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THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

*And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him,
"Which commandment is the most important of all?"
Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'
The second is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."*

Mark 12:28-31

APRIL VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: LOVE

Let us now pray...for the virtue of love, so that
We will never be satisfied until all are satisfied.

A Loving Person...

Wants the best for others
Is willing to make sacrifices for the good of others
Knows that we are all lovable
Prays for others

Celebrating our Faith

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 31st.

FIRST EUCHARIST for our grade two students will be celebrated on Sunday, June 5th at 3:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION: CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT

There are five sub-themes, one for each day of Catholic Education Week, May 1-6, 2011:

Monday:	The Spirit of Hospitality
Tuesday:	The Spirit of Understanding
Wednesday:	The Spirit of Wisdom
Thursday:	The Spirit of Justice
Friday:	The Spirit of Gratitude

Curriculum & Student Activities

GRADE 3 AND 6 EQAO ASSESSMENT

Please note the dates of the EQAO Assessments for Grades 3 and 6.

Grade 3	May 30, 21, June 1
Grade 6	June 2,3, 6

We ask, if at all possible, that appointments for these students not be scheduled during these two weeks.

SUMMER LITERACY CAMP 2010

Literacy camp provides a fun and innovative environment for learners, Grades SK through Gr.6. Registration is available only through teacher referral.

Dates:	July 4 to July 29
Days:	Monday through Friday
Times:	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

For registration information, please speak to your child's teacher.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR GR. 7 & 8's

The Continuing Education Department of Dufferin-Peel will offer an Elementary Summer School program from July 4-22, for Grade 7 & 8 students. Students will be involved in remedial literacy and numeracy as well as ESL.

Student eligibility for the summer school program will be on the recommendation of the school principal. For more information, please contact your child's teacher.

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We continue to accept registrations for September 2011 admission to Junior Kindergarten. All children born in 2007 and who are otherwise eligible may attend Junior Kindergarten beginning in September 2011.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL

Parents are reminded that supervision of students in the yard before school does not begin until 8:30 a.m. Before that time, students should not be in the yard/field. There is no adult supervision.

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

Our 2011 ShareLife Campaign will begin in April. You can assist by having your child(ren) participate in the following activities scheduled throughout the month leading up to Easter.

Friday, April 8th Hat Day- \$1

Bring a loonies for ShareLife and you can wear your hat at school ALL DAY: crazy hats, baseball hats, cowboy hats, ANY HATS!!!

Wednesday, April 13th: Spell-A-Thon

Students from K-3 will participate in our second annual ShareLife Spell-A-Thon. Students will be learning grade specific spelling words for this fun event. Permission forms were sent home in March. If you have not returned your permission form, please do so as soon as possible. Happy Spelling!

Friday, April 15th: Pajama Day- \$1

Bring a loonie for ShareLife and you can come to school in your comfy, cozy pajamas!

J. Leko & A. Szymczak
ShareLife Committee

SPRING FLING DANCE-A-THON

This event is coming to St. Joseph school on Friday, May 6, 2011. We are excited to organize this event that mixes fitness and fun with fundraising! Our goal is to raise \$5000 towards the purchase of NEW literacy materials for the classrooms and the library, as well as

fund Artists in the School. We need your help to make our **Spring Fling Dance-A-Thon** a huge success!

We are looking for corporate donations to use as prizes. Donations may include: electronics, gift cards/gift certificates, complimentary services, gift baskets or other suitable prizes. Companies will benefit from the donation through free advertising as well as exposure to new customers. The company will be recognized at the Dance-A-Thon and in our school newsletter. Donation letters can be provided upon request. All donations must be submitted to the school by Friday, April 15, 2011. Further information regarding the Dance-A-Thon will be sent home in April. Thank you for supporting this fundraising event.

J. Leko & A. Szymczak
Dance-A-Thon Chairpersons

KISS AND RIDE

We are in need of adults to help with Kiss and Ride during the week from 8:30- 8:45 a.m. If you are able to assist us on Wednesdays and/or Friday mornings, please contact the school.

STUDENT MONITORS

We are in need of Student Monitors on a part-time basis. This would involve working during our lunch hours, from 11:45 a.m.- 12:45 p.m. supervising our students. This is a paid position. If you would be interested, please contact the office for further information. We would require a Criminal Reference Check, conducted by the Peel Regional Police.

PARENTAL INPUT FOR 2011-2012

Parents are invited to offer input regarding the instructional style and learning environment that they believe would best meet their child(ren)'s needs. It must be understood that it will not be possible to respond to all requests, however, staff will take into account the consideration you have made. Please indicate this in a letter to the office by Friday, April 8, 2011.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

GOOD FRIDAY/EASTER MONDAY

There will be no school for students on Friday, April 22 and Monday, April 25, 2011.

APRIL CALENDAR

April 5	Pizza Lunch
April 6	Lenten Mass @ St. Joseph School @ 10:00 a.m.
April 12	Pizza Day
April 13	ShareLife Spell-A-Thon
April 18	Dance-A-Thon Pep Rally
April 19	Pizza Day
April 22	GOOD FRIDAY- No School for students
April 25	EASTER MONDAY- Holiday
April 26	Pizza Day
May 1-6	Catholic Education Week

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.