



# St. Edmund Elementary School

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## Prayer for a New Year

May we find peace and tranquility in the year 2012

Give us strength and compassion to understand each other, wisdom and love to help one another. The trust and patience we need to live peacefully together.

Grant that through our school community, through the intercession of the Holy Family, we become dedicated to You, O Lord.

A community that works together as one, a community that embraces peace and love, and a community that continues to support one another.

Amen

## Happy New Year!

The staff at St. Edmund extend best wishes for a wonderful year filled with God's blessings. Thank you to the many parents and guardians who stopped by to wish us a Merry Christmas and to thank our wonderful staff for the hard work they do every day.

Every new year brings excitement to set goals and new resolutions. St. Edmund will continue to move towards being an Eco Friendly school. The EcoKids will continue to conduct energy audits and are now collecting plastic water bottles to see how many we actually use and if there are ways we can reduce this use of plastic in our environment. Our Safe, Caring and Inclusive "SCI Squad" student group has begun planning activities to present to classes to help everyone become a more empathetic citizen of the school.

Thank you to all the families who donated salt, candles, vitamins and picture books to Dr. Simone's mission. The generosity of this community continues to be boundless.

## What's Inside:

- Important Dates
- Special Presentations
- Parent Committees
- Emergency Procedures
- Appropriate Play

**REPORT CARDS GO HOME**  
 January 31, 2012

We congratulate our Grade 2 students who have recently celebrated the sacrament of First Reconciliation. Please pray for them as they continue in their journey in faith. **The Parent meeting for First Eucharist at St. Patrick's church will be held on February 29 at 7:00 p.m.**

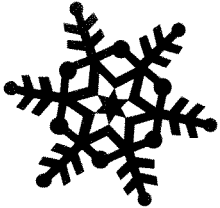
There are happy beginnings and sadly there are endings too. On behalf of the staff and students, we extend our condolences to Mrs. Cabral, our PLASP coordinator, whose mother passed away before Christmas. Our condolences also go out to Mario Pascucci, our Trustee and newly elected Chair of the Board as his father passed away shortly in the New Year.

May this year bring happiness, health, love and God's continued blessings to our whole school community.

T. Frendo  
 Principal

### Snow stays on the Ground!

With the snow and ice that will inevitably arrive, a reminder of our safety policy is warranted. Throwing snowballs and sliding on ice are NOT permitted. As much fun as snow and ice are, they can also be very dangerous when there are many people in one area. Many student injuries happen during the winter months. In order for our school to be as safe as possible,



the school rule must be that snow stays on the ground –no snowballs, kicking snow or any other activity with snow and ice that could be harmful. Please take a few moments to reinforce these important safety rules with your children.

### Aggressive Play

Recess times should be a period of fun and cooperation. Congratulations to those students who give each other extra turns or change the rules to games so that more students can win. We have noticed that in the Junior Division particularly, some games such as four square or king's court have become overly aggressive, and unfortunately, this has led to injuries. Throwing balls too forcefully and pushing and shoving create conflict and penalize the majority of students who make good choices about playing appropriately. Please discuss with your child how to follow rules and show good "sportsmanship." Unfortunately we have had to stop primary mini hockey for the same reason. Staff on duty will stop a game if they perceive it is getting too rough.

### Indoor Shoes

Our weather this year has been erratic varying from warm and sunny one day, and cold and wet the next. For this reason it is important that students come prepared with "indoor shoes" as well as boots for cold weather. This is also a safety request. In the event of a fire alarm, all occupants must vacate the building regardless of the weather. There will be no time to put on boots or outdoor shoes. Bedroom slippers are not appropriate for school as they do not provide proper support or may not be slip resistant. Please label all shoes and boots with your child's name.



### Emergency School Procedures

There may be days during the upcoming winter months when inclement weather presents a potential safety hazard to our students. It is essential that parents and children discuss the procedures that they wish to follow for safe arrival at home.

#### For students that do not take the bus:

1. The best way to walk home;
2. With whom the child should walk
3. Where the child should go if there is no one at home;
4. How the child should seek help if wind and snow are so strong that they cannot see the way home
5. Ensure school emergency contact information is updated and accurate

#### For students who do take the bus:

It is a fact that bad weather may cause delays for student pick up at bus stops. Please ensure that your child has a safe place to go if the bus is late or does not arrive. If you notice that a student is stranded at a bus stop, please attempt to contact the child's parent. It is not recommended that parents volunteer to drive another child to school without the permission of the child's parent. If you decide to transport your child to school because buses have been cancelled, please ensure that you have made arrangements for their return home at the end of the day.

### Bus Students Walking Home

Bus students occasionally choose to walk home and tell us "it is ok with my parents." However, it is important that the school is always aware of how your child is getting home on a day to day basis. If you wish your child to walk home when they are ordinarily transported by bus, please send this request in writing to the office.

### Ballroom Dancing

Thank you for submitting your orders for the Junior and Intermediate Ballroom Dancing DVD. The orders have been submitted to the Media Department and we will send the DVDs home as soon as they are produced. In January, the primary students began an eight week session learning the Waltz, the Merengue and the Cha Cha Cha. The students continue to have a regular gym period as well as a "dancing" gym period. Thank you to school council for sharing the cost of these lessons. Proceeds from our cookie and popcorn sales will be directed towards this initiative as well.

## Presentations at St. Edmund

### Dental Presentation

The primary grades will be visited by Dr. Stacey Saunders and Dr. Kate this week who will teach them how to properly care for their teeth. Thank you to Mrs. Parutto-Pividor for arranging this visit, and thank you to these professionals for volunteering their time to educate our children on dental hygiene.

### Virtues — Hope

Due to a scheduling conflict, our Virtues assembly will now be held on Friday, January 20, at 1:00 in the afternoon. All are welcome to attend.

### Peel Police Presentations

Constable Wayne Moore visited our school in early January and made presentations on Community helpers, Stranger Awareness, Bullying and Cyber bullying. You are encouraged to discuss these important topics with your child.

### Loretta Penny — Walk a Mile in My Shoes

On January 25 at 1:00 p.m. St. Edmund will host a presentation by Loretta Penny entitled "Walk a Mile in My Shoes." Ms. Penny has travelled the world and will be sharing her perspectives on how other children live in our community and other parts of the world. Her talk helps children to appreciate what they have and inspires them to be empathetic towards others. Grade 4-8 students will be hearing this presentation, and as always, the parent community is invited. Thank you to our Catholic School Council for fundraising for this presentation.

### Stop Punching Judy!

Second City will be presenting a puppet show to our primary students on the topic of bullying. This interactive show will help teach students about ways to solve conflict in a peaceful and productive manner. The show will be held on February 24 at 9:30 a.m. and all parents and guardians are welcome to join us.

### Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools

We require two or three parent volunteers to be part of our Catholic Community Culture and Caring Committee. Parents, teachers and students at St. Edmund school are working together to improve everyone's sense of safety, inclusion and belonging. If you would like to be part of this committee and can meet during the hours of 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., please call the school.

## Important Dates:

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	Stop Punching Judy, Puppet Show
February 29	Gr. 8 Graduation Photos
<b>March 12-16</b>	<b>March Break</b>
March 22	Social Networking Presentations — Paul Davis — Students during day, parents in the evening
April 5	Stations of the Cross

## Council News

Thank you to our Catholic School Council for working diligently on behalf of our students. They have approved many of the "wish list" items for the school. Staff have begun spending money on craft supplies, storage items for mathematics, dancing and presentations that focus on anti-bullying and promoting a positive school climate. Please join us for our next School Council meeting on March 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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### Paul Davis — Social Networking

Paul Davis will be making three presentations about Social Networking. Two will take place in the afternoon for students from Grade 4-8, and the third, designed for parents, will take place on the evening of March 22, 2012. Students themselves have identified the Internet as a factor that interferes with their feelings of safety at school. It is important that we as adults learn as much as we can about the many new forms of communication and the implications these can have, both positively and negatively, on our children.

## Celebrating the Virtues:

### In the month of January we will celebrate the virtue of Self-Control:

People with self-control

- Are patient
- Know how to wait his/her turn
- Can calm him/herself down and thinks before reacting to situations
- Can think things through and do what is best for Everyone

God has given us the ability to choose.

We are able to control how we react to what happens around us.

We sometimes feel pressure from inside or from outside ourselves to react violently to a situation. We've all "lost it" at one time or another. We are never proud of those moments. As soon as they happen we make a promise that it will not happen again.

Through prayer and concentration, we can get better at controlling our reactions. We can get better at showing self-control.

Self-control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that we will regret.

Self-control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that will harm ourselves or others.

Self-control is one of the marks of a spiritually mature person.

When we all use self-control, we can be sure that our school will be a safe, caring and inclusive place to live and to learn.

### In the month of February we will celebrate the virtue of Respect:

A respectful person

- Treats himself/herself and everyone else with equal consideration and courtesy
- Uses a positive tone of voice and body language
- Avoids swearing, name calling, put-downs, and inappropriate gestures
- Says "excuse me", "Please," and "Pardon me"
- Avoids gossip

God has given us the virtues of friends and companions to keep us company and to help us out along the way.

Every person in our lives carries the Spirit of God—and so every person is our brother or sister through Jesus Christ.

As brothers and sisters who share one Holy Spirit, we are all valuable to God. We all deserve to be shown courtesy, consideration, sensitivity and thoughtfulness which are different ways of saying respect.

That respect should come first and foremost from ourselves. We have to respect ourselves and then we will be able to respect others. We should also be able to expect to be treated with respect by everyone we meet—our brothers and sisters in Jesus.

"Do unto others as they would do unto you." is known as the Golden Rule. The concept of respect is rooted in this adage and is universal.

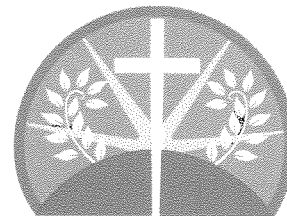
St. Francis of Assisi once said "preach the Gospel and when necessary use words." He meant that by speaking, acting and serving one another as disciples of Jesus we more powerfully demonstrate our beliefs and share the Good News with our brothers and sisters.

### February 6, 8, 9 and 10, Junior, Senior and Full-Day Kindergarten Registration for 2012-13

Registration for Junior, Senior and Full-Day Kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year, will take place at all Catholic elementary schools in Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon, Bolton and Orangeville on the following days: Monday, February 6, 2012\* - 7:00-9:00 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 8, 9 & 10, 2012 - 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m. \*Snow Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2012 - 7:00-9:00 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.dpcdsb.org/CEC/Schools/Kindergarten+Registration.htm>.

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**St. Edmund is not offering Full-Day Kindergarten until 2013-2014.**



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

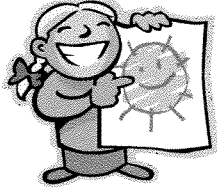
## **Junior & Senior Kindergarten Registration for 2012-2013**

**Registration for the 2012-2013 school year  
will be held at all Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools**

**February 6, 2011 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

*\*Snow Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2012 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*

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



*Junior Kindergarten - Children born in 2008  
Senior Kindergarten - Children born in 2007*

### **Parents/Guardians should bring the following documents when registering their child:**

- Proof of age
- Original** Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (for parent and child) or Baptismal Certificate of other rites in communion with the Holy See of Rome (if the child has not been baptized, a letter of counseling with the parish priest, to complete the process will be accepted)
- Updated immunization records
- Proof of Canadian citizenship or of Landed Immigrant status
- Proof of home address (utility bill, bank or credit card statement)
- Proof of English Separate School Support (may be done at the time of registration by completing an *Application For the Direction of School Support* and/or a *Separate School Lease Agreement* available at the school)

### **PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:**

There will be an information session for **parents of children with special needs** such as vision, hearing, physical, developmental or autism who are entering the Board for the first time in September 2012. The information session will be held at the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Office, 40 Matheson Blvd. West, Mississauga (Northwest corner of Hurontario Street and Matheson Blvd., south of Hwy. 401) Room 301 on **Tuesday January 17, 2012 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**For more information, contact your local Catholic school or call the Admissions Department at 905-890-0708 ext. 24500.**

**Dear Parents and Guardians:**

Do you know how ONLINE behaviour is affecting your child and their relationships?

Don't miss this important presentation!

# "Online Social Networking Safety 101"

**Date: March 22, 2012**



**Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. plus Q&A**

**Location: St. Edmund Elementary School**



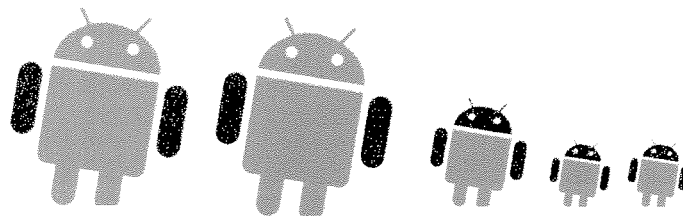
**Guest Speaker:** Paul Davis from [socialnetworkingsafety.net](http://socialnetworkingsafety.net)

**Topics:** FACEBOOK, CyberBullying, Hand Held Devices, Texting, Legal Matters,  
and a Common Sense Approach to dealing with the  
technology your children have, or are asking you for!

**This presentation is intended for adults only.** Your children (Grade 4 onwards)  
will have an age appropriate presentation given to them during the school day.

Refreshments will be available.

Child Care will be provided in our school library.



Mark your calendars and Tweet this to all your friends and family!

Thank you to our Catholic School Council for supporting this event.

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