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Monsignor O'Donoghue Catholic  
Elementary School  
**January 2010 Newsletter**



**From the Desk of the Principal ...**

**J**anuary and making resolutions are age old friends. The Catholic virtue of **responsibility**

is a natural fit. In this month of new beginnings our Catholic School Community will practice and celebrate how we honour God when we act responsibly. We will work to find practical ways to demonstrate three important Catholic Graduate Expectations.



- ◆ **A self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner who develops and demonstrates their God-given potential.**
- ◆ **A caring family member ... who attends to family, school, parish, and the wider community.**
- ◆ **A responsible citizen ... who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.**

**Fall Kindergarten Registration Continues**

Registration for September 2010 Junior Kindergarten is taking place during the week of November 02—06, 2009. Junior kindergarten students must be 4 years of age on or before December 31, 2010 and Senior Kindergarten 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2010.

Please bring the following information with you:

- ⇒ Baptismal Certificate or Birth Certificate
- ⇒ Immunization Record & Health Card
- ⇒ Proof of Separate School Taxes

If you are unable to register during this time please call the school at 743-9851 and we will arrange a time at your convenience.



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**Special Points of Interest**

- > Spiritual theme for 2009-2010—Believe, Love, Act: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices". Luke 1:45-46.
- > Epiphany, January 06
- > Healthy Snack Day, Wed. Jan. 06 pm recesses.
- > Family Literacy Day, Tuesday, January 29

**Who We are for 2009/10**

- Principal, K. Procyk  
Teacher-In-Charge, T. Ryan  
CSC Chair, C. Condon  
Co-Chair, K. Matwey  
Parish Priests  
Fr. Jerzy Zebrowski  
Immaculate Conception  
Fr. David West  
Our Lady of Assumption  
Trustees  
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Director of Education, J. Mackle  
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[www.stsco.ca](http://www.stsco.ca)  
School Bell Times  
Start Bell 8:55 a.m.  
AM Recess 10:19—10:34 am  
Lunch 11:56—12:56 pm  
PM Recess 2:18—2:32 pm  
Dismissal Bell 3:25 pm

**Education  
is for  
improving  
the lives  
of others  
and  
for leaving  
your  
community  
and world  
better  
than you  
found it.**

**Marian Wright Edelman**  
American lawyer and  
Social Activist

## Grade 8's Preparing for Secondary School

In January, grade 8 students will have the opportunity to attend Holy Cross Secondary School (date to be determined) to check out their options for September 2010. There will be a parent meeting on Wednesday, January 13 at Holy Cross from 7:00—8:00 p.m.. More info to follow in January.

option sheets

Holy Cross

guidance



## Hep B/Meningitis & HPV

The Peterborough County City Health Unit Nurses will be administering the Hepatitis 'B' and Meningitis vaccine to all grade seven boys and girls on Wednesday, January 20, a.m.

Also, on January 20 the HPV vaccine will be administered to all grade eight girls only.

Permission forms have been sent home and should have been returned to the school. Please ensure that your child has had a good breakfast prior to the time of the vaccines.

## Social Justice

A huge thank you to the Monsignor O'Donoghue school community for the overwhelming donation of food for St. Vincent de Paul. These items supported many needed families in our community so that they had a blessed and happy Christmas.

2009/10  
YEAR OF THE PRIESTS



**School  
resumes  
Monday  
January 04, 2010**

## January Mass

We welcome the school community to our school mass on Friday, January 15 at 10:45 am in the school gym. Ms. Zaluski and the grade 6 class are the host classroom. All are welcome to attend.



## First Nation, Métis and Inuit News

January- Spirit Moon

The first moon of Creation is the Spirit Moon, and is manifested through the Northern Lights.

### Grandfather Teachings: Humility

Reach out...Let peace and harmony unite all nations!

### Did you know that...?

- ◆ Petroleum jelly was discovered by First nation. It is used to protect animal and human skin. It was also used to stimulate healing. This skin ointment is one of the most popular in the world today.
- ◆ Canada means village.

[www.itk.ca](http://www.itk.ca)



**Volleyball** The intermediate girls and boys volleyball teams are participating in a seven team league and will play in a championship tournament on Tues., January 26 (girl's) and Friday, January 29 (boy's) at Holy Cross Secondary School. Good luck teams and thank you to coaches Ms. Moloney and Mrs. Pollarolo.

**f**amily literacy programs focus on parents as the means to improve the reading and writing skills of all family members. Family literacy is a powerful way to support parents by showing them how they can help their children become confident and effective communicators. Promoting learning activities at home ensures that children acquire the reading comprehension, writing and math skills that prepare them for productive, fulfilling lives.

## Family Literacy Day



A Family Literacy Event will be celebrated at the Peterborough Square on Saturday, January 23rd, 2010 from 9 a.m.- Noon . There will be free entertainment, free refreshments and free books. Please put this date on your calendars.

**Tuesday, January 27, 2010**

## STSCO Winter Newsletter

The winter season is once again fast approaching. Prior to the beginning of the school day, inclement weather or poor road conditions may force the cancellation of school transportation services. In this event, bus delays and cancellations will be posted on the [www.stsco.ca](http://www.stsco.ca) website. Also, area radio stations and media outlets will broadcast related information (The Wolf, The Kruz, Country 104 and Energy 99.7).

**Remember that if a bus is cancelled in the morning, it will not run in the afternoon.**

As a parent/guardian, it is recommended that you:

- ⇒ Know your child's school bus route number and know the name of the bus company operating the route
- ⇒ Listen to your local radio station or visit the [www.stsco.ca](http://www.stsco.ca) website in the morning for delays or cancellations
- ⇒ Ensure that your child is at the school bus stop 5-10 minutes prior to the scheduled arrival time of the bus



The STSCO telephone information line 748-9240 or toll free 1-866-433-4441 can also be used to check if there are any large scale bus cancellations.

## Reporting Student Absence/Illness



The Peterborough City/County Health Unit is collecting data

on student absences at all schools. It is important that parent(s)/guardian(s) report the nature of the student's absence to the office or on the school's answering machine.

**Clearly specify** if your child is absent due to a sporting activity, dental appointment, missed bus, **cold and/or flu symptoms, etc.**

## Know What To Do To Fight the FLU

Knowledge is your best defence against the Pandemic H1N1 2009 (pH1N1) Influenza Virus

Flu symptoms are: Fever, Coughing, Weakness/Fatigue, Lack of appetite, Sore throat, Headache, Sore muscles, Joint pain.

If you have these symptoms, please be considerate of others and **stay at home**.

Find out more—go to [www.pvncdsb.on.ca/fluupdates](http://www.pvncdsb.on.ca/fluupdates)

**Message from the Chair ... Connie Condon**

On behalf of the Catholic School Council we wish our Monsignor O'Donoghue students, families, and the community a prosperous and healthy new year!

We look forward to many exciting happenings for our students this year such as the 'Scientist In the School' Workshops and the continuation of the Healthy Snack Program.

At our next monthly meeting we will explore ongoing initiatives for the academic success of the students at Monsignor O'Donoghue.

The next school council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the staffroom.

All are welcome!

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Future Catholic School Council  
Meeting Dates:  
Tuesday, February 09, 2010  
Tuesday, April 13, 2010  
Tuesday, June 08, 2010

# JANUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 School Resumes	5	6 Epiphany Day Healthy Snack PM Recess	7	8 Hot Lunch	9
10	11	12 School Council Mtg. @ 6:30 pm	13	14	15 School Mass 10:45 am	16
17	18	19	20 HPV/Meningitis/ HepB Vaccine	21	22	23 Family Literacy Event @ Ptbo. Square
24	25	26 Girls' Volleyball	27 Boys' Volleyball	28 Alt. Volleyball	29 Board Volleyball Tournament	30
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