

Christ the King School

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October 2009 Newsletter

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A Thanksgiving Prayer

Blessed are you, loving Father,

For all of your gifts to us.

Blessed are you for giving us the
Gift of family and friends.

We pause and give you thanks,

Lord, for all these gifts:

For the rains that give life, for the harvest.

As we rejoice in your kindness,

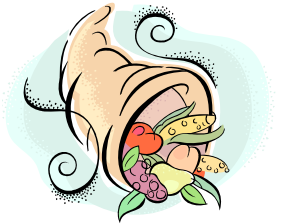
We pray for those who are in need.

Open our hearts to them

And teach us to be generous to others as you are to us

Thank you, God.

Amen



Principal's Message

As Christians, we are always called to live in community with one another. In caring, safe and inclusive communities, we learn to discover our own dignity and the dignity of those around us. It is with a humble heart that I thank God at this time of 'Thanksgiving' for your constant support in helping our children achieve on a daily basis the dignity that they deserve. As the adults in their lives, we are their 'life guides' and I am truly honoured to be sharing this wonderful journey with you!

Thank you to all who came out to our 'Open House/Curriculum Night as well as our Parent Council for putting on such a fabulous BBQ Dinner. Your attendance sent an important message of commitment to your child and the school.

We had a very positive beginning to the school year with 313 students and 27 staff members. Thank you to the parents/guardians who supported our need to reorganize at the primary and junior division levels. A special thank you is extended to all staff who have demonstrated a great deal of care and commitment to the instruction of our students.

On behalf of the Christ The King Staff, may you and your families have a wonderful Thanksgiving!!

M. McIsaac

VIRTUES PROGRAM - OCTOBER ~ EMPATHY

This month we will focus on the virtue of **empathy**.

God has given us the ability to form connections with each other—to live together.

Empathy helps us to connect and live together in safe, caring, inclusive communities.

We understand empathy to mean the ability to identify with and feel other people's concerns. We believe that in a faith community we are nothing without relationships.

Relationships that grow in a spirit of communion—and understanding that we share an identity based on being created in the image and likeness of God and being imbued with one Spirit. We are many parts of one body.

An empathetic person believes that we all share one Spirit; that we are many parts of one body because we are all created in the image and likeness of God.

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



GRADE 2 FRIENDSHIP CELEBRATION

On October 7th our grade 2's will have a Friendship Celebration as part of their ongoing preparation for their First Eucharist and Reconciliation. Fr. Joseph will be joining us as we celebrate our friendships with each other and our special friendship with Jesus.

WELCOME

As a result of the re-organization at Christ the King School, we would like to welcome Mrs. J. Szykowski-Ellery (PT) and Mrs. D. Wyrzkowska (ERW)



School Website - <http://dpcdsb.org/> CKING

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

Christ the King Staff, 2009-10

M. McIsaac	Principal
L. DeAgazio	Secretary
A. Piertrantuono	Head Custodian (Day)
P. Tagras	Custodian (Night)
T. Lingard	Custodian (Night)
L. Stolar	JK/SK
L. DiRisio	JK/SK
M. Mastrangelo	1
J. Goodman	1/2
M. Yee	2/3
A. Gawronski	3/4
D. Pendergast	3
P. Kennedy	4
B. Masson	5
K. Gizzi	6
M. Celeste	7
C. Shaw	7/8
F. Fiore	8
L. Morra	FSL
L. Wirkowski	PT
J. Szykowski-Ellery	PT
P. Szpakowski	SERT/ESL
S. McDonald	SERT/SERC
E. Chelak	Library
K. Hicks	Educational Resource Worker (ERW)
V. Gorgatti	ERW
K. Muffolini	ERW
V. Milicevic	ERW
D. Wyrzkowska	ERW
B. Meo	Lunch Hour Supervisor
S. Cutajar	Lunch Hour Supervisor
M. Lapp	Child Youth Worker
S. Henry	Psychologist
E. Jones	Speech and Language
D. Kostyshyn	Social Worker

Library News...



Thank you to Mrs. Meo, Mrs. Vioria and Mrs. Nahirniak for all your help with the School Bookfair.

Thank you to all the Parents, students and teachers for all your support. We look forward to another exciting Book fair later in the school year.



School Photographs

The school photographer will be Edge Imaging. Photographs of students will take place on **Tuesday, October 6th**



A special thank you to Parent council for organizing the annual Meet the Teacher Family BBQ Night on Thursday, September 24th, and thank you to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of this evening.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Once again Christ the King school is hosting it's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Students are being asked to help those less fortunate by bringing in non-perishable food

items such as canned goods, pasta, cereal etc.

We will be collecting food items up until Thursday, October 8, 2009.

Thank you in advance for your support.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

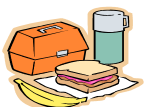


It is time that time of year already when our "little ones" will want to visit their neighbours for trick or treating. In school we will remind them about the safety rules so that they can both enjoy the evening and stay safe and well.

◆ Choose brightly coloured costumes

- ◆ Use face paint instead of masks
- ◆ Plan a safe route with your child
- ◆ Remind your child of road safety rules
- ◆ Accompany your children
- ◆ Remind children not to enter homes
- ◆ Check the treats before allowing your children to eat them

In addition, we will also be stressing the fact that the most important aspect of our activities at this time of year is the celebration of two great Feast Days. November 1st we honour All Saints Day in our church, and we are encouraged to pray that we might emulate their example in our daily lives. On the following day, November 2nd, we will remember all those who have gone before us in faith by celebrating the Feast of All Souls. Again, we are reminded that while those who have died are out of sight, they are not out of mind or beyond our prayers.



Student Lunches

We have had numerous students attending school without a lunch. A proper nutritious lunch is **essential** in enhancing your child's performance for the afternoon. You will be contacted if your child does not have a lunch and will be asked to rectify the situation immediately. Thank you for your co-operation.

Daily Physical Activity



The Ministry of Education has mandated that every school in Ontario conduct 20 minutes of daily physical activity. Each teacher has been asked to establish a time on their schedule that is convenient in their curriculum. Staff will also be participating in the activities therefore you may find that casual attire is frequently worn

Lockdown/Fire Drill Procedures



For your information, during the month of October we will be rehearsing with students, a number of emergency response situations including lockdown and fire drills (one drill was already done in September). All schools are required by Board policy to practice these procedures throughout the year. Participation is essential for precautionary purposes only, so that in the event of an actual emergency, students will be prepared to respond in a safe and responsible manner. If you would like additional information, please feel free to contact the school.



Hand Sanitizers

As you are aware the Board through the Plant Operations Department is replacing/installing hand soap dispensers throughout the schools. Further to the provision of a container of

Microsan foaming sanitizer and poster for the reception areas, sanitizer provision will be expanded to all classrooms without sinks. Until an improved product is available the following guidelines must be followed with products allowed into the school for personal use:

- Products used shall be between 60-90% alcohol content (the alcohol content is flammable)
- Do not use or store near open flames
- Over use may cause skin irritation due to the drying affect on the skin
- Only unscented products shall be used in schools/facilities

Use of sanitizers by students shall be supervised (It is vital to reinforce to your children that hand sanitizer is not to replace proper hand washing with soap and water.)

Peel Health has excellent flu resources at:

<http://www.peelregion.ca/health/pandemic/index.htm>



Homework Help Initiative



Back to school means the return of Math homework. This year, Dufferin-Peel students in grades 7 to 10 will be involved in an exciting online initiative designed to help students succeed in Mathematics.

This September, the Ministry of Education and the Independent Learning Centre will launch "Homework Help"; a website for all Math students in grades 7 through 10. To access the site, students simply log-on to *Homework Help* at www.homeworkhelp.ilc.org and using an interactive chat room, they can obtain personalized tutoring from a certified Ontario Math teacher. Chats take place Sunday to Thursday between the hours of 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Homework Help is free, live and anonymous!

HOMework HELP INITIATIVE – PHASE 1

1. What is it?

The Homework Help Initiative is a program developed by the Ministry of Education and managed by e-Learning Ontario and the Independent Learning Centre (ILC). The program's focus is to improve student success in mathematics with a focus on students in grades 7 through ten. The program has two primary components:

- Homework Help online tutoring for students
- Ontario Educational Resource Bank – a collection of resources to provide support for teachers, students and parents

The ILC's Homework Help is a live interactive chat room where a student who is enrolled in Gr. 7-10 math from the DPCDSB can go to seek math assistance Sun-Thurs night from 5:30-9:30 pm. The motivation behind the site is of course to increase student success and increase math scores across the Board. Presently, the program is still in its 'pilot' phase and DPCDSB is one of 15 boards taking part in the second phase of the initiative.

2. How do students register?

The site launches Sunday September 20th and the goal is that all DPCDSB students in grades 7 to 10 will have registered to the site by **October 19th**. To register students simply visit the ILC's Homework Help website and complete the registration process. Documents to support teachers and student with the registration process will be sent out to principals shortly. The intent is that schools will provide opportunities to login and set up their accounts. (e.g. Within the elementary panel this may take the form of classes using a small portion of their computer lab time to allow students to register.)

If you have questions or you would like PD support for your staff or for assistance with registering students onto the site, please contact:

Kevin Williams
e-Learning Contact – Homework Help Initiative
Kevin.williams@dpcdsb.org

Promotional material to go home to parents and students as well as inserts for websites and school newsletters will also be forthcoming.



Girl Guides of Canada
Guides du Canada

Girl Greatness Starts Here

Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada (GGC) stands for what it has always stood for - fun, friendship and adventure. GGC is a safe, accepting environment with diverse and exciting programs and activities that offers girls the chance to learn, grow and discover through age-appropriate programming.

From sports, camping and science to eco-activities, fashion design and community projects, Guiding's girl-centred programming has something for everyone. Guiding is bold, fun, energetic and gives girls the tools and resources they need to achieve greatness.

Registrations for new girl members are being accepted now.