/sidewalk in order to be dropped off at school or Day Care. Your assistance in keeping our students safe is greatly appreciated.

Thank You from St. Josephine Bakhita Parish

Hi everyone,

I am very glad to say that we have successfully collected and delivered all the gifts to the families. I want to thank all of you for your efforts and willingness to help support those in need this Christmas. This initiative has been very successful due to the overwhelming response of the parish and school communities. Every step is vital for it to all come together and we all had a role in it, please congratulate yourself for a job well done. There is no truer way of expression at this time of year than to reflect on how lucky we are and to answer the call for help of those who most need it this Advent Season. Thank you all for setting the example. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2011.

Patricia Scire

Social Concerns Ministry Co-ordinator

St. Josephine Bakhita Parish





FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation for St. Edith Stein School Grade
Two students will be on **Thursday, February 17th**, at
9:00 a.m. at Merciful Redeemer Parish.



FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion will be on **Saturday, April 2nd**, at
2:00 p.m. at Merciful Redeemer Parish.



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will take place on **Friday, May 27th**, at
7:00 p.m. at Merciful Redeemer Parish.

School Bus Cancellations

If buses are announced as cancelled, schools are still open unless otherwise indicated. You can check the stations listed on page 2 of this newsletter or check Dufferin-Peel's website at www.dpcdsb.org.

Please do not call the school to verify as secretaries are extremely busy on days with poor weather conditions.

Our Catholic School Heritage

Why did Catholics find the non-denominational religious education of the common school unsatisfactory?



Catholics wanted separate schools where all the beliefs of the Catholic Church would be taught, where the pupils would live their faith in a sacramental and community manner in proximity to the parish church and priest, and where religion would permeate the reading, literature and history curriculum. Furthermore, as modern times arrived, the multiculturalism of the public school's student body necessitated the eradication of the teaching of Christianity.



ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS!

Thank you to all the parents for your support in providing St. Edith Stein with your email address as we move towards becoming an ECO Friendly School! We are in the process of inputting all this information into our system and hope to send home newsletters electronically in the near future. As this will continue to be an on-going process, families can request a form from the office when ready to participate.

REPORTING TO PARENTS FOR FIRST TERM



Teachers will be writing Report Cards on the upcoming P. A. Day January 14th, 2011. Reports will be sent home on February 1st. Interviews will be take place on the evening of February 3rd and during the P.A. Day on February 4th, 2011.

Internet Safety

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Your Child at Home



The Internet can be a great tool, but it also has drawbacks. The Internet offers a powerful educational vehicle for students to access the "Information Super Highway". However, if not used properly, children may be exposed to materials on their computers that are inappropriate. Children need to be aware that as wonderful as the Internet is, it is also dangerous. Parents need to computer-proof their children. Here are some tips from the York Region Police on how to teach your children to surf safely.

These include:

- Not giving personal information such as name, address, telephone number and computer pass-word to anybody without parental consent;
- Staying out of chatrooms and websites that haven't been approved by mom or dad;
- Telling a parent if a child sees bad language, obscene pictures or disturbing content;
- Never sending a photo to anyone without parental approval;
- Never meeting with anyone found over the Internet unless mom or dad say it's O.K.;
- Only being online when parents are aware.

This month, Peel Regional Police Officer Marianne Giordano will be presenting Internet Safety to Grade 3 & Grade 6 students and CyberBullying to Grade 7 & Grade 8 students.

Winter Reminders

Cold Weather Season

Children will go outside for recesses and for 40 minutes during the lunch hour. Research indicates that fifteen minutes of fresh air allows students to refocus on their studies. On extremely cold days, we may limit the amount of time that students spend outside. We obtain our information from Environment Canada Weather Information and follow Board Guidelines which are:



-25C or colder with wind chill, students are kept inside
-20C to -24C, amount of outdoor time will be reduced

If it is warmer than -20 with the wind chill, students will be expected to be outside during the entire recess period. Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions.

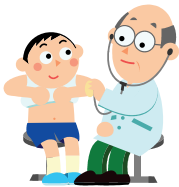


Dress for Winter Weather!



Students need to dress appropriately with hats, scarves, mitts, winter outerwear and boots. Packing an additional pair of mitts, socks and pants come in handy when kids get wet while playing outdoors. Please put **identification tags** on your child's belongings. Our Lost & Found box quickly fills up and for some reason kids never find lost items.

Cold and Flu Season



Cold and Flu Season is back and so too are children's illnesses. Please use discretion in keeping your child home to recover. A child who is coughing or wheezing is not in a state to learn but is in a position to infect other children. Remember, if your child(ren) is well enough to attend school, they are well enough to go outside at recess.

Playing Safely with Snow

We continually remind students that *snow stays on the ground*, and there is to be no pushing of others on the snow hills that are created when the pavement is plowed. Every student is made aware of the importance of these rules in preventing injuries. We continue to stress our "hands off" rule to ensure the safety of every student. Students who continually break these rules will be tracked at the office and parents will be notified. Please take this opportunity to discuss the dangers of rough play with your child. Thank you, for your support!



The Golden Boot Award

During the winter months, the Golden Boot Award is given weekly, to 2 classes (one on the ground floor and one upstairs) that have demonstrated the best efforts in keeping winter articles neat and tidy. This helps keep articles from cluttering the hallways and from ending up in the "lost & found." So far, most classes have demonstrated great efforts in keeping their outdoor shoes together and organized.



Dates to Remember

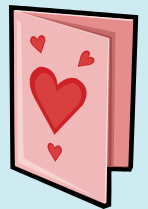


January

- 3 Return to School
- 11 Sister Nocy Visits
- 12 Peel Regional Police visit
- 14 P. A. Day—Report Card Preparation
- 21 Junior Skating 10:15 a.m.
- 24 Rosary Apostolate visit
- 25 Grade 8 Confirmation Retreat Mount Alverno
- 26 CCCSC—St. Bernard of Clairvaux—7 p.m.
- 27 School Council Meeting—7 p.m.
- 31 Circle of Friends Assembly

February

- 1 Report Cards go home
- 1 Sister Nocy Visits
- 2 Peel Police Presentations on Street Proofing
- 3 Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences—evening
- 4 P.A. Day—Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
- 7 Kindergarten Registration—7 to 9 p.m.
- 9-11 Kindergarten Registration 9—11 a.m. & 1—3 p.m.
- 11 Loretta Penny Presentations
- 14 Dance-a-Thon—Whole School
- 15 Babysitting Course begins—3:30—5:00 p.m.
- TBA St. Josephine Feast Day & Lenten Mass—1 p.m.
- 17 Reconciliation Gr. 2—Merciful Redeemer 9 a.m.
- 21 Provincial Family Day—No School
- 24 School Council Meeting—7 p.m.
- 28 HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) WEEK
BEGINS more information to follow.
Rosary Apostolate comes in



Student Absence for Family Trips/Vacations

Parents, please submit a letter (**not** a note in their agenda) to the teacher/office indicating that your children will be away on a trip or vacation etc. Please indicate the dates of the absence. This letter will be kept on file in the office to support the absence/vacation. This saves our secretary from trying to track down students who are away. This is a Ministry of Education Requirement.

