

Father Francis McSpiritt September Newsletter 2011



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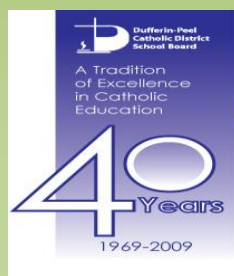
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Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new school year. I am pleased to return to Father Francis McSpiritt School as Acting Principal. We would like to congratulate Mrs. G. Sideroff who has been appointed full time Vice Principal. We extend a warm welcome to all the new families in our school community and welcome back all those returning to Father Francis McSpiritt School. A special greeting to our Early Learning students who will be starting school for the first time in the new Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten program.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated and enthusiastic staff who have worked diligently to plan excellent educational experiences for your children this year. Thank you to Mrs. K. Walsh, Head Secretary and Mrs. D. Murray, Assistant Secretary for all their hard work preparing for school opening. Our custodial staff, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Leo and Mrs. Dhillon have been working hard preparing the school for your children. Our appreciation is extended to them for making the school so clean and sparkling for the start of school.

Our school community is strengthened through our partnership with home and parish. The staff looks forward to working together with our community to support each child in their educational journey. We look forward to meeting you at our open house. An invitation will be sent home with the date and time for the Open House to be held Wednesday, September 28th, 2011 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Prayer for a New School Year

Loving God,

As we begin this new school year together, we pray that you extend your Blessing over our staff, students, their families and our school community throughout the coming year.

May our school be filled with love, joy, hope and learning.

Guide us to let trespasses be forgiven,

Let wounds be healed, and let conflict melt into harmony.

May our children grow in knowledge, understanding and wisdom.

May they be strong in mind, body and spirit.

May they support one another towards becoming the best that they can be.

May they have the courage to follow your way,

And may we all work together as "one" in community to continue to create an environment and world, where all will flourish.

Amen

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Bussing

We would like to remind you of the website www.businfo.stopr.ca to check to see if you are eligible for bussing. For specific information you need to use the Ontario Education Number (OEN) found at the top of each student's report card. Courtesy Seat permission is granted for one year only. At this time transportation is only available to eligible students. Applications will be accepted at the end of September for Courtesy Seats. Children who were previously granted permission to ride the bus under the courtesy seat policy must find alternative transportation until the seating arrangements on the buses has been finalized.

Attendance and Punctuality

It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to ensure that her/his child(ren) "be in attendance and at scheduled activities on time and with the proper materials required for full participation". Regular and punctual attendance is vital to the process of learning. Students who are habitually late experience disruption in their learning and disrupt the learning of others. Your cooperation to support daily, timely attendance and the development of positive work related habits and student learning is appreciated.



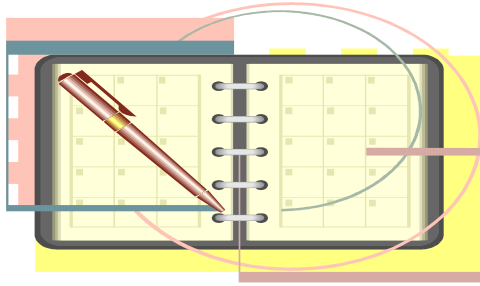
Student Verification Program

The student verification program requires parents and guardians to call the school to report their child(rens) absence. In the event your child will not be attending school, please call the 24-hour phone line to call in an absence. When the school does not receive a call and there is an unexplained absence, staff will make a reasonable effort to contact the parent/guardian through the telephone contact numbers provided. Parents/guardians share in the responsibility for their child's safe arrival at school by ensuring the school has complete and up-to-date contact information on file and by communicating student absence and/or lateness. Please return Student Information forms sent home to update telephone numbers, etc.

Yard Supervision

Morning yard supervision begins at 8:30 a.m. In the interest of the safety of your child, please do not drop your child off prior to 8:30 a.m. and please be prompt for dismissal pick-up at 3:15 p.m.

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Student Insurance

As required by the Education Act and the Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents/guardians with information about cost-effective student accident insurance coverage. Although enrolment is voluntary, the school board encourages parents/guardians to take advantage of the insurance coverage, especially if their child/children participate in sports/excursions/field trips, or if parents do not have dental insurance. Enrolment may be made by completing the traditional form (attached) and mail it in.

Student Agendas

Student Agendas have been purchased and have been distributed to students at a cost of \$5.00 per agenda. In addition to fostering the development of time management and organizational skills, the agenda serves as a valuable communication tool between the home and school. Parents/guardians are encouraged to review the agenda with their child(ren) and to follow-up daily to support the development of positive work habits. Please forward payment to your child's teacher.

Catholic School Council (CSC)

Nomination forms for the Father Francis McSpirtt Catholic School Council will be available at the school office Monday, September 12, 2011. Nomination forms must be returned to the school office by September 23rd, 2011. The inaugural School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5th at 7:00 pm in the school library.

See Attachments

2011-2012 School Year Calendar
Child and Family Services Act
Elementary School Organization Plans for 2011-2012
LION Bus – Learning in Our Neighbourhood
School Insurance

Dates to Remember

Monday, September 12

Friday, September 16

Monday, September 19

Tuesday, September 20

Friday, September 23

Wednesday, September 28

Wednesday, October 5

Monday, October 10

Friday, October 14

Thursday, October 27

Friday, October 28

Catholic School Council Nomination Forms Available

P.A. Day – no school for students

See / Hear Clinic

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CSC Nominations Close

Open House from 6:30 – 8:00

Catholic School Catholic Meeting 7:00 pm in the Library

Thanksgiving Day

Hepatitis B, Meningitis and HPV Clinic for Grades 7 and 8

Picture Day – Schedule to Follow

Picture Day