

January 2009

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January's Virtue: Self-Control

This month we will celebrate the virtue of **self-control**.

A person with *self-control*...

- Is patient
- Knows how to wait his/her turn
- Can calm him/herself down and think before reacting to situations
- Knows how to avoid physical aggression (hitting, kicking, pushing, fighting, etc.)
- Can think things through and do what is best for everyone

Through prayer and concentration, we can get better at controlling our reactions. We can get better at showing *self-control*.

- Self-control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that we will regret.
- Self-control helps us to resist the temptation to do something that will harm ourselves or others.
- Self-control is one of the marks of a spiritually mature person.

When we all use self-control, we can be sure that our school will be a safe, caring and inclusive place to live and to learn.

The Feast of Epiphany

Lord, of light and love,
let the radiance of your presence
be a light to our path and a guide on our journey.
Banish from us all deeds of darkness,
that we may come to your presence
and walk before you as children of light;
through him who is the light of the world,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Happy New Year

We wish you all of God's blessings during 2009.

The staff of Bishop Scalabrini extend to you and your family best wishes for a very prosperous and happy 2009. We look forward to continuing to work together over the remainder of the school year. A sincere thank you is extended to all staff for their time and energy conducting parent/teacher/student conferences in December, and to all parents for your participation. Communication between home and school is an important aspect of ensuring that all are informed and aware about student progress. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher at the school.

Deep gratitude is extended to all for their participation in our Angel on the Tree drive. Your generosity helped make a difference in the lives of six families in the Bishop Scalabrini community at Christmas and it is sincerely appreciated.



IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

Parents, please remind your child(ren) of the importance of dressing appropriately for the cold weather. With temperatures regularly below freezing, winter coats, hats, boots and mittens are necessary to insure warmth, protect against illness and prevent frostbite. We regularly have to remind students to put coats, hats and gloves on and to do up coat zippers. Your support is appreciated.

In accordance with Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Policy, we will review recess time outside, and/or call inclement recess if temperatures drop to the -20 degree range.

Mittens on the Tree

To assist others during this cold time of year donations of new mittens/gloves/scarves and hats are being accepted for our mitten tree beginning Monday January 12th 2009 and ending Friday January 16th 2009. Donations will be delivered to a family shelter the week of January 19th.



A Reminder : Junior & Senior Kindergarten Registration for 2009-10

Registration for the 2009-10 school year will be held at all Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools on the following dates:



Monday, February 23, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*

**Snow Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 25, 26 & 27, 2009

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Junior Kindergarten - Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2009

Senior Kindergarten - Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2009



Parents/Guardians should bring the following documents when registering their child:

- proof of age
- original Catholic Baptismal Certificate of the Roman, Greek or Ukrainian Rite, for parent (one) and child (if the child has not been baptized, a letter of counseling with the parish priest, to complete the process will be accepted)
- updated immunization records
- proof of Canadian citizenship or of Landed Immigrant status
- proof of address (utility bill, bank or credit card statement)

For more information, contact the school at 905 896 3665 or call Admissions Department at 905-890-0708 ext. 24500.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

EARLY RELEASE DATES

Early Release Dates for the upcoming school year have been finalized. Please mark the following on your calendars. There are no afternoon classes for students:

Monday, January 12, 2009

Thursday, April 2, 2009

Students who attend full day classes will be dismissed at 11:50 p.m. JK/SK classes are cancelled for the afternoon.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DATES

The Professional Activity Dates are as follows.

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

Friday, February 27, 2009

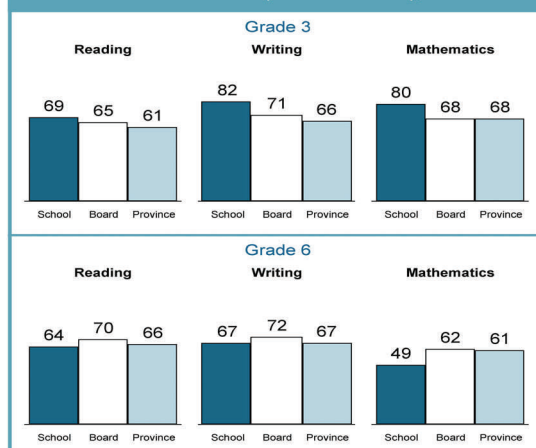
Monday, May 11, 2009

There will be no classes for students on these dates as teachers will be involved in professional development activities.

EQAO Results

Please see attached EQAO results for Bishop Scalabrini from the 2007-2008 assessment. Throughout the province, EQAO data informs professional practice and acts as a catalyst for improving student achievement. It is important to remember that large-scale assessment results are just one piece of the picture of how students are doing at Bishop Scalabrini. These assessment results should be considered in conjunction with school-based information. As well, regular assessments conducted by a student's teacher should be the primary method of supporting students in their schooling. We encourage regular, and ongoing communication between home and school in the area of student achievement. Should you have any questions about the progress of your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4), 2007-2008



Board Elects New Chair

At its inaugural meeting held at the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Catholic Education Centre, trustees elected long-time Mississauga Wards 1 & 3 trustee, Mario Pascucci as chair of the 11-member board. Mr. Pascucci was first elected to the board in 1978 and during his 26 years as trustee, has served in leadership capacities on various board committees.

Mississauga Ward 4 trustee Anna Abbruscato was re-elected vice-chair. Anna Abbruscato also has extensive leadership experience on the board, having served 14 years as a trustee including previous terms as vice chair.

Mr. Pascucci succeeds Bruno Iannicca, and assumes the chair's position during a period of stability for the board, which has recently signed new four-year contracts with all of its employee groups.

The board also elected the chairs and vice chairs of its five standing committees and its representative on the Transportation Consortium:

Administration & Finance Committee – Joyce Anderson (chair), Luz del Rosario (vice chair)

Faith & Program Committee - Sharon Hobin (chair), Tony da Silva (vice chair)

Audit Committee – Thomas Thomas (chair), Linda Zanella (vice chair)

By-Law & Policy Review Committee – Thomas Thomas (chair), Luz del Rosario (vice chair)

Contract Negotiations Committee – Esther O'Toole (chair), Frank Di Cosola (vice chair)

Transportation Consortium – Linda Zanella

The meeting opened with the annual address to the board by the Director of Education. Director John Kostoff recognized and thanked system partners, including employee groups, trustees and staff at all levels for their commitment and dedication to Catholic education.

Recognizing Teaching Excellence in Our Catholic Schools

Please be advised that the deadline for the Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence is fast approaching (January 31, 2009).

The awards are open to staff in Ontario's publicly funded schools and boards. Those that can be nominated include: teachers, support staff, principals and vice principals, supervisory officers, directors of education and others.

There are six different award categories, recognizing a range of people and skills:

- **Teacher of the Year**
- **New Teacher of the Year**
- **Excellent Support Staff**
- **Excellence in Leadership**
- **Team of the Year**
- **Lifetime Achievement**



For more details and to secure nomination forms, please visit <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/teachingawards/>.

French Immersion - Parent/Guardian Survey

As part of the exploration process around French Immersion, the board would like to know how many parents/guardians of children in Junior and Senior Kindergarten this year would like to access early French Immersion, and at which locations, when their children are in Grade 1. In order to capture this important information, the board is asking parents/guardians to complete an internet survey. For information regarding site location, and to access the survey go to the link below.

<http://www.dpcdsb.org/CEC/Programs/French+Immersion/FI+Parent+Guardian+Survey.htm>



School Council Dates—Reminder

Dates for the remaining School Council meetings are noted below. Meetings run from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the School Library. All are welcome to attend.

- Tuesday January 13th
- Tuesday February 3rd
- Tuesday March 3rd
- Tuesday April 7th
- Tuesday May 5th
- Tuesday June 2nd

Lost Scarf Found

If you helped supervise our Movie Day excursion and lost a Pashmina shawl at the theatre, it has been returned to the main office and may be picked up at your convenience.



Hands are for helping, not hurting.

We continue to remind our students regularly that they are to choose activities that do not involve “body contact” of any sort. We are finding that most of our students are clear on the meaning of this and would ask that at home you to help us reinforce this rule so that there is consistency. We applaud our students for continually improving behaviour on the yard, but we can always do better. Remember; ‘hands and feet are for helping, not hurting’.

Snowball Reminder

Due to injury concerns arising from snowballs being thrown, snow must be kept on the ground. Students who choose to throw snowballs will receive a snowball letter and may lose recess privileges.

Snow Forts

At Bishop Scalabrini we encourage students to engage in activities during recess that are safe, active, and co-operative. During the winter months in particular, many students enjoy building snow forts or other structures. To help insure respect and safety for all, a Snow Fort Code of Ethics has been put in place during the snow fort building months and is as follows;

Snow Fort Code of Ethics

At St. Bishop we enjoy building snow forts and structures.
We will abide by the following:


- We do not destroy snow forts. This agreement is in effect during and after school hours.
- Everyone who builds a fort has to agree to changing it or breaking it down.
- We need an invitation to go into a snow fort.
- We do not take snow blocks from other group’s structures unless we have their permission.
- We do not take over other groups snow fort.



This agreement is effect during and after school hours.

If we abide by this code of ethics, then all can enjoy the snow as well as the efforts of others.

January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 First Day of Classes	6 Pizza Day	7	8	9	10
11	12 Early Release 11: 50 a.m. Mittens/ Scarves/Hats on the Tree Drive	13 School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Library Pizza Day	14	15	16 Mittens/Scarves/ Hats on the Tree Drive Ends 1:00 P.m. School Mass	17
18	19	20 Pizza Day	21 Dairy Farmer’s Milk Presentation Gr. 1-3 a.m.	22	23	24
25	26	27 Pizza Day	28 P.A. Day– No Classes for Students	29	30	31