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# THE TITANS NEWS

ST. ANNE NEWSLETTER  
"FAITH IN GOD AND SERVICE TO OTHERS"



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## **A Remembrance Day Prayer**

*Lest We Forget*

Ever living God,  
We remember those whom you have  
gathered from the storm of war into  
the peace of your presence;  
may that same place calm our  
fears, bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the  
nations through Jesus Christ, our  
Lord.

Amen.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

November is the month of Remembrance. For Catholics this is a special time of year, as we are reminded of the importance of the feasts of All Saints and All Souls Day. These two special days remind us that God has a special plan for everyone. Before we were born, God willed for us to live with Him forever. When we were baptized, we became a part of a special family called the communion of saints, who share in Jesus' gift of His holiness. The saints are people who said "yes" to God's plan for them and are now in heaven. On All Saints Day, we praise and thank God for what He has done for us through these holy people. On All Souls Day, we pray for all the people who have died. We ask God to bring them to the joyful banquet of heaven to be with God and the saints forever.

On November 11, we stop and honour those who have served at home or overseas in World War I, World War II, Korea and current peace missions around the world. Remembrance Day was first observed in 1919 throughout the British Commonwealth. It was first referred to as "Armistice Day" to mark the armistice agreement signed between the Allies of World War 1 and Germany which took effect on the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. It is also important that we ensure we remember the thousands of Black Canadians, Chinese Canadians and Indigenous Canadians who served in the Canadian Military during the First and Second World War and the important contributions and sacrifices they made for their country.

As a society, we also have a responsibility to educate and teach our children to choose peaceful and kind actions. At our school, we focus on how we can do our part to make our community a more peaceful place. As we notice what is happening around us - in the world, in our neighbourhood and in our playground, we pray for all those who are suffering and for the strength to make a difference in building a community of peace.



## HEAD INJURIES

When a student receives an injury/bump to the head (however minor), it is Board Policy that we inform parents and guardians. You will be contacted by phone. If you are unavailable, a phone message will be left at one of your contact numbers. This is precautionary only and we ask that you check your child when they get home for any signs of a concussion or illness. If the school is concerned, we will notify you and a copy of the concussion brochure will be sent home with your child.

## PARKING REMINDER

A reminder to all parents that the driveway area in front of the school is part of the fire route. Cars are not allowed to stop or park in this lane. It can be very costly should a ticket be issued. Please park in designated parking spots at all times when picking up or dropping off students. Please do not enter, stop or park in bus lanes.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY LITURGY

On November 11th at 10:40 a.m. staff and students will participate in a Remembrance Day Liturgy led by Ms. Maringola and Ms. Savage's classes. We are all reminded of the sacrifice of so many, and how important it is for us to be peacemakers in our lives.



## CSC FUNDRAISING!

Our Catholic School Council is planning for an upcoming school Fundraiser! Details on the fundraiser will be shared later in the month. All proceeds go towards supporting CSC initiatives such as fieldtrip subsidies, Forest of Reading books for the Library, Grade 8 Graduation, guest speakers and more! Thank you for your support!





## **PROGRESS REPORTS**

Students will be receiving a copy of their Progress Report and Initial Observations on November 12th. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be arranged only if the teacher feels it is necessary to meet at this time.

## **TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK**

In 2016, Ontario passed legislation to recognize the first full week of November as "Treaties Recognition Week". Treaties Recognition Week honours the importance of treaties and is intended to promote educational opportunities surrounding treaty rights and relationships. Learning about our collective treaty rights and responsibilities, fosters greater understanding and nurtures relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

Treaties Recognition Week also represents one of many steps on the path of healing and reconciliation. This legislation was launched in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, specifically Call to Action 10.vii.- Respecting and honouring Treaty relationships


## **CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER**

During the winter months, inclement weather or poor road conditions may cause the disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations. In these cases, parents/guardians should develop care and alternative transportation arrangements.

A decision to cancel transportation is made by 6:00 a.m. Decisions are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperatures and road conditions. Bus transportation may be cancelled system-wide or zone specific. Information regarding potential closures/cancellations will be communicated via Twitter (@DPCDSB) and major media outlets (i.e. 680 News, CP24, Breakfast Television, etc.) The DPCDSB also posts bus cancellation and school closure information on a yellow ALERT banner that appears on the DPCDSB website, [www.dpcdsb.org](http://www.dpcdsb.org). St. Anne is in Zone 2.

## **PD DAY**

A reminder that November 22nd is a PD Day - there is no school for students on this day.





## STUDENT ILLNESS

Cold and Flu season is upon us once again. Students should not be sent to school if they are ill. We know, however, that students can develop symptoms during the school day. If this happens, then staff will contact parents/guardians and request that the child be picked up from school. It is important that someone is available to pick up students who are feeling unwell. *After symptoms have improved for 24 hours*, students are able to return to school. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

## INDOOR SHOES & EXTRA CLOTHING

As the weather begins to get colder, we are asking that parents send a pair of indoor shoes with their child. Indoor shoes can be left at school so that students have a dry pair of shoes to wear inside the school. No slippers, crocks or sandals please! Please consider sending a change of clothing as well!



## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: CONSCIENCE

Conscience is the ability of a person to take responsibility for their own actions, intentions and character. God gave us a conscience that includes the standards for how God wants us to live and treat others. We know right from wrong. Our conscience is there to guide us in all that we do.

A person of conscience:

- Chooses to do the right thing and feel good about it
- Can see how his/her actions affect other people
- Admits to his/her wrong-doings and feels badly
- Says sorry and tries to make up for mistakes



## PICTURE RE-TAKES

Picture re-take day is scheduled for November 5th. Parents who wish their child to have a retake are asked to return the Picture-Retake Slip; emailed on October 28th. Bring your smiles!

## DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!

The days are getting colder and despite the wonderful weather we have been fortunate to experience lately, winter will soon arrive!

We ask that students dress appropriately for the weather (i.e. winter coats, mittens, gloves, hats, boots, etc.). If students are dressed warmly, they are better prepared to participate in outdoor activities. Students will only remain inside for recesses due to cold weather when the temperature or equivalent wind chill temperature is  $-25$  degrees Celcius or lower. If the temperature is between  $-20$  and  $-24$  degrees Celcius, outdoor time will be reduced.



## LET'S SCARE HUNGER

St. Anne is holding a candy drive to support Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children. This organization collects hard candy and lollipops and then ships it to agencies who work with children who are malnourished. The sugar stimulates their appetite which is necessary for these children to eat again. Students are encouraged to bring in Halloween candy to the office and place it in the box by Friday November 8th. Thank you!

## CURRICULUM CORNER: MULTIPLICATION FACT STRATEGIES

Knowing multiplication facts is one way in which students can build their confidence in math. Multiplication facts can be mastered by relating new facts to existing knowledge. At home, parents can practice the following strategies with their children:

Commutative Property:  $2 + 3 = 5$  and  $3 + 2 = 5$ ;  $1 \times 3 = 3$  and  $3 \times 1 = 3$

Doubles: Facts that have 2 as a factor are equivalent to the addition doubles (e.g.  $2 + 2$ ). Students may need help seeing that  $2 \times 4 = 8$  and  $4 \times 2 = 8$ . If choosing to use flashcards, use the word "double" as a cue for children.

Five Facts: Practice counting to 45 by fives. Another strategy is to focus on the minute hand of the clock. When it points to a number, how many minutes after the hour is it? (e.g. when the minute hand is on the 3, it is 15 minutes past the hour). Once children become confident with these ideas, they can be connected to multiplication facts with 5. The fives facts become "clock facts".



## **DONATION REQUESTS**

St. Anne is collecting the following items to be used during indoor recess:

- decks of cards
- chess boards (with pieces)
- board games

Thank you in advance!

## **SCHOOL HOURS**

Our school hours are 8:40 a.m. - 3:10 p.m. (at St. Ursula) and 8:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. (at St. Angela Merici). It is important that students arrive to school on time, and that they are picked up on time. There is no one available to supervise students after school. Parents are asked to make appropriate arrangements to ensure that their children are picked up on time. We appreciate your cooperation.

## **CHRISTMAS MARKET & OPEN HOUSE – HOLD THE DATE!**

St. Anne Catholic School Council is planning a Christmas Market and Open House for Wednesday, December 11th. More details to follow!

## **EXTRA CURRICULAR NEWS**

We thank your Our Youth Faith Ambassadors (YFAs), supervised by Ms. Savage, Ms. Lupusella, Ms. Del Pilar and Ms. Conte-Senra for organizing a successful Fall Food Drive and continuing to lead initiatives with our school.

Our Junior Volleyball season has concluded. Congratulations to both our Junior Girls and Boys teams who competed in their mini tournaments improving their skills along the way! Thank you to coaches Ms. Degabriele and Mr. Pender.

Congratulations to all 49 students who competed in the Brampton West Cross Country running meet. And a special congratulations to the 12 students who advanced to the Board Cross Country meet. What a remarkable show of skill and determination! Thank you to the coaches, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Jorge, Ms. Degabriele and Mr. Pender.

Our Chess Club has also started. Students are able to practice thanks to the leadership of Ms. De Ridder, Ms. Sosanya and Mr. Pender.

We thank our Peel Health Nurse and our Child and Youth Worker for getting out PALS program up and ready.

Flag Football is up and running under the leadership of Ms. Anton.

Finally, Our EcoSchool's is off and running under the watchful eye of Mr. Cizmar.



## **SPECIAL LUNCHES**

Harvey's Lunch- Tuesdays

Mr. Greek Lunch- Wednesdays

Pizza Lunch- Thursdays

Both Harvey's and Mr. Greek lunch options can be ordered weekly through LunchBox, linked through your School Cash Online account.

Pizza lunch orders will occur monthly. All orders for November pizza- close on Friday, November 1st.

Proceeds from Lunch sales go towards items for students such as new gym equipment, field trip subsidies, presentations, and more!

## **SNACK PROGRAM**

The Peel Snack and Nutrition Program of the YMCA of Greater Toronto has provided St. Anne a grant to support a snack program for all students in their classrooms when needed. We welcome any grocery store gift card donations to help offset costs and to ensure we can continue this service throughout the year. Thank you for your support!!

## **POPPIES**

Poppies are available at the school office. Those wishing to get a poppy are asked to make a cash donation.

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL – MONTHLY UPDATE**

Our Catholic School Council had their first meeting on October 2nd . At this meeting, the following members were elected: Co-chairs: S. Oliver and M. Rocha, Treasurer: J. Miles, Secretary: . Tantalo, OAPCE Rep: L. Dronyk, Parish Rep: L. Garland

**Our next meeting is scheduled for  
November 13th  
from 6-7 p.m.**

Our CSC plays a vital role in supporting our school community through their volunteer initiatives and fundraising efforts. Their goal this year is to raise funds towards school initiatives such as purchasing Forest of Reading books for our Library, guest speakers, student experiences, class-recess equipment and more.

Please stay tuned for details on upcoming fundraisers, Christmas Market and Open House. We appreciate your support in these endeavours!

## **ECOSCHOOLS**

EcoSchools is collecting clean, dry, flat aluminum beverage cans like juice and soda cans as well as pop can tabs.





## A MESSAGE ON INCLUSION

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) continues to be dedicated to establishing a culture of respect and belonging that fosters safe and inclusive learning environments. Recognition of the human dignity of each person, created in the image of God, forms the foundation of equity and inclusive education. As a faith community we have a duty to examine all language and we must always be attentive and responsive to times when harmful or offensive words enter our learning spaces. The collective goal is to create spaces that are safe and free of words that are rooted in racism and hatred. The DPCDSB expectation is that the n-word or any of its derivatives and other discriminatory words are never to be said or written within learning spaces and any instances of its use will be appropriately and immediately addressed in order to prioritize student, staff and community safety.

In our efforts to maintain safe and inclusive educational learning spaces we are sharing this information with parents/caregivers. As such we would ask that you enter into age appropriate conversations with your children surrounding the expectation that the n-word is not to be said or written within learning spaces. Together, we can continue our collective work in strengthening a community that models kindness, values compassion, and fosters educational spaces rooted in our Catholic Social Teachings.

## 2025–2026 EXTENDED FRENCH INFORMATION SESSION DETAILS

Grade 4 parents/guardians who wish to learn more about Extended French or wish to enroll their child in a Grade 5 Extended French program for September 2025, are invited to attend an information meeting at one of the following virtual parent evening sessions:

### EF School Region: **BRAMPTON, CALEDON & DUFFERIN**

Holy Family (Caledon/Bolton)  
St. Andrew (Orangeville)  
St. Anne (Brampton West)  
St. Jean Brebeuf (Brampton East)  
St. Monica (Brampton Central)

Session Date & Time : Tuesday,  
November 5, 2024 7:00 p.m.  
Virtual Extended French Information  
Session, #1 :

**[Microsoft Teams Live Meeting #1 Link](#)**

## GRADE 9 LOCAL AND REGIONAL PROGRAMS

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is committed to meeting the needs of all students on their education journey. Please access the Board website through this [link](#) for more information on all the local and regional Secondary School programs.