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THE MESSENGER

THE VOICE OF ST. ALFRED CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Saint Alfred Catholic School Community respects the uniqueness of all persons and enhances their potential. We are committed to promoting a love of learning and to creating an environment which fosters the lifelong development and spiritual growth of each person.

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EVERY CHILD, A PROMISE

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FAIRNESS

Dear God,
You have done such a marvelous job of creating us
and the world around us.
You have placed this creation, including all the people we meet,
in our care.

We come to you now asking for the grace and
strength to be fair.

Everyday we are tempted to show that we are a little bit superior to those
around us.

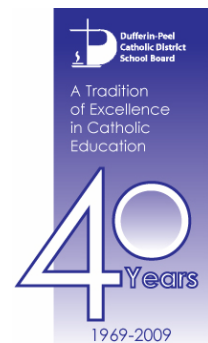
Grant us the strength to resist that temptation.
Keep our minds and our hearts focused on your great plan for all people
instead of our own small plans for ourselves.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother,
who lived to show us Your way.
Amen

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been an honour and privilege to have been Principal at St. Alfred School for the past six years. I will be leaving the St. Alfred School community at the end of June and will bring with me many wonderful memories. Thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity.

The community of St. Alfred School believes in the pursuit of excellence in education. The support of parents, the dedicated and caring staff and the spiritual direction of our Pastor, Father E. D'Sousa, continue to work in partnership to ensure that all students grow academically, spiritually and socially. Hence, St. Alfred has a strong academic program, a reputation for excellence in literacy, numeracy, athletics, and the Arts. It is truly an amazing school, with well-mannered and hard working students, that makes it a difficult place to leave.

Ms. D. Tucciarone has been appointed Principal of St. Alfred. She is a well respected educator and I know that you will all welcome her with the same co-operation and support that you have given me.

May God continue to watch over you and may He bless you with His grace.

J. Tollis

THANK YOU

As we draw to the end of another academic year, it is appropriate that I acknowledge and thank all those who have contributed to the students' success:

- our parents,
- our School Council,
- our volunteers,
- the Chair of the Board and our Trustee, Mario Pascucci,
- our Superintendent Elizabeth McGuire,
- the Dufferin-Peel Community,
- Father D'Souza and the Parish team of Sts. Martha and Mary,
- Mrs. Stea and Mrs Sothiratnam, our lunch hour supervisors,
- the talented, dedicated and hard working staff of St. Alfred School: teachers, ERWs, Vice-Principal Klein, Mrs. Suchocki our administrative assistant, and Mr. Thomson our custodian, and
- all our outstanding students

I extend my sincere thank you and appreciation. I thank you for all your support and cooperation throughout the school year and wish everyone a peaceful, restful summer filled with sunny, happy, warm days.

FAITH ACTIVITIES

END OF YEAR LITURGY

Please join us on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 9:45 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. for our Year End Liturgy in the school gym. Parents and guardians are always welcomed.

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FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Our School Council will be celebrating with our grade two students and presenting them with a card and pin on Tuesday June 16 at 9:00 a.m. in honour of their First Communion. Parents are welcome to attend.



SHARELIFE

Thank you to all students who participated and supported our Share Life campaign. St. Alfred School community raised close to \$1000.00. We will be presenting Father D'Souza with a cheque at our year end mass on June 16.

SAFE SCHOOL

DOGS IN THE SCHOOL YARD

It is important for the safety of all our students that no dogs be brought into the schoolyard before, during and after school hours. Even the gentlest dogs can get over excited with so many distractions and children. Please keep your pet safe at home for their safety and that of the students.



LUNCHTIME ROUTINES

Recently several students have requested permission to use the telephones at lunchtime to call parents to leave school property. If your child is leaving the school for lunch, they **must provide a note signed by their parent or guardian. We will no longer be allowing students to use the phones for this reason.** Your co-operation is appreciated.

SUMMER SUN

With the arrival of warmer weather we are aware of the concerns regarding the sun's **ultraviolet rays**. There are a number of scheduled outdoor activities and field trips during the months of May and June. We encourage you to dress your children for the events and weather, for example, hats, T-shirts with sleeves etc. You may also wish to apply sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or greater. We cannot accept the responsibility for applying sunscreen at school.



YARD SUPERVISION

To ensure your child(ren)'s safety, **do not send them to school before 8:30 a.m.** Staff supervision of students in the playground begins at 8:30 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. during the lunch hour. Student arrival at school must be planned accordingly.

SCHOOL EVENTS AND NEWS

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS COMPETITION

Congratulations to our 2009 Battle of the Books Team who studied 60 books, poems and fables in order to

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prepare for our competition. Months and months of reading, studying and teamwork made them an impressive team on May 13. They demonstrated great team spirit and a thorough knowledge of all the readings. We are very, very proud of them!
~~Ms. Marsala & Ms. Romano

On Wednesday May 13, 2009, The Battle of the Books Competition took place. It was a very thrilling event for all schools that participated from Mississauga East! But in the end, Metro Andrei school came in 3rd place, St. Dominic in 2nd place and St. Philip in 1st place. St. Alfred came in 4th place and we are very proud of each and every student who participated. Everybody on the St. Alfred team had fun! And fun is enough Gold for us. The participants on the St. Alfred team are: Amazing Arleen, Marvelous Mark, Nice Nicholai, Loyal Loriene, Terrific Tiana, Jumping Jane, Artistic Artem, Tremendous Tommy, Caring Keane and last, but not least Super Shayla! B.O.B. rules!!
Written by: Shayla

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The staff and students wish to thank our Catholic School council representatives for their incredible support and hard work this school year: Mrs. Vercillo and Mrs. Barna our co-chairs, Mrs. Balawejder, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Skrinjar and Mrs. Vidovic. These parents along with our teaching representatives, Mrs. Steciw and Mrs. Romano and our non-teaching representative, Ms. Klein and Mrs. Suchocki, have worked very hard to make St. Alfred School a happy, safe, nutritious and positive place for our students.

Thank you to our Catholic School Council who have helped to fund the following activities this year:

- Artists in the school;
- Scientists in the School;
- Supplemented the cost of the School Planners/Agendas for grades 3 – 8;
- Supported the Terry Fox run, walk and jog;
- Supported trips;
- Supported the Blue Spruce, Red Maple and Silver Birch programs;
- Supported the sacramental preparation
- Supported the Grade 8 Graduation

Information regarding membership criteria for the Council will be sent home in September. All parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to participate.

GOODBYES TO OUR DEPARTING STAFF

We bid farewell to: Miss Sullivan, our grade 2 teacher. We thank her for her commitment and dedication to our students, her enthusiasm and positive spirit. Miss Sullivan will be re-joining the staff at St. Dominic School and we wish her well.

Secondly, we must also say good bye to one of our Educational Resource Workers:

- Mrs. Obidzinska has been helping out in the morning with students in our Junior Kindergarten class and in the intermediate

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grades. She has been assigned to St. Edmund School. We wish her well in her new school.

Undoubtedly there will be other staffing changes, some of which will be internal at the school. Due to the uncertainty of student numbers, it is inappropriate to announce any of those contemplated changes at this time. September will be the earliest that some of the changes may be confirmed.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

Our grade 8 graduation Mass and Awards ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Sts. Martha and Mary's Church. The student clap out and luncheon will be held on Friday, June 26th beginning at 11:15 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend the Church ceremony and Clap Out.



LOST AND FOUND

Once again we have a large amount of lost articles which have accumulated since March. We will place these articles out on tables in the main hallway of the school for you to see during the last week of June. Please take a moment to check for lost items. Some of these items are in excellent condition and are valuable. Anything remaining will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society over the summer.

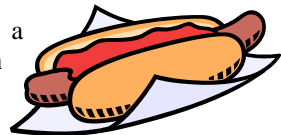
REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be distributed to the students on Tuesday, June 23, 2009. As in the first and second terms, the third page of the report is a "Response Form" (to be completed, signed and returned). This page is to be returned by June 25th. Reports not distributed to students due to absence will be mailed during the summer.

In planning for next year, we are already aware that there will be changes to our staff. More changes may occur over the summer. Therefore, on the report cards only the grade level for next year will be given for each student. During the week before school starts, a staff list with corresponding room numbers and grades will be posted on the doors of the school. On the first day of classes, students will meet their teacher at the appropriate entrance for their assigned grade.

STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY

The School Council has organized a special Student Appreciation Day on Tuesday, June 23, 2009. Students from grades 1 to 8 will be provided with lunch consisting of hotdogs and a drink to enjoy along with a special entertainment event. Kindergarten students will also be appreciated in their class with a special frozen treat. A separate letter will be sent home to all parents asking for consent to consume any food or



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beverage. Please note, due to allergies, students must return the consent form to participate.

All students will be outside for the entire lunch hour. Please ensure children wear a hat, have applied sunscreen and are dressed appropriately.

TOONIE FOR AUTISM

A heart felt thank you to the St. Alfred School Community for their donation of over \$971.50 in support of autistic children. Thank you for your continued support.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

Please be advised that only students eligible to ride the bus will be allowed on the bus in September. Times and bus stops will be posted on the front doors prior to the beginning of school. Students who ride the bus under the 'EMPTY SEAT' Policy will need to re-apply for seating in the fall.

Special needs students will continue to be transported as in the past, however the siblings of these students may not be allocated busing privileges unless they are providing "critical support to the student with special needs."

WARM WEATHER DRESS CODE

We would like our students to be neat, clean and comfortable for learning. Students are expected to dress in a manner and attire suitable for the occasion, and appropriate to the school environment. Boys must wear full-length T-shirts with a sleeve. No muscle shirts or cutoff T-shirts are allowed for regular classes or gym wear. Girls are not to wear anything strapless or have bare midriffs. Tank tops and crop tops are not acceptable. We will be allowing boys and girls to wear shorts provided they are modest. No short - shorts or cut-off jeans will be allowed. If students do not adhere to these guidelines, parents may be called and requested to provide suitable attire. We trust you will assist us in maintaining a sense of dignity with respect to the clothes that are worn to school.



REMINDERS

CALLING ALL LIBRARY BOOKS HOME!

Within the next few weeks the library needs to see the return of all library books. Please help your child find any missing books and ensure that they are returned. Notices will be sent home soon with a reminder of the missing titles.

MOVING?

If you are planning to move during the summer and your child(ren) will be attending another school, please be kind enough to inform the office as soon as possible. Any address changes within our boundary should also be reported. Also, please inform the office of telephone number changes both at home and work.



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PLASP – CHILD CARE SERVICES

School Age Programs for children up to 12 years of age, at St. Alfred School.

- Before School Program – **Breakfast** served daily 7:30 a.m. to school start
- After School Program – **Snacks** served daily School dismissal to 6:00 p.m.

Want to know more?

See the PLASP staff at this school or call PLASP at (905) 890-1711 or visit the website at www.plasp.com

REGISTER NOW FOR SEPTEMBER 2009!

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

- Remove drawstrings to avoid strangulation
- Tie shoelaces and never wear sandals
- Leave skipping ropes at home
- Stand clear from moving objects
- Slide feet first and sit upright when using the slide
- Wait your turn
- Always use two hands when swinging and climbing
- No pushing or rough play

Remember to have fun!

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| June 1, 2, 3 | Grade 3 EQAO |
| June 5 | Volunteer Appreciation - 2 p.m. library |
| June 8 | Family Track and Field Meet KWN presentation at Board Office |
| June 9 | Girls Soccer Tournament |
| June 10 | Pizza Day Grade 6 trip - Emick |
| June 11 | Boys Soccer Tournament Grade 6 trip - English |
| June 16 | Year End Mass (9:45 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.) |
| June 17 | Kindergarten Celebration - gym |
| June 18 | Grade 1 and 2 Play Day Grade 8 Graduation Mass and Awards |
| June 19 | Board Track and Field Meet |
| June 23 | Virtue Assembly Student Appreciation Lunch Report cards go home |
| June 24 | JK/SK Play Day Grade 7 Trip |
| June 25 | Track and Field Ribbon awards |
| June 26 | Last Day of School Grade 8 Clap out and Luncheon |

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