



St. Edith Stein School

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February, 2011



Love is a mighty power, a great and complete good.

Love alone lightens every burden, and makes the rough places smooth. It bears every hardship as though it were nothing, and renders all bitterness sweet and acceptable.

The love of Jesus is noble, and inspires us to great deeds; it moves us always to desire perfection.

Thomas A. Kempis



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

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Kindergarten Registration

February 7, 2011

7:00-9:00p.m.

and **February 9-11, 2011**

9:00-11:00a.m. and 1:00-3:00p.m.

More details on page 2

Kids Are My Business

How lucky am I?

I get to help children learn and play,
and keep them safe so that they will grow
into adults that I'll be glad to know!

How proud am I?

I guide today's youth
to strive for knowledge, goals, and truth.

I know I play an important part
in inspiring them to take learning to heart.

How grateful am I?

I value so much
the smiles that I win and the lives that I touch.
I love earning the trust of each girl and boy.
Kids are my business, as well as my joy!

Robyn Squire (1972)

P.A. Day

Friday, February 4th, 2011

Teachers will be participating in
Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences.

(There is no school for students.)

Principal's Message

Throughout the month of February, Student Council has organized a number of **Spirit Days** beginning this Thursday with Sports Day, Fri. Feb. 11th Western Day, Fri. Feb. 18th Twin Day and Fri. Feb. 25th PJ Day!

Public Speaking presentations will take place on Wed. Feb. 9th Intermediate at 9:15a.m. and Thurs. Feb. 10th at 1:00p.m. for Junior students. Parents are welcome to attend.

Loretta Penny from Down to Earth Conservation Education will present two **AFRICAN HERITAGE** presentations: Kenya a Land and it's People or JK to Grade 4 students and Black History to our Grade 5 to 8 students. In addition to the performances, staff and students will have an opportunity to visit the **GLOBAL VILLAGE GIFT SHOP!** These affordable, fair-trade items will support Grand Manan Research Station in Canada, global artisan communities. See the flyer for additional information.

On Friday, February 25th St. Edith Stein will be kicking off **HEAL Week**, Healthy Eating Active Living Week of activities encouraging healthy living. Feb. 25th—**Healthy Heart Dance-a-thon**, Feb. 28th—Healthy Spirit Day Mar. 1—Healthy Eating Mar. 2—Peel Health Carrousel Mar. 3—Healthy World Mar. 4—Peel Police Healthy Mar. 7—Peel Police Cont'd Mar. 8—Shrove Tuesday More information will be forthcoming.

Happy February!

Family Day

Monday, February 21, 2011

No School

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.

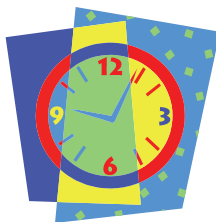
- All schools in the Town of Caledon and all school runs that begin in the Town of Caledon.
- Individual schools will be notified if this cancellation affects their school.

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.



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

The French Immersion parent/guardian information sessions concerning the three (3) new (additional) sites for September 2011 are scheduled as follow:

St Pio of Pietrelcina – Tuesday, February 22, 2011 7:00 p.m.

St Peter - Wednesday, February 23, 2011 7:00 p.m.

St Elizabeth Seton - Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011 7:00 p.m.

Senior Kindergarten parent(s)/guardian(s) 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 Elizabeth Seton

Address: 6133 Glen Erin Drive, Mississauga, ON.

Date: Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 7 p.m.

The deadline for submission of applications is **2:00 p.m. Friday, March 11, 2011.**

Punctuality

School begins at 9:00am in the morning and at 1:00pm in the afternoon. Students should arrive at school on time to line up with their appropriate class at the back of the school. Punctuality and respect of time is an expectation for all students!

February's Virtue of the Month is:

RESPECT

Affirmation:

I am respectful.

I treat others and myself with respect.

I show courtesy to everyone.

I learn from the wisdom of my elders.

What is Respect?

Respect is an attitude of honouring people and caring about their rights. Being respectful is reflected in the courtesy with which we treat one another, the way we speak, and the way we treat other people's belongings. Speaking and acting respectfully gives people the dignity they deserve. Respect includes honouring the rules of your family and your school, behaving in a way which makes life more peaceful and orderly. Being respectful includes self-respect. Every woman, man and child was created by God and we all deserve respect.

Why practice Respect?

Without respectfulness people's privacy would be violated. Without respect people speak rudely to each other and treat others as if they do not matter. Being respectful helps people feel valued. When you treat yourself with respect, others respect you too.

How do you practice Respect?

A good way to practice respect is to think about how you would like to be treated and then treat others that way. How would you like others to treat your belongings, your right to privacy, your need for dignity? You do not run around inside someone's home when there are breakables there. You treat their space and their belongings with respect.

Being respectful is expressing even your strongest feelings in a peaceful way. It is expressing your opinion as an opinion, respectful of the fact that there is more than one way of seeing things. Practicing self-respect is treating yourself as you feel others deserve to be treated. You deserve it too!

You are practicing the Virtue of RESPECT when you...

- Treat everyone the way you would like to be treated
- Treat the property of others with special care
- Honour other people's need for time and space to themselves
- Speak courteously to everyone
- Are receptive to the wisdom of elders
- Honour the rules of your family and nation
- Expect respect for your body and your rights

You need more practice when you...

- ✦ Treat others like they do not matter
- ✦ Ignore the wisdom of elders
- ✦ Use anything you want without the owner's permission
- ✦ Interrupt or barge in on anyone
- ✦ Make fun or talk back to elders
- ✦ Disobey the rules of your family or school
- ✦ Allow others to treat you disrespectfully

FEBRUARY

Primary and Junior Word Study Tips

Did You Know?

Of all the languages in the world, English has the largest vocabulary: about 800,000 words!



School/Community Connection:

Primary:

Valentine's Day- Use index cards to write 8 to 10 words about love and friendship. Make two cards for each word. Scramble them and lay them on a flat surface face down. Take turns flipping one card over and trying to find the match.

Family Day- Grow a family: Cut out a tree trunk from any scrap paper. Cut out some leaf shapes. Label each with a family word- brother, sister, mom, etc. Repeat the activity with different themed words.

Junior:

Tired Word Triangles

Some words in the English language are over used e.g., nice, said, walked, sad. With your child draw a triangle and place the over used word in the middle. Have your child think of 3 synonyms (words that mean the same) , around the triangle. Use a thesaurus to add to your triangle.



Playing Safely with Snow

As a result of the winter months, we continue to remind all students that ***snow stays on the ground.*** 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 assistance in this matter.

Cold Weather Guidelines



Hats, mitts, scarves and snowpants are necessary on most winter days. Having an additional pair of mitts and/or socks is also appreciated as children play in the snow and articles become wet. At times we reduce outdoor play time according to

Wind Chill temperatures:

- - 25 or colder with windchill: students are kept inside
 - - 20 to - 24 amount of outdoor time will be reduced
- Fresh air and exercise are essential for health and learning. Come prepared to go outside for recess.

Playground Safety

We continue to reinforce the need for students to play games and activities safely. At St. Edith Stein, we have a hands-off policy. This means that activities such as contact sports, tackling, play-fighting, tripping, pushing, piling on and any rough play are not permitted. Students are consistently reminded of these rules by staff, supervisors and administration.



We recommend that parents have conversations with their children about the types of games they play at school. We need your help to reinforce with them the dangers and consequences of rough play and the importance of notifying staff on duty during recess time. The health and safety of our students is always our priority at St. Edith Stein!

Public Speaking

Our grades 4-8 students have been busy preparing speeches. The 2 winners from each class will participate in the school contest. Junior speeches will be held on February 10th in the afternoon. Intermediate speeches will be held on the morning of February 10th. Parents are welcome to listen to the speeches.



Our Catholic School Heritage

6. What sacrifices did Catholics have to make to send their children to separate schools?

Because the United Legislature of Canada East and Canada West roughly had consisted of members advocating non-denominational common schools and half were in favour of them, separate school legislation, for about fifteen years, contained three obstacles to their existence:

- Catholics could establish and support a separate school, but had to continue paying common school taxes. Thus, they paid tuition for their children in the separate school;
- The separate school had no permanence of existence. If the local common school board hired a Catholic as one of its teachers, then the separate school ceased to exist. Separate schools kept opening and closing in the early years;
- In the cities the separate school board required the permission of the common school board to open a new or an additional separate school. Sometimes the permission was not forthcoming.
- The legislation required twelve Catholic heads of family resident within a city, town or township common school section. The townships' common school sections were so small that often there were not twelve resident Catholic families.

Dates to Remember February



- 3 Spirit Day—Sports Theme
- 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 Spirit Day—Western Theme
- 11 Loretta Penny Presentations JK-3am Gr. 4-8 pm
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day Intermediate Dance-p.m.
- 15 Babysitting Course begins—3:30—5:00 p.m.
- 16 Junior Skating—a.m.
- 17 Reconciliation Gr. 2—Merciful Redeemer 9 a.m.
- 18 Spirit Day—Twin Day
- 18 Silvercreek Trip—Mrs. Bednis—Grade 4's
- 21 Family Day
- 24 School Council Meeting—7 p.m.
- 25 Spirit Day—Pajamas Day
- 25 Healthy Heart Dance-a-Thon—Whole School
- 25 Movie Night—"Despicable Me"
- 28 Rosary Apostolate comes in
- 28 Grade 8 Graduation Photos
- 28 Healthy Spirit Day



March

- 1 Healthy Eating Day
- 2 Peel Health Day
- 3 Healthy World Day
- 4 Peel Police Presentations—Bullying—Gr. 1,2,3,4
- 8 Chess—Family tournament—St. Albert
- 7 Peel Police Presentations—Bullying—Gr. 7 & 8
- 10 Silvercreek Trip—Gr.4 - Mrs. Burke & Mrs. Kotis
- 14-18 March Break

The Golden Boot Award

The Golden Boot Award is awarded weekly, to 2 classes that have demonstrated the best efforts in keeping winter articles neat and tidy. January class winners were:

- Jan. 3—7 Mrs. Harasymchuk's Gr.6 and Mrs. Sostaric's Gr.6
- Jan. 10—13: Mrs. Burke's Gr.4/5 and Mrs. Powidajko's Gr.7
- Jan. 17—21: Mrs. Bednis's Gr.4 and Mrs. Nunez's Gr.5
- Jan. 24—28: Mrs. Burke's Gr. 4/5 and Mrs. Powidajko's Gr.5

