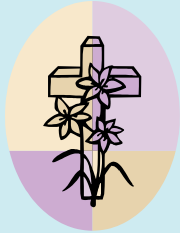




May, 2011



Celebrating the Spirit of Catholic Education

Thanks to all those who provide leadership in our Catholic schools.

We pray for all educators and students, giving thanks to God for all those who faithfully spread the Good News.



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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Head Secretary: B. Candiano **Pastor:** Fr. Mark Villanueva
School Council Chair: Deborah Zeloway **Vice-Chair:** Patricia Scire



Spirit of Wisdom

All-knowing and all-loving God,
may Your spirit of Wisdom infuse our
gathering today.

Teach us Your ways,
so that
wisdom may flow through our
classrooms;
compassion may walk gently |
in our hallways;
joy may ring out

In our playgrounds and gymnasiums;
and words of integrity and justice
may be spoken in this building.

Principal’s Message

Join us in celebrating Catholic Education Week at Stein. Attached is an itinerary of events that will showcase how vibrant our faith is professed at Stein!

This week we will be launching our Walk-to-School Program—more information is attached to this newsletter. Let’s do our best in supporting this healthy initiative!

Last week eight of our Grade 7 and Grade 8 students attended a Board level Math Olympics event at St. Martin’s Secondary school. We scored first in both first and second rounds, winning the overall competition! What a fantastic job! Congratulations to Adam A., Ailish G., Andrew P., Arianna K., Alexander P., Genevieve Y., Michael B., Sydney S. and their Math Teachers Ms. Blazevic and Mrs. Allen!

This week, 10 of our intermediate students Marwa A., Matthew B., Sierra C., Minusha D. S., Michelle D’S., Alexander P., Andrew P., Alessandra V., Matthew W., Allison W., will be attending “We Are Called” Social Conference with Mrs. Bernatchez and Mrs. Watson. The purpose of this conference is to *educate, empower, raise awareness* and *work in solidarity* for change locally and globally. Student leadership and activism are integral components to this event, as students will have an opportunity to learn from leaders through inspiring speakers and empowering workshops, and become aware of important social justice issues.

On Friday, May 27th, the Grade 8 students from Mrs. Allen’s and Mrs. Nusca’s classes will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation with St. Josephina Bakhita parish at Merciful Redeemer Church at 7:00 p.m. Merciful Redeemer Church is located on the corner of Glen Erin and Erin Centre Drive.

Walk for Sick Kids & Stein Friends

Walk-a-thon on Thurs. May 5th
Join us by walking with us or volunteering as a Route Monitor!
Starting at 9:30 a.m. (Rain date Fri. May 6)
Wear your a Blue or Virtue T-Shirt and a Baseball cap!

Punctuality

School begins at 9:00am in the morning and 1:00pm in the afternoon. Students should arrive at school on time to line up with their class. Late students that enter through the front doors must stop at the office to pick up a late slip before going to their class. These 'lates' are recorded on their attendance record. Punctuality is a student expectation for all students of St. Edith Stein.



Junior Kindergarten Registration 11/12

Pre-registration for 2011-2012 Junior Kindergarten classes took place in February. If you missed this opportunity to enroll your child or know of someone who has moved into the area please contact the school for registration information.

Are You Moving?

If you are planning to move or have already moved please notify the school office. If you move out of the area and would like your child(ren) to remain at St. Edith Stein until the end of the school year, please put your request in writing to Mrs. Slak. If you have moved out of Peel Region, register at your local school so taxes will be directed to the new board. Your cooperation is appreciated.



Up-Date Information

Please inform the office of any changes to home, work and cell phone numbers and contact people! We cannot stress enough the importance of this information. This includes any medical information that may jeopardize the health and safety of your child(ren).



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



Dufferin-Peel Director John B. Kostoff receives Distinguished Leadership Award

John B. Kostoff, director of education at the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, received the 2011 Distinguished Leadership Award from the Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers' Association (OCSOA) at the association's annual general meeting held April 14 in Windsor.

The Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers' Association is the professional organization of Catholic supervisory officers in Ontario. It is dedicated to furthering the interests of Catholic education and to promoting the professional development of its members.

Among the criteria for the award is: "to ensure that the mission of Catholic schools is promoted, not only to parents and guardians of students in the system, but to the broader community as well." John Kostoff was recognized by his peers as "an unwavering champion of Catholic education and a true servant leader."

His nomination was strongly supported across the province and included comments such as, "deeply rooted in servant leadership", "a highly credible ambassador for Catholic education", "brings humility, integrity, compassion, honesty, support and civility to the consciousness of the Catholic community."

John Kostoff has been the director of education at Dufferin-Peel, one of the largest Catholic boards in the province, since 2007. He has held positions as a teacher, consultant, department head, principal, superintendent and associate director during his 33 plus years at the board.

He holds a number of degrees in theology, history and education and has taught at the university level in faculties of education in the U.S and Canada.

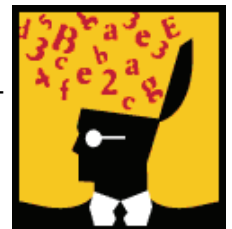
In 2010, John published "Auditing Our Catholic Schools", a book that provides practical examples of how school boards can raise the level of awareness of the distinct nature of Catholic schools.

In 2010, he received the Administrator of the Year Award from the Ontario School Library Association.

"I am both gratified and humbled to have been considered for this award," said John Kostoff. "I can truly say that honours such as this are the result of collaborative relationships and I have been blessed to have been accompanied by many outstanding companions on my Catholic educational journey."

Heads-Up

Congratulations to our Junior and Intermediate Heads-Up teams. They competed in the Mississauga North Family of School Heads-Up competitions at Our Lady of Mercy on April 14th.



Junior Team - Gr. 4 Meighan A., Gr. 5 Megan C., Gr. 6 Connor M., Gr. 6 Konrad G., Gr. 6 Shaan B.

Intermediate Team - Gr. 7 Raphael M., Gr. 7 Matthew B., Gr. 8 Matthew W., Gr. 8 Michael L. Gr. 8 Jordan C.

Congratulations on winning the Bronze Medals!

Thank you to the teacher coaches that prepared the students: Mrs. Nunez, Mrs. Sostaric, Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Ellery.

May's Virtue of the Month is:

ACCEPTANCE/TOLERANCE

Affirmation:

I am tolerant.

I forgive when other people make mistakes.

I appreciate differences.

I ask God to help me accept things I cannot change.

What is Acceptance and/or Tolerance?

Acceptance or Tolerance means being okay with things you wish were different and not getting upset about it. When you are accepting of others, you do not expect everyone to be just like you, but are glad and celebrate the differences that exist. Acceptance and Tolerance bring about harmony. You show patience towards others and forgiveness when mistakes happen.

Why practice Acceptance and/or Tolerance?

People of different colour, countries, religions and ages are part of one race – the human race. We were all created by God. Without Acceptance and Tolerance differences scare people and drive them apart. In many parts of the world prejudice causes disharmony.

In a family, these virtues need to be present so that you are able to help each other, listen to each other and enjoy the different ways of being.

How do you practice Acceptance and/or Tolerance?

Differences do not have to hurt. God loves diversity. Acceptance and Tolerance within a family does not mean to act or feel the same. When problems come up, you come together and discuss the issues. You need to be able to listen and accept ideas, decisions and feelings that others may have. At school, you need to be inclusive and make sure that everyone around you feels accepted and valued for who they are. You are a child of God's universe and you respect all life within it.

You are practicing ACCEPTANCE and/or TOLERANCE when you...

- Treat all people as members of one human family
- See the gifts in differences
- Refuse to join in when others express prejudice
- Solve conflict through listening, and finding solutions

You need more practice when you...

- ✦ Develop an us-against- them attitude
- ✦ Avoid people who are different because you are afraid
- ✦ Always try to have your own way
- ✦ Blame others when they have different points of view

Literacy Corner

MAY

Did You Know?

THERE ARE CONVENTIONS TO FOLLOW WHEN USING NUMBERS IN A PIECE OF WRITING. THE NUMBERS FROM ONE TO TEN AND MULTIPLES OF TEN ARE ALWAYS WRITTEN IN WORDS (e.g. one, two, three), WHILE DATES AND LONGER NUMBERS ARE ALWAYS REPRESENTED BY NUMBERS (e.g., 2011, 34 567).

School/Community Connection:

Primary:

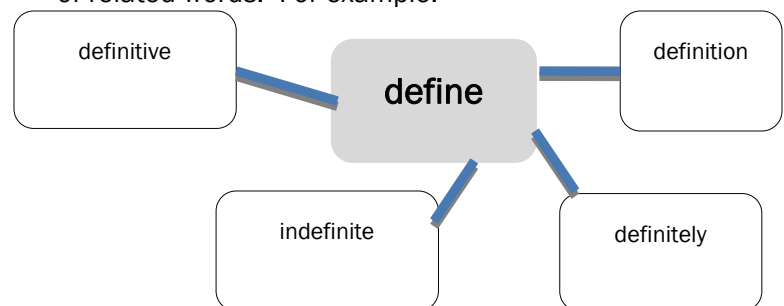
Explore different materials to use with your child to practice spelling words. Have your child practise words in a sandbox using a Popsicle stick, on your driveway with sidewalk chalk or even in a baking pan with shaving cream. Make the spelling experience fun!

Build a Flower- Choose a mystery word. On a paper draw a stem and one leaf. Underneath the flower draw blank spaces representing each letter. Have one person guess a letter. Correct letters are filled in the spaces. Incorrect letters result in one petal added to the flower. Record the incorrect letters vertically along the side. The game continues until the word is solved or the flower is completed.



Junior:

Word Explosion- The concept of related words is one key to unlocking the logic behind longer words. Think of one word such as **define** and create a web of related words. For example:

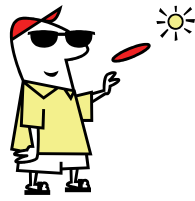


STEINALICIOUS COOKBOOKS

We still have copies of the St. Edith Stein "Steinalicious" Cookbooks. They are on display in the showcase in the front of the school just as you enter through the inside doors. The cookbooks were created through the use of recipes from staff and parents from the school community. The cost for a cookbook is \$10. Please inquire at the office.

School Dress Code - Warm Weather

Students are expected to adhere to the standards of modesty, neatness and good taste in their attire within our Catholic school. Short shorts, excessively tight shorts, halter/crop tops are not considered appropriate for the school environment. Tank tops must adhere to the 3-finger rule width rule. Shirts need to be an appropriate length without violent or inappropriate language or symbols. Sunglasses, hats and visors are for outdoor wear. Sunscreen is a good protection from the harmful effects of exposure to the sun.



Internet Safety/Video Games

As parents you are encouraged to be vigilant about your child's use of the computer. Many of the students are using "Facebook", "Hotmail", "Blogs" and "MSN". It is important that you be aware of the messages your child may be sending or receiving. Some of the communication is inappropriate as are names being used. Please discuss this very important issue with your child(ren). Many of the video games being played by our children are too violent and have an "R" rating. The Minister of Education calls this disturbing and distasteful. Also, in light of the many abductions of children via the internet we remind you to be fully aware of what your children are doing on the computer. Always be aware of whom your children are associating with and where they are at all times.



A few helpful tips:

- Make regular checks of their accounts
- Check the computer screen often
- Make sure the computer is set up in an area that is frequently supervised by an adult

DPCDSB Summer 2011 Adult Programs

Adult CO-OP Programs

(905-362-0701 or 905-891-3934)

ESL English as a Second Language

(905-891-9263)

FSL French as a Second Language Conversation

905-891-9263 (ext 37955)

LINC Language Instruction for Newcomers

(905-279-6816)

Visit our website: www.dpcdsb.org/coopcentre

Life Long Learning and Ongoing Registration!

Dates to Remember

May



- 2-6 Catholic Education Week
- 2-10 Book Fair
- 2 Driveway Chain goes up—8:45 a.m.
- 4 Walk to School Launch
- 4 Dance Performances—9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- 5 Friends Helping Friends Walk-a-thon—9:30 a.m.
- 5 Mother's Day Tea—5 p.m.
- 6 Peel Regional Police Presentations
- 10-11 Junior Track and Field mornings
- 12 Intermediate Co-ed Soccer Tournament
- 16 Rosary Apostolate Celebration 9:15 & 10:50 am
- 19 School Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
- 23 Victoria Day (Statutory Holiday)
- 26 Welcome to Kindergarten evening—7 p.m.
- 27 Intermediate Co-ed Softball Tournament
- 27 Confirmation at Merciful Redeemer—7 p.m.
- 31 EQAO begins for Gr. 3

June



- 2-3 EQAO for Grade 3 students
- 6-8 Grade 8 Trip to Muskoka Woods
- 6-9 Grade 7 Trip to Ottawa
- 7-9 EQAO for Grade 6 students
- 13 P.A. Day—Report Card Preparation
- 14 JK/SK Fire safety Presentations
- 14 Track and Field Family Meet @ St. Marcellinus
- 21 & 22 Grade 4 Trip to Halton Museum
- 21 Grade 6 Trip to Canadian Warplane Museum
- 23 JK/SK Graduation & Friendship Celebration
- 24 Track and Field Board Meet @ St. Marcellinus
- 27 Grade 8 Graduation at Miss. Convention Centre
- 28 Report Cards go home
- 30 Last day of School
- 30 Clap Out of Grade 8's