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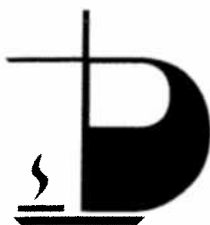
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ADVENT PRAYER

O God,
as light comes from these candles,
may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us,
warming our hearts and
brightening our way.
May Christ our Savior bring life
into the darkness of this world,
and to us, as we wait for his coming.

Amen.

Principal's Message:

The season of Advent is upon us. As a people of faith this is a time when we are filled with hope. It is a time to celebrate Jesus' presence in our midst, and to prepare our hearts for his light coming into the darkness

As we journey towards Christmas with our families and friends, let our hearts also be open to those most in need of God's love during this season of giving. Here at Our Lady of Peace School we hope to provide a special Christmas through donations of new and unused mittens, hats and scarves as well as toiletries including soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, during our Hat, Mitten, Scarf and Toiletries Drive. As always, your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

This month we focus on the virtue of Hope. With our daily prayer focus students are actively engaged in being messengers of hope through their participation in our Advent celebrations, Advent Mass, and good works. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope". Romans 15:13

On behalf of the staff of Our Lady of Peace School we wish you a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you back safe and sound when we resume classes on Monday, January 9, 2012.

C. Cauduro
Principal

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

The Advent wreath is a symbol of God's eternal love for us. It is a reminder of Christ, the light of the world, dispelling our darkness. Here is a blessing for the families in our community who may wish to have an Advent wreath in their homes.

Father, we praise you for sending your Son to save us from our sins and to be the light in our darkness. Bless us as we gather in His name, and bless this wreath as a sign of His light among us. We ask this blessing through Christ our Lord, Amen.

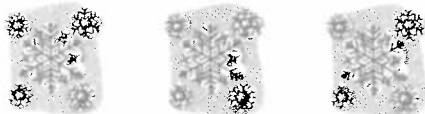


ADVENT MASS

On Thursday, December 1st Advent Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. in our school gymnasium. We invite all of our parents/guardians, who are able, to come and celebrate with us.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Once again the families of Our Lady of Peace School are asked to help with our Annual Christmas Hat, Mitten and Scarf Drive for those less fortunate than ourselves during this Christmas season. Students are asked to bring in new/unused mittens, hats and toiletries from December 5th to December 16th. We would also ask for donations of gift cards to help brighten the Christmas season. All donations are in support of Covenant House, Catholic Family Services and local families.



WEATHER ADVISORY

Once the cold, snowy weather has arrived we ask that the children come to school prepared for our Canadian winter. That means that they are expected to have warm winter outerwear, winter boots, hats, mittens or gloves and scarves. Unless the weather is -20 Celsius or colder, with the wind chill factored in, students will be outside for two 15 minute recess breaks and one 40 minute lunch recess period. Please also insure your child has indoor shoes to wear in the classroom.

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 FM 99.9	CHUM AM1050
CFTR AM 680	FM 93.1
CFNY FM 102.1/AM 680	CBC 99.1
CJCL AM 590	CHFI FM98.1
CFRB AM 1010	FM Z103.5
EZ ROCK FM 97.3	
CJBC (FR) 860 AM	
CHIN 100.7 FM/1540	
FM Q 107	
CTV	
GLOBAL NEWS	
CITYPULSE	

Remember that we are located in the **Region of Peel**.

SCHOOL DISMISSAL

The school day ends at 3:30 p.m. Students are to exit the building from their designated doors. Parents and older siblings are asked to meet students and leave school property promptly. Students and parents are reminded not to loiter in the yard after school hours.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you again to all of the members of the School Council and our school community for their hard work and tremendous effort with our major fundraiser. It was a great success raising \$11 198!

We would like to thank a number of businesses and families who supported us through their generous donations. Thank you to: W. Tippet of Bell Community Affairs, Relamping Services, No Frills, our parent volunteers and council members. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to our Grand Prize winners: Julian M., Celina B., Melissa F., Nathan D., Tysaiah B., Aiden V., Joshua V., Victoria N., Orchid Olivia J., McKenzie A., and Brandan D. All students who contributed to our fundraiser were eligible for additional prizes. Thirty more students had their names drawn and took home prizes including backpacks, t-shirts, games, DVDs and WalMart gift cards. All money raised will go towards enhancing the programs and activities here at Our Lady of Peace.

FRENCH IMMERSION MEETING

Parents of senior kindergarten students who wish to enroll their child in Grade 1 French Immersion class for September 2012 are invited to attend an information meeting at **St. Joachim School on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**

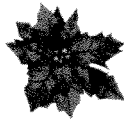
EXTENDED FRENCH MEETING

Grade 4 parent(s)/guardian(s), 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. Monica School at 7:00 p.m. on January 18, 2012. At the present time, the above mentioned school is the designated centre for our area. Applications will be accepted at that centre until 3:00 p.m. *Wednesday, February 8th, 2012.*

JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The junior boys' and girls' volleyball teams have completed their season. Our boy's team played their best but saw their season come to an end all too soon. Team members included: Dae'Jor P., Francesco D., Jacob H., Kyonn H., Brandon M., Eric M., Ethan N., Cameron O., Telique R., and Kenneth W.

The girl's team played well, winning many of their games and advancing to the Family Tournament. Congratulations to team members: Tofi A., Leah A., Janessa C., Alessandra C., Makeda D., Clarissa E., Clarissa H., Marina J., Christina K., Jasmine P., Alexis S., and Natalee T. Thank you to our coaches Mrs. Papini, Mrs. Realejo, Mr. Falcioni and Mr. Poropat. We are proud of both of our teams.



COUNCIL POINSETTIA SALE

The School Council and Macon Nurseries have sponsored a Christmas Poinsettia Sale. All orders were due to the office November 25th. These beautiful poinsettias will be ready for pick up the evening of December 14th at the school. Thank you to everyone who participated.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration will be held on February 6th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (snow date February 7th) and during the day February 8, 9 and 10, 2012. The following documents must be brought to the school when you register your child(ren):

- Updated Immunization Records
- Proof of Age (Birth Certificate or Passport)
- Original Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (for parent/guardian and child)
- Proof of Home Address in our school area
- Proof of Canadian Citizenship



KINDERGARTEN ENTRY PLANNING

An information night for parent(s)/guardian(s) of students with Special Needs in the areas of Vision, Hearing, Autism, Physical/Medical and/or Developmental Delays in the cognitive and/or motor areas is being held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. The session will run from 7:00 -8:30 p.m. and will be held in Room 301 at the Catholic Education Centre at 40 Matheson Boulevard West, Mississauga.

ST. JEROME'S PARISH NEWS

An Advent Reconciliation service is planned for Tuesday, December 13th at 7:30 p.m. A Seniors' Retreat Day has been planned at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre for Wednesday, December 7th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Parish members are encouraged to participate in the Food and Gift Card Drive. Please see the church bulletin for the Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY NEWS

Our teachers continue to work with our Special Assignment Teacher, Shannon Smith, focusing on guided reading and three part math lesson strategies. Over the course of this first term all teachers have been incorporating guided practice and descriptive feedback into their daily literacy block. Many of the classes have begun to introduce the three part math lesson and this will continue as a focus across all grade levels. The primary division will have Christmas Mystery Readers visit the classes each day from December 12- 16th to read Christmas stories to the children. As always, we encourage parents to support your children's literacy development by reading with or to them on a daily basis.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CULTURE AND CARING

The CCCCAT is committed to making Our Lady of Peace School a safe and caring community. As part of the Positive School Network, offered by our board, our committee has planned community building activities like the Christmas Carousel intended to bring us closer to acceptance and inclusion of every individual in our school. It is our firm belief that learning and practicing skills that enable collaboration will help us all to build a safe, caring, healthy and inclusive school community.

OUR CATHOLIC HERITAGE

Was there opposition to separate schools before Confederation? Yes, as now, there were advocates of one school system. Protestant spokespersons believed in the adequacy of the common (new public) school's basic non-denominational Christianity, which constituted an important element of the common school's religion lessons and their readers. They held that beliefs specific to certain religions should be taught in the churches and homes.

