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Newsletter**

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PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

*DEAR GOD, IN THIS NEW YEAR WE PRAY
TO LIVE DEEPLY, WITH PURPOSE,
TO LIVE FREELY, WITH DETACHMENT,
TO LIVE WISELY, WITH HUMILITY,
TO LIVE JUSTLY, WITH COMPASSION,
TO LIVE LOVINGLY, WITH FIDELITY,
TO LIVE MINDFULLY, WITH AWARENESS,
TO LIVE GRATEFULLY, WITH GENEROSITY,
TO LIVE FULLY, WITH ENTHUSIASM.*

*HELP US TO HOLD THIS VISION AND TO DAILY RENEW IT IN OUR HEARTS,
BECOMING EVER MORE ONE WITH YOU.*

AMEN

Principal's Message:

Happy New Year and welcome to 2012. It promises to be a year of new beginnings. We congratulate Mme. Ramirez on the birth of her son Cristian and welcome Mme. Bento who will teach French to our grade 5 to 8 students for the remainder of this school year.

I would like to thank the many parents who came in the week before Christmas to wish us a Merry Christmas and to thank our wonderful staff for their hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank everyone who contributed to our Hat, Mitten and Toiletries Drive in support of Covenant House and Catholic Family Services. Through your generosity we were able to help many families in the community.

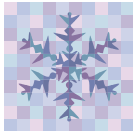
During the month of January we will focus on the virtue of "self-control". Each time we exercise self-control, we resist the temptation to do something we will regret and grow stronger in the Lord. As part of our anti-bullying policy we will continue to recognize students who consistently make good decisions and act on their Catholic virtues through our Outstanding Student of the Week Award.

As we begin 2012, I would like to encourage parents to visit our school website to read the newsletter, school goals and find the dates for upcoming events. Happy New Year to each and every one of you and may this be a year filled with good health, love and God's continued blessings.

**C. Cauduro
Principal**

THANK YOU

On behalf of the staff of Our Lady of Peace School, we wish to thank all of you, including our School Council, who generously contributed food, toiletries, hats, scarves and mittens to our Annual Christmas Drive. The items were distributed to those in need during the Christmas season.



COLD WEATHER ADVISORY

Once again we are asking that children come to school prepared for the winter weather. That means that they are expected to have warm winter jackets, winter boots, hats, mittens or gloves and scarves. Unless the weather is below -24 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.



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 AM 1050 / FM 104.5

CFTR AM 680 FM 93.1

CFNY FM 102.1 CBC 99.1

CJCL AM 590

CHFI FM 98.1

CFRB AM 1010 FM Z 103.5

EZ ROCK FM 97.3

CJBC (FR) 860 A.M

CHIN 100.7 FM/ 1540

FM Q 107

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GLOBAL NEWS

CITYPULSE

Remember that we are the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and we are located in the **Region of Peel.**

PLEASE LABEL BELONGINGS

Please label your child's belongings so that when hats, mittens, gloves, boots or jackets go astray they can be found. Many young children have similar belongings and we want to ensure that your child has their own boots and clothing.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you again to all of the members of the School Council for their hard work on our school fundraiser. They approved over \$8 500 in "Wish List" items for the school. Teachers have begun spending the money on science presentations, craft supplies, gym equipment and music materials for the children.

Please join us for our next School Council meeting being held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.



INTERMEDIATE BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL

The intermediate boys and girls basketball teams are being selected and will begin their season this month. Thank you to Mr. Falcioni, Ms. Savi and Mr. Schmidt for their dedication and time in preparing our athletes. We wish both of our teams a successful season.

PANTHERS ON ICE

Our Lady of Peace is in the process of selecting students (both boys and girls) from grades 5 to 8 to represent the school in ice hockey games against neighbouring Catholic schools. Tryouts will be held January 18th at South Fletcher's Arena, Rink #1 at 7:00 a.m. **Students are to arrange their own transportation to and from the rink.** All students must wear approved equipment (including neck guard, face shield and mouth guard). If you have any questions please contact Mr. Krolewski, Mr. Falcioni or Mrs. Keoughan.

YOUTH FAITH AMBASSADORS NEWS

Our youth faith ambassadors had a very busy December organizing Christmas events. There were weeks of wearing Christmas hats; a red, white and green day as well as Candy Cane sales and a Christmas Door Decorating Contest. Thank you to all who participated. Congratulations to the top door decorating done by Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Zafeiropolous and Mr. Poropat's classes. They will each be awarded an indoor or outdoor game of their choice for their designing efforts.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The dates for First Holy Communion at St. Jerome's Church have been set for Saturday, April 14th at 5:00 p.m. for Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Gonsalves students; Sunday, April 15th at 12:00 noon for Mrs. Parrinton and Mrs. Mifsud's students.

SECONDARY WINTER NIGHT SCHOOL

Classes run from February 8 to May 23, 2012,
Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Night School Locations:

St. Aloysius Gonzaga S.S. (Mississauga)
Philip Pocock S.S. (Mississauga)
Notre Dame S.S. (Brampton)

Registration forms are available from your Guidance
Department or online at

<http://www.dpcdsb.org/CEC/CNE/Night+School/>

Registration closes Wednesday February 1, 2012.

The **Winter 2012 Adult and Continuing Education
Flyer** (with program descriptions) will be delivered
to the community by the week of January 2, 2012
and posted online at

<http://www.dpcdsb.org/CEC/CNE.>

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



KISS AND RIDE

Thank you to those parents who are following
procedures in the morning and at dismissal time.
Remember not to park and block our neighbours'
driveways or on the sidewalks at any time. It is also
understood that parents are not to leave their cars
unattended when in the Kiss and Ride lanes or to
idle in the fire route lane. If you choose to park on
the street please ensure that you obey the posted
parking signs.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

For safety reasons, no child should bring medication to
school without prior approval from the office. The school
will store necessary prescribed medication upon completion
of the "Request for Storage and Distribution of Prescribed
Medications" form, which has been filled out, signed by the
parents and physician and returned to the school. School
staff, without proper board documentation, cannot
distribute medication of any kind.



LIBRARY LITERACY FOCUS

Mrs. Marino would like everyone in grades 4-6 to know
about the upcoming Forest of Reading. All interested
students can join the Silver Birch Reading Group and take
part in reading the 10 nominated books, select a favourite
book of their own and have a chance to have the book
awarded into the Forest of Reading. The reading group will
meet during lunch and recess periods. Members will receive
a schedule from Mrs. Marino.

NUMERACY FOCUS

As part of a Ministry initiative our teachers are learning
about and working on the 3 part math lesson with their
students. This model takes 45-60 minutes per lesson and is
divided into 3 distinct sections: Getting Started,
Teaching/Learning and Consolidation. One of the techniques
the teachers will be using to get a lesson started is called a
Gallery Walk which is an interactive discussion technique
that gets students into focused and active engagement with
other students' mathematical ideas. This allows students to
reflect upon, clarify and expand their ideas and their
understanding of mathematics.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration will be held on Monday evening,
February 6th from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. (snow date February 7th)
and from 9:00 -12:00 a.m. and 1:00- 4:00 p.m. during the day
February 8, 9 and 10th, 2012.

The following documents must be brought to the school
when you register your child(ren):

- Updated Immunization Records
- Birth Certificate (Proof of Child's Age)
- Child's Baptismal Certificate (Original)
- One Parent's Baptismal Certificate
- Proof of Home Address
- Proof of Canadian Citizenship

Students currently in Junior Kindergarten at Our Lady of
Peace School will automatically be placed into Senior
Kindergarten for September 2012. If you have any questions,
please contact the school at (905) 452-7010.

SUPERVISION

A reminder to parents that supervision in the yard begins at 8:45 a.m. Students should not be at the school prior to that time and will not be permitted to enter the school building prior to the 9:00 a.m. start time. Students who do not ride the bus home and are picked up by parents must be picked up at the 3:30 p.m. dismissal time. Do not contact the office during the day requesting the office to supervise your child after this time. We do not have staff available for this service and the secretarial staff are not permitted to supervise students unless in emergency situations.

VALUABLES

As part of the Board's PED Policy (Personal Electronic Devices), students are reminded not to bring any valuable items such as portable game units, CD players, iPods, cell phones, cameras etc... to school or on class trips.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CULTURE AND CARING

Here at Our Lady of Peace we are working on our anti-bullying initiatives through daily reflection on the virtues, child and youth work intervention and we will be introducing community building activities to all students this month. Our focus will be "Together We Can Be A Bully-Free Community". Students will be engaged in anti-bullying activities and presentations throughout the term. We believe that learning and practicing skills that enable collaboration and cooperation will help us to build a safe, caring, healthy and inclusive community.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

The month of January is dedicated to the virtue of Self-Control. A person with self-control...

- is patient
- knows how to wait his/her turn
- can think things through

Self control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that we will regret. As people of faith, let us invite peace to settle over our lives as we work to make good decisions as we exercise self-control.

P.A. DAY

Monday, January 16, 2012 is a P.A. Day. This day is dedicated to assessment and evaluation. 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.

FIRST TERM REPORT CARDS

On January 31, 2012 students will bring home their first term report cards. Remember that these elementary school Ontario report cards Learning Skills and Work Habits include: *Responsibility, Organization, Independent Work, Collaboration, Initiative and Self Regulation.*

The elementary provincial report Card also has ample space for teachers to add meaningful, clear and personalized comments so you can understand how your child is progressing. On this report card teachers will provide suggestions on how you can support your child's education at home.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held the evening of Thursday, February 2, and during the day on Friday, February 3, 2012. Please watch for the notices to come home the week of January 23rd.

AUTHOR CHERYL THORNTON PRESENTATION

Storyteller Cheryl Thornton has brought her drama and storytelling programs to schools throughout Southern Ontario. She has created an interactive storytelling and drama program to assist schools in building positive learning climates. Ms. Thornton will be speaking to our students about cooperation, inclusion and fairness on Friday, January 13, 2012. The assemblies for Gr. 1-4 students will be from 9:15-10:15 a. m. For students in Gr. 5-8 the assembly will be from 10:55-11:55 am. Parents are welcome.

OUR CATHOLIC HERITAGE

Why did Catholics find the non-denominational religious education of the common school unsatisfactory? Catholics wanted separate schools where all the beliefs of the Catholic Church would be taught, where pupils would live their faith in a sacramental and community manner in proximity to the parish church and priest, and where religion would permeate the reading, literature and history curriculum.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 9;	Happy New Year and Welcome Back
January 10;	Toonie Tuesday Pizza Lunch Dental Screening Grade 2 classes in p.m.
January 13;	Story Teller Cheryl Thornton Visits a.m.
January 16;	P.A. Day No Classes; Office Closed
January 17;	Toonie Tuesday Pizza Lunch Kindergarten Information Night Room 301 @ CEC for students with Special Needs
January 18;	Hockey Tryout 7:00 a.m. South Fletcher's Arena
January 24;	Toonie Tuesday Pizza Lunch School Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
January 26;	Hep B., HPV, Meningitis Dose 2
January 31;	Toonie Tuesday Pizza Lunch Report Cards Go Home Today
February 2;	Parent/Teacher Interviews