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"do ordinary things with extraordinary love"

DECEMBER 2010

From the Principal's Desk



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In this season of Advent, we patiently await the coming of Christ — as a babe in the stable of Bethlehem; in the present — as grace in our souls and in the future — as a judge at the end of time.

In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the season, let us strive to keep Advent a season of waiting and longing, of conversion and hope, meditating on the love and humility of our God who was one with us. In our shopping and baking, let us remember to purchase and prepare something for the poor. When we clean our homes, let us distribute some of our possessions to those who lack many necessities. While we are decking the halls of our homes, let us not forget to prepare a peaceful place in our hearts for our Saviour to live.

Merry Christmas from the Staff and Students of Mother Teresa Catholic School
May His Gifts of Peace, Love and Joy Be Yours .



"And a little child shall lead them..."
Isaiah 11:6

CATHOLIC VIRTUES INTO ACTION—PATIENCE

During the month of December, in the name of advent, our school will be reflecting on the virtue of PATIENCE.

Patience is defined as *the ability to wait calmly without complaining*. As Christmas nears, the pace of life seems to speed up. This presents us, as Advent people, with the perfect opportunity to slow down and be patient. Patience is a learned virtue. Patience is a valuable virtue. We are all

"plugged in" to the modern fast paced world. This pace can be overwhelming and distracts us from the real meaning of Christmas.

This month PATIENCE will be reinforced and instructed through prayer, reflection, classroom activities, guided meditation, and our Advent Mass.



ADVENT MASS
DECEMBER 20TH
AT
MOTHER TERESA
SCHOOL
10:00 A.M.

Catholic School Council Corner

Your Catholic School Council wishes all Mother Teresa School Families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Our next meeting of the CSC will take place in the Mother Teresa Library on **Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.**

Please join us!



Children are gifts, too.
Handle them with care.

RED Days in December



Christmas is a time for families. Many Canadian families will miss being with their loved ones this holiday season. Young Canadian men and women are currently serving in peacekeeping missions around the world and will not be home for Christmas. We pray for our

troops and for their families who wait in hope for their safe return home. During the month of December, three days have been designated RED Days. We will wear RED in honour of our soldiers and their families on Dec. 3rd and 10th and 17th.

Christmas Concerts and Advent Celebrations

- **Be An Angel Food Drive from November 25th to December 10th**
- **Community Caroling in the gym on December 21st at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Mass in Mother Teresa gym Monday, December 20th at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Celebrate Excellence Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, December 22 at 2:30 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS COLOURS

RED represents Jesus and the ultimate sacrifice that He made for mankind.

WHITE stands for His purity.

GREEN indicates Hope. Christ is our Hope. Like tall evergreens, green stands for triumph, longevity and immortality.

Parent Interviews and Reporting

Progress report cards for students in Grades 1-8 will be distributed on Tuesday, December 7th.

Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place on the evening of Thursday, December 9th. We appreciate your input, and your willingness to adhere to the interview times.

Please remember to return the bottom of page 2 of your child's progress report to the teacher so that it may be filed in your child's OSR. This page of the progress report provides you and your child with an opportunity to reflect on the term that has just passed and to develop goals for the upcoming term.

Kindergarten students did not receive an official progress report for the first term. Parents are invited to meet with their child's teacher in an interview.



AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:
To make an appointment for an interview please contact Mrs. Reynen at the school office at 905-433-5512 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.





The Joy of Giving: Be An Angel



St. Therese Parish Support for Families in Need

Any families who are in need of support during the Christmas season are asked to contact St. Therese Parish office in November. The phone number is 905-436-2126 or you may e-mail your request to sttherese@bellnet.ca

Annual Christmas Food and "Be an Angel" Gift Drive

Mother Teresa School will be having a food and gift drive from Nov. 24th - Dec. 10th to help fill Christmas hampers for families in need. A letter regarding the Be An Angel program went home last week.

Any high school students, wishing to volunteer at the church to help sort the food and assemble the hampers, are ask to contact the parish at 905 436-2126 by Dec. 6th so that a schedule may be made.

From the library



January is a very special month. It's **Literacy Month** and this year we are doing something different as a school. Practise your reading while you are on your Christmas Break and you'll be ready for our special project. More information will be in the January newsletter.

If you're curious check out :

<http://mssociety.ca/readathon/en/default.htm>

Happy Reading!!

Mrs. White

SKI CLUB/SNOWBOARD CLUB

Yes, it is true! We start our Ski/Snowboard Club on Tuesday, January 7th, 2011. The buses will be leaving promptly after school to take us to the hill. We will be returning from the hill by 8:45 p.m. Please make sure someone is there to meet the bus as the chaperones are cold and tired by this time. Remember to pray for snow!!!



Important Safety Reminders

N.B. WINTER STUDENT TRANSPORTATION information has been included as an insert in this newsletter.

Please read it carefully and post it on your refrigerator as a handy reference. It contains important information regarding winter transportation procedures.

In the event of inclement weather and poor road conditions, listen to your local radio station for possible route cancellations.

**CKDO 1580 AM, 107.7 FM
CKGE 94.9 FM KX 96 FM**

WINTER WEAR

Another cold winter is upon us. Parents are reminded to insure that students are properly equipped for the weather. Students will require hats, mitts/gloves, snow pants, boots, scarves and warm coats in order to fully enjoy the outdoors safely during recesses, and as they venture to and from school each day.



NAME TAGS FOR PARENTS IN THE PLAYGROUND

PVNCCDSB Health and Safety Policy mandates in accordance with the Education Act and The Safe Schools Act that visitors to school grounds report to the office and that schools require appropriate procedures to welcome visitors. When a visitor arrives at Mother Teresa, protocol is for that visitor to sign in at the office and be issued identification if the person is going to remain on our campus.

During the morning, several parents and guardians bring students to school and remain on campus for a lengthy period of time. To uphold safe schools policy, we are requesting that Mother Teresa identification be worn. This identification will be available next week and issued to those parents who regularly visit us each morning on the playground. **This identification is for the playground only.** Any visitor to our school must still report to the main office upon entering the building. Thank you for your support with helping us to maintain a safe environment for all of our students.

If you require further information regarding this procedure, please contact Mr. O'Sullivan (VP) at the school.



The Grade 8
Kernels popcorn
fundraiser is
back!

Bring your toonie
on Tuesdays to buy
one of

four great
flavours:
Caramel,
Butter



Salt, Dill
Pickle and White
Cheddar! The
popcorn is
guaranteed peanut
free!



An Affirmation "I am patient. I am gentle with others and myself when we make mistakes. I wait calmly. I trust that things will turn out right."

Have Patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself."

Saint Francis de Sales

"PATIENCE is quiet hope and trust, expecting things to turn out all right. **PATIENCE** is being calm and tolerant when difficult things happen. It means showing acceptance when you or others make mistakes.

PATIENCE is doing something now so that later it will bear fruit, like planting a seed and waiting for it to grow. **Patience** is a commitment to the future."

The Virtues Project Educator's Guide



PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

Why Hand Washing is Important During Flu Season

Hand washing, when done correctly, is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Follow these five steps to keep your hands clean - washing them at least 5 times a day:

- ◆ Wet your hands with warm, running water. Add soap, rub hands together making a soapy lather. Do this away from running water for 15 seconds, washing the fronts and backs of your hands, as well as between fingers and under nails
- ◆ Rinse your hands well under warm, running water, letting the water run back into the sink.
- ◆ Turn off the water with a paper towel and place it in the garbage.
- ◆ Dry hands thoroughly with a clean towel.

FLU SYMPTOMS may include earache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, cough, runny eyes, stuffy noses, fever, chills, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, extreme weakness, fatigue

PRECAUTIONS

- ◆ Wash hands for at least 15 seconds with soap and water, especially after trips to the bathroom.
- ◆ Cover mouths when coughing or sneezing, and immediately wash hands after.
- ◆ Carry sanitizers or moist towelettes if no water is available.

Celebrating Excellence! 3 Cheers! Virtue—Justice (November)

	Teacher Award	Catholic Virtue - Respect
JK		
JK/SK	Ryan T	Noah P/Nolan S
SK	Isaac S	Garrett H/Sophie G
Gr. 1	Emily N	Samantha P
Gr. 1/2	Oliva K	Graham
Gr. 2	Jonah K	Erin H
Gr. 2/3	Michael H	Alisa C
Gr. 3	Victoria S	James T
Gr.3/4	LillyAnna G	Caroline M
Gr. 4/5	Maggie S	Tara B
Gr. 5/6	Amber K	Alex L
Gr. 6	Cassidy C Nicholas M	Jacob B /Nadia L
Gr. 7B	Zachary J	Deanna B
Gr. 7G	Raniel M	Matt W
Gr. 7/8	Kassidy D	Sean H
Gr. 8	Tomas A	Alexis D
BEST	Trent R	David H

One of God's Children

One winter day, a little boy was standing on a grate next to a bakery trying to keep his shoeless feet warm. A woman passing by saw the frosty-toed child and her heart ached. He had on only a light-weight jacket and no shoes, and the air was chilly, the wind sharp.

"Where are your shoes, young man?" she asked. The boy reluctantly admitted he didn't have any. "Why don't you come with me and we'll see what we can do about that?" the woman said. Taking his hand, she led him into a nearby department store and bought him a new pair of shoes and a warm jacket.

When they came back out onto the street, the little boy was so excited that he immediately started to run off to show his family his gifts. Suddenly he halted, turned around and ran back to the woman. He thanked her and then he hesitated, and said, "Ma'am, could I ask you a question? Ma'am, are you God's wife?"

The woman smiled and said, "Oh, no, I'm not God's wife, just one of God's children."

The little boy grinned and nodded enthusiastically, "I knew it! I just knew you were related!"

Anonymous

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>Patience</h1>			1	2	3 WEAR RED DAY LUNCH LADY	4
			5	6 PIZZA DAY	7 <i>Report Cards Go Home</i>	8
12	13 PIZZA DAY	14	15 Grade 3 students to Lang Pioneer Village	16 <i>A Walk Through Bethlehem</i> 6:30—8:00 p.m.	17 WEAR RED DAY LUNCH LADY	18
19	20 Mass at Mother Teresa School 10:00 a.m. PIZZA DAY	21	22 <i>Last Day of School</i>	23	24	25  <i>Have a Blessed Christmas</i>
26	27	28	29	30	31	<i>Students return to school on January 6th</i>

Parish Mission Statement:

St. Therese in Courtice is a dynamic Catholic parish rooted in spirituality, encouraging all parishioners to be living examples of our faith. We are a vibrant community reaching out to all members of society. We strive for maximum synergy by encouraging each individual to bring forth his/her talents, thus benefiting the entire parish family. Our focus is, and will remain in Jesus Christ



St. Therese Parish

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday December 16th at 7pm—Parish Penitential Service

Christmas Eve
5:00pm, 7:30 pm
10:00 pm, Midnight

Christmas Day
9:00 and 11:00 am

December 26th
9:00, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

New Year's Eve
4:30 pm & 7:00 pm
New Year's Day
9:00 , 11:00 am & 7:00pm

January 2nd
4:30 (Sat) 9, 11 am & 7 pm

When you are considering which mass you will be attending for Christmas Eve, please keep in mind that the earlier masses are full to capacity.



Christmas Giving Tree

We now have our Giving Tree up at the entrance to the Church. If you would like to help a family this Christmas, simply take a tag from the tree and return your item unwrapped, along with the tag, by Sunday December 12, 2010.



Advent message



Dear Parishioners

As we prepare for the joyous occasion of Christmas, we would like to welcome you all to enter into the house of bread (Bethlehem), to meditate upon the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ who humbled Himself to become one like us.

The waiting of the coming of our Lord invites us to prepare ourselves to recommit to the love and kindness of God our Father. During this season of Advent, let us join our parish family to say (Come Lord Maranatha" by participating actively in the Holy Mass, celebrating Sacraments and other religious and spiritual events that take us closer to God our Father through Christ who was, who is



and who will be .

Let us make this Advent a journey to enter into the house of the Lord.

Merry Christmas and may the Child Jesus shower upon you and your family His countless blessings.

God bless you.

Father Stan

Please Join us at the parish for a beautiful Christmas concert "In the Arms of Divine Love " on December 17th at 7:30 pm with guest singer Denise Ferguson

LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST

Once again, we have our manger scene behind the Church. All are welcome to join us on Saturday December 11th, following the 4:30 pm. Mass for our "Light Up for Christ". and the finals of our "Christmas Idol" singing competition.



We will turn on the Christmas lights, bless the stable, do some caroling and have a pot luck in the hall. All are welcome. Our nativity will be behind the Church throughout the Christmas Season. If you want to help with the animals please call Bill Segers at 905-1382.



WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM!

The Parent Meeting for First Communion will be held on Monday January 11th, at 7:30pm in the Church Hall.

WORLD YOUTH DAY - MADRID

In 2011 World Youth Day will be held in Madrid, Spain. In the coming year we will be fundraising to help those youth who wish to attend this youth festival. If you are interested in attending please call the parish office at 905 436 2126 for more information.



FREE SKATING

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Free Skate at the Courtice South Arena, On Wednesday December 29th Admission is free but there will be a box for non perishable food items for our food bank available, should you wish to donate. Check our parish website at www.st-therese-church.com





Dear PVNCCDSB Educator:

The LDAP is pleased to partner with the PVNCCDSB to provide 24 students, on a first come first serve bases and at no cost to families, the program SoAR. See below for program description and dates in your community. Please inform or distribute this information to students who you feel will benefit. Parents are requested to contact Maria Castiglione (866 503-3303) for details and registration.

SOAR: SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

"Preparation for the changes and choices to be made in high school."

SOAR is a program for students in grades 7, 8 and 9, developed by the Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario to encourage self-awareness, how to express ideas and follow directions, and becoming a self-advocate in the learning process and decision making.

SOAR provides each student with instruction and an opportunity for discussion with peers. Each student will receive the SOAR: Some Assembly Required workbook series to enhance and reinforce learning. Maximum of 12 participants per program. Location to be confirmed usually held at a local high school.

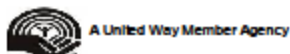
2011 SoAR dates in your community:

Peterborough: Winter Jan 31-March 7, 4:30pm-6:00pm Mon/Thurs Summer Aug 22, 23, 24, 25 10:00am-2:30pm
 Northumberland: Spring April 28-June 2 4:30pm-6:00pm, Mon/Thurs
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BOOK 1	BOOK 2	BOOK 3
L's and D's	Skills for Success	Making Choices for the Future
World's Greatest Computer is in Your Head <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Our Big Brains Love Learning o There Are a Lot of Different Ways to be Intelligent o Learning About Learning o Mr. Brain goes to School 	Why Do We have to go to School?	Life in High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Locker Life o Class Transitions o Get to Know Your Teachers
Your Brain - Your Education - Your Future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Learning Styles o Learning Interest o Learning Abilities 	Daily Skills: Developing Good habits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o How to Develop a Good Habit o Compensatory Strategies 	Keys to High School Success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o LDs are Complicated o IEPs and Accommodations o Self-Advocacy
What is a Learning Disability? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Let's Play with our Brains! 	Skills for Studying and Tests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Learning the General Ideas o Learning the Details o Accommodations, Modifications and IEP 	Making Choices for the Future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Job Options o How will my LD Affect my Chances for Job Success?
Different Kinds of Learning Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o ADHD 	Skills for Projects and Assignments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Investigation o Preparation o Action o Reflection 	Further Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Websites o Books About LDs for Kids and Teens
How to Deal with your LD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Go Over It! o Go Through It! o Go Around It! 	Study Skills Quick-Reference Sheet	

LDAP 159 King St Suite 204, Peterborough, ON K9J 2R8 705 748-9455 or 1 866 503-3303
 Clarington: 905 623-1852 Northumberland: 905 377-9414 City of Kawartha Lakes: 705-324-2596

We are committed to the development of a community in which persons with Learning Disabilities and/or ADHD are enabled to reach their potential.





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The right to learn, the power to achieve

SOAR: SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

PETERBOROUGH CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES NORTHUMBERLAND CLARINGTON

So many bright, creative kids struggle because they learn differently...

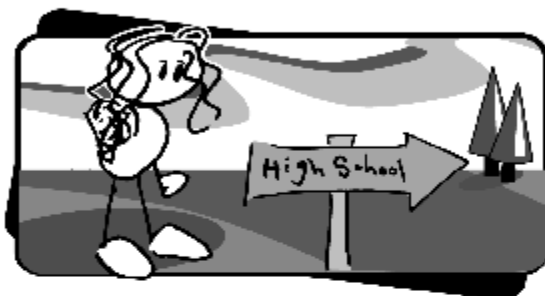
SOAR explains:

- Learning abilities
- Self-awareness
- Learning Disabilities
- Dealing with LD
- Developing Good Habits
- Study Skills
- Life in high school
- Keys to high school success
- Self Advocacy
- Choices for the future



United Way Member Agency

Preparation for the changes



And choices



To be made in high school

2011 Program

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The Learning Disabilities Association of Peterborough-
*Peterborough, Clarington, City of Kawartha Lakes
and Northumberland*

Computers for Learning Development Program

Winter 2011 Tutoring Program

Please Note: Tutoring will be offered in a number of satellite locations,
contact your local service provider for location nearest you

*Developing Learning Strategies Through
the Utilization of Assistive Technology*

Reading

Writing

Math

Study Skills

Assistive Software Training

Program Includes:

- One-to-one tutoring sessions using the latest assistive technology
- Tutor and student meet for one hour periods once or twice per week
- Sessions available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
- **\$25.00 per hour/\$15.00 per hour for each additional child in family
- Fall Program: 8 weeks January 24th - March 31st, 2011
- With a Final Report to Parents/Guardians

**LDAP endeavors to ensure accessibility to our clients who may be restricted due to resource limitations

FOR FURTHER PROGRAM INFORMATION OR
TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD PLEASE CALL YOUR LOCAL OFFICE

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