



# St. Edmund Elementary School

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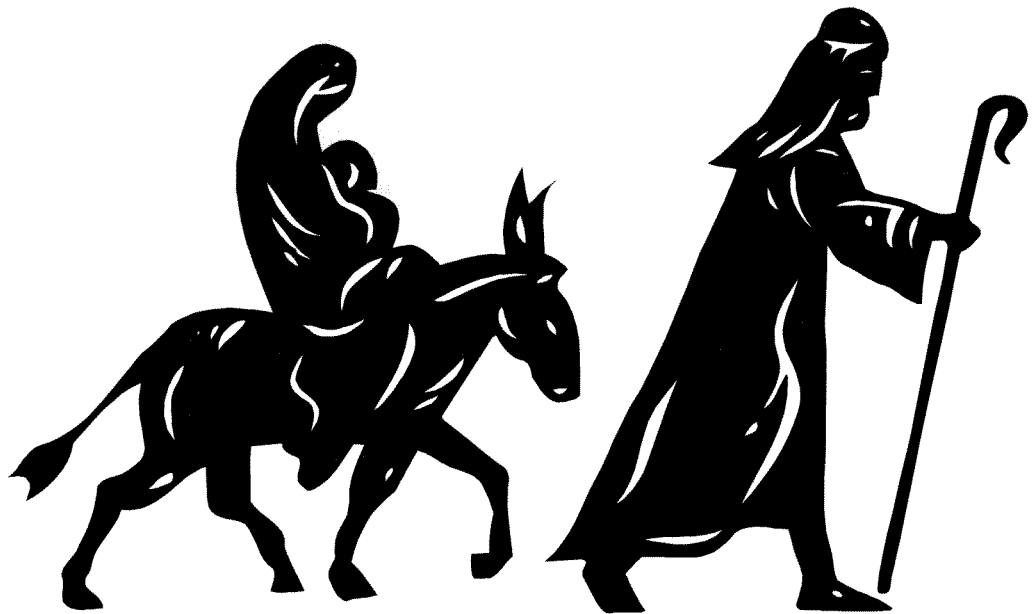
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## *Jesus*

*Son of God  
 King of Kings  
 Messiah  
 Bread of Life  
 Redeemer  
 Lamb of God  
 Saviour  
 Light of the World  
 Alpha and Omega  
 Prince of Peace*

## What's Inside:

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*Celebrating the humble Birth of our Glorious Saviour and wishing you a season full of overflowing joy and peace.*

*The Staff of St. Edmund School*

## Ballroom Dancing

Our Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 students will be starting Ballroom Dancing January 10 or 12, 2012. The classes will be divided evenly between the Tuesday and Thursday. At the end of the eight week session there will be a dance performance. Further details regarding the performance will be sent out closer to the date. Thank you to school council for raising funds to support the cost.



## Premier's Award for Teaching Excellence

There are many examples of excellence in Ontario's schools, boards and licensed child care settings, and just as many reasons to nominate someone for a Premier's Award for Teaching Excellence.

These awards celebrate educators and support staff who make remarkable contributions to Ontario's education system.

Many staff employed in Ontario's publicly funded schools and boards can be nominated. There are eight award categories:

- Teacher of the Year
- New Teacher of the Year
- Early Childhood Educator of the Year (New!)
- Excellent Support Staff
- Excellence in Leadership
- Lifetime Achievement
- Team of the Year
- Full-Day Kindergarten Team of the Year (New!)

Nominations are open until February 6, 2012. Award recipients will be announced in the spring and recognized in a special awards ceremony during Education Week in May.

To learn more about this prestigious award and to nominate a teacher, please visit [www.ontario.ca/teachingawards](http://www.ontario.ca/teachingawards).

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to our trustee, Mario Pascucci, who was recently elected Chair of the 11-member Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. The new Vice Chair is Linda Zanella, Trustee of Brampton West.

We wish them success and fulfillment as they take on their new roles in furthering Catholic Education.

## Cookies for Sale!

We continue to sell "peanut free" Terra Cotta cookies for \$1.00 each. Current types available: Chocolate Chip, Rice Krispie Squares, and Vanilla Snowman shaped. Popcorn will be available for \$1.00 in January along with the cookies.



Proceeds from the sale of the cookies and popcorn are going toward the cost of Future Steps Ballroom Dancing.

## New Year's Resolutions!

DPCDSB Community Programs from Adult and Continuing Education

Winter 2012 DPCDSB Adult and Continuing Education program flyers arrive at your doorstep the week of January 2, 2012.

You are invited to join in these exciting community programs.

- o Computer ABC's Day Program
- o Car Maintenance for Women
- o Secondary Night School Credit
- o French as a Second Language
- o Adult Coop and Credit
- o General Interest Programs
- o International Languages
- o English as a Second Language
- o Citizenship and ESL Classes
- o Health and Fitness
- o Much Much More

Register now for lifelong learning *opportunities!*  
Call 905-891-9263 ext.0 or [www.dpcdsb.org/cec/cne](http://www.dpcdsb.org/cec/cne)

## 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.

## Please Save the Date: Social Networking Presentation

Did you know that St. Edmund students have identified the internet and on-line behaviour as factors that interfere with their feeling of safety at school? As adults we did not grow up with this form of communication. It is important that we learn all we can about both the benefits and the harmful influences of online interactions that may be affecting your child. We encourage all St. Edmund parents to attend a presentation on Social Networking on March 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.

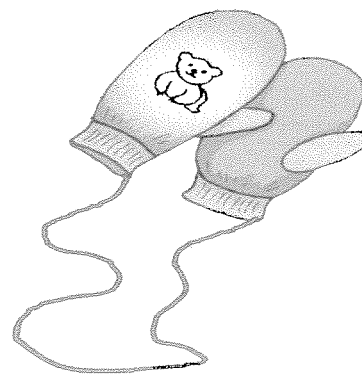
## Important Dates:

December 25	Christmas Day
<b>December 26 to January 6</b>	<b>Christmas Break</b>
January 9	First day back from Christmas Break
January 9 & 11	Peel Police Presentation — Stranger Awareness, Bullying, Community Helpers
January 10 & 12	Primary Ballroom Dancing Begins
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 Presentation — Loretta Penny
January 29	Family Skate at Hershey Centre
January 31	Report Cards go Home
February 2	Parent/Teacher/Student Interview
	Evening
February 3	P.A. Day Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
February 6	Kindergarten Registration
February 21	Shrove Tuesday — Pancake Breakfast
February 22	Ash Wednesday
February 24	Don't Punch Judy — Puppet Show
March 22	Social Networking Presentations

## Wet Days—Dry Clothes

The winter weather will be with us sooner than we want. The children love to play in the schoolyard when there is snow on the ground. This often results in wet mitts, pants or socks.

Please pack spare clothes in your child's back pack, and let your child know. This will save you a trip to the school with dry items for your child.



## Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) Bus Cancellation/School Closing Due to Bad Weather

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 and television stations:

VIRGIN RADIOFM99.9	CHUM AM1050	CFTR AM680
CFNY FM102.1/AM640	CJCL AM590	CHFI FM98.1
CFRB AM1010	EZ ROCK FM97.3	FM Z103.5
FM93.1	FM Q107	CHIN FM100.7
AM1540	CBC99.1	CP24
CITY TV	GLOBAL NEWS	CTV

We will be communicating one of four standard messages to the radio stations. The four announcements and their effect on the transportation system are as follows: (Please note that the highlighted text only will be communicated by the radio stations).

1. **"DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES SERVING ST. ANDREW, ST. BENEDICT AND ST. PETER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND R.F. HALL SECONDARY SCHOOL ARE CANCELLED FOR TODAY."**

2. **"THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES IN THE TOWN OF CALEDON AND THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN ARE CANCELLED"**. This means that all runs listed under announcement #1 PLUS the following are cancelled. All schools in the Town of Caledon and all school runs that begin in the Town of Caledon. Individual schools will be notified if this cancellation affects their school.

3. **"THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES ARE CANCELLED."** *This means that:* ALL Transportation services provided by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and The Peel District School Board, including buses, vans and taxis have been cancelled for the entire day.

4. **"THE SCHOOLS AND OFFICES OF BOTH THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ARE CLOSED."** *This means that:* ALL Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and Peel District School Board schools and offices are closed to all students and staff.

Or check GeoQuery at <https://businfo.stopr.ca> and click on **Delays and Cancellations**

## Celebrating Advent

During Advent we prepare our homes and hearts to receive the special guest, Our Lord Jesus. At St. Edmund School, we have emphasized charity towards others. We were honoured to have Dr. Simone visit us on December 12 to explain about the mission he supports and how our donations help others in the world. The salt is necessary to provide iodine for mothers and children, and is an essential element in our bodies. Candles provide light in places without electricity, and vitamins assist children who may be undernourished. The picture books help people to learn to read. Thank you for your generous donation of these items to help support Dr. Simone's mission.



## Prayer Before Christmas Dinner

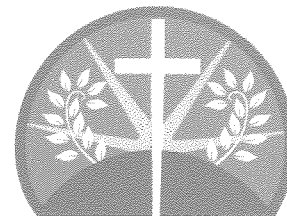
Lord Jesus,

In the peace of this season our spirits are joyful: We thank you for all you have given us. The gift of life, of family, and friends and food that strengthens and nourishes us.

You loved us so much that you sent your Son Jesus to become part of our lives, to forgive us and save us and show us your care for us.

By your coming may the hungry be filled with good things, and may our table and home be blessed.

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty through Christ our Lord, Amen



**MISSISSAUGA EAST**  
FAMILY OF SCHOOLS  
"Christ is our Light"

# St. Edmund News Crew

## What's new in the library!!!

Silver birch is a reading club for students in grades 5-6. Express is for grades 3-4.

Red maple is the same thing as Silver Birch but it is for students in grades 7-8.

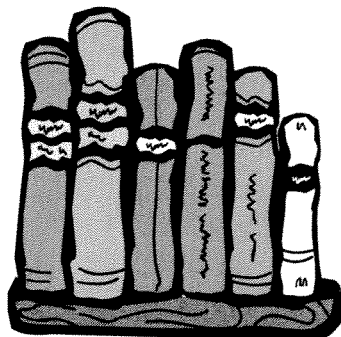
The book fair will be at the end of January.

Students are enjoying the Christmas books and the book clubs are starting on their wiki. A wiki means students can talk about books online. Ms. Moher has to close

the library for Christmas, and collect the younger grades books back so they don't lose them.

The library has tons of new books. They are found in the blue and red boxes. So when you come in the library you should check them out!

by Karolina, Bebiana and Bronwyn



## St. Edmund Christmas Concert!

All of St. Edmund school will be celebrating Christmas together. Singing is one of the things we will be doing.

We will be celebrating in the gym and at home with our wonderful families.

The Christmas concert will take place on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon. Parents are invited to come and watch their children singing with their class and teachers.

One of the things families will be doing together at home during the holidays is eating good, special food. Most families go to church, give gifts and show love to their family and friends.

By: Sophia T. & Stefania C.

*BEAUTIFUL ADVENT MASS*

*ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011 WE HAD THE ADVENT MASS.*

*THE PRIEST WAS FATHER FACEY. HE TAUGHT US THE NEW WAY TO SAY MASS.*

*WE WERE WAITING FOR JESUS' BIRTH.*

*IT TOOK PLACE AT THE CHURCH NEXT DOOR.*

*The whole school was there.*

*There were many changes. For example when he said, "the Lord be with you." We say, "and with your spirit." There were a lot of changes, it was a lot to remember. But we did it!*

*We sang "The King of Glory", "O Come Divine Messiah" and "The Advent Song"*

*By Kristopher and Richard*

## Read To Succeed

### Junior Boys' Volleyball



A big congratulations to Ethan, Quentin, Alec, Cameron, Lucas S., Anthony, Jesse, Matthew and Brandon. But they couldn't have done it without their coaches – Mr. Nasato, Mr. Pividor and Mr. Spadafina.

They won four games and came in second place.

Their best game was against Canadian Martyrs. The boys played extremely well and the final was very intense and exciting. They always encouraged each other, they gave each other high fives and also did a cheer at every game.

If they tried out next year Mr. Nasato said "I would be happy to put them all on the team."

But they could also improve by passing the ball higher to each other but other than that they did a great job and next year we hope they go even further.

By: Sophia.T ,Natalie.H and Luke.G

On the morning of November 23<sup>rd</sup> Ms. Smith's class and Mr. Nasato's class went to Lakeview library on a fabulous field trip.

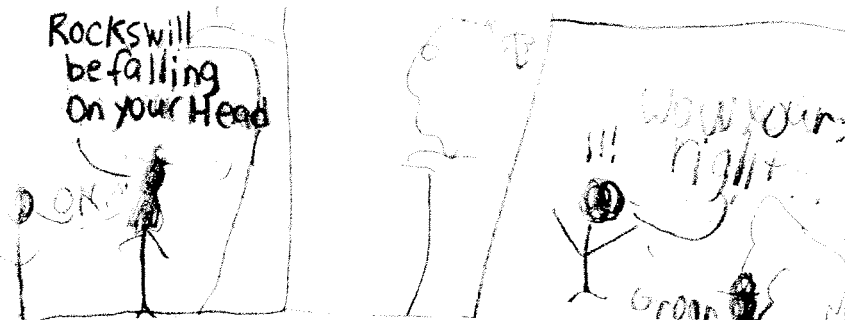
The teachers Ms. Smith, Mr. Nasato and the librarian, Julie were in charge. What we did there was we listened to a presentation and looked for books in the newly renovated library.

We got our own library cards so we could take out our own books. The Read to Succeed program is all about reading books. You go to the library not once, not twice, but three times. The first time you go you get a prize. The second time you go you get a prize. The third time you go you get your name on the poster that they have in the library. The class that gets

the most people on their poster gets to miss a whole day of school to listen to famous authors talk about their books.

We went there to be introduced to books and activities in the library. We also went so students would get to know their local library branch and hopefully want to come back with their families. Just so you know we went by bus.

BY: Marie, Vanessa, and Nicole



Stanly the stick man the ultimate rock collector of 2011.

Stanley is looking for rocks under a cliff with his dad.



The extinction of stickmen.

By Michael L.

