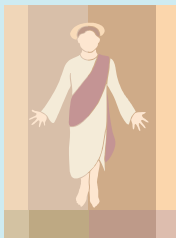




March, 2011



**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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# St. Edith Stein School

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## A Lenten Prayer

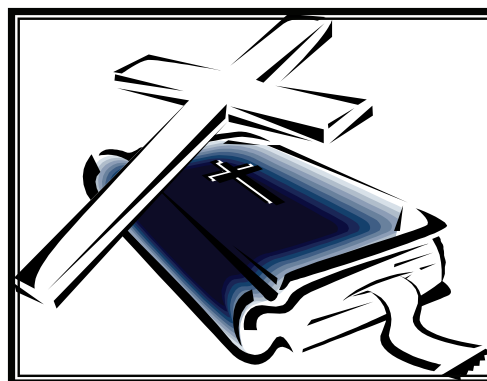
Good and Gracious God,  
You call your people back  
to you this Lent.

May this sacred season renew  
our desire to live fully the promises  
of our baptism and to love you  
with a whole heart.

Through more frequent prayer,  
acts of charity, and fasting,  
may we remember that loving you  
and one another is the most  
important thing we can do.

In confidence, we ask these things  
through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord  
and Saviour.

Amen



## March Break

**Monday, March 14th**  
**to**  
**Friday, March 18th, 2011**

## Principal's Message

Thank you to everyone who supported the Healthy Heart Dance-a-thon. To date we have over \$4500 dollars raised! Some money is still coming in so the final total will be announced in the April Newsletter! Excellent job everyone! This money will help pay for the Loretta Penny Black History Presentation, HEAL—Healthy Eating, Active Living and ECO School Initiatives throughout the year! It was a great way to kick start our HEAL - Healthy Eating, Active Living Week (8 days) of educational learning and fun activities highlighting the benefits of healthy eating and physical active living. In addition, Thursday, March 3rd is devoted to Healthy World. Students will be conducting waste audits led by the school ECO Team. A flyer detailing the week of activities was sent home last week and is also posted on the school website. This special week will end on Shrove Tuesday with the Hospitality students from St. Francis Xavier preparing a healthy version of yummy pancake breakfast! On Shrove Tuesday, the regular lunch 12:00-12:20 will take place from 12:40-1:00p.m., since most of the school will have the pancake breakfast from 11:00-12:00. In the afternoon, students will gather to see their video clips of songs, chants, jingles celebrating HEAL week. The winner of the Healthy Heart Dance-a-thon will be drawn at the assembly.

Our Grade 1 students and teachers have prepared a memorable Ash Wednesday liturgy. Father Mark will be distributing ashes at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend

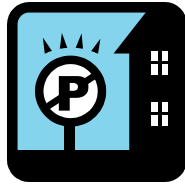
During February, our kindergarten registrations exceeded projected numbers. Presently, we have 27 JK students registering for September. If you know of anyone that has not yet registered their 4 year old, please direct them to the office. Hopefully, we will have 2 classes.

March Break is quickly approaching—we wish everyone a safe and happy Break.

Ann Marie Slak

**Shrove Tuesday, March 8th**  
**St. Edith Stein's lunch will be from**  
**12:40—1:00 due to Pancake Break-**  
**fast being served from 11:00-12:00**

## Parking Lot Safety Issues



To ensure the safety of our students, we would ask that parents observe the following:

- Parents are asked **not** to drive or park in the parking lot beside the school between 8:45 and 9:00 a.m.
- Parents are asked to drop their children off at the front of the school in the **Kiss N' Ride** lane where staff will open doors and help students exit vehicles.
- Students can walk to the back of the school on the sidewalk on either the left or right side of the school.

The issue of student safety has been discussed at the last two School Council Meetings. Changes will be coming soon regarding driveway access from 8:45 to 9:00 a.m. as vehicles driving to the back of the school and turning around are a safety concern for our students. Advance notice will be sent home to parents before the implementation of any changes. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

## Punctuality



School begins at 9:00 a.m. Students should arrive at the back of the school by 9:00 a.m. in order to line up with their class. For those parents who dropped off their children in the Kiss N' Ride lane, this will necessitate arriving at least a few minutes before the 9:00 a.m. bell. Students arriving late will have to sign in at the office. Those who are often late will be tracked at the office and be given recess detentions if necessary as this is disruptive to classroom and school procedures. These 'lates' are recorded on their attendance record. Punctuality is a student expectation for all students of St. Edith Stein.

## Collecting Games for Indoor Recess

We are collecting gently used games for classrooms to be used on inclement weather recesses. Such games include: chess, checkers, Trouble, cards and Connect 4. If you have any of these with all the pieces you can bring it into the school for redistribution to the classrooms. Your donation is greatly appreciated!



## Shrove Tuesday—March 8

On Tuesday, March 8, Grade 11 & 12 Hospitality Students from St. Francis Xavier will be preparing a nutritional alternative to pancakes with syrup. Students will be able to taste a variety of healthy pancake toppings such as fresh fruits and more! This will take place from 11:00 to 12:00. Students staying for lunch on that day will eat their own lunch at 12:40 instead of 12:00. They will go outside from 12:00—12:40 then come in for their lunch.

## Public Speaking

During the month of February, every student in grades 4 to 8 was involved in planning, writing, and presenting a speech. The teachers were very impressed with the variety of topics, the quality of the speeches, and how well they were presented. The top two students from each class then went on to compete in the each of the Junior and Intermediate competitions that were held on February 9th and 10th.

### Junior Public Speaking Competition

**Congratulations** to the semi-finalists for an outstanding job:

Sarah M.	Diabetes
Christienne A.	Bullying
Katelynn C.	Fairytales
Sarah W.	Redheads
Connor M.	Packaging
Megan C.	Sun Tanning
Meighan A.	The Titanic
Patricia N.	Superstitions
Stephanie S.	The 10 Life Lessons I learned ...
Jessica F.	Fear
Alyssa A.	The Last Day on Pompeii



**Special congratulations** go to the top 3 junior winners:

1. Sarah W.	-	Redheads
2. Megan C.	-	Sun Tanning
3. Jessica F.	-	Fear

### Intermediate Public Speaking Competition

**Congratulations** to the semi-finalists for an outstanding job:

Annie S.	Health and Fitness
Camilla T.	Young Relationships—Good or Bad
Laura L.	You Tube—the Good and the Bad
Allison W.	Life after Death
Victoria R.	Peer Pressure
Andrew P.	The Big Bang Theory (sitcom)
Michelle D.	Nightmares
Lindsay F.	Bullying

**Special congratulations** go to the top 3 intermediate winners:

1. Allison W.	-	Life after Death
2. Laura L.	-	You Tube—the Good and the Bad
3. Victoria R.	-	Peer Pressure

Congratulations to Allison W. who also placed 2nd in the Family of Schools Public Speaking Competition.

## Winter is Still Here!

Lately, we have had many students requesting to call home for a change of clothing, as theirs has become wet due to playing outside. Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather and snow. An extra pair of mitts, socks and pants is always appreciated for children as items become wet during the day. We recommend labeling all clothing items. This will prevent the overflow of items being placed in the "Lost & Found" box.



March's Virtue of the Month is:



**Affirmation:**

*I am kind.*

*I look for ways to help others and show I care.*

*I show kindness to any person or animal I see.*

*I do all I can to take care of the earth.*

*I remember that all things have been created by God.*

### What is Kindness?

Kindness is caring about what happens to others. It is doing things to make others happy. Being kind is showing that you care about anyone or anything because everything is a part of what God has made.

### Why practice Kindness?

Kindness should be practiced because it brings us together and celebrates diversity. It is a virtue of inclusion because kindness is a universal language that everyone understands. When we are kind to each other, we no longer use hurtful language or ridicule anyone; this produces a safe environment where everyone can increase in self-esteem and feel comfortable to participate. Through the kindness we give and receive, we begin to understand how we are connected to those around us. Giving and receiving kindness are vital to our health, harmony, and hope.

### How do you practice Kindness?

When we sense someone's need, we either choose to help them in some way or not to. If we choose to help, we are offering kindness, and at that moment we experience a surprising and overwhelming feeling because we have made a connection and difference in someone's life. Kindness is a positive power that we all possess and when we use it by performing acts of kindness we feel a great sense of worth. Let kindness flow!

### You are practicing the Virtue of KINDNESS when you...

- Share with others
- Use your manners
- Listen to others
- Are inclusive and never leave anyone out
- Think of others first
- Use kind words

### You need more practice when you...

- ✦ Walk away from others
- ✦ Exclude others from activities
- ✦ Are rude and insulting
- ✦ Don't share with others

## **First Nation, Métis And Inuit Education**

The Board, in conjunction with the Peel Aboriginal Network (PAN), is inviting educators and the larger community to sponsored community engagement events to learn about First Nation, Métis and Inuit culture. These workshops will be held at PAN, 375 Howden Blvd, Unit #8 Brampton, ON. Here is the list of future workshops:

March 21<sup>st</sup>: The theme of Environmental Teachings.

April 4<sup>th</sup>: Elizabeth Gorden will discuss Inuit language, culture and storytelling.

### **Elementary Summer School—Grades 7 and 8**

Monday July 4 to Friday July 22, 2011

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Students recommended by the Principal

Bussing provided at home school pick up points

### **Summer Literacy Camp—Grades SK to 6**

Monday July 4 to Friday July 29, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. daily

*Fee for Service Program*

*No transportation provided*

### **Deadline for applications for both: June 3, 2011**

For more information and registration forms regarding these summer programs please contact your local elementary school or visit our website at

<http://www.dpccsb.org/CEC/CNE/> .

## **French Immersion Reminder**

SK parents/guardians who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 1 French Immersion class for September, 2011 are reminded to submit the French Immersion application and recommendation sheet to the French Immersion centre(s) of choice. Applications will be accepted at that centre until **2:00 p.m.** on **Friday, March 11, 2011.**

## **Our Catholic School Heritage**

**8. What effect did the Canadian Constitution, create in the British North America Act (1867) (now entitled either the Constitution Act or the Canada Act), have on separate schools?**

When the Fathers of Confederation came from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Canada East, and Canada West to meet in Charlottetown and Quebec, they quickly concluded, in the words of one of the Fathers, Sir Charles Tupper, that "Without this guarantee for the rights of minorities being embodied in that new constitution, we should have been unable to obtain any Confederation whatever."

**9. What guarantee for separate schools does the Canadian Constitution still contain?**

In 1867 the Fathers of Confederation made section 93(1) part of the Constitution. It states:

Nothing in any such [provincial legislative] Law shall prejudicially affect any Right or Privilege with respect to Denominational Schools which any Class of Persons [i.e. separate school supporters] have by Law in the Province at the Union.



## INTEGRATED RIDERSHIP

The school board's bus transportation services are operated by Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR). This is a consortium, or partnership, between the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and the Peel District School Board. The Ministry of Education requires school board bus transportation consortiums to improve efficiency.

One initiative promoted by the Ministry of Education, that is designed to improve efficiency is known as integrated ridership. In integrated ridership, students from both Dufferin-Peel and Peel schools will ride on the same buses, where feasible. A number of school boards across the province have successfully implemented integrated ridership. All eligible students continue to be transported on runs where integrated ridership is implemented.

Integrated ridership is designed to create a more effective and efficient operation of service, is more environmentally friendly and reduces traffic in our communities. Integrated ridership may also result in higher transportation funding levels for school boards.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board has approved the implementation of integrated ridership, where feasible, starting September, 2011. Integrated ridership works best in situations where schools are located close to one another and the number of students involved helps achieve better organized bus runs. STOPR staff is currently assessing areas where integrated ridership would work best. Some minor adjustments to start and dismissal times may be required at schools selected for integrated ridership. It should be noted that integrated ridership does not work well in all areas and, as a result, there may be only a few areas that will have this program.

STOPR is also in the process of revising policies and procedures to reflect integrated ridership services at some schools. For example, procedures related to behavioural issues on buses have been reviewed and principals will continue to be responsible for students from their school.

STOPR will provide additional information regarding the selection of schools where integrated ridership will be implemented. STOPR will keep you informed through regular updates in school newsletters over the upcoming months.

## Dates to Remember



### March

- 1 Healthy Eating Day—Hospitality Students visit
- 2 Peel Health Day—Jeopardy Game
- 3 Healthy World (ECO) Day—School ECO team
- 4 Healthy Relationships—Peel Reg. Police presentations
- 7 Healthy Relationships—Peel Reg. Police presentations
- 8 Healthy Eating—Shrove Tues. 11 a.m.—12 p.m. Whole school gets pancakes with healthy toppings
- 8 Mississauga North Chess Tournament
- 9 Ash Wednesday—Distribution of Ashes—2 p.m.
- 10 Mrs. Burke's & Mrs. Kotis's Gr. 4's to Silvercreek
- 11 Fire safety Presentations—Grade 7's
- 14-18 March Break
- 28 Rosary Apostolate comes in
- 28 Grad Photo retakes
- 29 HPV and Hep. B Clinics



### April

- 2 First Communion—2 p.m. at Merciful Redeemer
- 7 Grade 5 Trip to Legislative Assembly
- 14 Heads Up—Junior & Intermediate Competitions
- 14 School Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
- 18 Rosary Apostolate comes in
- 21 Stations of the Cross Presentation —1 p.m.
- 22 Good Friday (Statutory Holiday)
- 25 Easter Monday (Statutory Holiday)
- 29 Easter/Catholic Education Mass—1:15 p.m.

## 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. Last month's class winners were:



Feb.1—4: Mrs. Harasymchuk's Gr.6 and Mrs. Sostaric's Gr.6

Feb.7—11: Mrs. Cerminara's Gr. 1 and Mrs. Nusca's Gr.8

Feb.14—18: Mrs. Burke's Gr. 4/5 and Mrs. Sostaric's Gr. 5

Feb.22—25: Mrs. Ryan's Gr. 2/3 and Mrs. Allen's Gr. 8