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# Our Lady of Peace School

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## *Prayer for Peace*

*Show us, oh Lord,  
The peace we should seek  
The peace we must give  
The peace we can keep  
The peace we must forgo,  
And the peace you have given  
In Jesus our Lord*

*Amen.*

### **Principal's Message:**

*Thank you to all of our families and staff who contributed so generously to our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. It is good to know that the food will be distributed to those in need throughout the Fall.*

*Members of our School Council worked very hard the past two months and their efforts in organizing and coordinating our Annual Halloween Dance-a-thon were extremely successful. The costumes were ghostly and ghastly, the music was terrifyingly terrific and the day was filled with fun for all while raising money to support our school and students.*

*During the month of November we continue our focus on our Catholic Community, Culture and Caring initiatives. Our daily prayers, thoughts for the day, and actions this month will revolve around the virtue of conscience – the voice of God within us. As a Catholic school we will continue to work at building a sense of inclusion and fostering self-esteem for all of our students.*

*Finally, the month of November is a time to reflect on the lives we are able to lead and the freedoms we enjoy due to the sacrifice of those men and women who lived and died for us and continue to promote peace around the world. Let us keep them, and those in service, in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Principal  
C. Cauduro*

## ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION

Cold and Flu season are here. We need your help in making our attendance verification work efficiently. Please call the school at (905) 452-7010 leaving a detailed message to report any student absence. We do have voice mail available 24 hours a day for your convenience. A note to the classroom teacher explaining the absence is expected upon the student's return to school.

## LATES

Being on time is a life skill which students need to be successful in the future. Please ensure that your child(ren) arrive on time by 9:00 a.m. to line up outside with their class when the bell rings. This ensures that there is no disruption to classes and that all students are in class and ready to begin their day.



## WINTER WEATHER

Soon we will begin to experience colder weather and winter will not be that far off. It is imperative that students dress appropriately to participate in all activities, including all three outdoor recesses. We ask parents to ensure that children wear hats, gloves, scarves, winter outerwear and winter boots. We also ask that students have a pair of indoor shoes so that they are comfortable and the classrooms are kept as clean and dry as possible.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER/BUS CANCELLATIONS

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 99.9	CHUM 1050
CFTR 680	CFNY 102.1
CFTO	CBC
CJCL 590	CHFI 98.1
CFRB 1010	Z103.5
CJEZ EZ ROCK 97.3	
CJBC (FR) 860 AM	
CHIN 100.7 FM/ 1540 AM	
CJMR/ CHWO 1250	
FOXY 88.5 FM	
THE WEATHER NETWORK	
GLOBAL NEWS	
CITYPULSE	

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

On November 11<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Peace School will commemorate the sacrifice of thousands of Canadians who died in war for us. Our school community will mark Remembrance Day with a liturgy in the gym at 10:30 a.m. We invite all parents, who are able, to attend.



## EMERGENCY PROCEDURE DRILLS

In accordance with Ministry regulations, we have conducted three fire drills this fall. While we hope that a real fire never occurs, this practice helps prepare students in the event of a real fire. In addition, we will have to complete a lockdown practice this month. This procedure is intended to prepare students should a high risk incident occur on school property or in the near vicinity.



## LUNCH POLICY

We have a large number of students eating lunch at school and often children need to be reminded of proper behaviour while eating. We ask for the parent's cooperation in reinforcing with your child(ren) appropriate lunchtime behaviour. Students are expected to:

- Remain seated while eating
- Not to share food (Sabrina's Law Policy re: allergies)
- Chat quietly with classmates
- Dispose of all garbage and clean up desk and class before leaving



## CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

After participating in the annual Family Meet on October 17<sup>th</sup>, where our team made an awesome showing, seven of our runners were successful in earning a place at the Board Meet. Congratulations to Annissa F., Clarissa H., Alysha H., Kayla L., Angelina M., Mateo M., and Cameron O. We were extremely pleased to take these athletes to the Board Meet on October 24<sup>th</sup>. We would like to thank their coaches Mrs. Papini and Mme. Ramirez for their encouragement and organization of this worthwhile athletic activity. Our Lady of Peace is proud of their cross country athletes!!! Thank you to all parents who went out to support our children.

### INTERMEDIATE BOYS/GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

We enjoyed a successful volleyball season. While both our boys and girls played well and showed great team spirit, our girls won their tournament and moved on to the Family Tournament October 31<sup>st</sup> where they took the title! They will represent Mississauga Brampton Central at the Board Tournament November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Team members are: Jeanine A., Vanessa A., Ernelo D., Alana D., Monique G., Alicia H., Jayda H., Kyla R., Maegan S., Liviana S., and Mariza S. Our boys team included: Bryce A., Dimitri B., Jacob B., Emilio D., Jonathon D., Johnathan H., Daylin L., Mitchell M., Marcus O., Trevor P., and Leandro R. Thank you to our coaches Mr. Schmidt and Ms. DiCenso for their hard work.

### YOUTH FAITH AMBASSADORS

As a Catholic faith community, Our Lady of Peace encourages our students to be active leaders and role models. Twenty- five students from grades 6 -8 have stepped forward to become youth ambassadors at our school. They have been giving of themselves to help with our Thanksgiving Food Drive, liturgies and the Halloween Dance-a-thon. We know that Kimberly T., Marvelyn O., Kiera, Ariel B., Britney M., Hilda O., Clarissa E., Zarah R., Tofi A., Ethan, Natalee T., Alessandra C., Denisse P., Hayley L., Leah A., Clarissa H., Kayla L., Vanessa D., Raymond S., Brandon M., Kaitlyn R., Raequana M., Lucas N., Celina and Livianna S. will continue to follow their conscience, stand up for their beliefs and become positive leaders and true examples of gospel values.

### ADVENT

Once again, as the season of Advent begins, God invites us to prepare our hearts as Joseph and Mary did. He wants to fill us with expectation. This year Advent begins on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Our Lady of Peace students, staff and parents will celebrate Advent Mass as a faith community in our gymnasium Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Please make it a date to join us.

### ST. JEROME'S PARISH NEWS

While parent meetings for children in grades 2 and 8 wishing to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation have been held, registration packages can be picked up at the parish after Saturday and Sunday mass. The deadline for registration is November 20<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Christmas Bazaar is being held Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. which includes a Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Vendors and Tea Room. All are welcome!

### THE HISTORY OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN PEEL

Catholic schools were fundamental in the early development of our region. With the support of local parishes, bishops and parents, Catholic schools were formed as an expression of a world view differing from other schools. In Peel, Catholic schools were formed well before confederation as an expression of the Catholic communities developing in our region. It is important to learn about and understand key issues related to Catholic education. As parents of children attending Our Lady of Peace School, we encourage you to discover a more detailed history of Catholic education in our region found in the book entitled Catholic Education in Dufferin-Peel – A Story Worth Telling.



### SCHOOL COUNCIL

An overwhelming thank you goes out to our parent and school community for supporting our Halloween Dance-a-thon. We would like to thank the members of our school council and our parent volunteers for their hard work and dedicated efforts organizing this exciting event, helping out at the dance, and providing popcorn treats for the students. We will announce the grand total as well as all prize winners within the next two weeks. Our next council meeting is Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### P.A.L.S. ON THE PLAYGROUND

P.A.L.S. is a playground leadership program for schools. It encourages all children to participate in activities during recess breaks. The motto of the program is, "There is always room for one more". Objectives of the program include:

- Increase physical activity
- Decrease conflict and reduce the incidence of playground bullying
- Provide a leadership opportunity for students

As part of our Catholic Community of Culture and Caring initiative, students from Grades 5 and 6 have received P.A.L.S. training and will be out at recesses, helping others, beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to Miss Anderson and Mrs. Archbold for working with our Public Health Nurse, Kathryn Gilmore, to make this possible.

### COLD AND FLU SEASON

Please use your discretion in keeping your child home to recover if they are ill. A child who is coughing and wheezing is not in a state to learn and will only infect others. Please be assured that we are following all health protocols including frequent hand washing. Students are allowed to bring small bottles of hand sanitizer to school for personal use. We remind all parents that if your child is well enough to attend school they are well enough to go outside at recess.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL LEARNING PLAN (CSLP)

Each year schools are required to set goals in each of the school board's 5 Pillars (key areas): Catholic Community, Culture and Caring; Literacy; Numeracy; Pathways and Transitions; and Professional Learning and Instructional Leadership. These 5 Pillars aim to reduce gaps in student achievement, increase student achievement overall, and increase public confidence in education. Our Lady of Peace staff has set goals in each of these key areas. Numeracy, specifically the expected practice of the 3 Part Math Lesson, and Catholic Community, Culture, and Caring are our main focus. Please visit our school website to view the entire CSLP.

### P.A. DAY

Friday, November 18, 2011 is a P.A. Day. This day is dedicated to school based planning for student achievement. There will be no classes for students on this day and the main office will be closed as Mrs. DelGobbo and Mrs. Harvey will be away.



### PICTURE RETAKE DAY

All student and class photos have been taken and will soon be returned to students to place their orders. Students wishing to have retakes may do so the morning of Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

### TOONIE TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday is Toonie Tuesday at Our Lady of Peace. For \$2 students can order a slice of pepperoni pizza from Grabba Pizza by 9:30 a.m. and have it delivered by noon. All proceeds support student and school initiatives.

### VIRTUES

During the month of November we focus on the virtue of conscience. God helps us to choose to be good people and to do the right thing – even when it is hard. As we strive to be people of conscience let us work to:

Mend a quarrel. Search out a forgotten friend.  
Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust. Write a letter to someone you love. Keep a promise. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Think first of someone else.  
Appreciate, be kind and be gentle. Laugh a little more. Worship God. Gladden the heart of a child.  
Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still again.

**Author Unknown**

### ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CAREER PATH

Parents of students in grade 8 are invited to attend an Information Night that will be held on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Theatre. If you have any questions please contact the guidance office at (905) 820-3900 Ext. 70364.

### HOLY NAME OF MARY C.S.S.

Parents of students in grade 8 are invited to attend a Grade 9 Information and Registration Night being held on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. For further information and updates please visit their website: [www.dpccsb.org/hnmry/guidance](http://www.dpccsb.org/hnmry/guidance) or call (905) 458-5541 Ext. 64104.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

November 1 <sup>st</sup> ;	Toonie Tuesday Pizza Lunch
November 2 <sup>nd</sup> ;	St. Augustine Math Day Gr. 8
	Take Your Kids to Work Day
November 3 <sup>rd</sup> ;	Soccer Skills Competition in Gym
	Int. Girls @ Board Volleyball
November 4 <sup>th</sup> ;	Dance-a-thon Pledges Due
November 8 <sup>th</sup> ;	Toonie Tuesday Pizza Lunch
November 9 <sup>th</sup> ;	Picture Retake Day
November 10 <sup>th</sup> ;	Lockdown Drill @ 10:00 a.m.
November 11 <sup>th</sup> ;	Remembrance Day Liturgy @ 10:30
November 15 <sup>th</sup> ;	Toonie Tuesday Pizza Lunch
	School Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
November 18 <sup>th</sup> ;	P.A. Day – No Classes
November 20 <sup>th</sup> ;	Deadline to register Grade 2 and 8's for Communion/ Confirmation @ St. Jerome Parish
November 22 <sup>nd</sup> ;	Toonie Tuesday Pizza Lunch
	St. Augustine Visit to Gr. 8 Classes
November 24 <sup>th</sup> ;	Sub Day
November 27 <sup>th</sup> ;	Season of Advent Begins
November 29 <sup>th</sup> ;	Toonie Tuesday Pizza Lunch
December 1 <sup>st</sup> ;	Advent Mass 9:30 in Gym

