



**September
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Newsletter**

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Prayer for a New School Year

Lord, thank you for the unique gift of every child.

*As they transition into a new school year,
fill each student with fresh enthusiasm and
a heart that's excited to learn and grow.*

Surround them with your enduring love.

*Give them confidence and grace,
equip them with the ability to persevere.
through trials.*

*Bless their teachers with wisdom,
understanding, and a heart to serve,
as they embark on the journey together.*

Amen.

Principal's Message:

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new and returning staff, students, and families. I am pleased to have been appointed your Interim Principal. We are off to a wonderful new 2024-2025 school year at St. Rose of Lima Catholic School. I especially want to welcome our new Acting Head Secretary, Mrs. Erika Mitanis, to St. Rose of Lima.

Thank you for such a warm welcome on behalf of both of us!

We work as a triad in partnership with home, school and parish.

We look forward to our continued work with Pastor Fr. Seamus, Associate Pastors Fr. Sutka and Fr. Pantaleo, Lay Pastoral Associate Jane Scamurra and Youth Minister Danielle Lape at Merciful Redeemer Parish.

We are now included in the Mississauga West Family of Schools.

Laura Odo continues to be our Superintendent, and Herman Vilorio is our School Trustee. By the end of the month, we will have School Council elected and up and running. We are so blessed to have such supportive and caring parents working on behalf of all St. Rose of Lima students and look forward to seeing you at our Open House the evening of September 19th.

Thank you to our custodians who worked to clean and prepare the school for September and to staff who came in to set up their classrooms to welcome our students back in style. As we begin our learning journey, we strive to provide optimum learning opportunities and promote excellent academic, spiritual, social, and emotional growth for all our students embedded in our Catholic faith.

Please ensure that we have the correct email addresses to send information to you. We look forward to "Learning Together" as we begin this new school year.

God Bless

**Mrs. Connie Gale
Interim Principal Emeritus**

SCHOOL HOURS

St. Rose of Lima School hours for the 2024-2025 school year are:

Grades JK-8

Start Time	9:15 a.m.
Recess (a.m.)	11:21-11:36 a.m.
Lunch	12:16-1:16 p.m.
Recess (p.m.)	2:40-2:55 p.m.
Dismissal	3:30-3:45 p.m.

STUDENT ABSENCES

We ask that you inform the school of days that your child will be absent. This is a safety precaution that can save precious moments should there ever be an emergency. Report all absences through School Messenger using:

The App: SchoolMessenger **Phone:** 1-844-435-3440

Web: go.schoolmessenger.ca

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION PLANS

Our September 2024-2025 school organization is based on projected enrolment and mandated class sizes. During the first two weeks of September the enrolment may not match the projection resulting in the need to re-organize classes. This will occur on the P.A. Day, Monday, September 16th. If re-organization of classes is required, parents will be notified by phone and with a letter Friday, September 13th.

SCHOOL DRIVEWAY/PARKING

We do not have a Kiss and Ride at St. Rose of Lima. Parents are **NOT TO DRIVE INTO THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT** or park as the lanes are designated for bus and fire routes only. In the interest of safety, please use the designated legal parking areas on the street to drop off and pick up your child(ren) during morning entry and afternoon dismissal. *We ask that you not block access to the school driveway* as it hampers the buses from entering and exiting the property. When entering school property from the street, use the sidewalks and not the driveway.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

Transportation is provided for JK/SK and Grade 1-8 students at St. Rose of Lima who meet the Board distance eligibility for busing. At present, students are being assigned by the Transportation Department. Courtesy Seating will be available in October. Note: Flex Boundary students are not eligible for courtesy seats. Parents of riders should create a Stopr account to access busing details at:

stopr.ca/student-transportation.

VALUABLES

Students are asked not to bring valuables such as electronic games, large amounts of money or items of personal importance to school. School supplies and personal items should be clearly labelled with your child's first/last name.

MEDICAL ALERT-ANAPHYLACTIC SHOCK-NUT ALLERGIES

This year, as in the past, we continue to have students with severe, life-threatening food allergies. This is a medical condition causing a severe reaction to certain allergens and can result in death within minutes. Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, please send lunches and snacks to school with your child that are free from peanut or nut products. We ask that you *do not send in food products for the whole class to celebrate birthdays or special occasions like Halloween, Valentine's Day etc...* A donation of a book or a game to the classroom is a safe alternative to food products and enjoyed much longer!



STORAGE/ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Parents are responsible for ensuring that all medication and forms are updated **annually** for any student who requires medication administered at school. If your child requires medication, please have the necessary forms completed and return them, along with any medication, to the office as soon as possible. Forms went home in June and are available from Mrs. Mitanis in the main office for students new to the school.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

As noted in the Community Information Bulletin sent by the Board to all families, we will continue to work closely with Peel Public Health to promote a safe and healthy school environment. Here in class, we will promote good hygiene habits. We ask parents to have your child stay home if they are sick, keep up to date with immunizations, and connect with staff regarding any health concerns.

MERCIFUL REDEEMER

We look forward to a wonderful year ahead with the entire pastoral team from Merciful Redeemer. Our Opening School Mass is at the school on Tuesday, September 24th at 10:00am in the Gym. Parents are always welcome to join us for mass. Lay Pastoral Associate Jane Scamurra has shared dates for upcoming parent meetings for both First Holy Communion on Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. and Confirmation on Wednesday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m. These evening sessions will be important to attend if you wish to have your Grade 2 and Grade 7 children receive sacraments. First Holy

Communion is set for Sunday, June 1st at 3:00 p.m. with Confirmation scheduled for Wednesday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m.

STUDENT INSURANCE

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost-effective student accident insurance coverage should they wish to have it for their child(ren).

Enrolment is voluntary, and can be done by:

- 1) Completing the written form (sent home September 5th) and mailing it to the Reliable Life OR
- 2) Applying online at www.insuremykids.com

Please *do not return insurance forms to the school* as parents are responsible for any follow-up.

THE TERRY FOX WALK

Again, this year, St. Rose of Lima will participate in the Annual School Terry Fox Walk/Run for Cancer Research. We will be hosting our walk the morning of Friday, October 4th (rain date Monday, October 7th). Our walk will be in the community and parent volunteers, with current Criminal Reference Checks, are needed. All families are invited to donate 'a Fiver for Fox or Ten for Terry' and support this worthy cause. Stay tuned for more information to come home.

OPEN HOUSE MEET THE TEACHERS NIGHT

We are hosting our Open House from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 19th to meet the teachers and share some great pizza. All food is on sale through School Cash Online from September 13th - 17th. Be sure to order ahead and come out to meet staff and other families in our community. No late orders will be accepted.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Nomination Forms to join School Council for 2024-2025 are available in the main office and attached to this newsletter. Interested parents are asked to complete the form, include a short bio, and return both by end of school day on Monday, September 24th. The first meeting of the St. Rose of Lima Catholic School Council will be held following the election of members (if needed) on September 26th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you.

VIRTUES PROGRAM

Throughout the month of September, we will focus on the virtue of Faith. A faithful person knows that we are loved by God, assumes there is good in everyone, learns from Scripture stories and prays whenever they can. As a Catholic community let us pray for the grace and strength to be people of faith.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA YMCA

The YMCA Before and After School Program provides quality care for students aged 4-12 years old. They are accepting registrations and can be contacted by phone at 647-963-9582 or online at St.RoseofLima@YMCAGTA.ORG

ROSE'S RUNNING CLUB

Students in Grades 5-8 are invited to join our morning Running Club by attending a meeting Tuesday, September 10th at first recess. Their first practice is 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, September 17th. Members of the Running Club will be selected to make up our Cross Country Team. Thank you to Ms. Boem, Mme. De Oliveira, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Di Lella and Mrs. O'Riordan for coaching our students.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 1st; Ukrainian Heritage Month
- Sept. 2nd; Labour Day
- Sept. 3rd; Welcome Back! First day of classes.
- Sept 10th; Firefighter Memorial Day
- Sept. 10th; Running Club Meeting Gr. 5-8 First Recess
- Sept. 13th; Parents Notified if Re-Organization occurs
- Sept. 16th; P.A. Day No Classes for Students
- Sept. 17th; Run Club @ 8:15 a.m.
- Sept. 20th; Water Bottle Wednesday/ Pizza Day Sales Open
On School Cash Online
- Sept 19th; Meet the Teacher Open House Pizza Night 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 23th; Truth and Reconciliation Week Begins
- Sept. 24th; Run Club @ 8:15 a.m, Opening School Mass 10:00 a.m. in the Gym
- Sept. 25th; Water Bottle Wednesday
- Sept. 26th; School Council Election and Meeting 6:00 p.m. in the Library.
- Sept. 30th; National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Wear your Orange Shirt today!
- Oct. 1st; School Picture Day with Edge Imaging
- Oct 4th; Terry Fox Walk (weather permitting)

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