



**NEWSLETTER  
JANUARY 2009**

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# St. Joseph Elementary School

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

## Prayer for the New Year

Give us the kindness to hear with  
compassion,  
to offer support, loving comfort and care.  
Give us the courage to do what is needed,  
the wisdom to choose what is right and most  
fair.

Give us the vision to see what is possible.  
Give us the faith that will help pave the way  
for a present that's hopeful,  
a future that's peaceful,  
Give us the heart to bring joy to each day.

May God bless you with good health and  
happiness throughout the year 2009.

### Virtue of Self-Control

Let us now pray...

**for the virtue of self-control so that we will resist  
the temptation to cause harm to ourselves  
and others around us. Amen**

## ***Celebrating our Faith...***

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

The sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday, March 14, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church.

## ***Curriculum & Student Activities***

### **VIRTUES ASSEMBLY**

On Wednesday, February 4, we will honour the December and January "Students of the Month" for the virtues of HOPE and SELF-CONTROL, followed by a liturgy to introduce the February virtue of RESPECT. This will take place in the gym at 1:00 p.m.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Thank you to all for supporting the "Acts of Kindness" during the month of December. Through the collection of "toonies for turkeys" and the sale of bubble gum, we raised approximately \$1800.00. As a result, we were able to provide supermarket gift certificates to ten families in our community. We also provided many children with hats and mittens. Your generosity is truly appreciated. We look forward to your continued support.

### **EXTENDED FRENCH PROGRAM**

Grade 4 parents who wish to enroll their child in a grade 5 Extended French class for September 2009 are invited to attend an information meeting at St. Rose of Lima School on **Tuesday, February 3**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. The school phone number is 905 828-4076 and they are located at 4590 The Gallops.

### **ALL STAR READING**

The All Star Reading Program is a program designed to help develop the reading skills of primary grade students. All materials are provided for volunteers. No previous experience is required. Training is provided and volunteers are given ongoing support.

Any amount of time that you are able to give is greatly appreciated. We will design the program to fit your schedule. You are required to have a Criminal Reference Check to participate.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Sandford at the school at 905-826-4422.

## ***Home-School Communication***

### **PA DAY**

Wednesday, January 28, 2009 is a PA Day. This is a day designated for Provincial Priorities. **There is no school for students.**

### **STAFF UPDATE**

We welcome back Mrs. Pelaccia to our school. She will resume her duties as a Grade 7 teacher. Thank you to Mrs. Malo for her time at St. Joseph School and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

### **JUNIOR & SENIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Registration will be held at St. Joseph School on Monday, February 23, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (snow date Tuesday, February 24, 2009 from 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.) and February 25, 26, and 27, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 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 Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (or Baptismal Certificate of other rite in communion with the See of Rome)
- updated immunization records
- proof of Canadian citizenship or of Landed immigrant status
- proof of address (utility bill, bank or credit card statement)

### **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 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's attendance

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line (905-826-4422). All students arriving at school after 8:45 a.m. and after 12:45 p.m. must obtain a late slip from the office before going to class.

### SKATING

Please note the following dates for skating for all students in Grades 1-8.

Tuesday, February 3  
Friday, February 13  
Tuesday, February 24

More information will be sent home this month.

### SAFE PLAY AND SNOW

Playing in the snow can be a lot of fun, however, our school has a rule forbidding the throwing of snowballs and kicking of snow onto others. Students in our school are reminded of the importance of this rule in preventing injury to others. We encourage our students to constructively use the snow that winter brings to build snow people, sculptures, etc. Please assist us by reviewing with your child the danger in throwing/kicking snow and the importance of preventing injury to other children. This will help to make our school yard a safe place for all our students during the winter.

### WINTER WEATHER

Please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for the cold weather. All children should have hats, scarves, gloves, warm coats and boots. It is also recommended that your children have an extra pair of socks and indoor shoes that can be kept at school. In colder weather we often receive requests to allow children to remain indoors when they have a cold, the flu, etc. Please note that we cannot comply, as we have neither the facilities nor the staff to supervise these students. Children will go outside for recesses, weather permitting. On extremely cold days we limit the amount of time the students spend outdoors. We obtain our information from Environment Canada and follow Board guidelines.

### BUS CANCELLATION

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board has been added to the [SchoolBusMonitor.com](http://SchoolBusMonitor.com) website. This site can be accessed for bus cancellation information.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next School Council meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. All parents are invited.

### SLEEPING CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD

Many thanks to all who have contributed to Sleeping Children Around the World this year. Thank you to everyone who donated to SCAW (Sleeping Children Around the World). We will continue to accept donations for bed kits in January as well.

Your generous response is so kindly appreciated by all.

### JANUARY CALENDAR



- Jan 12 **Early Release Day**- 11:45 a.m. dismissal, no afternoon Kindergarten class
- Jan 13 Gr. 8 Hep B catch-up clinic & HPV 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, First Communion Parent Mtg. at Church @ 7:30 p.m.
- Jan 14
- Jan 20 Pizza lunch day
- Jan 22 School Council meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- Jan 27 Pizza lunch day
- Jan 28 **PA Day**- No school for students
- Jan 30 Gr. 8 Retreat

### FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- Feb 3 Skating, Gr. 1-8, Pizza lunch day
- Feb 4 Virtues Assembly- 1:00 p.m. in gym
- Feb 10 Pizza lunch day, Grad Pictures, Sacrament of Confirmation @ 7:30 p.m.
- Feb 13 Skating, Gr. 1-8
- Feb 16 **Family Day Holiday**- no school for students
- Feb 24 Skating, Gr. 1-8, Pizza lunch day
- Feb 27 **PA Day**- No school for students

### St. Joseph School:

A Catholic Community where we are Accepted and Respected for our uniqueness as we strive for Excellence



**EARLY RELEASE DAY**  
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009 11:45 A.M.  
DISMISSAL - NO AFTERNOON  
KINDERGARTEN CLASS