



ST. MONICA

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER MARCH 2007



Lent is the forty-day period before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday. The period of Lent is set by counting forty days, excluding Sundays, from Ash Wednesday. Sundays are not included because Sundays commemorate the Resurrection. Lent began on February 21st and officially ends at sundown on April 5th (Holy Thursday), with the beginning of the mass of the Lord's Supper.

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, we imitate Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days.

Lenten Prayer

God of all compassion, Father of all goodness, to heal the wounds our sins and selfishness bring upon us you bid us turn to fasting, prayer, and sharing with others. We acknowledge our sinfulness, our guilt is ever before us: when our weakness causes discouragement, let your compassion fill us with hope and lead us through a Lent of repentance to the beauty of Easter joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Take time to pray with your child during Lent

When we pray, we "connect" with God; we become aware of God's presence within us. A good time for prayer is often the "quiet time" before your child goes to sleep. You might want to read the Scripture first and use a prayer starter like the ones below:

- ◆ Sometimes it's hard to do what is right and good, isn't it? Tell God, or show God in your heart, one time when it was hard for you to do what was right and good.
- ◆ Tell or show God what made this hard for you. (God already knows this, but it can help you if you show this part of your heart to God.)
- ◆ Ask Jesus to help you to remember that he's always with you; and then, when you are ready, picture Jesus with you in that hard time. Tell Jesus how you feel knowing that He is there with you.

Dufferin- Peel Catholic District School Board
Personal Electronic Devices (PED) Policy

**School Policy on the use of Personal Electronic Devices (PED's)
by Students on School Property**

To promote the respect for the dignity of all members of our school community and to enhance student achievement and safety, the use of PED is strictly prohibited in the school (including portables) or during school-sanctioned activities (retreats, field trips, sports events, etc.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in the confiscation of the PED and/or disciplinary action as outlined in the Catholic Code of Conduct 2001. The school and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board assume no responsibility for the loss, recovery, repair or replacement for any PED brought to school property.

It is the policy of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board that PED's are to be kept out-of-sight, turned off and not used within school premises or during school sanctioned events. To prevent loss or damage of PED's, the school encourages students to leave their PED's at home or in their lockers.

2006-2007 Labels for Education

Campbell's Labels for Education Program is a school support program. Eligible registered schools collect labels from participating products and redeem them for educational materials. This program has been running at St. Monica for a number of years. Last year we redeemed our points for 4 sets of coloured pinnies for use in our gym classes. We would like to invite all students to participate. *We can only give participation certificates to those students that include their names on their bundles of labels.*

The Campbell's Labels for Education Program is an excellent way to earn FREE merchandise for our school and a positive step in recycling for our environment. This is a NO COST program. If you use any of the products on the ELIGIBLE PRODUCT LIST, please save your full labels or UPC codes for this program. Thank you to Mrs. Tremayne-Pengelly who organizes this program.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION - RESCHEDULED DATES

Junior and Senior Kindergarten registration for September 2007 will take place at St. Monica School, on March 5th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and on March 6th from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:15 to 3:30 p.m.

NEW DATES

Parents/Guardians should bring the following documents when registering:

- Proof of child's age
- Original Catholic baptismal certificate of the Roman, Greek or Ukrainian rite for both the parent and child
- updated immunization records
- Proof of Canadian citizenship or Permanent Resident status
- Proof of address

Junior Kindergarten students must be 4 years old by December 31, 2007. Senior Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by December 31, 2007.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please join us for our next School Council meeting on Monday April 30, 2007, from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. in the library. Please mark May 28th on your calendar and plan to attend our end of the year Council meeting.



The school council is offering "spirit wear" this month. Parents have an opportunity to buy shirts, hoodies, shorts & pants for their children, in St. Monica school colours, with our "Gators" logo. Samples of the clothing are on display in the St. Monica foyer, for those who would like to verify sizes prior to placing their order. Due date for orders is March 6th.

FREE CYBER-SENSE SEMINAR

Your School Council is preparing a very important, internet safety presentation. You do not want to miss this one. Your children are very internet aware but are they safe?? Come to hear Constable Pennington talk about internet safety and your roll in ensuring your children's safety.

Wed. May 2, 2007

Cyber-Sense - Internety Safety Presentation

7:00-9:00 in the gym

Babysitting will be offered

Light Refreshments

Watch for details and registrations forms coming home soon.

MAGAZINE ORDERS - RENEW NOW



QSP will honor St. Monica's magazine campaign from the spring of 2006. You can renew you magazine subscriptions on line until June 2007 and the benefits will support St. Monica School.

To order on-line go to www.QSP.ca!

Our Group ID # is 8426

Our Campaign ID # is 35885

Or Call QSP directly 1-800-667-2536

HEART and STROKE CAMPAIGN

Thank you St. Monica families for your generous donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The classes from JK to grade 5 students had a terrific time trying out the Jump Rope activities. The grade 6 to 8 students had fun working on a variety of skills and activities with basketballs. Thank you very much to Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Felato and Mrs. Sequeira who helped out with the activities. We raised \$4000 to send to the foundation. Please remember that good eating and healthy exercise will keep your hearts strong and healthy for a lifetime.



NEWS from the LIBRARY BOOK FAIR

Despite a snowstorm during the Book Fair, the St. Monica School Community came out to support Donate a Book to the Library. Parents and teachers purchased about 20 books and donated them to the Library. The entire school benefits from their generosity. A big thank you from the Library.

Also, a big thank you to Mrs. Facchini, Mrs. Tremayne-Pengelly, Mrs. Stoddart, Mr. K. Valentine and Mr. P. Valentine who came out to assist in running the Book Fair.

The Family Draw winner was Alexander from Mr. Schmidt's class. Both Alexander and Mr. Schmidt received \$25.00 worth of books.

The winners of the Donate a Book draw were, Maddy O., Alexander T-P, Freddy F., Mrs. Hamilton (who promptly donated the book back to the Library) and Katrina S.

Our total sales were \$2230.05. The Library received over \$400 in books immediately and \$500 in cash for future purchases. The goal remains to purchase two stands to display the Beginning Chapter books that are currently housed in plastic tubs.

Again, thank you for supporting the Book Fair.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS & BUS CANCELLATIONS

During the winter months, inclement weather may cause the disruption of regular school operations. A decision to cancel busses or close the schools will be made by the school board by 6:30 a.m. and this information will be announced on the following radio / T.V. stations:

CKFM 99.9	CHUM 1050	CFNY 102.1
CJCL 590CHFI 98.1	CFRB 1010	Q107/AM
CHAY 93	CJBC (FR) 860	CFTR 680
CHEZ EZ ROCK	CFTO	TALK 640
CJMR/CHWO 1250	CHIN 100.7	BREAKFAST T.V.



DATES TO REMEMBER

sMar 5	JK Registration 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	"new date"
Mar 6	JK Registration 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	"new date"
Mar 7	Ski Trip - grade 6	
Mar 7	Extended French grade 5 applications due	
Mar 9	P.A. DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	
March 12-16	March Break	
Mar 28	Grade 5 Silvercreek Trip - Mr. Evon's class	
Mar 28	PIZZA DAY	
Apr 2-6	Holy Week	
Apr 6	GOOD FRIDAY - no school for students	
Apr 9	Easter Monday - no school for students	
Apr 10	Report Cards go home	
Apr 12	Easter Mass at St. Jerome Church - 10:00 a.m.	
Apr 12	Parent Teacher Interview evening	

Attachments

Catholic Education - Myths & Realities
Conscious Parenting Series
Cyber Bullying
Summer School
Campbell's Labels Eligible Products
LINK - School Council Newsletter



