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REMEMBRANCE AND PEACE

Lord Jesus, You said to Your disciples,
"Blessed are the Peace Makers,
for they will be called Children of God."
You know how much the world needs Your peace
Yet in so many places in the world there is only war and conflict.
Lord, through the power of Your Holy Spirit,
Transform human hearts,
Give our world a desire for Peace,
And help us to do our part.
We pray in Your Holy name.
Amen

VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: CONSCIENCE

During the month of November we will focus on
the virtue of Conscience.

A person of conscience:

- Chooses to do the right thing, even when it is hard to do so.
- Takes the time to think and pray before making decisions.
- Knows that their actions and decisions affect all those around them.
- Thinks of others before themselves.

From the perspective of the **Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations**, a person of conscience...

- Makes decisions according to gospel values
- Accepts accountability for one's own actions

PROGRESS REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS

Our First Term Progress Reports will be sent home on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you wish to discuss your child's progress at any time. Telephone interviews will be conducted. Please see the information sent home with your child.



Nov 10: Report cards go home

Nov 11: Remembrance Day

Nov 13: School Closed to Students for classroom re-organization—look for the day's work on Google Classroom, World Kindness Day, Confirmation for last year's grade 7 students

Nov 18: Human Trafficking Presentation for parents (see flyer in newsletter)

Nov 15-21: Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week

Nov 26: School Council Zoom Meeting, 6:30pm

Nov 26 Save the Date: Robert F. Hall Virtual Information Open House

ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

November is the month of Remembrance. For Catholics this is a special time of year, as we are reminded of the importance of the feasts of All Saints & All Souls Day.

These two special days remind us that God has a special plan for everyone. Before we were born, God willed for us to live with Him forever. When we were baptized, we became part of a special family called the communion of saints, who share in Jesus' gift of His holiness. The saints are people who said "yes" to God's plan for them and are now in heaven. Some were children and young people, some were mothers and fathers, some were monks, priests or nuns, and some were single people. On All Saints Day, we praise and thank God for all that He has done for us through these holy people. We ask the saints to pray for us that we might love our God and neighbour the way Jesus taught us. On All Souls Day, we pray for all people who have died. We ask God to bring them to the joyful banquet of heaven to be with God and the saints forever.

Principal
Mr. J. Amodeo

Vice Principal
Mrs. Marsi

LUNCH TIME PROCEDURES

Each child needs to bring a full lunch, personal water bottle and snacks every day. There will be no lunch programs or pizza days this year. Students will eat in their classrooms in their personal space. A student can leave the school to go to only their home for lunch and return to school. Students will not be permitted to use the water fountains other than to fill their water bottles. If your child forgets his/her lunch, school staff will contact you to provide information regarding next steps. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe.

SCHOOL ENTRY AND DISMISSAL

A reminder to parents that staff supervision begins in the morning at 8:00 am. Students should not be at school prior to 8:00 am. In addition, our students are dismissed between 2:35pm and 2:45pm each day. If parents are making alternate arrangements for their child(ren) to return home at the end of the day, they must put it in writing, otherwise children will be directed to return home in their usual manner. Adults are reminded to wear masks and maintain social distance when picking up their children from school.



MASK BREAKS & COLD WEATHER

As the weather changes and gets colder, please ensure that your child comes to school prepared to go outside for 30 minutes in both the morning and afternoon for a mask break. All children should have a hat, scarf, gloves, warm coat and boots that are labeled with their name. In colder weather we often receive requests to allow children to remain indoors when students have a cold. Please note that we cannot comply, as we have neither the facilities, nor the staff to supervise these students. If you feel your child is not well enough to go outside, it would be best for you to keep your child at home; moreover, health officials indicate that fresh air is beneficial, as long as students are dressed appropriately. On extremely cold days, we will limit the amount of time that students spend outdoors. We obtain our weather information from the Environment Canada Weather Information Line and follow board guidelines.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We ask that parents continue to support their children in their morning routines so that they can arrive to school on time. This ensures that your child learns an essential life skill, participates in the entire school day, and that disruptions to the learning environment are minimal. Please note, the attendance line is open 24 hours a day to accept messages so you do not have to wait for the school to be open to report your child's absence.

BULLYING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK

Ontario has designated the week beginning on the third Sunday of November as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week to help promote safe schools and a positive learning environment.

During Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week – November 15-21, 2020 – Ontario students, school staff and parents are encouraged to learn more about bullying and its effect on student learning and well-being.

Bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.

MEDICAL ALERT - SABRINA'S LAW (ANAPHYLAXIS)

As we begin a new school year, we would like to inform you that St. Evan Elementary is an allergen aware school. There are pupils in attendance who suffer from severe and life-threatening allergies to certain foods, such as dairy, peanut and nut products. Exposure to the smallest quantities can cause severe life-threatening reactions.

Anaphylaxis is a severe and life-threatening allergic reaction. The most common allergen triggers are food, insect stings, medications, exercise and latex. An anaphylactic reaction involves symptoms from two or more body systems. The safety and well-being of all of our students is a priority.

In order to ensure the safety and well-being of all pupils, we request that you NOT send any lunches or snacks that contain peanuts and/or tree nuts, including peanut butter substitute products. Please make sure that all of your children's caregivers are aware of the food restrictions. Please do not send anything to school to recognize birthdays or special occasions. Additional allergy concerns in specific classrooms was recently shared by the classroom teacher.

If you have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher or the school staff. We appreciate your cooperation in supporting a safe learning environment for all pupils. For more information on possible allergens, please see our school website.

MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

Parents/Guardians please remind your children that they must be wearing their masks at all times when they are in the building, with the exception of the times when they are eating snack or lunch. When they take their masks off to eat, they must refrain from talking. When they have finished eating, the expectation is that they put their mask back on. The mask must cover the mouth and nose at all times. When students are outside for mask breaks twice a day, they do not wear their masks so they must maintain a **two** metre distance from other students.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our current grade 8 students who are making their Confirmation on November 13.



MEDICAL ALERT - RYAN'S LAW (ASTHMA)

As we begin a new school year, we would like to inform you that St. Evan continues to participate in 'We Share the Air', a Scent Sensitivity Awareness Campaign. There are students in attendance who suffer from life-threatening asthmatic conditions to air pollutants. Exposure to minimal odours may cause potential life-threatening reactions.

Very common severe chemical triggers are: perfume, cologne, scented products and personal care products (such as hairspray). These products may cause severe reactions for students. The safety and well-being of all of our students is a priority.

In order to ensure the safety and well-being of all students, we request that our school community refrain from wearing scented personal products complying with our Scent Free Zone Campaign at school and all school events. Please ensure that all caregivers are also aware of our awareness campaign.

If you have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher or the school staff.

We appreciate your cooperation in supporting a safe learning environment for all students.

TRANSPORTATION AND SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

A decision to cancel school transportation, and/or to close schools due to inclement weather is usually made by 6:30 a.m. Bus or school cancellations during winter months are broadcast on various media outlets including the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Website and Twitter account. Please check the school board's transportation website, www.stopr.ca for the most up to date transportation information. For this school, if the cancellation mentions 'Caledon buses', then all of the buses for St. Evan are cancelled for the day. Sign up with STOPR to receive email alerts about delays and cancellations: <https://businfo.stopr.ca/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 11:00am, we will take time to honour, remember and pray for those who gave their lives for our peace and freedom.

SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISING



This year School Council wants to make our fundraising efforts for St. Evan Catholic School easier by using an app called FlipGive. Simply join the St. Evan team on FlipGive and start shopping through the app or our team page and the school will earn money every time you shop with popular brands like Well.ca, Starbucks, Indigo, Sportchek and Esso.

Join the team now by clicking here:

https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?fundraiser_name=Melony&joincode=VLNW4X

If you are prompted for a join code, enter this code VLNW4X

Remember to use FlipGive before you shop online so the school will earn cash back - make a purchase within the first 14 Days of joining and the school will receive an additional bonus!



Mabel's Labels fundraising program is an easy and practical way to raise funds for our school while ensuring kids' belongings stay out of the lost and found.

Just go to https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/ search for St Evan (Caledon) and start your shopping.

All funds raised through both fundraisers will be used towards school yard enhancements and literacy resources throughout the school.

BUS SAFETY EXPECTATIONS

Students who travel to school by bus **must** adhere to the rules for their own safety.

Students should be aware that transportation is a PRIVILEGE, which may be revoked for inappropriate conduct. All students who receive a Bus Discipline Form (pink slip) from the school bus driver will have a meeting with the Principal or Vice-Principal. The second "Bus Discipline Form" results in a phone call home to parents. A third "Bus Discipline Form" may result in a suspension of bus privileges. Students may be suspended from the bus immediately for serious offences. All students and parents must sign the School Bus Safety form and return this to school.

Students shall:

- Keep their mask on for the duration of the trip
- Remain seated at all times when the bus is in motion
- Keep all parts of their body inside the bus
- Obey the instructions of the bus driver
- Avoid excess noise and rowdiness, which may distract the driver and thus endanger all students on the bus
- Refrain from eating or drinking on the bus
- Refrain from throwing objects out the bus window
- Be prepared to pay for any deliberate damage to the bus and/or its equipment and furnishings

Parents of Kindergarten and Grade 1 children: Please note that bus drivers are not allowed to let Kindergarten and Grade 1 students off the bus, unless an adult is there to pick them up. Your child will be returned to the school in the event that an adult is not present at the stop, and will have to be picked up at the school.

For more information on the Student Transportation of Peel Region Policies and Procedures, please visit their website www.stopr.ca or call them at: 905-890-6000.

Please note that students are not permitted to travel on other students' school busses. Please ensure that if you need to pick up your child from school that you send a note with your child. Students are required to take the school bus home if notification from the parent is not received.

The Central Committee for Catholic School Councils will be offering an online presentation to our Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Parent/Guardian Community. Please see the details below on the Human Trafficking online Zoom presentation by Constable Joy Brown of the Peel Regional Police, taking place on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The flyer contains the details and the Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81610662573?pwd=WnQ0WUVuQzJOU1E2TTg0RVZ2TW5xUT09#success>


HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Wednesday November 18, 2020
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Zoom Presentation Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81610662573?pwd=WnQ0WUVuQzJOU1E2TTg0RVZ2TW5xUT09>
Passcode: 2U8@Ui



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Submit your questions at:
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PeelPolice.ca

Keynote Speaker:
Constable Joy Brown



CUSTODY

On rare occasions, we are faced with difficult situations in which non-custodial parents arrive at school asking to visit their child or to take their child home after school. We are best able to serve and protect students when we are made aware of legal custody arrangements, visitation rights and other special instructions. If legal custody matters affect your family, please ensure that our office and classroom teachers are aware of custodial arrangements between parents that may affect your child during school hours.



Please join us for future meetings: November 26, 2020, March 4, 2021 and May 27, 2021. All meetings are at 6:30pm on Zoom and all are welcome to attend.