

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School

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Dear Families of the St. Elizabeth Seton School Community:

During this beautiful, colourful fall season, let us take the time to reflect on God's blessings. Our school is now in full swing. Allow me to begin by thanking all parents, those new to St. Elizabeth Seton School and those whose children attended last year, for taking the time out of their busy schedules to attend our Open House on Wednesday September 26th. The success of our Open House is truly indicative of a school community where the school and parents work together. It was good to spend time talking with so many of you who took the time to come out and make the most of this community building event. Thank you to the teachers and school staff for making this event possible, and to all who donated their time and their talents in support of Catholic Education. Our Catholic School Council continues to be most helpful, volunteering their collective time and talents to make all our school events great. Our families enjoyed the school BBQ, your support is greatly appreciated!

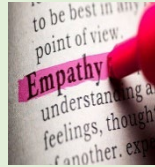
On October 2nd, Father Joyson will preside over our first school Mass which will take place in the gym. It is a wonderful celebration. In advance, thank you to all the parents, grandparents and guardians who join us for this wonderful celebration. We continue to highlight our virtues through community affirmation and through our virtue prayers. As a service project, our students are currently working on behalf of the marginalized by collecting food for Eden Food for Change & St Vincent de Paul for Thanksgiving. We are blessed to be able to offer our students an education within a faith context. Each and every day we foster our distinctiveness and Catholic identity while contributing to the well-being of the community. We look forward to an exciting year ahead as we work together to provide a safe, positive and enriched learning environment for the children.

M D'Souza
Principal

Virtue of Empathy

We understand empathy to mean the ability to identify with and feel other people's concerns.

We believe that in a faith community we are nothing without relationships. Relationships that grow in a spirit of communion- an understanding that we share an identity based on being created in the image and likeness of God and being imbued with one Spirit. We are many parts of one body. An empathetic person believes that we all share one Spirit; that we are many parts of one body.



Affirmation

I understand other's feelings and difficulties.

I am able to share in the joy of others.

I can sense the hurt around me.

I care about who is in trouble or has made a mistake.

I am a loyal and committed friend.

An empathetic person listens attentively, notices and responds to others, can see a situation from another person's point of view and knows that different people may feel differently about the same thing. As a Catholic community let us pray for the grace and strength to be people of empathy.

Our Virtue assembly for Faith & Empathy is on Wednesday, October 23rd at 10:40 AM.

CATHOLIC GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS



Distinctive expectations for graduates of Catholic schools are determined and shaped by the vision and destiny of the human person emerging from our faith tradition. Catholic education views human life as an integration of body, mind, and spirit. Rooted in this vision, Catholic

education fosters the search for knowledge as a lifelong spiritual and academic quest.

The Graduate is expected to be:

1. A discerning believer formed in the Catholic Faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living.

2. An effective communicator who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of gospel values.

3. A reflective, creative and holistic thinker who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.

4. A self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner who develops and demonstrates their God-given potential.

5. A collaborative contributor who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good.

6. A caring family member who attends to family, school, parish, and the wider community.

7. A responsible citizen who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.

Parish Information:

Parish website:

<https://stjohnofthecrossmi.archtoronto.org/>

MASS TIMES Weekends:

Sat.: 5:00 p.m.

Sun.: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.

Weekdays: 9:00 a.m.

Pastoral Team

Fr. Joyson George, O.Carm

Pastor

Fr. Joby O. Carm



If you have any questions
regarding **First Reconciliation**,
First Communion or
Confirmation, please contact
St. John of the Cross Church
@ 905-821-1331

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I hope that you and your child have had a great return to school. On behalf of the staff at St. Elizabeth Seton School, I would like to welcome students and families back to our school. We have started book circulation here at the library. I look forward to working together with you and your child by encouraging them to get excited about taking care of and using our library resources and books!

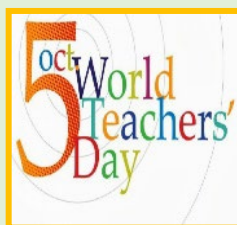


Ms. Pereira

Congratulations and thank you to all Dufferin-Peel Catholic Teachers . . .

for the caring and generous ways in which you help our students grow in their Catholic faith and expand their knowledge, while developing important life skills and their love of learning. Your dedicated service to students, families, parishes and their communities is instrumental in helping our students to excel. You inspire and help students to realize their dreams and to build a better world!!

We commend you on World Teacher's Day



**NATIONAL DAY FOR
TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION**

**EVERY
CHILD
MATTERS**

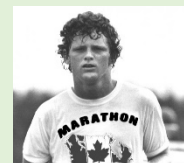
Truth and Reconciliation

In 1973 six-year-old Phyllis Webstad was gifted a brand new orange shirt from her grandmother and wore it to the residential (mission) school she attended in British Columbia. Upon her arrival, school officials removed and discarded the shirt from her and replaced it with a school uniform. This greatly affected the mental and emotional well-being of Webstad and symbolized that "her feelings never mattered." September 30 was chosen as the date to commemorate all the children that attended residential schools as it was also the time of year that children had to leave their homes and communities to attend the schools. This annual campaign began in 2013 after Webstad shared this experience at a reunion with other survivors. As a school community we came together in solidarity on Friday September 27th to acknowledge "Every Child Matters"

Terry Fox Walk

On Monday, **October 4th**, we will have our Terry Fox Marathon of Hope. Seton along with many other Dufferin-Peel schools will help to keep Terry's dream alive. Ms.

D'Alanno who has organized the event gives special thanks to the families, students and staff for their enthusiasm and participation and for helping raise funds for this important cause.



Yard Supervision

Please do not send your child/children to school before 8:30 a.m. Staff supervision of students begins at 8:30 a.m. To ensure your child's safety, we appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter. **Students must arrive between 8:30**

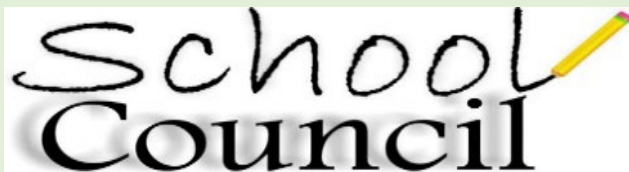
am and 8:45 am to begin their learning promptly at 8:45 AM. Being punctual is a great virtue. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Parking Lot Safety/Kiss and Ride



As always, student safety is a priority at St. Elizabeth Seton School. Please continue to use the available parking spaces or park in the designated areas on the street when picking up or dropping off your child. The Mississauga Parking Enforcement will issue tickets for those who are illegally parked. The Kiss n Ride should be constantly moving to prevent a back log of traffic. Children should not be walking across the parking lot unattended in front of cars. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended in the Kiss and Ride.

If a change needs to occur, we would appreciate you sending a note to your child's teacher on (or before) the day of the change. The school will not honour request made by phone to change pick-up arrangements on the same day as there is no way to identify the caller. Thank you to everyone who are using the Kiss and Ride safely. We are asking for everyone's patience and cooperation to ensure that all our students arrive and leave school safely.



Happy October, Seton Family! Lots is happening in October, but first we'd like to thank you for a successful Open House BBQ.

Our first Council meeting is October 3rd at 6 PM in the library. We are always looking for support from our parent community. This meeting will have the election for the 2024/2025 Catholic School Council.

Pizza starts October 1st. We're excited to be ordering from Panago again this year.

Over the summer we started a fundraiser with Mabel's Labels. When you're shopping for your labels, please click the "Support A Campaign" and search for St. Elizabeth Seton Mississauga. Mabel's Labels generously offer 20% of your pre-tax/shipping order to the school. This is an ongoing fundraiser with no current end date so next time you order your labels, please remember to support our school community.

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Hallowe'en Seton!

Student Information

It is important that we have up to date records of your address, phone numbers, and emergency contacts in the event that the school must contact you regarding your child. Please inform the office or your child's teacher if any information changes throughout the year.

Front Door Monitor System

For visitors and parents to our school, in order to assist you better, please stand facing the camera and ring the bell once. Please wait for a response.... remember, schools are busy places! For the safety of our students, we ask that you always state the reason for your visit.

We also ask for your patience and understanding as the door will not be answered during morning prayers and the Canadian National Anthem. Often our school secretary is away from her desk. Messages calling in the office cannot be guaranteed to be picked up the same day. Classes will not be interrupted to pass messages onto student. Notes in agendas and communication bags are very helpful for both staff and parents. Thank you for your cooperation and support!

Storage and Administration of Medication

Parents are responsible for ensuring that all medication and forms are updated annually for any student who requires medication to be 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 are available at the school office.



Medical Alert-Anaphylactic shock- Nut Allergies

Please be aware that there are students in our school with a severe life-threatening food allergy (anaphylaxis) to NUTS and PEANUTS. This is a medical condition that causes 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 children that are free from peanuts or nut products. **This includes Wow butter and Nutella.** We ask that you do not send in food products for the whole class to celebrate birthdays or social occasions. A donation of a book or game to the classroom is a safe alternative to food products and will be enjoyed so much longer by the children. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions. We thank you for your co-operation and attention to this health watch.



PLASP Update



The Peel After School Program will run again this year. If you would like more information, please call 905- 890-1711

Custody of Children

On rare occasions, we are faced with difficult situations in which non-custodial parents arrive at school asking to visit their child or to take their child home after school. We are best able to serve and protect students when we are made aware of legal custody arrangements, visitation rights and other special instructions. If legal custody matters affect your family, please ensure that our office and classroom teachers are aware of any custodial arrangements that may affect your child during school hours.

Visitors to our School

Parents/guardians are asked to book an appointment if you need to come into the school building.

Guidelines for Halloween Costumes

All students are encouraged to dress up for Halloween which we will celebrate on October 28th. As we are a Catholic school, we ask that you use your best judgment in creating and wearing costumes for this special event. **Costumes**

mocking/stereotyping a culture, depicting violence and death are not appropriate.

Students should be comfortable and able to sit in their costume for the day. We ask that students **DO NOT WEAR OR BRING HALLOWEEN MASKS to school** as they limit vision and can be quite hot to wear. **Hooks, swords, toy guns, spears and similar weapons or objects are also not to come to school.** Save them for the evening when the children are trick or treating. In keeping with **Sabrina's Law** (schools are mandated to manage student allergies), **do not send food (candy treats, baked goods, doughnuts etc...)** for your child's class to eat.





Emergency Procedures

In accordance with Ministry regulations, we will conduct three fire drills this Fall. Our 1st fire drill was held on Friday September 27th. All our students, including our youngest FDK's followed all safety measures that resulted in a successful drill. In addition, we will also practice lockdown procedures before scheduling a drill. This procedure is intended to prepare students should a high-risk incident occur on school property or in the near vicinity.

Daily Dismissal of Students

Students are dismissed at 3:15 p.m. All students are expected to meet parents and/or older siblings *on the sidewalks/pathways to go home*. No one is to walk through the school yard. We want parents to feel welcome in the school nonetheless we request to not gather in the school yard and maintain safe physical distances at all times. Pets are not permitted on the school grounds or near entrances and exit ways as many students have allergies and are uncomfortable around unfamiliar animals. We are also asking that students who walk home are respectful of our neighbours.



Eco School News

Again, this school year we will work towards Eco-School certification. We are asking that all students use refillable water bottles, lunch boxes free of wrappers, their own spoon/fork. The school no longer provides

plastic cutlery for students as part of our reducing plastic usage at school.

Student Faith Ambassadors 2024-2025

This year promises to be the best year ever for Seton's Student Faith Ambassadors! We boast **35 MEMBERS!!**

We are currently running the **Thanksgiving Food Drive** and **all proceeds both food and Gift Cards will be donated to Eden Food for Change & St. Vincent de Paul.**

Please help us help others in this valuable endeavor. We will be collecting food and gift cards until October 10th.

Picture Day

Tuesday, **October 1st** is Picture Day!! Don't forget your smile.



CCAT testing for Grade 4 Students

During the week of **October 21st**, our grade 4 students will be administered the CCAT (Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test). Please try to avoid booking appointments for 4th grade students during this time. The results of the test are used to help to identify students who may be eligible for enhanced/gifted programming in the future.

CRIMINAL REFERENCE CHECK & DECLARATION FORMS FOR VOLUNTEERS

In accordance with school board policies, all volunteers having direct and regular contact with students are required to provide a Criminal Reference Check. There is no fee for volunteers wishing to have a Criminal Reference Check. Each year, volunteers must also sign a Annual Offense Declaration form. Please visit the school office to pick up a volunteer and Criminal Reference Check form and letter and Annual Offense Declaration form.

Catholic School Council

Everyone is welcome to our Catholic School Council meetings. Many vital programs are

funded and made possible by the work of the members of our Catholic School Council.

Thursday, October 3rd at 6:00 PM in the school library is our first meeting and elections. See you there!

Hallowe'en Safety Tips and Dress

- Wear appropriate costumes to school.
- Face masks are not allowed.
- No weapons of any kind at school

While trick or treating:

- Wear light clothing so that you can be seen.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Walk with an adult.



Lunch Hour Routines

If you plan to drop off your child's lunch, please assist us in efficient distribution by reminding your child to come to the office at lunch time. Please label the lunch bag with your child's name and teacher/grade. A table at the front of the main office will be available for the lunch drop-off. A reminder that students who regularly stay for lunch are NOT permitted to leave school property without a signed and dated note from parents each time they wish to leave school grounds.

Wildcats Sporting Events

We are off to a great start! Students are practicing for Cross Country, Volleyball, junior boys and girls. Extracurricular activities provides opportunities for children to meet new friends and develop teamwork. If your child is interested in joining a sports team, have them listen to the daily announcements for sign up and practice days.



Medical

With regards to the Accident / Illness / Head Injuries as per the guidelines outlined in the Dufferin Peel Procedures, in GAP 101.2 / GAP 502.1

Please note as per above, we are required to officially notify parent / guardian of the Accident, including, IF NOT of serious nature. Specially, if the injury is a Head injury.

The Office / Admin will assess the situation and based on the protocol will follow the guidelines and First Aid will be provided.

Also, an Official call to the parent / guardian will be made to notify the same and follow procedure.

Seton pizza days for October

October 1, 4, 8, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 October 11 is a P.A. Day. Veggie pizza has mushrooms, green pepper, and tomato.



PEEL PUBLIC HEALTH

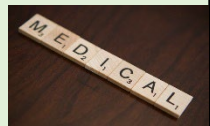
Vaccine Clinic Gr 7 & 8, October 15th

Vaccine clinics for routine immunizations (Human Papillomavirus (HPV), Hepatitis B (Hep B), or Meningococcal ACYW-135) are coming to your school this fall! To help protect your child from severe diseases and get them back on track, Peel Public Health will be offering immunizations to students at their school. Please visit

peelregion.ca/immunize and fill out the **online consent** and the **standard assessment questionnaire** if your child is eligible for any of these immunizations. If you have any questions or want to learn more, please visit peelregion.ca/immunize or call us at 905-799-7700.

Pedestrian Safety Month

Happy fall! Along with changing leaves and pumpkins, fall also brings an earlier



sunset. That's why October is Pedestrian Safety Month in Peel!

Brush up on your pedestrian safety skills
To stay safe this fall, remember these safety tips:

Stay alert when walking, rolling or cycling, and avoid distractions such as cell phones or headphones.

Be visible by wearing reflective or brightly coloured clothing.

Follow traffic rules, and even if you have the right of way, ensure drivers see you by making eye contact with them before crossing.

Get Ready for International Walk to School Month!

As we approach Autumn, it's the perfect time for students to walk to and from school!

Let's all...

Celebrate the Season: walk or roll to school daily and take in the beauty of the changing leaves.

Include everyone: For those who live further, consider alternatives like walking to the bus stop or getting dropped off a few minutes away to walk the last part of the journey.

Mindful Walks

Walking is great for the mind and body!
Take a moment during your walk to notice the cool fall air and the beautiful colors of the season.

Open House/BBQ

A huge thank you goes out to Seton School Council for your leadership, time, and effort in making our School BBQ a great success. Thank you to all our families who came out as a community to mix and mingle and meet their child(ren) teachers.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1	Picture Day
October 2	School Opening Mass @ 1 PM in the school gym
October 3	School Council 6:00 pm
October 4	Terry Fox run/walk
October 5	World Teacher's Day
October 9	Thanksgiving Liturgy
October 11	PA Day
October 14	Happy Thanksgiving!
October 15	Immunization Gr 7 & 8s
October 15	Gr 3s to Crawford Lake
October 21	Rosary Apostolate
October 23	Virtue Assembly
October 24	Child Care Worker & DECE
October 24	CCCSC Chair/Co-Chair Meeting
October 29	Picture Retake
October 31	Dance a Thon





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		1 Picture Day  	2 School Opening Mass @ 1 PM in the school gym 	3 School Council 6:00 pm	4 Terry Fox run/walk  	5 
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27	28	29 Picture Retake 	30 Dance a Thon 	31 		

November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  	2  ALL SOUL'S DAY
3	4 Scholastic Book Fair begins Rosary Apostolate 	5 	6	7 School Council meeting at 6:00 PM	8 	9
10	11 Remembrance Day Liturgy 	12 Progress Reports sent home  	13	14 Parent/teacher interviews	15 	16
17	18 Hear & See clinic	19 	20	21	22 PA Day 	23
24	25	26 	27 First Reconciliation @7PM in the church	28	29 	30