



**NEWSLETTER
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St. Joseph Elementary School

We C.A.R.E.: Catholic Community, Acceptance, Respect, Excellence

Thanksgiving Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
creator of heaven and earth
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
we praise you for your glory,
and thank you for your goodness to us.
We praise you for your generous gifts
and for bringing fruitful results to our labours.
And we rejoice in your kindness,
we pray also for those who are in need.
Open our hearts to them,
and teach us to be as generous to others
as you are to us.
Heavenly Father,
help us all to follow Jesus our Lord,
and so bear eternal fruit for you.
Amen

Happy Thanksgiving!

SACRAMENTS

First Communion- Parent Information Sessions

November 25/08, January 13/09, April 7/09 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Church- Parents must attend all 3 sessions.

First Reconciliation- March 14/09 @ 2:00 p.m.

First Communion- May 9/09 @ 3:00 p.m.

Confirmation- Parent Information Session,

November 4/08 @ 730 p.m. at the church.

Confirmation- February 10/09 @ 7:30 p.m.

YARD SUPERVISION

Please remember that teacher supervision does not commence until 15 minutes prior to our start time. In the morning, it is provided from 8:15 and for our afternoon kindergarten students from 12:15. For safety reasons, parents are reminded not to drop off their children before these times.

STUDENT VERIFICATION SHEET

Thank you to all who have completed and returned the Student Verification Sheet which you received from the classroom teacher in early September. The information requested is essential for communication with home in the event of an emergency. If you have not returned this information, please do so as soon as possible. Please notify the office of any changes throughout the year.

ATTENDANCE/VERIFICATION PROGRAM

Daily and punctual attendance of students is encouraged. If students are late they must report to the office prior to going to class. If your child is going to be absent, please call the school (905-826-4422). Messages can be left between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. When reporting

an absence please state the child's name, grade, teacher and reason for absence. Your cooperation will reduce the need for calls to your home or workplace.

CUSTODY OF CHILDREN

We are best able to serve and protect our students when we are made aware of legal custody arrangements, visitation rights and special instructions. If legal custody matters affect your family, please ensure that our office and classroom teachers are aware of custodial arrangements that may affect your child during school hours. We require custodial parents to provide legal documentation for our files.

TERRY FOX RUN/WALK

On Friday, September 26th, the staff and students of St. Joseph participated in the Terry Fox Run/Walk. The students had an enjoyable time walking along the path of the Credit River. Thank you very much to all students, parents and teachers for their generous support of this very worthwhile cause. We are still accepting donations until Friday, October 10th.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council Executive for 2008-2009 is:

Chair	Liam Condon
Co-Chair	Lilliana Boychuk
Secretary	Suzanne Ambrozic-Dub
Treasurer	Barbara Ornat
Parish Rep	Teresa Pimentel
OAPCE Rep	Theresa Alt

Our next School Council meeting is on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

FAMILY READING FUNDRAISER

Once again, we will be participating in the QSP Magazine fundraiser. Our assembly will take place on Thursday, October 9th at 1:00 p.m. Order forms will be sent home this week to renew your subscriptions through the school. If you have a subscription rate lower than the QSP rate, this will be honoured.

FROM THE LIBRARY

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming! St. Joseph will be holding its annual Book Fair on October 10th-16th. The theme for this year is "*A Pyramid of Books*". The students will be scheduled for a browsing period with their class on October 10th and 14th. This is their opportunity to purchase books on **Wednesday, October 15th from 8:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. and on Thursday, October 16th from 8:45 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.!**

We will also be hosting a **Family Event on Thursday, October 16th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Your family can shop together, participate in activities and enter our Family Event draw. You could win \$25 worth of books for your family and your child's teacher! Flyers will be sent home with more details!

Thank you for encouraging your child to read. By purchasing books and supporting our Book Fair, you enable our school to obtain new resources for the library and classrooms. We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair!

SAFETY OF PUPILS

Emergency response procedures in the event of a fire, bomb threat or serious accident/injury have been established and are revised on an annual basis. In fact, Fire Code Regulations stipulate that we must conduct drills a minimum of three times in the fall and three times in the spring of each school year. Our fire drill procedures are necessary to ensure the safety

of everyone in the school. In the event of a fire, it is important that we all leave the building as quickly and safely as possible.

We will have a Lockdown practice on Friday, October 17th.

A SAFE, CARING AND INCLUSIVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

St. Joseph continues to create and sustain a "safe, caring and inclusive school community". At our Virtues Assembly on Monday, October 6, we recognized the September Students of the month for the virtue of FAITH. This month we will be focusing on the virtue of "EMPATHY".

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

Thank you to all parents who are reporting to the Office upon arrival at the school. For the safety of our children, all visitors must report to and sign in at the office upon entering St. Joseph School. A "**Visitor/Volunteer**" badge will be issued. If a child must leave early, the secretary will be more than happy to call your child down to the office. Remember that you are a stranger to other children.

KISS AND RIDE

The Kiss & Ride program has been in effect since the first day of school. Thank you to all the parents who have been using the Kiss & Ride to drop off their children. Please remember that parking in front of the school on Church Street and letting your children cross the road and / or parking lot is dangerous. Please walk your children to the school entrance if you are not using the Kiss 'N Ride.

We appreciate the on-going dedication and commitment of the parent volunteers who greet our students upon arrival by car and bus every morning.

DUFFERIN-PEEL E-COMMUNITY

Parents and guardians of Dufferin-Peel students can stay up-to-date with the latest board news and information by joining the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board E-Community. Members will receive the latest news and information by e-mail, including media releases, school activities

Board highlights, school and transportation cancellations, plus useful tips for parents.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board E-Community helps partners and guardians to stay connected to their school community. Sign up today! www.dpccdsb.org

UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 9- Magazine Fundraiser Kick-Off Assembly @ 1:00 pm.
Oct. 10-16- Book Fair
Oct. 13- THANKSGIVING DAY- NO SCHOOL
Oct. 16- Mississauga North Family Cross Country Meet @ Erindale Park
Oct. 17- Lockdown Practice
Oct. 21- Picture Day
Nov.1- All Saint's Day
Nov. 2- All Soul's Day
Nov. 12/13- See/Hear Clinic
Nov. 13- Hepatitis B Clinic: Grade 7
Nov. 20- School Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.