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NEW SCHOOL YEAR BLESSING

Father, we give you thanks for all you have given us. We Bless you for creating us and filling us with good things...for giving us your Son, Jesus, to show us the way to you. Bless these students, teachers and support staff as they begin this new school year.

Help them in all they do, to appreciate the goodness in themselves and to look for the good in those around them.

Help them live their faith, and love for you by loving those around them.

Help them to see your presence always. May they turn to you in good times and in bad and know you are their strength.

As they grow on the outside, may they grow on the inside.

Let your Holy Spirit give them the gifts of wisdom, understanding and knowledge to help them learn the things they need to know.

**We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen**

ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome back! On behalf of the entire staff at Bishop Scalabrini School, we would like to welcome you and your family back from summer recess. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to those new members of the Bishop Scalabrini community.

Staff have been working hard over the past weeks to prepare their classrooms; as well Mr. Tome and his staff have been working to make the main building and portables clean, fresh, and ready for staff and students.

At Bishop Scalabrini we will continue to encourage a co-operative partnership with you and your children as we foster an educational environment rooted in Gospel Values.



We are grateful to the many staff and parent volunteers within our community who generously devote so much of their time to school activities. Should you have any concerns about your child (ren) we encourage you to contact their teacher to discuss them immediately. A phone call at the onset of a concern usually resolves the issue before it becomes a problem. On our part, if we have concerns about your child, we will contact you at the earliest convenience. We at Bishop Scalabrini anticipate another rewarding and fruitful year as we serve the students in our care. In order to keep you informed of events at the school, you will continue to receive a monthly newsletter during the first week of each month; the school newsletter is still one of the most reliable and convenient methods of keeping you informed of events and important news. As has been our practice in the past, the newsletter will come home with the youngest or only child in the family. The exception is the September newsletter, which will be sent home with every student. Please continue to check backpacks daily for important communication items as well as our monthly newsletter.

A reminder to all members of the Bishop Scalabrini School community that you can find us on the web at: **<http://www.dpcdsb.org/BSCAL>**

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

As required by the Education Act and the Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost-effective student accident insurance coverage via student courier. Although enrolment is voluntary, the Board encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage, especially if their child/children participate in sports, excursions, field trips, or, if parents do not have dental insurance coverage.

Enrolment is required in writing so there are two options for enrolment:

1. Complete the traditional form and mail it in or

2. Photocopy the form and fax it to Reliable Life at 1-905-522-7211 or 1-800-463-KIDS (5437). Parents alone have the right to insure their children. These forms were sent home on the first day of school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Bishop Scalabrini Catholic School Council for the 2008-2009 school year you are reminded that elec-

Final School Council Meeting

Please join us for our final Catholic School Council meeting for the 2007-2008 school year. The meeting will take place on **Tuesday September 9th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Bishop Scalabrini Library.

tions will be taking place soon. **Nomination forms may be picked up from the Main Office or requested in writing via your child's teacher. Completed nomination forms must be received in the Main Office no later than 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday September 30th, 2008.**

Voting (if necessary) will take place on Tuesday, October 7th, 2008 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The **first meeting** with the new **School Council** will be **Tuesday October 7th at 7:00p.m.** in the Bishop Scalabrini School Library.



STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents/Guardians are required to call the school (905-896-3665) and leave a message regarding student absenteeism. Upon reaching the school's answering service, please leave the following information:

1. **Student's full name**
2. **Grade level and teacher's name**
3. **Brief reason for absence.**

You are requested to call the school each day your child is absent.

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.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Parents are reminded to update the school with any new or changed information for;

ADDRESSES: (work place, home, emergency contact, day care provider)

PHONE NUMBERS, (cell phone, home phone, emergency contact, day care provider).

In the event that your child becomes ill at school or is injured in an accident, it is imperative that we contact you or a person designated by you as an alternate. **Our information on file must be accurate and current.**



MEDICAL ALERT

At Bishop Scalabrini we have several students with severe life threatening nut (peanut) allergies. Due to the severe nature of allergies to peanuts, we ask you to consider that no snacks or lunches containing peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oils or nuts be sent to school. As well, we respectfully request that you send no **birthday snacks**. Please be aware that snacks such as potato chips, granola bars, and cookies may contain or have come in contact with nutproducts.

LUNCH ROUTINE AT BISHOP SCALABRINI



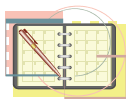
All parents have been asked to complete a Lunch Contract Form indicating their children's lunch routine. Grade 7 and 8 students can remain at school, go home for lunch or be given permission by their parents to leave the school premises during the lunch recess. Grade 1 to 6 students can remain at school or go home during the lunch recess. Students from grades 1 to 3 must be escorted by a parent, older sibling or caregiver if they are going home for lunch. Students in grades 4 to 6 may walk on their own. **Please note that students from grades 4 to 6 are not permitted to leave the school premises during lunch unless it is to go home. In other words, students from grades 4 to 6 are not permitted to go to the plaza for lunch.** This school rule is to help ensure the safety of these younger students. Please also be aware that inappropriate behaviour that occurs off school premises will result in the proper authorities being contacted, and will be consequence by the school administrators, according to the Board's Catholic Code of Conduct. Thank you for helping us ensure the safety of all Bishop Scalabrini students.

MEDICATION



If your child uses an Epi-Pen, or is on any other medication, please ensure that it is stored at the main office. According to Board procedures, in order to store and administer medication and /or Epi-Pens, a form must be completed and signed by your family physician and returned to the Main Office as soon as possible. These forms may be obtained via the main office.

STUDENT AGENDAS



Each students from grades 1 to 3 will receive a Student Agenda. Please take time to go through the agenda and discuss it with your child(ren). All teachers at Bishop Scalabrini will take time to instruct students on how to best utilize this important organizational tool so that it can be of maximum benefit to them. **Cost to each student for an agenda is \$7.00**

STAFFING UPDATE

A special welcome is extended to the following individuals who join the Bishop Scalabrini Staff this school year: Mr. D. McKnight - our new Vice Principal
Ms. D. Dworak—SERC Teacher

Ms. C Pereira—Planning Time Teacher
Ms. J. Roy replacing Mrs. Reda who is on leave
We look forward to working with you and growing in friendship.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT



Our open house will take place on the evening of Wednesday September 17th beginning at 5:30 p.m. Watch for details coming home soon.



STUDENT PICTURES

Picture day is **Thursday October 2nd**. A reminder will be sent home the day before.

ALL-STAR READING PROGRAM

The All-Star Reading program is back again. This program assists children in Grades 2 and 3 who are experiencing some difficulty in reading. The aim of the program is to give students routine practice and to empower them with a new reading strategy each week.

We require volunteers willing to make a 12 week commitment as All Star Reading Coaches. An All Star Coach is required to commit to one morning or one afternoon each week. The commitment is essential in order to ensure the success of the program. If you are able to make this commitment, please call the school and ask to speak to Ms. Ballarin as soon as possible if you are interested in volunteering to assist our young readers.

SCHOOL WALKING ROUTES

The Mississauga Traffic Safety Council has chosen Bishop Scalabrini Catholic School to participate in the "School Walking Routes" pilot project in Mississauga. The objectives of this pilot project are to:

- Encourage parents to walk their children along designated walking routes, creating more eyes on the street.

- Encourage pedestrians and cyclists to cross only at the designated intersections.

- Notify drivers that they are on a designated walking route to a school and to use extra caution. Reduce traffic congestion in the designated Kiss & Ride areas

Designated routes will be established once student surveys have been analyzed and routes assessed. The City of Mississauga will install signs and utilize staff resources to implement the pilot project. We hope to launch the "School Walking Routes" on *Walk to School Day*, Wednesday, October 1, 2008. It is our hope that this program will encourage more parents, caregivers and students to walk to school on a daily basis, thus reducing traffic congestion and

making our community safer and healthier for all students.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BOISSONNEAU:

The role of Parents in Catholic Schools at this time in the history of Catholic Schools is crucial. If there is ANY challenge to Catholic Schools then it is this part of Ontario that would have to respond. The GTA and Golden Horseshoe have the majority of Catholics. Our parents are the ones that have to be convinced and sold on Catholic Education, continuing to see and say the value of Catholic Schools. If there is no conviction of the value of Catholic Schools and we lose them, do you think that children will attend the sacraments? Through the CCCSC, we need to continue to promote the value of Catholic Education at every opportunity. Ask the question. Discuss the answers. Why do you send your children to Catholic School? Remind, Maintain and Encourage. Each family should know why!!

**THE TERRY FOX NATIONAL RUN DAY
SEPTEMBER 26/08**

Following the success of the 25th anniversary of Terry Fox’s Marathon of Hope in 2005, the Terry Fox National School Run Day has become an annual event. This year’s Terry Fox National School Run Day is Friday, September 26, 2008.

In support of this event, Bishop Scalabrini School will be running a “Toonies for Terry” Fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society.

All grades JK-8 will be participating in a neighbourhood walk to take place on Friday, September 26 (rain date Monday, September 29).

If you are interested in helping volunteer for this fundraiser, please contact Ms. J. Williams or Ms. D. Calabretta at the school.

More information will be sent home soon.

Let’s do our part by helping raise funds for cancer research and by remembering Terry Fox and the incredible contribution he made through his Marathon of Hope!

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Feel Free to clip and put on your refrigerator...



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Welcome back!	3	4	5 Opening School Mass 1:00 p.m.	6
7	8	9 Final meeting of the 2007-2008 School Council 7pm	10	11	12 P.A day	13
14	15	16	17 Open House 5:30—7:30	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Toonies for Terry: Neighbourhood walk	27
28	29	30 Early Release Day				

Dates to Remember:

- October 2—Picture Day
- October 9-10 Grade 8’s to Camp Brebeuf
- October 13—Thanksgiving
- October 14 - Thanksgiving Mass
- October 16—Family CCSC Meeting @ St. Marcillinus

Enclosures:

2008—2009 School Year Calendar