

February 2009

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February's Virtue: Respect

A respectful person...

- **Treats himself/herself and everyone else with equal consideration and courtesy**
- **Uses a positive tone of voice and body language**
- **Avoids swearing, name-calling, put-downs, and inappropriate gestures**
- **Says 'Excuse me', 'Please', 'Pardon me'**
- **Avoids gossip**

God has given us the virtues of friends and companions to keep us company and to help us out along the way. Every person in our lives carries the Spirit of God – and so every person is our brother or sister through Jesus Christ. As brothers and sister who share one Holy Spirit, we are all valuable to God. We all deserve to be shown courtesy, consideration, sensitivity and thoughtfulness, which are different ways of saying *respect*.

That respect should come first and foremost from ourselves. We have to respect ourselves and then we will be able to respect others. We should also be able to expect to be treated with respect by everyone we meet – our brothers and sisters in Jesus.

Through prayer and concentration, become better at respecting ourselves as well as respecting those around us.



Dear God

**In love for us you sent Jesus
to save us from our sins.**

**Have mercy on your people today
and help us to begin this time of Lent.**

**Forgive our sins and help us
to turn back to your love.**

Loving God, we ask this grace through

**Jesus Christ, your son,
in the love of your Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

Amen

<p><i>Fast from Judging Others</i></p> <p><i>Feast on the Christ dwelling in them</i></p> <p><i>Fast from apparent darkness</i></p> <p><i>Feast on the reality of light</i></p> <p><i>Fast from thoughts of illness</i></p> <p><i>Feast on the healing power of God</i></p> <p><i>Fast from words that pollute</i></p> <p><i>Feast on words that purify</i></p> <p><i>Fast from discontent</i></p> <p><i>Feast on gratitude</i></p> <p><i>Fast from anger</i></p> <p><i>Feast on patience</i></p> <p><i>Fast from pessimism</i></p> <p><i>Feast on optimism</i></p> <p><i>Fast from complaining</i></p> <p><i>Feast on appreciation</i></p> <p><i>Fast from negatives</i></p> <p><i>Feast on affirmatives</i></p> <p><i>Fast from hostility</i></p> <p><i>Feast on peace</i></p> <p><i>Fast from bitterness</i></p> <p><i>Feast on forgiveness</i></p>	<p>During the season of Lent, many of us find that we begin fasting. Perhaps we can think of fasting in another way as listed above. As Ash Wednesday approaches, signifying the beginning of Lent and our Easter season, we focus on all we have that is good and on the sacrifices we can make to help others who are truly less fortunate than ourselves and in need of our support.</p> <p>It is our hope that the student experience of the liturgy on Ash Wednesday and of receiving ashes on this day, in combination with first hand information on how to "live the gospel" will prove to enhance the significance, impact and connectedness of both events.</p>
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Mittens on the Tree –

A sincere thank you is extended to all those who donated to our Mittens on the Tree drive. Through your generosity and kindness we collected a total of **82 items!!** Hats, scarves and mittens collected have been divided and delivered to two family shelters in the community. Others will share your warmth during this cold time of the year. Thank you as well to Officer Tosh McBride for assisting us by delivering items collected to one of the shelters.



**THE DUFFERIN-PEEL
CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**
PRESENTS



PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
"Kindergarten Entry Planning For September 2009"
**An Information Night for Parents of Children with
Special Needs such as Vision, Hearing, Physical, Developmental, Autism**
On
Wednesday, February 4, 2009
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
At



DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE
40 Matheson Blvd. West, Mississauga, Ontario
(Northwest corner of Hurontario Street and Matheson, south of Hwy 401
In Room 301 (3rd floor)



Kiss 'n' Ride

A reminder to parents /care givers to pull all the way forward in the school driveway when dropping off your children. Your compliance with this requests help ease the congestion during peak traffic times. As well it helps reduce the risk to those children being picked up or dropped off. The cooperation of all goes a long way towards a smooth drop off and pick up time. We respectfully request that you follow the direction of staff outside on duty during these times.

Supervision in the Morning—School Yard

A reminder to parents dropping off children in the morning that supervision in the yard does not begin until **8:30 a.m.** Parents are asked to not drop off their child(ren) before this time as no staff are available to supervise students.

Indoor Shoes

Please ensure that your child(ren) have a pair of indoor shoes to wear during the winter months. If the fire alarm sounds and /or if we need to leave the building in an emergency situation, there may be not time for students to locate and put on footwear.



Security for our students

We wish to share with you two issues of concern that have been brought to our attention.

i) Contacting students without office knowledge:

It appears that a number of parents come to our school prior to recess breaks in the morning,, lunch and afternoon. These parents are well meaning in that they want to see their children, chat with them, or simply drop off their lunch.

Unfortunately many of these parents either come on our property and call their children over to them, or go to their classroom. This is a violation of our Safe School Policy. Although your child knows who you are, many other children do not. In some cases children leave supervised areas to talk to their parent. We are concerned with the safety and security of all students. If you need to speak to your child or drop something off, you are asked to come to the office and speak to Mrs. Taccone, Mrs. Milidoni, Mrs. Corvinelli, or Mr. McKnight. Staff have been instructed to be vigilant and should parents attempt to contact children in the playground area, or in the building, they are to direct them to the office. It is our hope that all parents will understand the need for us to ensure the safety of all our students and will cooperate with the staff and this request.

ii) Dogs on school property:

It has also come to our attention that a number of parents; when dropping students off at school, or picking up students, bring their pet dogs with them. In as much as we appreciate the fact that these dogs are obedient and on a leash, the reality is that with the number of students walking around, there exists the potential for an incident to occur. Once again, in accordance with our Safe School Policy and in the spirit of maintaining a safe and secure environment for all students, we must ask parents not to bring dogs onto school property. If you are bringing your dog with you to school, we would ask that you please wish your children a 'goodbye' on the sidewalk.

Working together we will continue to ensure that Bishop Scalabrini remains a safe and secure environment for all. Thank you for your spirit of cooperation and support.

Family Day—February 16, 2009

Please be aware that all Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board schools, offices, and other facilities will be closed on Monday February 16, in observation of the Family Day statutory holiday.

As a result, all scheduled school and school board-related programs and services that would normally operate in Dufferin Peel schools / facilities, as well as permits are cancelled on Monday February 16th.



Beat Those Lunch Bag Blues

School lunch preparation can be hard work trying to pack a variety of healthy foods for your kids. Here's a checklist to keep lunches fun and healthy for the entire school year:

Every Day:

- Fruits and Veggies—Try to pack at least one of each. Their colour and crunch will liven up lunch bags. Local and fresh are best, but during winter months consider frozen or canned produce without added sugar and salt.
- Whole Grain Breads— Be adventurous! Try whole grain pita, tortilla, and bagels.
- Sources of Calcium—Includes low fat milk, cheese, yogurt, and soy beverages. Freeze yogurt in advance for a yummy treat.
- Meat Alternatives—Choose low-fat and low-salt products.
- Re-usable water bottle

From : **Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Website** www.wdghu.org

Cold and Flu Season

“Tis the season for Children’s illnesses” Please use your discretion in keeping your child at home to recover. A child who is sick is not in a state to learn and is in a position to infect all those around her/him. Please also remember that a child who is well enough to attend school is well enough to go outside for recess. It is impossible to provide the necessary supervision and safety for the students when some are inside and others are out. Your support in this area is greatly appreciated.

Please be advised that; as per Board Policy, we are unable to store prescription medication unless it is accompanied by the appropriate paper work signed by the prescribing physician. Should your child require prescription medicine during the school-day, please contact the office for the appropriate documentation.

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3 Pizza Day School Council Meeting 7:00p.m.	4	5 Jig-a- Jump Presentation p.m. in Gym K-3	6	7
8	9 Book Fair	10 Pizza Day Book Fair	9 Book Fair	12 Book Fair Intermediate Bake Sale to support Ottawa	13 Book Fair Family Movie Night Int. Dance P.M. Gym	14 
15	16 Family Day	17 Pizza Day	18	19	20	21
22	23 Kindergarten Registration 7-9 p.m.	24 Pizza Day	25 Ash Wednesday 1:00 p.m. School Mass CTK Kindergarten Registration 9-11 a.m. 1-3 p.m.	26 Kindergarten Registration 9-11 a.m. 1-3 p.m.	27 P.A. Day Kindergarten Registration 9-11 a.m. 1-3 p.m.	28