



# CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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*“Where Heart Speaks to Heart”*

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## School Hours

9:15 a.m. School Begins

11:15 – 11:30 Recess

11:45 JK/SK a.m.  
dismissal

12:15 – 1:15 Lunch

1:15 p.m. SK start

2:45 – 3:15 Recess

3:45 p.m. Dismissal

## Newsletter – September 2009

### *A Prayer to begin the School Year*

Father  
We ask that you would bless  
our students,  
with Your loving mercy,  
granting them the strength to learn, concentrate,  
respect each other and their teachers and learn  
of Your wonderful virtues.

We also ask that You watch over them,  
at home and at school.

We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen

*Virtue of the Month is FAITH*

### *Principal's Message*

Welcome everyone to Cardinal Newman Catholic Elementary School. It is a pleasure on behalf of the staff to extend a warm welcome to all new families in our school community. We hope you have had an enjoyable summer with family and friends.

Thank you to all staff for all your work in preparing for the 2009-2010 school year. As a community we take pride in the accomplishments of all our students and in the many ways we share our Catholic values. We regard ourselves as partners with parents in the education of your children and hope that they have a successful school year.

### *Staff For 2009 –2010*

Please find enclosed the tentative staff list and assigned grades for 2009 - 2010. If there are no changes, this will be the list for the year. We welcome new and returning staff for this year: J. Kastoris (Gr. 5/6), L. Moran (Gr. 7), M. DiCarlantonio (Planning Time), R. Papini (Gr. 6), S. Sparkes (Gr. 8), T. Boni (Gr. 5), S. Nogueira (Gr. 1), D. Venditti (JK/SK & Planning Time).

## ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION

Daily attendance and punctuality are very important. On the days that your child will be absent, we ask that you please contact the school. The number is 905 792 2268. It is the parent's responsibility to call the school in the event of an absence. The school is responsible for attendance verification and not an attendance check. This is a safety precaution. Please provide your child's name, grade, teacher and reason for the absence. Thank you for your support in following this procedure.

## BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

For your child's safety, we request that he/she **not** to be on school property until supervision begins at 9:00 a.m.

## VISITORS AT THE SCHOOL

All visitors and parents are requested to enter the building through the front door and check in at the office.

Please sign in, and obtain a pass if you plan to remain in the building for any reason during school hours, or in the playground while the children are outside.

Please understand that during instructional time, teachers are not available to meet with you or to take phone calls. All messages or deliveries for students will be handled through the front office.

Students are expected to enter and exit through their designate doors.

## KISS AND RIDE

The school's Kiss and Ride Program is located at the front of the building. The "Kiss and Ride" lane is for stopping to drop off your child. It is **NOT** for parking in the morning. If you need to come into the school, please park in a designated parking spot. With our current renovations we have more parking spots available.

For parents who wish to walk their child to the kindergarten area, please park your car in the parking area. **Please do not park in the Kiss and Ride area.**

## LUNCH HOUR



During the lunch hour, all students who stay for lunch are expected to remain at school, and all students who go home for lunch are expected to go home for lunch. If there is a change in the regular lunch hour procedure for your child, parent/guardian are asked to provide the teacher with a note explaining the change.

## SCHOOL REORGANIZATION

Cardinal Newman staffing is based on a projected student enrollment that is calculated in the spring. The projected enrollment numbers attempt to take into account new students and those that are moving in and out of our area.

Students may experience changes should enrollment projections and actual numbers differ. We will inform you in the event that any class reorganization is required.

## STUDENTS EMERGENCY INFORMATION



Your child will receive a copy of the Student Verification form which contains your address, phone numbers, emergency contacts and health information as it currently exists in our computer. We ask that you take a few minutes and look over the information to ensure that it is accurate. Please make any changes needed directly onto the sheet and return it to your child's teacher this week. It is very important that we have accurate phone numbers and emergency contacts.

## EMERGENCY EVACUATION

Teachers and students regularly practice emergency evacuation procedures. These include: fire precautions and safety actions in the event of an intruder.

## TRANSPORTATION



Students who are eligible to take the bus should be waiting at bus stops at least ten minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that kindergarten children are met at the bus stop at noon. Children who do not see a parent or babysitter will remain on the bus and will be returned to the school to be picked up there by the parent or babysitter.

Please ensure that your child rides the bus which they have been assigned by the transportation department. It is the Board policy that students ride the bus to which they have been assigned based on your home address. Courtesy seat letters will be provided for parents to fill out. If courtesy seats are available they will be assigned in mid October.

## OPEN HOUSE

Please join us on Thursday, September 24, for our school community liturgy and our annual 'Meet the Teacher Night' from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Further information will be sent home.

## PEDICULOSIS – HEAD LICE

Pediculosis is not considered a health problem because it is not a communicable disease. However, from time to time incidents of pediculosis occur in any school. It is recommended that parents inspect their children's hair, especially if persistent itching and scratching of the scalp is noticed. *Please inform the school if you discover an infestation.* Your pharmacist can give you treatment information if required. Remind your child that it is not appropriate to share other children's combs and/or headgear (hats, etc.)

## LUNCH OPTIONS IN THE FUTURE



**Mondays – Pasta or Chicken Nuggets**

**Pizza Days** continue to run on **Tuesdays** and cost \$2.00 for one slice.

**Thursday's – Hot Dog or Hamburger** will be available every **Thursday** \$4.00.

**Students will be notified of start up dates for these lunch options.**

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

There are two primary roles of the Catholic School Council:

- to be an advisory body to the Principal and the School Board
- to promote the vision, values, sacramental life and Catholic practices of the School Board and the Catholic community it serves.

Catholic School Councils establish and maintain good communication flow within and among the school community. They play an important role in complimenting and supporting school directives and programs. Cardinal Newman School Council nomination forms will be available in the school office from September 14 – 18 during school hours. All forms must be submitted to the office by 4:00 p.m. on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Council elections will take place at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22. Our 2009 – 2010 Council will meet following the elections on the same evening.

*Be a part of our School Council! We need you to make it a dynamic and productive team.*

## STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE

As required by the Education Act and Ministry of Education, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost effective student accident insurance coverage. Although enrolment is voluntary, the Board encourages parents to take advantage of the inexpensive insurance coverage. Please take some time to read over the pamphlet sent home with your child.

## P.A. DAY

Friday, September 18, 2009 will be a Professional Activity Day. This day is dedicated to organizational meetings, faith formation, goal setting and curriculum discussions for the new school year. There will be **NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS ON THIS DAY.**

## MEDICAL CONCERNS

We have a number of students in the school with health conditions requiring specialized medication or supervision. In order for students to have access to medicine on a daily basis or for us to store medication in the school, there is a consent form that

MUST be filled out by a doctor. All medication of this sort is to be stored in the school office. We take this precaution so that medication does not fall into the wrong hands. If your child has a medical condition, please notify the school office.

#### NUT/PEANUT/OTHER ALLERGY ALERT

We are asking for your co-cooperation in keeping our school safe for all our students and staff. Several students/staff in our school suffer from a severe food allergy to all nuts, peanuts and nut products. *We are asking that you do not send your child with any food for lunch or snack that contains nuts or nut products. We do not encourage the sharing of birthday cakes or food items as well.*

If you are thinking of your child sharing a birthday treat at school; please consider a pencil, eraser or small token instead. We want our children and staff to be safe and healthy and these measure will ensure this. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

#### SCHOOL AGENDAS

Student agendas are available at a cost of \$5.00. Agendas assist in the development of organizational and time management skills. This also facilitates the bond of communication between home and school. Please forward the money to your child's teacher who will ensure that your child receives one.

#### ARTISTS IN THE SCHOOL



With the increasing cost of school trips we are looking at providing some alternative ways of providing students with an opportunity to experience valuable performances and presentations. We are asking for a \$10.00 fee to cover the cost. If you have more than one child at the school, the maximum amount per family will be \$20.00. Please forward the money to your child's teacher.

#### PLASP

PLASP operates Before and After School Programs at this school. The Before School Program runs from 7:30 a.m. until school begins. The After School Program runs from the end of the school day until 6:00 p.m. **Fee assistance is available.** Register your child with the PLASP Staff before of after school. For further information, call 905 890 1711 or visit the website at [www.plasp.com](http://www.plasp.com).

#### DON'T FORGET

PA. Day September 18, 2009

Parents of students in Grade 2 - Sacramental preparation meeting @ St. John Fisher Parish Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss First Holy Communion and Confession

Agendas \$5.00

Artist in the School \$10.00

Thanksgiving Mass Tuesday, October 6 @ school

