



NEWSLETTER
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St. Joseph Elementary School

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

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row.
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead, Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, tho poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Lt. Col. John McCrae

REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVANCE

On Tuesday, November 11, at 10:45 a.m., the students of St. Joseph School will honour the men and woman who bravely fought and protected our freedom. There will be a special memorial observance under the direction of Mrs. Araujo and Mrs. Forsyth. We will remember those who gave their lives for our freedom and pray for peace to prevail throughout the world. This is also an opportunity for us to give thanks for the freedom that we enjoy in Canada.

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH....

SACRAMENTAL RECEPTION DATES

All celebrations of the sacraments will be held at St. Joseph's Church.

- First Communion** - May 9th at 3:00 p.m.
First Reconciliation - March 14th at 2:00 p.m.
Confirmation - February 10th at 7:30 p.m.

First Communion- Mandatory Parent Information Sessions will be held on November 25th, January 13th and April 7th @ 7:30 p.m. @ St. Joseph's Parish.

ADVENT MASS

The St. Joseph School Advent Mass will be held on Monday, December 1st at St. Joseph Church at 7:30 p.m. A social, hosted by the School Council will be held in the Church hall following Mass. All are welcome!

VIRTUES PROGRAM

During the months of October and November we are highlighting the virtues of "Empathy" and "Conscience". We will have our Virtues Assembly on Tuesday, December 2nd at 9:10 a.m. in the gym.

CURRICULUM & STUDENT ACTIVITIES...

LIBRARY

The Pyramid of Books arrived at St. Joseph on October 10th and was a great success! Thanks to all the students and parents who came to the Book Fair. Many new resources have been purchased for the library thanks to everyone's support! Congratulations to Anthony R. who won the \$25 Family Door Prize and Mrs. Forsyth who won the \$25 Classroom Prize. Congratulations also to Jamie H. who guessed the EXACT number of pages in the mummified book- 217!

Thank you to Mrs. Sayewich for assisting with the Book Fair set up. I would also like to thank ALL the talented students who helped transform our library into an Egyptian pyramid. A big thank you to the students who came out to help during the evening Family Event: Patti, Julia, Celina and Katherine. Finally, thank you to all the teachers who shared their favourite stories during Family Storytime: Mrs. Sajda, Ms Sandford, Mrs. Leko, Ms DeSouza, Mrs. Araujo, Mrs. Falcone and Mrs. Lopreiato.

thank our community partners who were also present that evening. Constable Wood from the Peel Regional Police arrived with her police cruiser. Sandi Laird from the Streetsville Library handed out pencils, bookmarks and special events brochures for their story times. Representatives from the Ontario Early Years Centre displayed materials describing their many programs.

CROSS COUNTRY

Mrs. Da Silva, Mrs. Gaskin and Mrs. Malo

Congratulations to the members of this year's Cross Country Team for representing our school at the Mississauga North Family of Schools Meet on October 16/08 at Erindale Park. The team competed with great skill, endurance and spirit.

Logan B. in grade 8 finished third and advanced to the board meet. The grade 7 boys placed second as a team and won our first Cross Country banner. They also went on to represent our school at the Board Meet.

Congratulations to the following grade 7 boys for their outstanding performance: Jacob M., Lucas K., Riley F., Michael M. and Philip H.

Congratulations to all the participants and thank you for all their hard work and dedication.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council consists of a group of students elected by their peers from the intermediate grades. With the help of teachers, they plan and organize activities for the entire school body. They are instrumental in promoting and encouraging school spirit, citizenship and service to others in our community. Thank you to all the student show tried out for the various positions.

This year's council members are:

Cabinet Officers:

Prime Minister:	Sigrid A.
Deputy Prime Minister:	Brett B.
Minister of Finance:	Patricia C.
Minister of Communication and Public Relations:	Mercedes S.

Members of Parliament:

Grade 7: Katherine F., Catherine P., Anton B., Erika P.
Grade 8: Stephanie B., Cory P.

Congratulations and we look forward to another great school year!

TERRY FOX WALK/RUN

Thank you to all students and families who supported our annual Terry Fox Walk/Run that took place this year on September 26th, 2008. With your generous support we raised \$3,718.63.

SCHOOL OPERATIONS...

BEFORE HOURS SUPERVISION

Supervision begins fifteen minutes prior to the 8:45 a.m. entry bell. For the safety of your child(ren), we request that your child not be on the school property until proper supervision is in place at 8:30 a.m.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE & LATES

Part of being a responsible student is to maintain regular attendance and arrive at school on time. If your child is going to be absent, please call the school (905-826-4422). All students arriving at school after 8:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. must obtain a late slip from the office before going to class.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The dates for the Christmas Holiday this year are December 22nd, 2008 to January 2nd, 2009. Students return to school on Monday, January 5th, 2009.

PICTURE RETAKES

On Tuesday, November 11th, Lifetouch will be at St. Joseph School to take individual pictures of those students who were absent or require retakes.

REPORT CARDS

First term report cards for Grades 1-8 will be sent home on Tuesday, December 2nd. There will be no formal report for students in JK and SK.

Parent/Teacher/Student conferences for students in JK to Gr. 8 will be held on Thursday, December 4th in the evening and Friday, December 5th during the day.

Appointment times for Parent/Teacher/ Student conferences will be arranged in late November.

INDOOR/OUTDOOR SHOES

Winter is fast approaching. In order to keep our students warm and comfortable and to help keep their workspace clean, please ensure that your child has a pair of "indoor" shoes. It will reduce the amount of dirt and mud brought indoors. This will also assist Mr. Serrano and staff in keeping our school clean. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Wednesday, Oct. 22nd was Bus Driver Appreciation Day. Our sincere thanks to all Parent Volunteers involved in the Kiss 'n Ride Program. Your tremendous effort and hard work is appreciated by all.

SLEEPING CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD

Once again the staff of St. Joseph School would like to ask you to join us in a special Christmas project. For the 18th year we are focusing on the spirit of giving by supporting Murray Dryden's Sleeping Children Around the World.

We feel that our school community could keep many young children warm this Christmas. As in the past, we ask that any money normally spent on gifts for staff members go to the Dryden project.

Bed Kits can be purchased for \$30.00. Thank you for your continued support.



UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Observance – Grades 1-8 @ 10:45 a.m. in the gym Photo Retake Day
Nov. 12	See/Hear Clinic
Nov. 13	ARC meeting @ CEC @ 7:00 p.m. See/Hear Clinic Hepatitis B/HPV for Gr. 7 students
Nov. 14	P.A. Day- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Nov. 20	School Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. in Library
Dec. 1	Advent Mass @ St. Joseph Church @ 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 2	Virtues Assembly @ 9:10 a.m. in gym
Dec. 2	Reports home
Dec. 4	Evening Parent/Teacher Interviews
Dec. 5	P.A. Day- Parent/Teacher Interviews NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Dec. 19	Last day of school before the Christmas Break

P.A. DAYS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 2008
and
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 2008
Students do not attend school.