

# Christ the King School

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**December 2008 / January 2009 Newsletter**

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## **Advent Prayer**

O God,

*As light comes from this candle,*

*May the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us,*

*Warming our hearts and brightening our way.*

*May Christ our Saviour bring life into darkness of this world,*

*and to us, as we wait for his coming.*

*Amen*



## **Principal's Message**

The season of Advent is a time of expecting, waiting, caring, kindness, compassion and hope. We strive to prepare our hearts and our lives as we wait in great anticipation for the coming of Jesus. The birth of Jesus signifies a new beginning that heralds new hopes and dreams that illuminates our lives and gives it renewed meaning. Advent is an important time for all of us to rekindle the fire of hospitality and charity in our hearts, homes and in our school.

As you walk through the doors at Christ the King School you will see numerous signs of preparation for this special time of the year. We have begun our school liturgies on Monday mornings to celebrate the beginning of Advent. All of our classes are preparing for our Family Advent Mass on Tuesday, December 16th at 7pm. Our Family Advent Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church will be one of our most important highlights during this festive and holy season as it will provide us with the opportunity to gather as a faith community to pray and reflect on our many blessings and wonderful things in our lives.

On behalf of the staff we wish you and your family, hope, peace joy and love during this Christmas season and God's bountiful blessings throughout the New Year.

L. Storey

## VIRTUES PROGRAM - DECEMBER ~ HOPE

This month we will celebrate the virtue of hope.

We believe that God comes to us as a real human who can show us the way of life.

We understand that both the world and its people are from God and so are essentially good. Furthermore, God has given us this Advent season year after year in order to focus our minds and our hearts on the good all around us.

Year after year, we are reminded the God chose to send his Son to us because we are worth it. God knows how great we can be when we all come together.

### People of Hope...

- ◆ Keep up a positive attitude
- ◆ Can bounce back from tough situations
- ◆ Set and stick to their goals
- ◆ See the good in others even when they make mistakes
- ◆ Work to include others
- ◆ Let others know that *they* are good people

**NEW \*All Virtue information has been added to the front pages of your child's agenda.\***

## VIRTUES PROGRAM - JANUARY ~ SELF-CONTROL

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

God has given us the ability to choose.

We are able to control how we react to what happens around us.

We may feel pressure from inside or from outside ourselves to react violently to a situation. We've all "lost it" at one time or another. We are never proud of those moments. As soon as they happen we make a promise that they will not happen again.

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 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.

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



## Advent Celebrations

Our Advent Celebrations take place in the four weeks prior to Christmas. Advent celebrations take place in the gym, at 9:15 a.m.

**Monday, December 1st**  
**Monday, December 9th**  
**Tuesday, December 16th**

Each Monday, we light a candle. First 3 purple candles and 1 pink. We say special Advent prayers for each week with a reflection, a scripture reading, prayer and response.



You are cordially invited to  
Christ the King Advent Mass  
at St. Francis of Assisi Church  
Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m.  
Come Celebrate Advent with us!



## Extended French Information Meeting

St. Christopher School will be hosting an Extended French Program Information meeting for parents of grade four students who wish to register in the program.

Parents are encouraged to speak to your child's classroom teacher and French teacher to discuss the suitability of this opportunity for your child.

Interested parents and students are invited to this presentation on January 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. 1195 Clarkson Road North. 905-822-0721

Information and registration packages will be distributed at that time.

## CTK Cooking Club



In order to develop and enrich good eating habits, knowledge of basic cooking skills and an appreciation for working in a kitchen, Mr. Morra and Mrs. DeAgazio have begun the CTK Cooking Club, also known as: the CCC. Many children expressed interest in this club and submitted a letter of intent explaining why they would be a good candidate. Members will

learn to use kitchen appliances, proper kitchen cleaning, many other kitchen instruments and will learn simple techniques to make cooking fun, rewarding, healthful and easy. The CCC may even help out in fundraising, selling treats they make for Sharelife. The possibilities are endless.

The following students have been selected as members of the CCC:

Sierra	Rachel	Allie
Janelle	Nadia	Andrea
Alyssa	Caroline	Janella
Marija	Tchissola	Xandra



## Eden Food Bank Fundraising

### Bravo!!

Our school community contributed **\$600** to the Eden Food Bank Fundraising drive making us one of the top participating schools. Eden Food Bank was overwhelmed with our generosity and support and would like to thank you for allowing them to continue to deliver these services in our community. Congratulations to everyone for once again supporting those less fortunate.



## News from the Library...

Come visit the Amphitheatre on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, for our annual Library Raffle. We will also be selling copies of the

School Cookbook that we published in 1998.

These will be sold at an amazing savings, and will be gift wrapped. Once again we will have a selection of sample posters to sell.

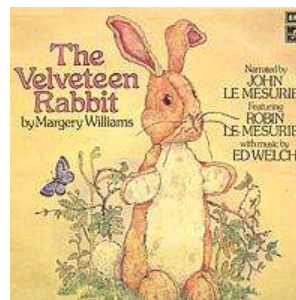
This is a great time to come and enjoy some great bargains and help with the purchase of new books for our Library!

### Looking ahead...

Please mark your calendar for the week of February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009. This is a fabulous time to add to your own personal library, as well as to purchase wonderful books for Someone Special. Look for a great Valentine Theme as well as some exciting surprises through the entire week. We look forward to seeing all of you then.

## Engraved Ornament for Sale

If you are interested in purchasing a lighted (LED) crystal ornament with your family name and year engraved into the glass please fill out the order forms that have been sent home and return to your child's teacher by December 5<sup>th</sup>. Orders will be delivered by December 12<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the ornament is \$15.00. A sample of the ornament is available to view in the school office.



SK - Grade 1-2 students learned a valuable life lesson from the Velveteen Rabbit, which we saw at the Meadowvale Theatre on November 12<sup>th</sup>. "When your real it's the real thing, your heart is happy and you want to sing, shout it out to the sky above, all you

need to be real is love, love, love!

**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF PEEL REGION (STOPR)  
BUS CANCELLATIONS/SCHOOL CLOSING DUE TO BAD WEATHER  
2008 – 2009 SCHOOL YEAR**

During the winter months inclement weather may cause disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations. **A decision to cancel school transportation and/or to close schools is usually made by 6:00 a.m. and will be announced on the following radio stations:**

VIRGIN RADIO 99.9	CHUM 1050	CFTR 680	CFNY 102.1
CJCL 590	CHFI 98.1	CFRB 1010	EZ ROCK 97.3
CJBC (FR) 860 AM	Z103.5	93.1 FM	CFTO
FOXY 88.5 FM	CHIN 100.7 FM/1540 AM		CBC
CITYPULSE	THE WEATHER NETWORK		GLOBAL NEWS
CJMR/CHWO 1250			

We will be communicating one of four standard messages to the radio stations. The four announcements and their effect on the transportation system are as follows: (Please note that the **highlighted text only** will be communicated by the radio stations).

1. **“DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES SERVING ST. ANDREW, ST. BENEDICT AND ST. PETER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND R.F. HALL SECONDARY SCHOOL ARE CANCELLED FOR TODAY.”**
2. **“THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES IN THE TOWN OF CALEDON AND THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN ARE CANCELLED”**. This means that all runs listed under announcement #1 PLUS the following are cancelled.  
All schools in the Town of Caledon and all school runs that begin in the Town of Caledon.  
Individual schools will be notified if this cancellation affects their school.
3. **“THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUSES ARE CANCELLED.”** *This means that:*  
ALL Transportation services provided by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and The Peel District School Board, including buses, vans and taxis have been cancelled for the entire day.
4. **“THE SCHOOLS AND OFFICES OF BOTH THE DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND THE PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ARE CLOSED.”** *This means that:*  
ALL Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and Peel District School Board schools and offices are closed to all students and staff.

***N.B. For Secondary School students riding Public Transit,*** cancellation of service will be communicated by the respective transit property over the radio. Please be advised that Public Transit rarely cancels and that the level of service on days with inclement weather is unpredictable.

## Message from Sharon Hobin~Trustee

As I write to you and look outside it is snowing. For some this is good news and for others, not such great news. For me, I am entering one of my favourite seasons, Christmas. As a trustee I am fortunate to be invited to many Christmas concerts, school Masses, Advent events and school council meetings. It is especially at this time that I am always fortified to be a trustee in our Catholic school board where we may openly and with great enthusiasm celebrate the birth of Christ.

Since my last note to you, we have received a draft homework policy. When it is policy I feel that you will find it to be a balanced approach which will be a positive tool for students, parents and teachers. You will receive more information in the near future. We continue to work hard to develop more Pathway programs for our students in secondary schools in my wards and I thank our administrative staffs who are working hard to meet the needs of all students. Another bit of good news is that all of our unions and employees groups have signed four year contracts. We are proud of the work of our teams both at the school board and in the individuals unions who worked hard to meet the deadlines set down by the province. These agreements are great for our students for the next four years.

I want to send special thanks to our schools who took the time to remember our war veterans on Remembrance Day. With both of my parents being veterans of World War II, this kind of outstanding work finds a special place in my heart. I hope that you were able to see and participate in the presentations at our schools. Recently I attended the launch of a movie which was written and directed by a teacher at one of our secondary schools called "Mouse". With local student actors, Mouse tells the story of a young boy who is lured into a gang. This powerful movie will be available to all of our schools along with a teaching guide. It would be a wonderful activity for school councils to share with their community.

I ask for your prayers for the school communities who have experienced decisions for school closures over the last few weeks. This is a very difficult time for these schools. While we will provide a transition team, you can only imagine how hard this will be.

Our System Review has been completed. Thank you to all who participated. The final report will come to the board in January. I am very proud of the results of this report. It will be an excellent tool for us to use to plan for the next few years. Please accept my best wishes to you and your families for a blessed Christmas. If you have to travel I ask God to bless you on your journey. Let us ask God to bless all of us in 2009!

May the good Lord always hold you in the palm of His hand.

Sharon Hobin

Wards 2 and 8



## Anti-Bullying Committee @ Ctk

Many thanks to our School Council for their continued support with the Argonauts "Huddle up against bullying program". We will be having our initial meeting with Jason of the Argos on December 3, 2008.

**Proud members of our committee include:**

**Julianna K**

**Tilisa G**

**Amber C**

**Marija M**

**Jasmine M**

**Lukas K**

**Tyler H**

**Chris U**

**Nadia D**

**Nicholas L**

**Daniel D**

**Justin L**

**Samantha M**



Thanks to the Jason from the Argos and Mr. Storey for helping out..



## Cold Weather and Illness

In colder weather we often receive requests to allow students to remain indoors when students have a cold, flu etc.. Please note that we cannot comply, as we have neither the facilities or the staff to supervise these students. Please use discretion in keeping your child at home to recover if they are ill. A child who is wheezing, coughing... is not in a state to learn and will infect others. If your child is well enough to attend school, they should be well enough to go outside at recess. Thus, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the forthcoming colder weather.

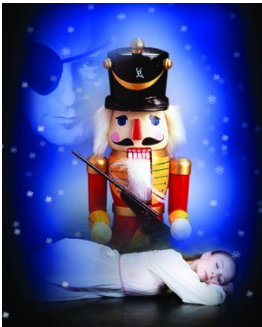
## Snowballs

Every year about this time we need to remind students that throwing snowballs, kicking snow, is prohibited on school property. If students are caught throwing snow in any fashion, a letter will go home as a warning. So students: **SNOW STAYS ON THE GROUND!!!** Thanks for your cooperation.



## Clothing in Cold Weather

Children will go outside for recess and lunch hour, weather permitting. On extremely cold days we limit the amount of time students spend outdoors. At morning announcements, we remind students to wear all the clothes parents sent them with in the morning. Children should come to school with boots, winter coats, scarves, hats and mittens. As well, in order to keep their workplace clean, please ensure your child has a pair of **"indoor" shoes**. It will reduce the amount of dirt and mud brought indoors. This will also assist our custodial staff in keeping our school clean. Thanks for your continued cooperation.



The Grade 3 - 8 students will be going to see a performance of the Nutcracker at the Living Arts centre on December 4th.

A very big **THANK YOU** is extended to the Christ the King School Council who generously and enthusiastically supported this musical excursion from their fundraising efforts and the ongoing support of our school community.



# Home of the Lions

The Christ the King Junior Volleyball Season got underway during the month of November, with both the boys' and girls' teams playing in 3 regular season matches against opposing schools.

The girls had a great season with much improvement in their skills and grew together as a tightly knit team with a great attitude and fine sportsmanship. Their season record was 1 win and 2 losses, which just edged them out of making the Family Tournament.

Thanks for a great season girls! Team members were:

Angela A      Jessica R.      Amberly H.      Amber C.  
Samantha M.      Angel O.      Sarah W.A.      Angela O.

The boys had a very successful season winning all of their regular season games and becoming Division Champions. They will now play in the Family Tournament at Loyola Secondary School on December 3. Good Luck boys!

Team members are:      Jarek W.      Eric A.      Kyle H.      Donaven R.  
Jonathan L.      Jason A.      Alex A.      Stephen S.

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR



**St. Francis of Assisi Parish**  
**Roman Catholic Church**  
 Mississauga, Ontario

Dear students and parents of Christ the King,

I wanted to take the opportunity of your Christmas newsletter to extend to you and your families a beautiful Christmas. I welcome you to join us at the various Christmas Masses that we have listed below for you. I do hope that we can celebrate Christmas together, in its most real and true purpose for there is no greater gift at Christmas than to be able to come together, celebrate and pray. This is the secret of Christmas, one that only the little child of Bethlehem can reveal. You and I, are an integral part of this secret, so let us together enjoy it, love it, and live it. A Blessed Christmas to you all, and to all a joyful and peaceful New Year.

Fr. Joseph Grima



**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES**

**Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24, 2008**

Masses at 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. & 12 Mid.

**Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25, 2008**

Masses at **9:00 a.m.**, 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.  
 (Please note: no 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. Masses)  
 Friday, December 26, 2008 Mass at **9:00 a.m.**

**Feast of the Holy Family -Saturday, December 27 at**

5:00 p.m. Sunday, December 28, 2008 - Masses at 8:00 a.m. , 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Monday, December 29, 2008 Mass at **9:00 a.m.**

Tuesday, December 30, 2008 Mass at **9:00 a.m.**

**Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Please remember this day is a Holy Day of Obligation)**

**New Year’s Eve – Wednesday, December 31, 2008**

Mass at 5:00 p.m. (No 7:30 p.m. Mass)

**New Years Day – Thursday, January 1, 2009**

Mass at **9:00 a.m.** 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

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**Christmas & New Year Schedules**

We are in great need of Ministers as follows:

**Altar Servers:** all Masses except 6 pm. Christmas Eve.

**Ministers of Communion:** 6 pm & Midnight for Christmas Eve, 11:00 a.m. on Christmas Day.

**Lectors:** 8 pm & 10 pm on Christmas Eve; 9 am, 11 am & 12:30 pm on Christmas Day and 9am & 12:30 pm on New Year’s Day.

Please call the parish office if you are able to help as soon as possible. Thank You!