



December, 2011

**An excerpt from our St. Edith Stein School Mission Statement:**

*We, the students of St. Edith Stein Catholic School, act and learn as a Catholic community. We demonstrate our love for God by respecting each other and by trying to meet the expectations of our parents and teachers.*



**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  
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**Superintendent:**

**Denise Oude-Reimerink**  
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# St. Edith Stein School

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<b>Principal:</b>	C. Boulanger	<b>Superintendent:</b>	Denise Oude-Reimerink
<b>Pastor:</b>	Fr. Mark Villanueva	<b>Trustee:</b>	Esther O'Toole
<b>Head Secretary:</b>	B. Candiano		
<b>Co-Chair</b>	Patricia Scire	<b>Co-Chair:</b>	Sharon Kwok

## Principal's Message

Advent is the time before Christmas when we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. We wait in joyful hope for the Nativity of Jesus, our Lord. The staff and students of St. Edith Stein School will enter into the spirit of the season by preparing to help those in the community who require our assistance. As a school community we have many special activities planned for the season of Advent; we know that small acts of kindness can have a big impact and can help to make a difference in the lives of others. These special activities also help to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas.

The holidays are a time of year to be with family and friends, a time to rejoice and give thanks for our many blessings. On behalf of the staff of St. Edith Stein School, may your family have a peaceful and joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Virtue of the Month

In the month of December we will celebrate the virtue of **Hope**.

God helps us to keep on working for a more peaceful world even when we feel discouraged.

People of Hope...

- keep up a positive attitude,
- can bounce back from tough situations,
- set and stick to their goals
- know that Jesus will help us

## Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, during Advent, may we remember the greatest gift ever given: Your only Son, Jesus Christ. Fill our hearts with joy day by day as we think of our Savior putting aside His heavenly glory and coming among us.

As a newborn, only a stable roof sheltered Him and ordinary, impoverished parents cared for Him. Your angels couldn't contain themselves, but broke into the quiet night-watch of a group of humble shepherds. The heavenly messengers proclaimed the glorious news of the Savior who would pay the price for our sins, the sign of Your goodwill to all men, and Your desire for peace on earth.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, grow our understanding and wonder of His birth. By Christmas day, may our hearts overflow with rejoicing and thanksgiving. Let our gratitude overflow to each person we meet by demonstrating the peace and goodwill in our hearts -- not just at this joyful season but all year long.

In the month of December, the Virtues Assembly will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 1:15 p.m.. We welcome all visitors to come celebrate the virtue of Hope at this assembly.

**Our Family Advent Mass will be held on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:15pm in the school gymnasium.** Parents and family are welcome to join us in celebrating the season of hope and preparation for our Lord, Jesus Christ. We hope to see many parents, family and friends at the Mass.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. Boulanger



## All Star Reading Program is Back!

Thank you to Mrs. Watson for setting up and organizing this worthwhile program that helps students with their reading.

We have many parents who have volunteered their time to work with students each Tuesday from 10:45 to 12:00. If you are interested in joining this team, please let the office know.

## The Halloween Candy Collection for Dr. Simone and Canada Food for Children!

The collection of Halloween candy for third world children was a great success. The treats were boxed and delivered to Canada Food For Children.

The candies are used in small quantities to stimulate the appetite of starving children in Third World Countries. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

## School Council Updates

During the month of November, the Lamontagne fundraiser prizes were drawn. The winners included Jenna C. (Tiger), Jessica L. (Tiger), Kirsten R. (Music Playmat), Adam B. (Touchscreen Tablet) and Jayden S. (Great Wolf Lodge Voucher).

Thank you to all the families of St. Edith Stein for your continued support.

The Lamontagne fundraiser raised \$6 698.68. This was a very successful fundraising campaign and helps to buy items for the school and bring great presentations to St. Edith Stein School.

The Christmas Bazaar raised \$4 073.25.

Through your fundraising efforts, we were able to raise \$10 771.93 for the school. Way to go, Stein!

Thank you to our School Council parents and our parent volunteers for donating time, prizes and effort.

### SPRING FUN FAIR

Come join our Fun Fair Committee. We are looking for enthusiastic and energetic parents to help plan and organize this year's Fun Fair. If you are interested, please call Cathy Zipitria, Fundraising Rep. and Fun Fair Coordinator at (905)824-0037.

### MOVIE NIGHT

Movie night is on December 9, 2011. We hope you and your children are able to come out and support this Community Building event.

**Toonie Tuesday = Toonie Week!** Toonie Week was held throughout the week of November 14-19th. We know that your donations will make a difference to helping the hungry in our community. Thank you to everyone for your generous support. It was wonderful to see our students staff out and about in their comfy p.j.'s!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADE TWO STUDENTS

#### ON RECEIVING THEIR FIRST RECONCILIATION

We would like to congratulate our grade two students who will receive their First Reconciliation on December 6, 2011 at Merciful Redeemer Parish.

*May the gift of forgiveness forever live in your hearts...*

*Forgiving Father, you are with these children*

*As they begin their journey to your forgiveness.*

*Open their ears, minds and hearts*

*To the teachings of your Son.*

*Fill them with the Spirit of Your love,*

*Peace, joy and kindness.*

*Amen*



## School Procedures—Important Reminders

**1) After school Kiss N' Ride Procedures:** Some parents have been leaving parked cars in the Kiss N' Ride lane or waiting for long periods for kids to come out. This results in too many cars clogging the lane while other cars are backed up on Osprey Blvd. There will be **no stopping and waiting** in the Kiss N' Ride Lane. If kids are there, then you may quickly pick them up. Otherwise, you must drive through and come around again.

**2) Calling to speak to your children or passing on messages during class time:** We will not interrupt classes to pass on messages or to have kids speak to parents. This is only used if there is an emergency and not to be misused.

**3) Kids who forget things and parents drop it off:** Your child will only be able to come to pick the item up during recess or lunch.

**4) Students who stay at school for lunch on a daily basis:** Students CANNOT leave the school without written consent from the parent/guardian. This permission form should be shown to the teacher and brought down to the office where it is recorded on the Attendance database. The student then signs-out and signs-in upon return. This is for the safety of your child so that everyone is accounted for in school.



### Angel on a Tree

It is that time of year when the St. Edith Stein Student Council runs the "Angel on a Tree" campaign.

As you know, this charitable cause helps less fortunate families in our parish community to have the kind of Christmas many of us already experience. This year you have a variety of ways to contribute:

#1—Take a tag from the tree and bring in a new, wrapped gift for a specific child

#2— Donate a gift card for one of the local grocery stores such as Sobey's, Walmart or Loblaws.

#3—Donate a Non-perishable Food Item for a family Christmas dinner

#4— Donate toiletries such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.

No matter which option you choose your generosity will be greatly appreciated!

All donations/ gifts must be brought to school by Friday, December 9, 2011.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

### CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club had their first meeting on Wednesday, November 30, 2011.

The members of the club meet every Wednesday at lunch time to practice their skills.

There are approximately 60 students from the primary, junior and intermediate divisions.

During the month of March, a Mississauga North family tournament will be held at St. Albert of Jerusalem School.

Fifteen finalist from our school will be representing St. Edith Stein School at the tournament.

Good Luck to all the members of the team.

### Winter is Here!

Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. Warm clothes, snow pants, gloves, mitts, hats and boots are needed for outdoor play. Having an extra pair of mitts and socks is always appreciated for children that play in the snow. Place items in a bag with your child's name on it. We recommend labeling all clothing items. This will prevent the overflow of items in the "Lost & Found" box.

**All students must bring a pair of indoor shoes.**

### Extended French Information Meeting

Grade 4 parents/guardians who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 5 Extended French class for September, 2012 are invited to attend an information meeting at:

St. Therese of the Child Jesus

6930 Forest Park Drive, Mississauga

Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

## Junior & Senior Kindergarten Registration for 2011-12

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year will be held at all Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools on the following dates:

Monday, February 6, 2012 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.\*

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

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 8, 9 & 10, 2012

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, 2012

Senior Kindergarten - Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2012

**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.



### Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team

This year the Junior Volleyball teams had a great seasons. The players displayed great skill, teamwork and perseverance.

Congratulations to Mackenzie S. Elizabeth, Sarah W. Mikaela, Lauren Z., Alexandra K., Morgan, MacKenzie L., Hannah B., Sara M., Mackenzie A., Serena Z., Luis N., Eddy B., Joseph Z., Julian L., Nick V., Noah C., Matthew S., Lukas G., and Ethan M.

St. Edith Stein is very proud of you!!!



### JUNIOR SKATING

Junior students will be participating in the junior skating program on December 22, January 20, and February 10, 2012.

Please keep in mind that gloves and helmets are mandatory and students will not be permitted on the ice without them. Thank you for your support.

## 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.

## Dates to Remember

### December



- 6 First Reconciliation
- 6 HPV/ Hep / Meningitis Immunization Clinic
- 7 Santa Photos
- 8 Advent Mass in gym 1:15p.m.
- 9 Movie Night
- 13 Gr. 6 Trip (Wizard of Oz)
- 15 Grade 8 visit to OLMC for concert
- 19 Rosary Apostolate Visit
- 21 Virtues Assembly 1:15pm  
JK/SK Christmas Concert
- 22 Skating Trip (junior students)
- 22 Intermediate Ballroom Competition 11:00am
- 23 Last day of school Christmas Break
- 23 Intermediate Dance



### January

- 9 Return to School
- 11 Legislative Assembly trip—gr. 5
- 16 P. D. Day—No school for students**
- 20 Junior Skating Trip
- 23 Silver Creek trip gr.4
- 26 Council Meeting in library  
6:30pm
- 30 Virtues Assembly 10:00am
- 31 Report Cards Sent Home



### ST. EDITH STEIN ADVENT MASS

**Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 1:15pm, in gymnasium.**

**Come and celebrate the coming of our Lord!**

**Everyone is welcome and invited to attend!**





