**Principal: Mr. T. Ceelen School Secretary: Mrs. I. Page**

**Vice Principal: Mrs. M. Morrissey Office Assistant: Mrs. J. Davoren**

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| **SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM:****A REMINDER TO PLEASE PHONE IN YOUR CHILD’S ABSENCE (905) 827-8894. OUR ANSWERING SERVICE IS****AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY. MESSAGES ARE PICKED UP REGULARLY BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M.** |

***February 2014***

#### PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

We have experienced a bitterly cold January, resulting in many consecutive days with students unable to go outside for recess and lunch. I am very proud of the students for their behaviour during indoor recesses and lunch hours. A Special thank you to all of the staff for their diligence and patience keeping students engaged and positive.

Numerous clubs, events and sports activities have really benefitted students this past month. Street Dog Art lessons on Mondays and Wednesdays, Pokemon Club, Spanish Club, basketball practices, tournaments and games, Games Club, Battle of the Books, “Joseph” auditions, Grade 5 ball hockey tournament and skating dates for Grades 4 to 8 are bringing lots of joy, excitement, exercise and leadership opportunities for many of our students!

Please keep all of our Grade 7 students in your prayers as they prepare for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, February 8th at St. Matthew Church. A special Thank you to our Catholic School Council who is providing all of the Confirmande a luncheon at Peppinos.

On Wednesday February 5th at 7 pm there will be a Parent Information Night to share information on the upcoming uniform vote. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to get more facts about the school uniform to help them make an informed decision. As the principal of Pope John Paul II Catholic School, I am committed to serving and meeting the needs of all the students and families of the school community. It is my duty and responsibility to make sure that the voting process is fair.

Every day I am getting to know the students more and forging stronger relationships with parents. I want to thank the parents for being so friendly, supportive and appreciative of the efforts of the staff in providing a happy and safe learning environment for your children. There is so much we can accomplish working together!

Regards,

Mr. Ceelen

#### VIRTUES OF THE MONTH

The Catholic Virtues Formation program is a distinctive worldview modeled on the life of Jesus Christ, gospel values, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. It goes deeper than character education which is based in secular values, human role models and societal norms. Through the lens of Catholic virtues, staff and students are challenged to live in community through our daily words and actions. As a Catholic community, we are called to learn and to grow and to become more like Jesus in the way we see and treat others. Our Catholic faith plays an important role in helping us shape schools that are safe, caring, and inclusive.

A virtue is a habit or an established capacity to perform good actions according to a moral standard. When we practice these virtues, we strengthen them and make the presence of God more visible in the world, in ourselves, and in the people around us. Each month is devoted to a different virtue:

 **February - Respect**

 March - Kindness

 April - Love

 May - Acceptance

 June – Fairness

Students who exemplify Catholic virtues through their words and actions will be recognized by the staff and given a Principal’s Award.

#### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteering in the school helps us to provide a variety of activities for students and families. We urge you to participate actively as much as you can. Any skill or talent you share with us will enrich our school community.

If you are interested in volunteering for our Hot Lunches – Pizza or for our Milk Program – please inform the office. We would appreciate your help in making this a successful program for our students.

**ALL VOLUNTEERS**

Any parent wishing to volunteer in any capacity must provide the school with a copy of their criminal reference check and vulnerable sector screening before volunteering at the school.

If you have any questions about volunteering please see your child’s teacher or contact the office.

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please join us for our School Council meeting….

 When: Monday February 24th , 2014

 Time: 6:30 p.m.

 Where: School Library (all are welcome)

#### BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

In accordance with the Halton Catholic School Board’s policy, our school provides supervision for students 15 minutes before the start of the school day. Our staff will provide supervision to students at **8:25 a.m**.

#### SAFETY IN OUR PARKING LOT KISS AND RIDE WORKING WELL

The Kiss and Ride Program is working wonderfully! Thank you parents for following the directions of the designated staff members. We are achieving the goals of student safety and allowing parents to smoothly and quickly drop off their children.

#### ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all the parents that have been using the 24 hour attendance line to report your child/ren’s absence or lateness to school. The office staff, Mrs. Page and Mrs. Davoren appreciate your assistance. Thank you for working together!

#### GRADE 7 HEPATITIS B/MENACTRA IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

#### 2013-2014 REVISED

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 Halton Health provides a **2-dose Hepatitis B and a single dose Menactra** vaccine for all Grade 7 students. The schedule for the school’s Hepatitis B and Menactra immunization clinics are:

**April 7th, 2014 Hep B#2 Gr. 7**

#### HEAD LICE

If you suspect you child/ren has head lice, please inform the school immediately as your child/ren’s class will need to be checked. Thank you for your co-operation! Wee Care Home Health Service nurse can be reached at 905-507-2273

####  FAMILY DAY

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A reminder that Monday February 17th is Family Day the school will be closed to all students and staff on that day.

#### WEATHER

Now that the colder weather has definitely arrived, it is important that the children dress properly so that they are comfortable outside. They must wear boots, snow pants, hats, mittens, and scarves. Students are not allowed on the field without snow pants and boots. Recesses are part of the school program and students are expected to go outside for recess.

Weather is monitored at every recess. If your child is not well enough to go outside, then they are not well enough to be at school. We cannot adequately supervise unwell children here at school over the recess period since our supervising teachers will be outside. Thank you for your understanding.

#### LUNCH DROP OFF

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Please ensure that the student’s name and teacher name is clearly labeled on the student’s lunch. Please drop off all lunches to the lunch table in the main office.

If a lunch is not picked up, the office staff will call the child to come get there lunch. Please note that we always allow a child time to eat their lunches.

#### YMCA REGISTRATION

Registration for new families to the YMCA Before and after school program will be accepted between 7:00 am to 8:40 am and 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm beginning Monday, February 17th , 2014. Registrations will be guaranteed a spot in the program if received completed by May 30th, 2014.

If you require care for the remainder of this school year (2013-2014), we currently have a few spots available for Grade 1-6 students.

Please see the YMCA of Oakville’s website [www.ymcaofoakville.org/childcare/](http://www.ymcaofoakville.org/childcare/) for more information or contact Ashley Gomes at 289-681-6756.

#### MINDFUL MOMENTS

Maintaining Your Mental Health

Why is your mental health so important?

Mental health is an essential part of your overall health. We all have metal health, just as we all have physical health.

Mental health is more than just the absence of mental illness. It’s an overall state of well-being.

Being mindful and protecting our children’s mental health is critical to their quality of life. Mental health affects a child’s self-esteem, social development, ability to learn, handle stress and make decisions.

What are the facts?

* ![C:\Documents and Settings\janed\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\9H72WGWD\MP900409374[1].jpg]()1 in 5 children and youth in Ontario have a mental health disorder causing significant distress and impairing their functioning at home, school, with peers or in the community.
* The most common mental health concerns are anxiety, behavioral and depressive disorders.
* 50% of diagnosed children begin to exhibit signs by age 6
* Early recognition and treatment are very important in reducing the long-term impact of mental health problems.

#### UNIFORM

#### PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT



A Uniform Parent Information Night is scheduled

 **When**: **Wednesday February 5th 2014**

 **Time: 7:00pm**

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#### ATHLETICS AT POPE JOHN PAUL II

**Girls Basketball**

![C:\Documents and Settings\janed\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\9Z1J0QLB\MC900318712[1].wmf]()The Girls Basketball Season has officially begun with a bang! A pre-season Tournament on home court resulted in 4th place out of 8 contending schools. Our first season game was on January 20th against St.Mary's resulting in a 34 -16 loss. Our next game is on February 5th at Joan of Arc! Please come out to cheer on the girls!

 The season has been filled with a lot of hard work, sweat, and determination. The girls on the team have been continuing to work on offense/defense skill development, collaborating on plays and demonstrating strong SAINTS spirit. The girls will have 5 regular season games and a post season tournament with our junior girls.  The coaches would like to thank the parents assisting with transportation to away games and also supportive fans that come out to the games to cheer their classmates on.

Congratulations to the team for displaying hustle on the court, encouragement to fellow players and all around good sportsmanship. Let’s hear it for these amazingly dedicated girls: Savanna B, Olivia B, Miranda  B, Kenedy C, Jennifer C, Isabelle C, Victoria D, Juliana D, Ashley E, Olivia F, Daniella F, Mikayla H, Katya L, Lauren L, Victoria M, Daniela P, Larissa P, Emily P, Kelly W, Mackenzie W.

**Boys Basketball**

The PJP II Boy's Basketball team has started the season off with great success. Our school hosted the 2nd Annual PJP II Tournament on Wed. Jan. 22nd and Thurs. Jan. 23rd The team won all 3 round robin games convincingly and met a tough St. Andrew team in the semi-finals. Despite the loss in the semi-finals, the team came out strong in the 3rd place game against St. Mary and came away with the Bronze medal. In league play thus far, the Saints are 2-0 with both wins coming from sensational teamwork and hustle. Come out and support the boys as they make their quest for an Oakville championship. Good luck boys

**Boys Indoor Soccer Team:**

In preparation for the upcoming outdoor soccer season, PJPII will be fielding its first ever indoor soccer team. After a series of tryouts in early December, the coaches would like to congratulate and commend each of the players for showing a combination of skill, positive attitude, and effort.

![C:\Documents and Settings\janed\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\9H72WGWD\MC900446210[1].wmf]()The players that have been recognized as representatives for the school and have been selected for the team are:

Ethan C, Matthew D (grade 6), Daniel B, Daniel M, Josh S (grade 7), Christophe B, Ethan I, Christian L, Tommas M, Gianfranco M, Nicolas N, Anthony T, Tristian V, and Andres V (grade 8). Continuing in their role as the coaches for this year will be former students Matthew Aslett and Nic Bruno.

After a very successful season last year, the team will be looking to continue their excellent results at two tournaments this winter. The season starts off on January 29th with the Winter Classic Invitational against the top eight teams from last year. In late February, the team will also play at the first ever Loyola Futsal Cup against the high school’s other feeder schools. Everyone is certainly looking forward to an exciting season of soccer!

**![C:\Documents and Settings\janed\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\8666DXB7\MC900382568[1].jpg]()Skating**

Students in Grades 4 – 8 will be going on 2 skating trips this month. If your child does not have a helmet the school has purchased several so they can borrow a helmet for their skating day, if they do not have skates there are a few pairs they could try on and borrow if they fit.

**Ball Hockey**

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Grade 5 Ball Hockey Tournament

Congratulations to the PJP II Grade 5 Ball Hockey Team on their amazing achievement at the Corpus Christi Tournament on Friday, January 24th. The boys and the girls on the team played outstanding hockey the entire day, showing excellent skills, team work and incredible hustle. The boys won all of their games in pool play and then defeated St. Joan of Arc in the semi-finals. They followed this with a nail biting 5-4 victory over St. Peter School to capture the Friday tournament. After 5 exhausting matches, our team played the very talented and well rested team from St. John (Burlington) who defeated PJP in the grand final.

I am very proud of all the players on the team who contributed to our wonderful success. It was a lot of fun! Special thanks to all of the parents who drove students to and from the tournament, and for being terrific cheerleaders encouraging our players so much!

The following students were on the team:

Mauro L Marco P Aidan T Aidan M Rebecca D Sierra R Ashley E Charlie F John B Lukas D Noah A Michael F Shane D Joel Z Alexander D

#### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Halton Catholic District School Board is working in partnership with the Burlington Caribbean Connection to coordinate a variety of events throughout the City of Burlington to raise awareness of Canadian Black history, and to celebrate the many contributions Black Canadians have made to Burlington, Halton and Canada.

Black History events will run in Burlington through the month of February, culminating on March 21st, with the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. To view a list of other Black History Awareness Events taking place in Burlington, please visit:
<https://sites.google.com/site/burlingtonblackhistory/home>.

#### VALENTINE’S CAKE RAFFLE

![C:\Documents and Settings\janed\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\9Z1J0QLB\MC900446020[1].wmf]()On Friday February 14th, 2014 the Catholic School Council will be holding our second annual Valentine’s Day Cake Raffle. Donations of baked or purchased nut-free or Gluten free cakes and cupcakes are needed to make this a special event.. All proceeds will go to the Oakville Hospital Foundation.

Please stay tuned as further information will be sent home in the upcoming days. Thank you for your support.

#### SEE/HEAR

![C:\Documents and Settings\janed\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\9Z1J0QLB\MP900422196[1].jpg]()There will be a Hearing and Vision screening at Pope John Paul II on Monday February 10th and Tuesday February 11th , 2014. Forms were sent home last week, if you would like your child tested please return the form and payment to their teacher.

SeeHear was created to provide a much needed service to our children. Audiology was removed from our Health Care Coverage, which has left us with a generation of children that have not had their hearing screened unless they have visited an E.N.T. or an Audiologist at their own expense.

![C:\Documents and Settings\janed\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\9H72WGWD\MC900064950[1].wmf]()We are committed to Hearing Healthcare Awareness through hearing screening clinics at the schools. Although annual vision screening for children up to the age of 19 is covered by the Ministry of Health, we also screen vision on our visits at no cost. Our statistics show that 47% of the children we screen are referred to an optometrist with vision concerns. Our mandate is to eventually screen all children annually. We do allow screening at NO COST for children who cannot participate in the clinics due to lack of finances. These situations are addressed with the school principals.

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Parents Corner – Olympic Math Fun!

February 2014

Have you ever considered how important math is to sports? Every sport uses numbers in some way (with scoring, determining averages, figuring percentages), and when numbers are involved, math is involved.

Try some of these Olympic Games with your children this month as we prepare for the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi!

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| **Crossing the Blue Line**This game is for 2 players. The object of the game is for a player to get all pucks across the ice rink before the other player.**Instructions:*** Each player begins with 12 pucks (cubes) which must cross the blue line onto the other side of the ice rink
* Players will decide on which of the 12 positions they will place their own pucks (you may place more than one puck on a number)
* Players take turns rolling the dice
* Add or subtract the numbers on the die to determine which puck crosses the blue line
* Every roll of the dice allows the player to move his/her puck across the blue line
* If a player rolls a number which does not contain a puck, that player misses a turn
* The winner is the first player to get all pucks across the blue line

**Challenge:*** Try incorporating Multiplication or Division into the game
* What could be a good strategy for this challenge?
 | **Short Track Skating**In this exercise, we use a hundreds grid to “skate” a path planned by the leader of the game.Children learn to recognize, create, copy and extend patterns through repeated daily activities. Integrating 5 minute patterning activities into your daily schedule is not only fun for the children, but also helps them to be aware of patterns in their daily surroundings. As children recognize and create patterns they begin to see and understand how things work together.You can play this game at home with your child using a hundreds grid.* Choose 2 numbers and place them in the squares on the grid
* Ask the players to plan a math path beginning at the first number picked and ending at the second number, in a specified number of operations or steps (i.e., addition or subtraction only)
* The players use the hundreds grid to demonstrate the math path
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| **Board Games**Play a variety of math board games to develop strategy and problem solving skills. | **Athletes Village**Problem solving is a cognitive ability that helps us find solutions to challenges that we face daily. Solve some of these Olympic challenges.1. In Vancouver a seemingly endless parade of 11,000 athletes and 1000 coaches made their way into Olympic stadium to begin the 2010 Winter games. Nearly 11,000 people were on hand to greet them at the opening ceremonies. What percentage of the people in attendance were athletes?
2. Paper Trail: more than 11,000 athletes will be using the facilities in the Olympic Village while they are attending the Winter Games in Sochi. No joke… the Olympic Village will require 15,000 kilometers of toilet paper during the athletes’ stay. Estimate how many rolls of toilet paper that represents?
3. As NBC just found out, getting U.S. TV rights to the 2014 Olympics isn’t a cheap deal. NBC is paying $2.001 billion for these direct rights, which is an increase of 32.6% of what they paid for the 2010/2012 Olympics. How many billions of dollars did they spend for the 2010/2012 Olympics? Express your answer to the nearest tenth.
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To view the entire newsletter please visit our website at schools.hcdsb.org/pope/

If you require a hardcopy of the newsletter please inform your child’s classroom teacher.

**Please refer to our school website for updates, announcements and a full year calendar**

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| **2** | **3****C:\Users\Owner\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\UKF4ZKC3\MC900086104[1].wmfPizza Day****11:45am** **Art Program** | **4****1:30pm Gr. 4 Skating (River Oaks)** | **5****11:45 am****Art Program****7:00pm Uniform Parent Information Night**  | **C:\Users\Owner\Pictures\lunch lady.png6****10:30 am** **Gr.5 Skating****(Glen Abbey)** | **7** | **8****10.30 am Gr. 7 Confirmation at St. Matthew’s church** |
| **9** | **C:\Users\Owner\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\UKF4ZKC3\MC900086104[1].wmf10** **Pizza Day** **See/Hear Screening****9:30 am Gr. 8** **Student Art Show-(Loyola)****11:45 am Art Program** | **11****11:45-1:00pm** **Gr. 7 Confirmation Luncheon @ Peppinos****See/Hear Screening** | **12****Gr. 1 and Gr.2** **Rocks and Rings** **11:45 am** **Art Program** | **13****C:\Users\Owner\Pictures\lunch lady.png10:30am** **Gr. 6 Skating** **(Glen Abbey)** | **14** **Spirit Day** **Pink and Red Day****C:\Documents and Settings\janed\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\8666DXB7\MC900304919[1].wmfValentine’s Day** **Cake Raffle** | **15** |
| **16** | **17****FAMILY DAY****(No School)** | **C:\Users\Owner\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\UKF4ZKC3\MC900086104[1].wmf18** **Pizza Day** | **19** **Report Cards Home****11:45am** **Art Program****1:30 pm** **Gr. 8 Skating** **(16 Mile Creek)** | **20****C:\Users\Owner\Pictures\lunch lady.png1:30 pm** **Gr. 7 Skating** **(Glen Abbey)** | **21****10:30am Gr. 5 Skating****(Glen Abbey)** | **22** |
| **23** | **C:\Users\Owner\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\UKF4ZKC3\MC900086104[1].wmf24****Pizza Day****1:30 pm Gr 4 Skating (Glen Abbey)** **6:30 pm** **School Council-library (all welcome)** | **25** | **26**  | **27****C:\Users\Owner\Pictures\lunch lady.png10:30 am** **Gr. 6 Skating** **(Glen Abbey)** | **28** |  |