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			<b>October 2008</b>

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Lord, we come before you in Thanksgiving  
for the gifts you have given.  
The colour of the season reminds us of the  
beauty you alone can create.  
We are thankful for the food you provide in  
the harvest.  
You have filled the earth with your gifts.  
You have blessed us.  
We are grateful, Lord, and will never stop  
singing your praises.  
To you be honour and glory forever.  
Amen**

### September Reflections:

September has been a very busy month, and October appears to be off in a similar vein. Our numbers at the school were such that we were not forced to undergo a major reorganization; at the same time we extend a warm welcome to the number of new families who have moved into the Bishop Scalabrini community; welcome!

It was fantastic to see so many families at our open house; as well we greatly appreciated the presence of Mr. Iannicca our trustee, and Father Fernandes. A sincere thank you to all who were able to attend, and a special note of gratitude to Mrs. Macerola and Mrs. Mlinaric for organizing the event.

On behalf of the staff of Bishop Scalabrini, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous and bountiful Thanksgiving shared with family and friends. May God bless you always as you gather as a family in worship and give thanks to the Lord for everything he has given to us.

### ARRIVAL/PICK UP AT SCHOOL School Visitors and Safety

In order to provide a welcome and safe environment for our students we ask you to observe the following procedures.



1. Students are to be picked up or dropped off at their appropriate exit doors.
2. If parents, guardians or visitors come to the school they **must** report to the office. The office staff will help you.
3. If you are staying to help/volunteer, or going anywhere within the school, then you must sign in at the office and obtain a visitors tag that you must wear at all times while you are in the school.
4. If you wish to meet with a staff member, please call the school or drop in at the office to make an appointment.
5. With a school our size it can sometimes be difficult to determine who the parents are and who may be an unwanted guest or a stranger. When bringing your child/ren to school, we are asking that you please **say goodbye at the edge of the yard and allow your child the opportunity to develop independence and a sense of responsibility as they play with their peers, line up, and enter the building.** Please help us make Bishop Scalabrini School a safe environment.

**Your cooperation in the above procedures is greatly appreciated.**

### Attendance Procedures

From time to time things result in students arriving late to school. Late slips will be given to students at which time they may make their way to class. **We must respectfully insist that parents not accompany their child to their class in the event of lateness.** Please note: we will not dismiss children early for any reason without parental consent, and an adult must sign out the child at the office.

When your child will not be in school, our attendance tracking procedures require that you call to let us know. For your convenience, messages can be called in at night or early in the morning, to our answering machine, (905 896-3665). **Please leave your child's name, their teacher and the date of the absence.** With your assistance we will make every effort to verify and follow up on absent children.

### **KISS AND RIDE AT BISHOP SCALABRINI**

The Kiss and Ride program allows parents to **safely** drop off their children at the school. There are three lanes in the front driveway of the school designated for the Kiss and Ride Program. The lane closest to the school sidewalk is the **Bus Lane** which is **reserved for school buses and daycare vans only**. The middle lane is the **Kiss and Ride Lane**. This is the lane used by parents to drop off their child (ren). Students must **exit on the right side** of the vehicle and proceed directly to the sidewalk. The Kiss and Ride area is supervised, but please remind your child to look both ways as they exit the vehicle. Parents are asked to drive as far as they can to the west end of the lane so that we can accommodate as many cars as possible. The **Drive Through Lane** is the lane closest to the parking area in front of the school building. This lane is used by parents who wish to park their vehicle and walk their children to the school playground or for parents exiting the Kiss and Ride Lane and the school grounds. **Everyone must drive extremely slowly in the Kiss and Ride designated area.** Please be aware that there are two speed humps along the driveway and a stop sign at the end of the driveway, before the pedestrian walkway. **Do not drop off your children in the parking lot of Christ The King Church.** This is a safety hazard as students need to cross the school parking lot to reach the playground. This area is not supervised! Please do not drop off your children there! It is the responsibility of everyone to ensure the safety of all Bishop Scalabrini students, staff and school community. Thank you for following our safety procedures and for ensuring the safety of the entire Bishop Scalabrini School Community. **A reminder that staff are out directing traffic to help ensure student safety. Please understand that if you are redirected by a member of our staff, it is in the interests of the safety of all the children at Bishop Scalabrini, and is not intended as a personal affront.** Should you require clarification around these procedures, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

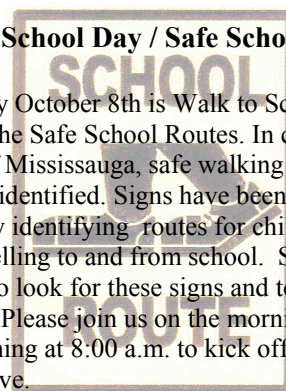
### **Food Drive**

From October 2nd to October 9th we will be holding a Thanksgiving Food drive in support of St. Vincent de Paul. The students, staff and parents of Bishop Scalabrini School have always graciously donated food items for our food drive. Please continue to donate non-perishable food items. All food donations will be collected and delivered to those in need on **Friday October 10th**. We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to you for your food donations.



### **Walk To School Day / Safe School Routes Launch**

Wednesday October 8th is Walk to School Day and the launch of the Safe School Routes. In conjunction with the City of Mississauga, safe walking routes to schools have been identified. Signs have been posted in our community identifying routes for children to take when travelling to and from school. Students are encouraged to look for these signs and to take the routes to school. Please join us on the morning of October 8th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. to kick off and celebrate this initiative.



### **World Teacher's Day**

At the board meeting on September 23, trustees passed a motion recognizing October 5 as World Teachers' Day - a day to recognize and celebrate our teachers for their commitment and dedication to Catholic education in Dufferin-Peel.



Teachers have a great influence on us. They help prepare us for life. They teach us skills we need to participate and compete. They help us identify our strengths and weaknesses. They work to make us stronger students and hopefully, better people. Most of us can point to a teacher who has influenced us positively in some way. We invite you to take a moment to reflect on the teachers you know today, or have had in the past. If there is someone who has had a major influence on you in the past, has made learning fun and interesting, or has helped you to achieve success in some way, take a moment to thank that person if you can. To our outstanding team of teachers at Bishop Scalabrini, we thank you for the work you do. You are the reason we have such an exciting, vibrant school and that our students continue to excel. You truly matter!

## **The Virtues Program: Creating Safe, Caring and Inclusive School Communities**

A Catholic faith community is rooted in a set of common beliefs which are inspired by the life, mission and teaching of Jesus. We grow together as disciples of Jesus in a Catholic educational community by continuously articulating and celebrating those common beliefs.

At Bishop Scalabrini, as a Catholic community, we are called to learn and to grow and to become more like Jesus in the way we see and treat others. Our Catholic faith plays an important role in helping us shape schools that are safe caring and inclusive. Catholic school education provides us with the opportunity to integrate virtues formation into all areas of our school life within the context of our faith. This “**Virtues Program**” will help us to nurture virtue and character development in the lives of our students. Individual actions and choices form good habits which develop a virtuous person. With the grace of God and the help of others, our actions and choices shape our character in a direction that ultimately leads us to become the people God intends us to be (our Christian destiny). The intent of the Board wide mandated virtues program is to provide on-going opportunities for all members of our community to grow in their understanding of what it means to learn and to grow and to become more like Jesus in the way we see and treat others. In the words of Jean Vanier;

*We can give people the gift of their dignity. We can help others just by the way we listen to them and speak with them. We can show them by our own trust that what they have to say is important and good. In community we are called to care for each member. We can choose our friends, but we do not choose our brothers and sisters; they are given to us whether in family or community. (Vanier: From Brokenness to Community).*

Through monthly celebrations, or in-class discussions students will learn examples of how to perform virtuous actions and recognize the following virtues;

<b>Faith</b>	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Empathy</b>	<b>Kindness</b>
<b>Conscience</b>	<b>Love</b>
<b>Hope</b>	<b>Acceptance</b>
<b>Self-control</b>	<b>Fairness</b>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

## **October’s Virtue—EMPATHY**

God has given us the ability to form connections with each other - to live together. Empathy helps us to connect and live together in safe, caring, inclusive communities. An **empathetic** person believes that we all share one Spirit; that we are many parts of one body because we are all created in the image and likeness of God. We know that God has given us the virtue of empathy so that we can learn to appreciate, accept and care for one another.

An **empathetic** person...

- Listens attentively
- Watches people’s body language
- Notices and responds when someone is upset
- Can name his / her feelings
- Can see a situation from another person’s point of view
- Knows that different people may feel differently about the same thing

Gracious and merciful God,

You desire us to live together in peaceful communities.

We are nothing without relationships.

You have given us the virtue of empathy to ensure that we are able to identify with and feel other people’s concerns.

We come to you now asking for the grace and strength to follow your plan and form a caring community here at Bishop Scalabrini.

May your gift of empathy lead us to know and feel your presence among us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, who lived to show us your way.

Amen

## **School Council 2008—2009**

At its first meeting, Council elected members of its executive. We are pleased to announce the Catholic School Council for the 2008-2009 School Year.

**Co-Chairs**—N. Dermit and V. Serapiglia

**Treasurer**— L. Struminikov

**Secretary**— A. Almeida

**Parish Rep.**—N. Almeida

**OAPCE—Rep.**—M. Monardo, V. Macerola

**Community Rep.**— M. Robaszek

**Communications Officer**— G. Mlinaric

Teacher Rep.— J. Roy

Parent Member— J. Butler

Parent Member— E. Castelletto

Congratulations and thank you to our new council.

**A reminder to all parents;** you too can participate in council and are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings. Meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month and begin at 7:00p.m. in the library. If you are unable to attend meetings, and have a couple of hours to volunteer your time, council always appreciates extra hands to support various activities throughout the school year. **The next School council meeting will take place on Tuesday November 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the library.**

**Developing Reading , Writing and Math Skills**  
Parents of elementary school students can now find information on helping their children develop strong skills in reading, writing and math. “Helping Your Child do Mathematics” and “Helping Your Child do Reading and Writing,” and tips online (www.ontario.ca/abc123) are now available in 12 additional languages (Arabic, Chinese simplified, Chinese traditional, Farsi, Hindi, Korean, Portugese, Punjabi, Spanish, Tagalog, Tamil, Urdu and Vietnamese) The Ontario Government has translated the guides and the tips to ensure more parents can help their children build strong foundations for success. The abc123 website (www.ontario.ca/abc123) provides quick, easy tips on activities and on helping children with homework, reading, writing, math and other topics. The guides include more tips and activities as well as an overview of the stages students go through as they learn reading writing and math.

**Please remind your children of safety guidelines for Halloween:**

- Remind students not to wear a facemask, so your child will be able to see clearly.
- Wear light coloured clothing, so drivers can see them.
- Carry a flashlight, so your child will be able to see on dark streets.
- Go out with and adult, or an older brother or sister, if under the age of 10.
- Stay away from cars, and friendly strangers in cars.
- Watch for cars and look both ways when crossing the street.
- Wear their costumes above their shoes, so they will not trip.
- Do not eat any treats until they are home, and their parents have checked them.
- Be respectful of other people’s homes or property.
- Start trick or treating early, and be home by 8:00 p.m.



**Terry Fox Walk**

We had a very successful Terry Fox Walk on September 26. Thank you to Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Calabretta for their efforts in organizing this worthwhile event. We await the final tally of pledgea. Thank you to all the parents who were able to assist us on the Walk.

**Dates at a Glance:**

October 9-10 Grade 8’s to Camp Brebeuf

October 13—Thanksgiving

October 15 - Thanksgiving Mass 1:00 p.m. CTK

**October 2008** Please clip and put on your Fridge

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Picture Day	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> World Teacher Day	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Early Release	<b>8</b> Walk to School /Safe Routes Launch	<b>9</b> Gr. 8’s to Camp Brebeuf	<b>10</b> Gr. 8’s to Camp Brebeuf	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Thanksgiving	<b>14</b> Pizza Day	<b>15</b> Thanksgiving Mass 1:00 p.m. CTK	<b>16</b> Family CCSC Meeting @ St. Marcellinus	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> JK/SK/1,2,3 to Jack Grunsky performance Pizza Day	<b>22</b> Cross Country Meet @ Erindale Park	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Pizza Day Gr. 1s to Springridge Farms	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Gr. 8 Parent Meeting Re: Ottawa Trip	<b>31</b> Happy Hal- lowe’en	