

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL

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The St. Rose of Lima family, home, school and church, is a Catholic community working together to nurture respect for lifelong learning.



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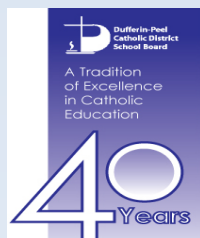
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School Council

Co Chairs

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A message from our Principal

A warm welcome to our students and parents! A special welcome to our new students, including the Kindergarten children. You belong to our St. Rose of Lima school community and we are so pleased that you are with us. As a new school year begins we look forward to an exciting 2009-2010 and focus on our school motto "learning together".

Many thanks to our teachers for the hard work in preparing the classrooms and creating an invitational environment for our students.

Parents you are encouraged to take an active role in your child's education as an informed parent.

Ongoing communication and support of your child's learning are major keys to optimizing learning.

At St. Rose of Lima School our home, school and parish partnership contributes to a vibrant Catholic school faith community. We are blessed to be working on an ongoing basis with Father V. Vlastic, Father P. Choi and the pastoral team at Merciful Redeemer Church.

Together we can all work to nurture our children, our "marvels" entrusted in our care -to be the best they can be.

May God bless everyone!

Sincerely,

F. Anderson, Principal

This month' we celebrate the virtue of Faith

Faith

God made us to live together as a family community.

A faithful person...

Prays whenever they can

Learns from Scripture stories

Assumes that there is good in everyone

Knows that we are all loved by God!

Let us pray

Loving and welcoming God, look with steadfast love on our students who gather here at St. Rose of Lima.

Bless each of us for whom Christ has died and in whom God lives.

Let us pray for the hopes and needs of those who are the neediest, with the words that Jesus taught us...

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name... Amen

What is happening this month at St. Rose of Lima

MEET THE TEACHER/CURRICULUM NIGHT

St. Rose of Lima School's annual "Meet The Teacher" Curriculum evening is scheduled as follows:

Thursday, September 17th
6:15 PM until 7:15 PM

This is a wonderful opportunity to tour the school, learn about curriculum in general and meet your children's respective teachers.

Teachers will make brief presentations in their classrooms regarding their classes and the curriculum for the upcoming year at 6:15 p.m.

Please note, as in previous years, there will be no formal gathering in the gym.

Prior to the class presentations we are planning a community barbeque thanks to School Council members, commencing at 5:15 p.m. in the school yard.

More information will follow closer to the date.

SCHOOL MASS

Our first school mass of the year will be held on [October 7th](#) at [9:30 a.m.](#) in the gym. Parents of St. Rose of Lima students are welcome to join us.

TERRY FOX DAY

To commemorate Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope, St. Rose of Lima School will be participating in a tribute and fundraising event on [September 25th](#).

During the day there will be a special ceremony on the announcements in Terry's honour. Classes will commemorate their DPA (Direct Physical Activity) time in the memory of Terry Fox. Each student is asked to donate a loonie to the Terry Fox Foundation.



PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAYS

The 2009-2010 School Year Calendar is included with this newsletter. Please keep it on file for reference to important dates and holidays.

[Friday, September 18th](#) is a Professional Activity Day for teachers. There will be no classes for students. Our staff will be involved with program planning and faith development activities.

EARLY RELEASE DAY

The first Early Release Day for St. Rose of Lima this year is on [Wednesday, September 30th, 2009](#). On Early Release Days students will be dismissed for the day at [12:00 p.m.](#) School buses will pick up their students from the school at this time.

GIFT CARDS

A minor Gift Card campaign is underway for this month. Any funds raised will go towards helping to subsidize presentations such as a school presentation. The Gift Card Campaign ends on September 25th. This is not the School Council's annual major fundraiser. The School Council's major fundraiser is the [QSP Magazine Subscription sales](#). Please keep your coupons and we should start this major school fundraiser by October. Thank you for your continued support.



Let us reflect through the words from one of the greatest servants of Jesus: Mother Teresa.

Be kind and merciful.

Let no one ever come to you

without coming away better and happier.

Be the living expression of God's kindness:
kindness

in your face, kindness in your eyes,
kindness

in your smile,

kindness in your warm greeting.

In the slums, we are the light of God's
kindness to

the poor. **To children, to the poor,**

to all who suffer, and are lonely,

give always a happy smile –

give them not only your care,

but also your heart.

Blessed Mother Teresa—"Something Beautiful for God"

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS & EVENTS

YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

An active School Council, advisory in nature, is essential to the enhancement of the school and improving pupil achievement. According to the ministry regulations *"Catholic School Councils shall promote the vision and values and the sacramental life and Catholic practices of the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board."*

Being a member of the School Council is an excellent way to support St. Rose of Lima School. We welcome new members from all the programs at our school and encourage you to become involved.

The School Council consists of the following members:

- *Parents of students enrolled in the school*
- *One Teaching Staff*
- *One Non Teaching Staff*
- *School Principal*
- *Community Parish Representative*
- *One person appointed by OAPCE (Ontario Partners in Catholic Education)*

An election package with nomination forms for School Council is available at the office starting Sept. 17th. Completed forms are due by 3:00 pm on September 22nd. Our first School Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, Oct. 1st at 7:00 p.m.** in the library. We look forward to seeing new parents at the meeting.

Please note that babysitting is not provided for students during School Council meetings.

It is expected that you do not bring your children to the meetings.

VOLUNTEERS - THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!

We continue to be truly blessed in a Catholic faith based school community filled with caring, dedicated parents who work diligently and cooperatively with the school to serve all our students with excellence. Throughout the year we will need volunteers for various reasons, some for brief times and some for more extended times. Any time you can give as a volunteer is greatly appreciated and valued.



Each second we live is a new and unique moment of the universe, a moment that will never be again

...And what do we teach our children?

We teach them that two and two make four, and that Paris is the capital of France.

When will we also teach them what they are?

We should say to them:

Do you know what you are?

You are a marvel-sent from God.

You are unique.

In all the years that have passed, there has never been another child like you.

Your legs, your arms, your clever fingers, the way you move...

we all must work-to make the world worthy of its children.

P. Casals, "Chicken Soup for the Soul"

St. Rose of Lima Updates:

2009-2010 Tentative Staff

Mainstream:

JK/SK	J. Anzelc
Grade 1	C. Brennan
Grade 2/3	D. DiLella
Grade 3/4	S. Kerr
Grade 5/6	S. Keeping
Grade 6/7	T. McMahon
Grade 7/8	S. Pirie

Extended French:

Grade 5/6E of EF	G. Rodrigues
Grade 5F/6F/EFF.	F. DeOliveira
Grade 7/8E of EF	P. Freeman
Grade 7F of EF	D. Masson
Grade 8F of EF	V. Mazzucco

Contained Gifted:

Grade 5/6	J. Shear
Grade 7/8	K. Higgins-Biss

Non Classroom

French-FSL	V. Mazzucco
French-FSL	D. Masson

Planning Time	B. Berce
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Library/Resource	S. Hamel
Resource/ESL/PT	K. Fowler

Head Caretaker	A. Abdalla
Night Caretaker	A. Knox

Secretary	C. Rogers
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Principal	F. Anderson
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Best Wishes

Best Wishes to M. Prospero, former superintendent of Mississauga North, who retired on August 31st. We commend Mr. Prospero for his support of our school community over the past six years and wish him well on his journey to new and bright horizons.

Thank you

A special thanks to our custodial staff for working throughout the summer to make our school clean and ready for September. A big thanks to all our staff for starting up the school year so smoothly. Our school is great!

A big thank you to all the families who looked out for our school over the summer and kept the principal informed of any occurrences. Your caring makes a positive difference to our school community.

Welcome to Mississauga North Family of Schools

Welcome to our new superintendent of Mississauga North, Denise Oude-Reimerink. We look forward to working with you!

Welcome to St. Rose of Lima

A warm welcome to our new staff:

A. Abdalla
C. Brennan
P. Freeman

Congratulations

Congratulations to A. Knox and family on the latest addition to the family-a baby boy!



Reminders

SCHOOL HOURS

9:15	-Junior Kindergarten
	-Grades 1 TO 8
10:40	AM Recess
11:45	Junior Kindergarten Dismissal
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:15	Senior Kindergarten
2:50	PM Recess
3:45	End Time

We applaud students who are on time for classes and ready to learn!

TRAFFIC AT ST. ROSE OF LIMA

To ensure the safety of our students, please **do not drive in the school driveway** when picking up or dropping off your children. School buses require clear access to the school driveway and parking lot.

- Please keep clear the school driveway entrance and exit plus the bus loading zone at the front of the school.
- Please park on the road closest to the school in only the areas legally designated for parking.
- Students access the school yard by using the paved sidewalks on the east and west sides of the school property.
- Students **do not** cross the school's busy driveway entrance and exit.

Sincere thanks for your patience and understanding in helping us ensure the safety of our students.

SCHOOL ABSENTEE ROUTINE

Our attendance telephone number is **905-828-4076**. This line is answered by an answering machine, which is on 24 hours a day.

Be sure to call this number to let us know if your child is going to be absent. If you are planning a vacation please let the office know the dates of your child's absence. This communication is vital to ensure the safety of your child.

Any time a student needs to leave the school, he/she is expected to bring a note indicating such and report to the office to sign out. Students are also expected to sign in at the office when returning to school and/or late for class.

STUDENT VERIFICATION

A Student Verification Sheet for each child is available on the night of MEET THE

TEACHER/CURRICULUM NIGHT.

All sheets (even those which have correct information) should be returned to the appropriate classroom teacher. Please return these as soon as possible, as this will greatly help us to update our records. If there are any changes to home, work or emergency contact numbers throughout the year, please keep us informed as soon as possible.

PARENT VISITORS

Parents if you wish to speak to a teacher please call the school or write a note to the teacher to make an appointment to come in and speak to him or her. It is difficult for a teacher to give a parent the attention and time required if you are coming to school at an unexpected time.

Messages are placed in teachers' mailboxes as received.

Remember that the Board P.E.D. (Personal Electronic Devices) Policy is also in effect for adults.

LUNCHES TO OFFICE

If you are bringing a lunch for your child to pick up from the office please ensure that it is labeled with your child's name, room number and teacher. Please sign the lunch log and leave your child's lunch on the table. In order to avoid class disruption students will not be called from class before 12:00 and are not to come down sooner. Your cooperation is appreciated. As well we ask parents not to stand in the foyer waiting for their children with lunches as we continue to monitor and identify the people who enter the school building.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/ EXCURSIONS

Throughout the year students will participate in field trips and/or extracurricular activities. In preparation for these events, permission forms will be sent home. It is essential that these forms be filled out, signed and returned to school promptly. **NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED ON ANY EXCURSION WITHOUT A SIGNED PERMISSION FROM PARENTS/GUARDIANS.**

COMMUNICATION

Ongoing communication between home and school is very important. At reporting times we can communicate formally. Please contact your child's teacher at any time between reporting times if you have any questions. The more you understand the more we can support learning for students.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Our school Pastoral Plan lists all the school masses, dates for sacraments, parent meetings, etc. Parents are very welcome to celebrate liturgy with us whenever possible.

Reminders

ALLERGIES-ALLERGEN AWARE SCHOOL

We continue to have several students in our school with life threatening allergies. The most severe of these at St. Rose of Lima is an allergy to nut products. We require your co-operation in making our school a safe place. Please do not send peanut butter or any product that may contain nuts to school. Thank you for your concern and co-operation.

Please read the attachment to this letter that fully explains procedures for an allergen aware school.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

A student accident insurance brochure will be sent home to families.

"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
2. Photocopy the form and fax it to Reliable Life at 1-905-522-7211 or 1-800-463-KIDS (5437).

TRANSPORTATION

Some safety rules to share with your child:

- Be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes ahead. Stay away from the road, waiting in an orderly fashion.
- Follow all directions from the driver, especially when getting on and off the bus.
- Board the bus in a single file, using the handrail.
- Go directly to an assigned seat and always stay seated-facing the front -feet in front of seat on the floor-until let off the bus
- Keep all belongings inside the bus and never put any part or objects outside the window.
- Keep aisles clear of self and objects.
- Sit quietly at all times. Speak only in quiet tones.
- No eating or drinking on the bus.
- No throwing anything inside or out of the bus.
- Keep windows closed unless you have the bus driver's permission.
- Listen to the bus patrollers.
- Use only your designated bus.

Parents of Kindergarten students going home at 11:45 a.m. need to be aware that bus drivers are not allowed to let their students off the bus unless there is an adult there to pick them up.

Your child will be returned to school in the event that there is no adult at the bus stop.

Thank you to all for your cooperation regarding the transportation arrangements for your children.

Distance criteria are determined by the Dufferin Peel and Peel Boards of Education and apply to students:

JK/SK	1.0 km
Grades 1-4	1.6 km
Grades 5-6	2.0 km
Grades 7-8	3.2 km

Only eligible students can take their assigned bus.



LUNCH ROOM SUPERVISOR(S) NEEDED

We need a few more responsible lunchroom supervisors during the lunch hour. If you love children and would like to work at our school call Mrs. Anderson. Note that there is remuneration for this position.



STORING AND ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Please be advised that there is a board policy on the storage and administration of medication. If your child requires daily administration, contact the school office.