

## October Newsletter Addendum....please note additional information below.

**A reminder to all parents;** Should you have concerns please do not address them directly with other students. Please bring concerns directly to the classroom teacher or administration. This will help avoid difficult or sensitive situations arising.

### Entertainment Book Fundraiser

Thank you to Mrs. Melo for coordinating our Entertainment Book Fundraiser. A sincere thank you to all for your support of this worthwhile event and for supporting the students of Bishop Scalabrini.

### Picture Retakes

Retakes will take place on **Thursday November 20th.**



### Popcorn / Cookie Sales

Cookie Sales on **Wednesdays and Fridays**  
Pop Corn Sales **Mondays and Thursdays**  
**Popcorn : \$2 a bag Cookies : \$1 each**

### Attention Parents of Students in Grade 7 and 8

Please review behavioural expectations with your child should he or she have your permission to leave school during the lunch hour. We have received complaints from neighbours and the police indicating that students have been playing pranks on homes or have been going onto properties in the community. As such, students have been directed to stay away from homes in our neighbourhood. Students have been reminded to cross the street at crosswalks and with the crossing guard on duty.

### School Council Dates for the 2008—2009 School year.

School Council Meetings will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday November 4th, 2008

Tuesday January 13th 2009

Tuesday March 3rd, 2009

Tuesday May 5th, 2009

Tuesday December 2nd, 2008

Tuesday February 3rd, 2009

Tuesday April 7th, 2009

Tuesday June 2nd, 2009



**Meetings take place in the library and begin at 7:00 p.m.**

### Student Medication

From time to time, the school is asked to store and or give medication to students. The following excerpt is from Policy (502.8) re: **Request for the Storage and Distribution of Medication Notice to Parents :**

1. A completed form must accompany each request for medication to be stored and given out by school personnel. It is the prerogative of the Principal to decide whether or not medication may be stored or given out and may establish such conditions as he/she deems necessary regarding any specific request of a parent.
2. School personnel will not assume responsibility for the administration of any medication.
3. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to monitor the quantity stored by the school. These forms can be picked up in the office.

### Student Cell Phones/Cameras & Electronic Device(PEDs)

The following statement is taken from Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board's General Administrative Procedures, 541.00 that addresses personal electronic devices on school property;

**It is the policy of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board that all PEDs be kept out-of-sight, turned off and not used within school premises (including portables) or during school-sanctioned activities (retreats, field trips, sports events, etc.).**

While we acknowledge that parents may provide their child with a cell phone for their personal safety when walking to and from school, they are a distraction in the classroom. Furthermore the option to use the cellphone as a camera or sound recording device compounds the potential violations of privacy. Cameras, MP3 players, iPods and other electronic devices are to be left at home. **Upon arrival at school, phones are to be turned off and stored in a secure place.** We thank you for your support with respect to this policy, and as always, should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

## Pediculosis

Although it may seem early in the school year, we would like to bring to your attention a problem which occurs from time to time in every school. Specifically infestation by head lice. Pediculosis is spread only through direct contact with a “case”, often through the sharing of combs and brushes, exchanging of hats, or “playing beauty parlour”. It is hoped that parents will be on the alert for excessive scratching and will instruct the children regarding prevention. In no way is lice connected to neglect.

In order to control these pests, we shall follow these procedures and request your full cooperation. If cases are found in the classroom, we shall inform parents via a letter. Since it is impossible for us to carry out a thorough examination of all children in the school, and as a precaution, we request that you check your own child(ren) on a regular basis, and if you find them to be infested, we would ask that you notify the school. If your children do become infested by head lice, we will ask that they be kept out of the school until after they have been treated with the correct shampoo and their hair is entirely clear of both lice and nits (eggs). **Students are not permitted to re-enter the school until they have been checked and cleared at the office.**



## 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

### Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

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First day of classes elementary and secondary schools .....	Tuesday, September 2, 2008
Last day of classes Semester 1 Secondary (Semester Schools ONLY) .....	Thursday, January 29, 2009
First day of classes Semester 2 Secondary (Semester Schools ONLY) .....	Friday, January 30, 2009
School Year ends elementary and secondary schools.....	Friday, June 26, 2009
Number of school days for the 2008-2009 school year .....	194
Number of instructional days in elementary schools .....	188
Number of instructional days in secondary .....	188
Number of professional activity days in elementary schools .....	6
Number of professional activity days in secondary schools .....	6

### **School Holidays for the 2008-09 School Year**

Every Saturday and Sunday	
Labour Day .....	Monday, September 1, 2008
Thanksgiving Day .....	Monday, October 13, 2008
Christmas Break .....	Monday December 22, 2008 to Friday, January 2, 2009 (inclusive)
Family Day .....	Monday, February 16, 2009
Mid-Winter Break .....	Monday March 16, 2009 to Friday March 20, 2009 (inclusive)
Good Friday .....	Friday, April 10, 2009
Easter Monday .....	Monday, April 13, 2009
Victoria Day .....	Monday, May 18, 2009

### **Elementary Schools - Professional Activity Days**

1. Friday, September 12, 2008 Principal's Day: Faith Development and Reorganization
2. Friday, November 14, 2008 Assessment & Evaluation of Pupil Progress
3. Friday, December 5, 2008 Reporting to Parents on Evaluation of Pupil Progress
4. Wednesday, January 28, 2009 Provincial Education Priorities as per Regulation 304
5. Friday, February 27, 2009 Assessment & Evaluation of Pupil Progress
6. Monday, May 11, 2009 Provincial Education Priorities as per Regulation 304