



**November
2024
Newsletter**

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Prayer

In Flanders Fields

by John McCrae, May 1915

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, though poppies grow

In Flanders fields.

AMEN

Principal's Message:

November is upon us with beautiful fall foliage. St. Rose of Lima School is providing optimum educational opportunities for each student both academically and socially. As well we are promoting a safe environment, we have lots of activities happening at our school. Thank you for such a fruitful and faithful month of October. We celebrated Thanksgiving with a beautiful Thanksgiving Liturgy hosted by Ms. Marchione's class. Thank you to our school community for your generosity in giving to the Eden Food Bank and thank you to the School Council for a very productive October meeting. Our Halloween Dance was fun and the students enjoyed the day. Thank you to the Youth Faith Ambassadors for all their help with organizing and setting up the dance. We start the month of November with All Saint's Day on November 1st, followed by All Souls Day on November 2nd. We will have our Remembrance Day assembly on November 11th at 10:45, hosted by Ms. McMahon's class. We will commemorate and pay tribute to our veterans at our assembly. We have poppies in the office if you would like to donate and receive a poppy. Please keep in your prayers the many men and women who served so that we many live in freedom. We also honor our virtue of conscience this month. Enjoy the month and "Make Your Own Sunshine".
God Bless,

Mrs. Connie Gale
Principal

INCLEMENT WEATHER/BUS CANCELLATIONS

During the winter months inclement weather may cause disruption of bus transportation and/or regular school operations. The school board and STOPR have divided bus service into 'Weather Zones' and we are **Zone 1**. Bus cancellations are communicated by weather zone, through the STOPR website, www.stopr.ca and the STOPR Twitter (X) account @STOPRinfo and are posted by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board website and Twitter (X) account. When transportation is cancelled in a specific weather zone(s), buses will not provide service to or from a school on that day. A decision to cancel school transportation and/or to close schools is made by 6:00 a.m.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Monday November 11th St. Rose of Lima Catholic School will commemorate the sacrifice of thousands of Canadians who died in war for us. Our school community will mark Remembrance Day and honour those who served, and continue to serve, our country with a Remembrance Day Liturgy at 10:45 a.m. in the gym. Parents are invited to join us.



Lest We Forget

SCHOOL COUNCIL VOLUNTARY DONATION

Once again this year, our School Council is having their Voluntary Donation Fundraiser open now until Monday, November 28th. Families are asked to go online and donate to the School Council to raise \$6800 (that is \$25 per student) to fund indoor and outdoor classroom games, provide in-class speakers and presentations, purchase additional technology for coding and robotics, support sacramental programs/retreats and enhance our student's learning. Please select St. Rose of Lima School when making your donation and to receive a tax receipt (issued in February). Thank you to School Council for starting Pizza Days and for their work on behalf of our students. Our next Catholic School Council Meeting will take place on December 5th 6:00pm in the library.

PIZZA DAYS

Pizza Days are happening every Tuesday and Thursday during the month of November. All pizza is to be paid through School Cash Online. December sales run from Monday November 4th to Wednesday November 27th.

**** LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ****

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the entire community for their incredible support during our school food drive benefiting Eden Food for Change, our local food bank. We are truly overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness you have all shown. Thank you for making a difference!



MERCIFUL REDEEMER NEWS

Our Morning Star School Rosary group visits have been successful and an integral part of continuing our faith. This month's visit will be November, 8th 2024.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Elementary Progress Reports will be sent home on Tuesday November 12th. This report is designed to show a student's development of learning skills, work habits, as well as progress in working towards the achievement of curriculum expectations in all subjects. Interviews are on the evening of November 14th as requested by the student's teacher.

PROGRESS REPORT INTERVIEWS

This year Dufferin Peel is launching a new way to book parent teacher interviews through the partner website Schoolinterviews.com. Interviews are to be done as needed for progress reports (interviews are not mandatory until report cards are sent home in February). Students that require an interview will be contacted by their teacher in the form of a note sent home with instructions on how to sign up online for the interview using the QR booking code or web address. On this portal, parents have the option of choosing an in-person interview or telephone interview on November 14th.

GRADE 8 TRIP PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

On Tuesday, November 5th at 6:30 pm in the school gym, the Grade 8 teachers will be hosting a Parent Information Night for our upcoming Graduation Trip to Brock University in May. This is an important opportunity to learn

about the trip and receive essential information that will ensure a smooth experience for our students. Your attendance is highly encouraged, as we'll address key details and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there!

DISNEY NEWSIES JR. MUSICAL

We are excited at St. Rose to bring musical theatre to our community! Students will be auditioning next week for roles in our Disney Newsies Jr. Musical! We look forward to welcoming all families to come see our performances the evenings of April 30th and May 1st at Divine Mercy School. More information to come.

BULLYING AWARENESS/PREVENTION WEEK

At St. Rose of Lima, we work hard to instill Catholic values and fight against bullying. Bullying Awareness Week this year lands from November 17th to 23rd, during this week, the Youth Faith Ambassadors will be spearheading activities that will teach students to be more inclusive, accepting, respectful and empathetic. Throughout the school year we will focus on these areas as we work to provide a caring, safe, equitable and inclusive community.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Mrs. McMahon has booked the Scholastic Book Fair from November 5th -8th. Students will be invited to visit the library to preview materials on November 4th and to make purchases November 5th-8th. During scheduled class time parents may visit in-person Thursday, November 7th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and use cash, debit, or credit. All proceeds from sales go directly to purchase new books and resources for the library. Keep reading Lions!

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, we will remember those who left us. Our book of remembrance is on the altar for families in our school community.

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

The 2024 Cross Country Team's successful run season has come to an end. We congratulate the 52 athletes from grade 4 to 8 who attended the Mississauga West Family Meet at Erindale Park. We also give a big shout out to the three grade teams and six individual runners that moved forward to represent St. Rose of Lima at the DPCDSB Meet at Centennial Park on October 22nd. Your energy,

positivity and athleticism made us all proud! Bravo! Keep running St. Rose! Coaches Ms. Boem, Ms. DiLella and Mme DeOliveira.



COLD AND FLU SEASON

We remind all parents that cold and flu season is upon us. If your child is not well, has a fever, cough, headache, sore throat or is generally unwell, they should be kept at home. A child who is feeling sick is not in a state to learn and will only infect others. Please report all school absences through the School Messenger App.

EQAO NEWS

Last spring, an assessment of reading, writing and mathematics was conducted in all Grade 3 and 6 classes in Ontario by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). This assessment is considered a "snapshot" of student performance based on their respective grade level curriculum expectations. The following are the results of testing for St. Rose of Lima School, Dufferin-Peel CDSB, and the Province:

Students Achieving Level 3/4	Reading	Writing	Math
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Grade 3

St. Rose	100	100	88
Board	75	68	62
Province	71	64	61

Grade 6

St. Rose	100	97	82
Board	85	85	47
Province	82	80	50

Parents of students in Grades 4 and 7 will be receiving a hard copy of their child's Individual Student Results. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

PEEL PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC GR. 7 & 8

For the 2024-2025 school year, Peel Public Health will offer grade 7 students three vaccines. The vaccines are Hepatitis B, Meningococcal Meningitis, strains ACYW-135 (Menactra), and HPV for boys and girls. Immunization against Hepatitis B and HPV continues to be voluntary however, Meningococcal meningitis vaccination is required for students to stay in school unless they have a valid exemption. A parent/legal guardian must authorize immunization for all students under the age of 14 years. Our first clinic date is tentatively set for November 27th more information to follow.

PEEL PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL SCREENING

Peel Public Health (PPH) will offer free dental screenings for students in JK, SK, and Grade 2, this school year (date TBD.) A Registered Dental Hygienist will quickly assess each child's oral health to identify any needs early on, promoting better overall health. Schools will provide updated parent/guardian contact information to PPH to support access to dental care, in accordance with the Education Act and MFIPPA. For questions about this information sharing, contact the DPCDSB Manager of Records Management at dpprivacy@dpcdsb.org or 905-890-0708 ext. 24443. For inquiries about the dental screening program, reach PPH at 905-799-7700 ext. 5622. This is only for JK, SK & Grade 2 students that are **opting into** the program and have returned their consent form.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

CONSCIENCE

During the month of November, we focus on the virtue of Conscience. Conscience is the voice of God within us. A person of conscience:

- *takes time to think before making decisions
- *thinks of others before themselves
- *knows that their actions and decisions affect those around them

God helps us to choose to be good people and to do the right thing – even when it is hard to do so.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 1 st ;	All Saints Day
November 2 nd ;	All Souls Day,
November 4 th	December pizza day sales open through School Cash Online
November 5 th ;	Grade 8 trip parent information evening
November 5 th & 7 th ;	DPCDSB's 2025-2026 Extended French Program Information Session
November 5 th – 11 th	Treaty Recognition Week & Veterans' Week (National)
November 7 th ;	Scholastic Book Fair parents may visit in-person
November 11 th ;	Remembrance Day & Remembrance Day Liturgy in gym 10:45 am
November 12 th ;	Progress Reports Sent Home & Grade 5 Trip to UTM
November 14 th ;	Progress Report Teacher Interview Night
November 22 nd ;	PA Day (Elementary & Secondary)
November 27 th ;	School Council Donations Close
	Hep B clinic Gr. 7/8 (tentative)
December 5 th ;	December Pizza Day sales close
	Parent Council Meeting 6:00pm in Library
December 12 th ;	Family Advent Night

GR. 6-8S

EDGE

YOUTH MINISTRY

Register your kids today!

A great place for friendship, faith, and fun! All are welcome.

BI-WEEKLY FRIDAYS 6 TO 8 PM

Have questions? Email Danielle at youth@mercifurredeemer.org

EDGE YOUTH MINISTRY

Any students in Grades 6-8 interested in joining the Youth Ministry at Merciful Redeemer Parish are invited to scan the QR link to find out more!

PA DAY

Friday, November 22nd is a P.A. Day where teachers will be involved in professional development. A detailed notice from the board will be communicated to all parents shortly. Please note: There will be no classes for students on this day.

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	Session Date & Time	Meeting Information
<u>BRAMPTON, CALEDON & DUFFERIN</u> Holy Family (Caledon/Bolton) St. Andrew (Orangeville) St. Anne (Brampton West) St. Jean Brebeuf (Brampton East) St. Monica (Brampton Central)	Tuesday, November 5, 2024 7:00 p.m.	Virtual Extended French Information Session, #1 Microsoft Teams Live Meeting #1 Link
<u>MISSISSAUGA</u> San Lorenzo Ruiz (Miss. Central) St. Christopher (Miss. South) St. Philip (Miss. Southeast) St. Rose of Lima (Miss North Central) St. Therese of the Child Jesus (Miss. North) St. Thomas More (Miss. East)	Thursday, November 7, 2024 7:00 p.m.	Virtual Extended French Information, Session #2 Microsoft Teams Live Meeting #2 Link