

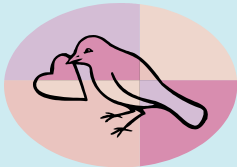


April, 2011



The Lord is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want.

Amen



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
(905) 824-5777

Superintendent:
Denise Oude-Reimerink
(905) 890-0708
Trustee: Esther O'Toole
(905) 812-5163

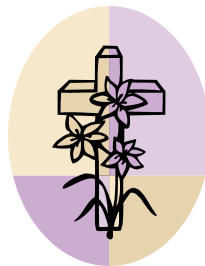
St. Edith Stein School

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Principal:	Ann Marie Slak	Superintendent:	Denise Oude-Reimerink
V-Principal:	Mike MacDonald	Trustee:	Esther O'Toole
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School Council Chair:	Deborah Zeloway	Vice-Chair:	Patricia Scire

Easter Prayer

*The cross is the hope of Christians
the cross is the resurrection of the dead
the cross is the way of the lost
the cross is the saviour of the lost
the cross is the staff of the lame
the cross is the guide of the blind
the cross is the strength of the weak
the cross is the doctor of the sick
the cross is the aim of the priests
the cross is the hope of the hopeless
the cross is the freedom of the slaves
the cross is the power of the kings
the cross is the water of the seeds
the cross is the consolation of the bondsmen
the cross is the source of those who seek
water
the cross is the cloth of the naked.
We thank you, Father, for the cross.*



Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God?

Give it two wings: fasting and almsgiving.

-- Saint Augustine

Principal's Message

This month, Grade 2 students in Mrs. Aucoin, Ms. Marion and Mrs. Ryan-Amann's classes will be receiving their First Communion on Saturday, April 2nd at 2:00 p.m. at Merciful Redeemer Parish. We thank the teachers for preparing the students for this special sacrament of receiving the Eucharist for their first time.

We invite all parents, guardians and friends to join us for the solemn dramatization of The Stations of the Cross on Thursday, April 21st at 1:15 p.m. by the Gr. 7 students from Ms. Blazevic & Mrs. Powidajko's classes.

There will be no school on Good Friday, April 22nd and Easter Monday, April 25th. We extend our best wishes to all our families as they celebrate this most holy event in our Liturgical Calendar—the Resurrection of our Lord!

The school Easter Mass celebrating the Risen Lord will be held on Friday, April 29th at 1:15 p.m.. Students from Mrs. Nunez, Mrs. Burke Mrs. Bednis classes will be hosting our Resurrection Mass at 1:15 p.m. This mass will also introduce Catholic Education Week—the theme for this year is "Celebrating the Spirit!" Daily sub-themes for the week include, Spirit of Hospitality, Understanding, Wisdom, Justice and Gratitude! More information detailing activities throughout the week will be sent home later this month. We hope you will all be able to join us as we celebrate the vitality of Catholic Education at St. Edith Stein.

We wish to thank the hospitality students and teachers from St. Francis Xavier, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Peel Health Nurses, Peel Police, Eco Source, Ballroom Dancing and Angie Camilleri Board Consultant for their time, energy and support in making HEAL Week a huge success. 1200 pancakes were served on Shrove Tuesday along with chicken bacon, apples, strawberries and syrup! It was FANTASTIC!

Ann Marie Slak

School will be closed

Friday, April 22
(Good Friday)
and

Monday, April 25
(Easter Monday)



Walk-to-School Program

Thank you for your support in returning the surveys. Mississauga Traffic Safety Council will be collating all the information and set up Walking Routes for students. More information will be forth coming.

KISS N'RIDE



To ensure student safety, the school has ordered a chain to be placed on the right side of the driveway leading to the back, in order to prevent cars from driving to the back. This chain will block the driveway between the hours of 8:45-9:00 a.m. and 3:15-3:45 p.m. thus, providing safe passage for students to walk to the schoolyard safely. More information regarding timelines, will be forthcoming.

“Social Workers Are There For You”

Social Workers at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

Social Workers are there for you

....Providing support **to children experiencing the impact of parental separation and or divorce.**

When parents separate, children are affected no matter their age. Changes in a student's behaviour that may indicate coping difficulties include: acting out, sadness, decline in grades, loss of motivation, lack of interest in activities. School social workers can support families and schools by:

- Assisting parents with the task of how to inform their children.
- Providing children and parents an opportunity to discuss their feelings.
- Facilitating referrals to community agencies for families who need further support in dealing with their situation.
- Consulting with administration, teachers and parents regarding behaviours, maintaining consistent routines and expectations during this time of transition.

School social workers are there to support students and their families when they are experiencing separation and divorce.

In the 2009/2010 school year social workers provided service to 2931 referrals involving family issues

How to get referred to a Social Worker

School social work services are available at every Dufferin Peel Catholic District school. Requests for social work service may be made by contacting the Principal, vice principal, teacher or guidance counsellor.

Primary and Junior Word Study Tips

Did You Know?

“FOUR” IS THE ONLY NUMBER WHOSE VALUE MATCHES THE NUMBER OF LETTERS CONTAINED IN THE WORD!

School/Community Connection:

Primary:

Brainstorm a list of words that describe **spring** and have your child:

1. Roll out some play dough. Print the words in the dough using a sharp pencil or form the letter in each word by rolling out the dough.
2. Create a riddle for some of the spring words and have other family members guess the answer. E.g., It is a four letter word. It begins with an “r”. It ends with an “n”. It is wet. It is a weather word. (Rain)

Junior:

Acronyms are popular means of communication today. For example, a.s.a.p. stands for “as soon as possible.” Create a list of popular acronyms, identifying the word that is represented by each letter in the acronym. Some popular acronyms include: LOL, TGIF, BFF.



Elementary Summer School

Grades 7 and 8

Monday July 4 to Friday July 22, '11

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

Students recommended by the Principal

Bussing provided at home school pick up points

Deadline for applications: June 3, 2011

- Good Shepherd
- Metropolitan Andrei
- St. Faustina
- St. Gertrude
- St. Jerome
- St. Raphael
- St. Ursula

Summer Literacy Camp

Grades SK to 6

Monday July 4 to Friday July 29, '11

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

Fee for Service Program

No transportation provided

Deadline for applications: June 3, 2011

Mississauga

- St. Catherine of Siena
- St. Alfred
- St. Philip
- St. Albert of Jerusalem
- St. Bernard of Clairvaux
- St. Gerard
- St. Gregory

For more information and registration forms regarding these summer programs please contact your local elementary school or visit our website at <http://www.dpcdsb.org/CEC/CNE>

April's Virtue of the Month is:



Affirmation:

I am a loving person.

I show my love by doing kind things and saying kind words.

I treat others as I want to be treated.

I love God and all that God has created, including myself.

What is Love?

Love is caring for someone. It is wanting to be near those you care about and wanting to share everything with them because they mean so much to you. Love is a feeling that fills your heart. "Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." 1 Corinthians 13

Why practice Love?

Do you want to live in a peaceful world? Do you want to experience the love of God in all things and allow others to experience God's love through you? Everyone has the need to be loved and the ability to love. No one is perfect, not me, not you, not anyone else. No matter what you dislike about others, it is of vital importance that you value others - just as they are right now. For by doing so, that is how we create peace within our own hearts. You will be able to embrace and love the world.

How do you practice Love?

Express your love. Find words and actions of love that are appropriate. You need to speak words of blessing rather than criticisms. Practicing love means to share your resources with a needy person, participate in your community of faith, offer gifts and perform actions or deeds with no ulterior motivation.

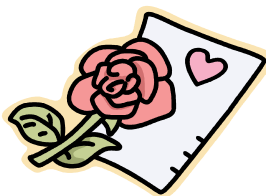
You are practicing LOVE when you...

- Are helpful to those in need
- Do not expect recognition for doing good
- Use kind and loving words
- Sacrifice for others
- Appreciate everything around you as a gift of love from God



You need more practice when you...

- ✦ Turn your back on others
- ✦ Criticize and offend
- ✦ Think only of yourself
- ✦ Do good actions only to receive recognition
- ✦ Unable to see or appreciate the world as a Gift of Love from God



Raising Resilient Children

Dick O'Brien, M.A.Sc.

APRIL 27, 2011

7:00 PM

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY

This presentation encourages parents to teach their children to respond to life by choice rather than react to life by chance. It focuses on developing personal resiliency in our children as the survival strategy for the 21st century and on preparing children to deal with the inevitable struggles of life. It will explore realistic ways to encourage, inspire and instill resiliency in children and it will discuss the key tools that will anchor them with a confident foundation and resilient mindset. All parents and educators are welcome to attend!

PLEASE RSVP BY: APRIL 21, 2011 BY CALLING

St. John of the Cross School: 905-824-3058

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



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.



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 board in which you reside. Your cooperation is appreciated.



Parent Request for Class Placements

Guidelines regarding Parent Request for Student Placement for September 2011 are included in this newsletter. Submit written request by April 29th. Due to declining enrolment and ministry caps, requests for straight grades will not be accepted.

Up-Date Information

Please inform the office of any changes to telephone numbers, work numbers, 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 safety of your child(ren).



Punctuality

School begins at 9:00am in the morning and at 1:00pm in the afternoon. Students should arrive at school on time and 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 proceeding to their class. These 'lates' are recorded on their attendance record. Punctuality is a student expectation for all students of St. Edith Stein.



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. 28—March 4 Ms. Marion's Gr.2 and Ms. Blazevic's Gr.7

March 7—11: Mrs. Aucoin's Gr.3 and Ms. Blazevic's Gr.7

March 21—25: Mrs. Burke's Gr.4 and Mrs. Powidajko's Gr.7

Mar. 28—31: Mrs. Harasymchuk's Gr.6 and Mrs.Sostaric's Gr.6

With the arrival of Spring and the replacement of winter boots with running shoes, so ends our Golden Boot for the year. We will announce our two class winners for the year at our Circle of Friends Assembly. Thank you to all students who made a consistent effort to keep our hallways clean!

Dates to Remember



April

- 2 First Communion at Merciful Redeemer—2 p.m.
- 4 Grade 3's to Peel Children's Safety Village
- 6 Facebook 101 @ St. Therese of the Child Jesus
- 7 Grade 5 Trip to Legislative Assembly
- 7 Grade 8 Confessions—10 a.m.
- 8 Grade 3 Pioneer Trip
- 8 Movie Night
- 14 Heads Up—Junior & Intermediate Competitions
- 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 in gym - 1 p.m.
- 28 Junior Girls/Boys Basketball Tournament
- 28 School Council Meeting - 7 p.m.

May

- 2-6 Catholic Education Week
- 4 JK—Grade 6 Dance Performance
- 5 Friends Helping Friends Walk-a-thon
- 2-10 Book Fair
- 5 Mother's Day Tea—5 p.m.
- 12 Intermediate Co-ed Soccer Tournament
- 16 Rosary Apostolate—Celebration Miraculous Medal
- 19 School Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
- 23 Victoria Day (Statutory Holiday)
- 26 Welcome to Kindergarten
- 27 Intermediate Co-ed Softball Tournament
- 27 Confirmation at Merciful Redeemer—7 p.m.
- 30 EQAO begins



Attachments in this month's newsletter:

- ~ Healthy Heart Dance-a-thon
- ~ Nutrition Nuggets
- ~ Home and School Connection
- ~ Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines
- ~ Canadian Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines
- ~ Psychology Autism Consultation Services (PACS)
- ~ Student Placement Request Information 2011-2012
- ~ Is the Online World More Dangerous Than the Real World?