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February 2009 Newsletter

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A Lenten Prayer

*Lord of heaven and earth, you lead us up the mountain to
show us something new,*

*You show us the beauty of life, the wonder of creation,
the goodness of family, the fun of good friends.*

You ask us to let go:

Of pride

Of selfishness

Of meanness

You invite us to open ourselves:

To gentleness,

To love,

To You.

*Lead us up the mountain this Lent and
back home to you this Easter.*

AMEN



Principal's Message

Our liturgical Season of Lent begins with our "Celebration of Ashes" on February 25th and continues until Easter. During our six week Lenten journey we recognize and discuss with our students our human frailties which causes us to sin. We prepare for the coming of Easter through reflection, prayer and charity. We respond to Jesus' call for a "change of heart" by becoming stronger in our will to say "yes" to God and "no" to our selfishness. Our school community will once again continue the important commitment to our Catholic charity of ShareLife and encourage everyone to support our activities as best as they can. We look forward to our Lenten journey together, a strengthened and renewed faith in God's will.

L. Storey

VIRTUES PROGRAM - FEBRUARY ~ RESPECT

This month we will celebrate the virtue of respect.

God has given us the virtue 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 and then we will be able to respect others. We should be able to expect to be treated with respect by everyone we meet - our brothers and sister in Jesus.

Through prayer and concentration, we can get better at respecting ourselves as well as respecting those around us.

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'
- ◆ Avoid gossip

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



It is with regret that we said goodbye to Mr. Vilella (grade 8 teacher). We wish him continued success in his new endeavours and thank him for all his contributions to our school. Best wishes.



We are pleased to announce that Ms. Gizzi has returned to the Christ the King School community and has resumed teaching gr. 8.

WELCOME

A special welcome to our new Lunch Room Supervisor, Mrs. Cutajar.

Ash Wednesday



On Wednesday, February 25th, we begin the season of Lent. This is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During our Ash Wednesday liturgies, we will be signed on our foreheads with a cross of ashes and present our Lenten promises.

Canadian Cancer Society



On January 18th Hilary M. and Naomi M. donated their hair to the Pantene foundation for the Canadian Cancer Society. The hair will be used to make a wig for cancer patients. We at CTK commend Hilary and Naomi for their compassion and caring with this generous act.



Smoke-Free Car Legislation

As of January 21st, 2009, smoking in vehicles with children less than 16 years of age will be against the law. This amendment to the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* protects children who are especially vulnerable to the health effects of second-hand smoke.

Why is Smoke-Free Car Legislation Important?

- Children are especially vulnerable to the harmful effects of second-hand smoke.
- Children exposed to second-hand smoke are more likely to get ear infections, bronchitis, pneumonia and other respiratory tract infections. It can also trigger or worsen asthma.
- Second-hand smoke can reach very high levels inside small spaces like vehicles.
- There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke for children or adults.

Call 905-799-7700 or visit www.smokefree-peelregion.ca for more information.

Extended French Information Meeting

St. Christopher School will be accepting applications for our Extended French Program until March 4th at 3 p.m. The decision regarding the need for a lottery will be based on the number of applications received by the deadline. Should a lottery be required, it will be held on March 23rd. This information will be posted on the school website,

<http://w3.dpcdsb.org/CHRIS/>

Chess Club



The CTK Chess Club began on Friday, January 9th and has had a great beginning, with many enthusiastic players coming to play and to teach new players how to play the game. We would like to thank Mrs. Pendergast for all her time and dedication with the chess club.

Chess club is being held during lunch recess on Fridays. We are always in need of new or used chess sets, any donations would be greatly appreciated.

People for Education

It's the first People for Education Newsletter of 2009!

This edition has information about a government consultation, the elementary teachers' labour woes, possible funding cuts and new recommendations for urban and suburban schools. For printer friendly version, you can get a PDF of the newsletter at this link on our website: <http://www.peopleforeducation.com/newsletter/jan09> or you can visit the CTK website –general information

ShareLife

Our 2009 ShareLife campaign will begin in February. Christ the King school community has always given generously to ShareLife. Last year we donated \$8500.00 to the Parish ShareLife appeal. This year's campaign theme is "**You can work wonders...**". By participating in the fund raising activities that will take place during February and March, we are able to help the less fortunate in our community. We have many activities planned, beginning in February with our annual Spell-a-thon during the week of February 23th, lunchtime Bingo games on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Pajama day on February 26th. Your child will bring home more information on these and the other activities that are planned.

March Break

March break this year takes place **March 16th to March 20th inclusive**. We return to school Monday, March 23rd .

Family Literacy Day



Family Literacy Day is a national initiative that promotes the importance of reading and learning together as a family. Each year, on January 27th, families are encouraged to read together. In honour of Family Literacy Day the Kindergarten

students welcomed guests to their class to read their favourite books. Thanks to Mrs. DeAgazio and all the parents who shared their favourite stories with us. Please visit www.abc-canada.org for ideas on how to develop and use literacy skills with your family.

School Website

Be sure to visit our school website. All newsletters, calendars and other pertinent information is always updated. Our website address is

<http://dpcdsb.org/CKING>

February is Bingo Month at CTK



All money raised goes to **ShareLife**

Grades 1, 2, and 3

Tuesday, February 3, 10, 17 and 24

Grades 4, 5, and 6

Thursday, February 5, 12, 19, and 26

50¢ a card or 3 for a \$1.00 ~ Prizes ~

In Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon & Dufferin County

Catholic Education Begins Here!

Jr. & Sr. Kindergarten Registration for 2009-2010

for children not currently registered in Dufferin-Peel Catholic schools

*** Registration for the 2009-10 school year will be held at all
Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools**

February 23 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Snow Date Only - February 24 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

February 25, 26, 27 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Junior Kindergarten - **Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2009**

Senior Kindergarten - **Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2009**

Parents/Guardians should bring the following documents when registering their child:

proof of 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 of Landed Immigrant status

proof of address (utility bill, bank or credit card statement)

for schools in Caledon and Dufferin County, emergency rural address numbers for identifying your property

**For more information, contact your neighbourhood Catholic school or call the
Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board at (905) 890-1221.**

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CTK Cooking Club

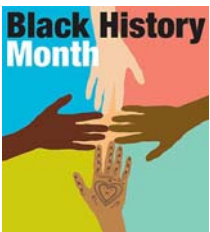


This past month, the Cooking Club has been very busy. The members of the CCC have been honing their skills in the kitchen, slicing, dicing and chopping their way through what seemed to be a mountain of lettuce. Yes, that's right!!! The CCC has been knee-deep in salad!!!! From Asian to Italian, Cesar to California to Waldorf, our chefs are now well-schooled in the art of sweet, sour and savory salads. Also, we learned how to take away the Winter Woes. When it got a little too chilly, we made CHILI!!!!

Next on our plate, we will be baking cookies to sell at this year's Book Fair in February. Please come and support our Cooking Club by enjoying our frosted St. Valentine cookies. As we try to perfect our baking skills, we will also be working on some yummy pasta dishes, from a simple tomato sauce to a savory Pesto and mouth-watering cream sauces, the next couple of months will be a sure delight.



Black History Month



February celebrates Black History. The students will be involved in a variety of in class activities.

Eden Community Food Bank

Eden Community Food Bank received 25460 Kg of food in December alone. 8693.5 Kg came from the schools in our postal code areas. The support we received this year from your school was record setting. Toonie Tuesday and Christmas fundraisers brought in \$21,044.46. Food donations, from the schools, for both November and December totaled 12,563.5 Kg. Thank you to all the schools who participated to make this such a success.

In December we distributed 10727 Kg of food to 994 people in our neighborhood. We also contributed to the Christmas baskets by giving an additional 3700 Kg of food as well as frozen turkeys. Total food distribution in December was 14244 Kg. We had many helping hands when several schools brought their students in to help with sorting and packing.

With the funds raised this year, our fresh food program is very stable. We purchase every week from November to May the following fresh items: lettuce, or another green, carrots, onions, potatoes and at least two pieces of fruit for every person in the family. We continually purchase fresh milk for all families and have supplied grocery store gift cards to our families who are most in need. I think our biggest challenge this year will be to secure permanent off site storage space.

This truly is your community food bank, when so many pitch in and contribute to the cause. We at Eden Community Food Bank are so fortunate to be part of such a giving community. Thank you for all your support.



Home of the Lions

The Christ the King Intermediate Basketball Season got underway during the month of January. The teams were chosen in December and they are looking forward to an exciting season. Congratulations to the following team members:

Intermediate Boys:	Thomas Chris A.	Jacob Chris N.	Nick Derrick	Brandon Kyle	Aaron Christian
Intermediate Girls:	Emily Shelby	Bola Noreena	Jackie Jenny	Robynn Marija	Kaitlyn Milica

We would like to thank Mr. Celeste and Ms. Gizzi for all their preparation in coaching the teams.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE FOR SCHOOLS BEING SCREENED (FALL/WINTER 2008/2009)
Important Immunization Message from Peel Public Health

Peel Public Health will be reviewing immunization records of all students at our school in November 2008.

Peel Public Health must have proof that your child has been fully vaccinated (immunized) according to the Ontario immunization schedule. During the record review, you will receive a letter from Peel Public Health if your child's record is incomplete. It will tell you what vaccinations your child needs to meet the requirements for Ontario.

Immunization records are considered incomplete if:

Peel Public Health has not received your child's vaccination record or

Your child's record does not show that he/she has had all the required doses of vaccine (e.g. infant and booster doses)

or

You do not have a valid exemption from immunization for your child

If you receive a letter, please be sure your child has received the required vaccination(s), then give the date(s) to Peel Public Health immediately to update your child's record.

For more information please call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 or visit www.immunizepeel.ca Caledon residents can call toll-free at 905-584-2216. Translation services are available.

ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION—DPCDSB
INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM:

Elementary International Saturday morning classes are available to students in grades JK to 8. No prior language experience is necessary. International Language programs comply with the Ministry of Education curriculum. Please contact the Adult & Continuing Education Office at 905-891-9263 for information regarding language offerings at specific IL Sites and registration information as well.

Adult and Continuing Education DPCDSB ~ ESL Programs for Adults

We offer a variety of ESL, Citizenship and Coop Programs for Adults throughout Mississauga and Brampton. Registration is on-going for many of our programs.

Please see our Winter Flyer posted on the board website at <http://www.dpcdsb.org> or call us at 905-891-9263

Adult and Continuing Education DPCDSB ~ General Interest Courses for Adults

Discover a new talent, explore a new interest, put a hop in your dance step....come join us ...Various General Interest courses available....Look for our General Interest information in our Adult and Continuing Education Flyer. Our courses begin February 2, 2009.

Night School Secondary School Credit Winter 2009

D.P.C.D.S.B. SECONDARY NIGHT SCHOOL CREDIT COURSES ~WINTER SESSION **February 9 - May 25, 2009**

MISSISSAUGA LOCATIONS

St. Aloysius Gonzaga S.S.

2800 Erin Centre Blvd. Mississauga, ON

Philip Pocock S.S.

4555 Tomken Rd. Mississauga, ON

BRAMPTON LOCATION

St. Marguerite d'Youville S.S.

10815 Dixie Rd. Brampton, ON

<http://www.dpcdsb.org>