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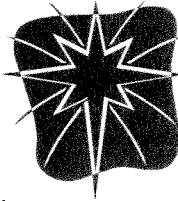
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December 21, 1:00 p.m.
Nativity Carols at St.
Edmund

Advent Prayer



God,
 You sent
 Jesus, your Son
 The Light of the World
 As we light our Advent

candles, one by one, one Sunday
 at a time, may we rekindle within
 ourselves the desire to make peace with Him.
 May the flame of His presence grow brighter
 and brighter in our hearts, in our school and in our world.

May the hope fill us with joy and peace this Christmas
 by your grace and the Power of the Holy

Spirit.
 Amen

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On behalf of the staff of St. Edmund Elementary School, I extend our best wishes during this Christmas season to all our families. We hope that you will be blessed with spirit and gifts of peace, love and goodwill towards all. May the promise of Christmas help to sow God's boundless love for you and your family and may you be blessed with good health, prosperity and happiness throughout the New Year as we strive to work with you and for you in providing excellence in Catholic Education in our Community. God bless.

Remembrance Day

We were honoured to have Sergeant Major Mark McVety visit St. Edmund on Remembrance Day. He spoke to us about the contribution our veterans have made, and are still making in their peace-keeping efforts throughout the world. Thank you to Mrs. Drost, Mr. Nasato, Mrs. Mangiardi, Mrs. Colabufalo and Mr. Tome's class for arranging a moving and meaningful Remembrance Day celebration.

Christmas Outreach

It is fun to receive gifts at Christmas. It is also important to teach our children about our obligation to help the poor in our society.

This year, St. Edmund will be supporting Dr. Simone's mission, the Canadian Food for Children. Dr. Simone is well known in the Mississauga area for his dedication to missions around the world. He will be visiting St. Edmund School on December 12 in the morning to speak to staff and students about the work he does.

This year, St. Edmund will focus on collecting a few simple and specific items that are in great need in communities around the world. The Youth Faith Ambassadors will be collecting the following: **salt, soap, picture books, and children's multivitamins.** Please send any donations of the above items to school with your child **by December 19.** Thank you for your generosity.

Youth Faith Ambassadors

Our Youth Faith Ambassadors have been very busy activating the faith and prayer life at St. Edmund School. On Tuesday, November 15th they attended a special commissioning mass at Christ the King Church and met their fellow students from the Mississauga East Family of Schools. The Faith Ambassadors collected an impressive amount of food for our Food Drive and prepared and presented a prayer liturgy to honour St. Edmund on his feast day of November 16. Our Faith Ambassadors are coordinating the Christmas Outreach for Dr. Simone this year.

Movie Night

Our Movie night was a success and we enjoyed seeing Cars 2 on our new motorized projection screen. We could hear it better too thanks to the new portable sound system which is compatible to the new video technology. Both screen and sound system were purchased through School Council Fundraising. We thank our school council for their efforts in organizing the evening and we thank the St. Edmund community for supporting our fundraisers.

Junior Volleyball

Congratulations to our Junior Boys and Girls Volleyball teams who had a short but successful season. The boys played five games and advanced to the Mississauga East Family Tournament on December 1. The girls played well and showed terrific teamwork although they did not qualify for the Family tournament. Both teams showed great effort and spirit in playing as a team in both practices and games. They showed improvement as the season went on.

Thank you to our coaches, Mr. Nasato, Mr. Spadafina, Mr. Pividor, and Mr. Tome and thank you to all of the parent volunteer drivers.

Way to go Wildcats!



Kiss'N'Ride

Thank you to families who are using our Kiss'N' Ride daily. This helps all the traffic around the school flow more smoothly and is safer for your children. When entering Kiss'N'Ride, please pull your car up and stop at the east driveway and wait for an adult to let your children out. This way we avoid line-ups that block the driveway. We have noticed cars pulling up close to the school and driving in the bus lane. This is very unsafe for the students who are being let out in the Kiss'N'Ride lane as they must cross in front of moving cars. We ask that all private vehicles use the outside lane as the inside lane is reserved for buses only. Thank you to our Kiss'N'Ride Volunteers.

Advent at St. Edmund

Sunday, November 27 was the First Sunday of Advent. At St. Edmund, we do many special things to celebrate this time of waiting. Our prayer tables are draped in violet, which is the colour that signifies waiting. We display Advent wreaths with the four candles that signify each Sunday. We have special liturgies and a school mass in which we celebrate the Eucharist.

We will be learning and practicing songs and carols for a school carol liturgy/celebration on December 21.

This is a special year in the Church as on the First Sunday of Advent, we began using a new translation of the Roman Missal. The long process of translating the original Roman Missal from the early Church from Latin into English is explained in a letter from Archbishop Thomas Collins. You will notice that some of the responses and prayers in the mass are different. The wording is a more accurate translation from the Latin, and gestures have been attached. As a school, we will continue to practice the new responses and prayers together in group assemblies.

Dates to Remember:

December 5	Advent School Mass 1:15 p.m.
December 9	Virtues Assembly 1:00 p.m.
December 14	Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
December 12	Doctor Simone visit 9:15 a.m.
December 21	Nativity Carol Celebration 1:00 p.m.
December 23	Last day of classes
December 26 to January 8 – Christmas Break	
January 9	First day back from Christmas Break
January 12	French Immersion Information Meeting
January 16	P. A. Day for Evaluation
January 19	Extended French Information Meeting
January 25	Walking In My Shoes – Loretta Penny
January 29	Family Skate at Hershey Centre
February 2	Parent/Teacher/Student Interview Evening
February 3	P.A. Day Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
February 6	Kindergarten Registration
February 21	Shrove Tuesday
February 22	Ash Wednesday

Catholic Community, Culture and Caring Committee

The joint parent and teacher committee met for the first time on November 15, 2011. Teachers, parents and students are represented on this committee. The goal of this group is to collaboratively plan and carry out strategies to help make all students at St. Edmund feel safe, that they belong and that they are included. Baseline data about student's perceptions about bullying was collected from Grade 4 to 8 in spring of 2011 and this data has been reviewed by our staff and our CCCC Committee. This year we have extended the committee to involve students. This group has called itself the "S.C.I. (Safe, Caring and Inclusive) Squad" and has been meeting to help identify areas in which we can improve as a school. They also volunteer suggestions about activities that will enhance everyone's sense of belonging and community. Our P.A.L.'s programme, coordinated by Mrs. Maddison, is an example of a peer led activity that facilitates cooperative play the primary playground. The motto of P.A.L.S. is "There is always room for one more."

Catholic School Councils

Catholic School Councils are an integral part of the school community, working in partnership with home, school and parish.

Examples of this would be our Family Movie Nights, support of our sports teams, and purchasing books for our Forest of Reading Club.

The Goals of School Councils are to:

- 1) Support school administration and staff to augment and supplement school curriculum needs such as literacy and numeracy initiatives;
- 2) Support the efforts of extra-curricular activities; and
- 3) Facilitate open communication and sharing of information within School Council and to general school community.

Next School Council Meeting:

December 14, 2011 at 7:00.

Child care is provided.

Kindergarten Registration Dates

Registration of Junior and Senior Kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year, will take place at St. Edmund on the following days:

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

*Snow day Tuesday, February 7, 2012 – 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8, 9 and 10, 2012 -- 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m.

For more information, contact the school office at (905-277-8962).

Students currently attending Junior Kindergarten at St. Edmund do not need to re-register for Senior Kindergarten.

Extended French

Grade 4 parent(s)/guardian(s), who wish to enroll their child in Grade 5 Extended French for September 2012, are invited to attend an information meeting at St. Thomas More School on January 19, at 7:00 p.m. At this time, St. Thomas More is the designated Extended French school for St. Edmund.

Applications are due on February 8 at 3:00 p.m.

French Immersion

Senior Kindergarten parents/guardians, who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 1 French Immersion class for September, 2012 are invited to attend an information meeting at St. Gertrude on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

The deadline for submission of Applications will be Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Vacations during the School Year

Students are expected to attend school for the full school year. Teachers have a great deal of curriculum to cover and need to assess student learning over a period of time. Please refrain from booking holidays during the school year. Your consideration and attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Virtue of the Month – Hope

People of hope keep up a positive attitude, can bounce back from tough situations, set and stick to their goals, see the good in others even when they make mistakes, work to include others and let others know that *they* are good people. During this season of hope we remember how God sent his Son to be a beacon of goodness and light in the world.

Lord, give us eyes of hope to see the good in everything and everyone around us. May your virtue of hope guide our decisions for the service of all your people. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen



Nativity Carol Celebration

You are invited to attend our celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord in song on:

December 21, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

You are invited to sing along with our students as the story of the Nativity is dramatized by our Intermediate students and told through familiar Christmas carols sung by our classes.

Please join us!