



Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School
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"do ordinary things with extraordinary love"

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Mother Teresa Families,

Nine short months ago, September began with the hope and promise of an exciting school year ahead, and it did not disappoint. What an amazing journey it has been!

For our students...they have celebrated many successes both academically and on the athletic field. A spirit of energy and teamwork is evident in all that they do. Our grade 2 students joined in closer union with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and received Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist, while our Grade 7 students will enter a more committed union with God through Confirmation. The students in Grades 3 and 6 will complete the EQAO assessments. Projects, homework and tests have been handed in, and a lot of fun has been shared along the way.

Our dedicated staff continue to support each other in their vocations as catechists. Together they celebrate the treasures that are your children. Hot lunches, excursions, graduation planning, classroom helpers, Spell-a-thon...our parent community has done it all! The support of our parent community helps to make Mother Teresa School a vibrant learning environment. We are truly grateful!

As a school community we have learned, played and prayed together. To Father Stan and Father Anthony, we thank you for your spiritual leadership, praying the Mass with us each month, for your visits to our classrooms, and for assisting us in sacramental preparations.

For me personally, this school year has been wonderful! Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to next year and the opportunity to work with you once again.

Enjoy your family time this summer...See you in September!

With fondest regards,
 Cathy Dykeman
 Principal

"Walk boldly into the future. With all its uncertain paths and unknown destinations, the thrill of new adventure and challenges await you." ~Unknown~

Truth has no special time of its own; its time is now — always.
 ~Albert Schweitzer

CATHOLIC VIRTUES INTO ACTION—HONESTY

As our school year comes to an end, we will focus on the virtue of honesty. Honesty is defined as making a promise to be true to God, yourself and others.

When we are faced with difficult situations, we can be comforted by turning to God for guidance. Being honest with God helps us seek the truth in all that we do. As a Catholic community we are fortunate to be able to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is another opportunity for the students to engage in an honest dialogue with God and receive His forgiveness.

Before the summer holidays begin, the students will take some time to reflect honestly on the past school year. They will examine their actions and behaviours, celebrating their successes and identifying areas where improvement may be required. These honest reflections are generated to help the students create goals for the next school year.

"Without courage there cannot be truth, and without truth, there can be no other virtues."
 ~Sir Walter Scott



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MASS THIS MONTH
ST. THERESE
JUNE 23 AT 10:00 A.M.



Catholic School Council Corner

The following are some of the activities and events that the 2010-2011 Catholic School Council has supported within the school this year. We thank them for their generous support:

- Fitness Friends
- Confirmation and First Communion gifts
- Grade 8 graduation support
- Welcome Back Barbeque for staff, students and parents
- Swimming program for Grades 1-5
- Environmental Club
- Weekly Hot Lunch Program
- School Year book support
- LCD Projectors for the classrooms
- Scientists in the Classroom
- Book room - purchasing of new books
- Equipment for the gymnasium
- Dr. Karyn Gordon (pro grant)



From the library

The Scholastic Book Fair was a great success. Our total sales were \$4,473.68 and I thank every person who came to see the books & make purchases. I also chose some new books for the library & hope to have them on the shelves soon.

It is almost the end of the school year! Library classes will end on June 10. Please help your child to remember to return all their library books.

"To add a library to a house is to give that house a soul." Cicero

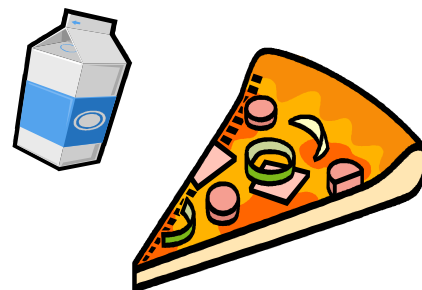
Please keep up your reading over the summer and we'll see each other again in September.

Thank you again
Mrs. White
Library Support Specialist

Celebration of Excellence—May

| Grade | Teacher Award | Catholic Virtue—Tolerance |
|---------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| JK/SK | Joshua B. | Teigann P. |
| SK | | |
| Gr. 1 | Courtney B. | Christian V. |
| Gr. 1/2 | Mason S. | Grace C. |
| Gr. 2 | | Petra A./Andrew P. |
| Gr.2/3 | Ella L. | Joshua M. |
| Gr. 3 | Isabel S. | Tori M. |
| Gr. 3/4 | Avery M./Rosheen M. | Chloe K. |
| Gr. 4/5 | Andrew M./Brianna W. | Anthony S. |
| Gr. 5/6 | Jax M. | Trinity P. |
| Gr. 6 | Entire Class for completing EQAO | Garrett W. |
| Gr. 7B | Michael D. | Deanna B. |
| Gr. 7G | Preston R. | Colin G. |
| Gr. 7/8 | Shannon M. | Juliet L. |
| Gr. 8 | Cameron M./Sami P. | Taylor W./Doris H. |
| B. EST | Dakota L. | Dakota L./Matthew M. |

LAST HOT LUNCH DAY IS MONDAY, JUNE 20TH.



Attendance Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and guardians who faithfully call in their child's attendance each day during the school year. I appreciate your efforts to make my job a little easier by helping me to ensure that your child has arrived at school safe and sound.

I hope all the families have a wonderful summer together and return to us in September - healthy, happy and ready for another exciting school year!

Mrs. Reynen, Secretary

EQAO

The annual EQAO testing will be completed as follows:

Gr. 6—Thursday, June 2th

Gr. 3—Thursday, June 9th

This assessment focuses on materials covered by the students in their present and previous grades in the areas of Mathematics, Reading and Writing. Results will be made available in the fall.

"Drop a pebble in a pond and watch the rings of water spread.

Treat life's challenges similarly, with each small victory prompting yet another."

Unknown



Graduation



Graduation Day is fast approaching. Graduation for our Grade 8 students takes place on Tuesday, June 28th at St. Therese on Courtice Rd. Invited family, guests and the graduates will gather beginning at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate the graduation of our Grade 8 students from Mother Teresa—The Class of 2011. The presentation of diplomas and of awards will take place after the celebration of Mass. A short reception for the Grade 8 students **only** will follow.

"Let the world be your campus, creating new opportunities with the lessons you have learned."

~Unknown

School Mass



Mother Teresa will be attending our final school Mass on Thursday, June 23rd at St. Therese Church. Mrs. Daly and Mrs. Allain's grade 2 classes will be responsible for preparing the Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend our final Mass celebration of this academic year .

Report Cards

Your child will receive his/her report card on Friday, June 24th (SK students on June 23rd). Please discuss your child's progress and achievement with him/her before returning Page 3 of the Report Card (the response form) as required for your child's records. Due to uncertainties in staffing, we will only be able to indicate Grade Placement on the Report Card. Class lists will be posted by 3:30 p.m. on September 2nd on the front door of the school for you to view.

A reminder: The purpose of page 3 on the report card is to record your child's goals for next term/year. Any other comments should be addressed in a letter to the classroom teacher or principal. Thank you

Lockdown Practice

A lockdown practice will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14th. The students will be taught what to do in an emergency situation. This is similar to a fire drill, but the students are taught to remain in their classrooms in certain emergencies. Signs will be posted on the front doors when the drill is in progress. Visitors will not be permitted to enter the building during that time. Please be patient with us.

SUN PROTECTION

Students are asked to wear hats, sunglasses, and sun block during the month of June. Students are asked to put on sun block at home before coming to school. Students will be able to reapply during the day as necessary.



ARE YOU MOVING??

We are currently planning for next year. If you are moving and your children will not be returning to Mother Teresa in the fall, please contact the school as soon as possible.

If you are aware of anyone who would like to register for the coming year, please advise them to call Mother Teresa at 905-433-5512.

Appropriate Dress at School

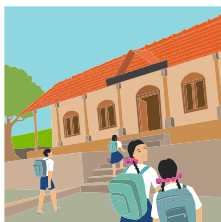
During the warm weather in June, students are to review the school dress code outlined in the agenda when choosing what to wear to school. No tank tops, spaghetti straps, or visible underwear are to be worn. Low-cut jeans and short shirts that reveal the midriff are not permitted either. Skirts and shorts are to be of mid-thigh length. Clothing is not to have inappropriate slogans or messages. Students are expected to dress in an appropriate manner while at school or representing the school on excursions.

For safety's sake, students should be not wear flip-flops on the yard. Running shoes provide the best support and protection.

Transportation to Holy Trinity Secondary School

ATTENTION GRADE 8 PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

A reminder to all that the walking distance to Holy Trinity Secondary School is 3.2 km. This conforms to provincial guidelines which point toward standardized walking distances of 3.2 km or greater. The 3.2 km walking distance limit is the same as that for our coterminous Public School Boards and it is understood that the majority of school boards across Ontario have distances at or exceeding this level. This means that if a student resides within 3.2 km of his/her secondary school, the he/she will not be eligible for bussing to the school.



Congratulations to all the Grade 2 students who received the sacrament of First Communion in May at St. Therese Parish. A special thanks to Rose Delaney, Debbie Ford and Iman Deal for all their hard work preparing for this special day.



2011 SUMMER SCHOOL!!

REGISTRATION BEGAN AT THE END OF APRIL, 2011.

GRADES 5 AND 6 LITERACY AND NUMERACY CAMPS

Students who are presently in Grades 5 or 6 at a Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board Catholic School can attend Literacy or Numeracy camps at each of the Summer School sites listed below.

These camps will run from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. daily for two sessions as noted below. Students can register for both sessions of the literacy and numeracy camps or choose one session. Registration deadline is Friday, June 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

*Please note that parents are responsible for transportation for their children in Grades 5 and 6. There is no bussing provided.

Campers will have a daily health and physical education break.

For further information call the Peter L. Roach Catholic Education Centre at (705) 748-4861, ext. 172 or 174, or toll free at 1-800-461-8009, ext. 172 or 174

INTERMEDIATE SUMMER SCHOOL COURSES

Grades 7 and 8 students can attend Literacy or Numeracy Summer School at each of the Summer School Sites listed below. Intermediate Summer School will run from 8:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. daily. Students attending Intermediate Summer School will improve literacy and numeracy skills with reading, writing and math remediation programs. Students can register for both sessions, or choose one session.

Session #1 - Monday, July 4 to Friday, July 15, 2011

Session #2 - Monday, July 18 to Friday, July 29, 2011

Registration deadline is Friday, June 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

SECONDARY SUMMER SCHOOL COURSES

Grades 9 to 12

Full Credit - E-learning - Credit Recovery - Upgrading Credit Course

Registration deadline is Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Session #1 - Monday, July 4 to Friday, July 15, 2011

Session #2 - Monday, July 18 to Friday, July 29, 2011

For full credits, Secondary students must attend Sessions #1 and #2.

Time: 8:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Host Schools for Intermediate and Secondary Summer School 2011

- Monsignor O'Donoghue Catholic Elementary School, Peterborough
- St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, Cobourg
- St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School, Bowmanville
- St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Lindsay

Brochures are available at all Catholic schools or on the Board's website.

Registration for Camp and Summer School is on-line at:

<http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca/schools/summer-school.asp>

For further information about Intermediate or Secondary Summer School, call the Peter L. Roach Catholic Education Centre at (705) 748-4861, ext. 350 -toll free at 1-800-461-8009, ext. 350, or email summerschool@pvnccdsb.on.ca

Important Catholic School Community Info

TAX ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES Even with the implementation of Bill 160, Catholic ratepayers should continue to declare themselves as separate school supporters in order to ensure that the education portion of their property taxes is directed to the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board, and that the Province has a record of their support for the Catholic school system. Catholic ratepayers must also declare themselves to be Catholic and Separate School electors for electoral purposes in order to be eligible to cast a vote in the election of separate school trustees in municipal elections. The number of supporters also affect the number of trustees who may be elected to represent the Catholic community. In cases where parents/ratepayers want to declare themselves as Catholic School supporters/electors, and specially request a change in the direction of school support/electoral status, the Application for Direction of School Support and Separate School Support Lease forms can be provided. Any questions you have with respect to assessment should be directed to the PVNCCDSB Planning and Assessment Office at (705)748-4861, ext. 241 or (800)461-8009. Appropriate forms may be picked up at Mother Teresa Catholic School from Mrs. Reynen.

Thank you for your continued support of our Catholic school system. Direction of property taxes is crucial to ensuring that quality programs and services are maintained in our Catholic school system.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

In the main hallway of the school, there is a bulletin board that may be used to post items of interest to the

Community: church bulletins, school newsletters, workshops for parents, etc. Please see Mrs. Reynen if you have items to post.

Goodbyes

Ah! June and the promise of the lazy days of summer...picnics, the beach and family fun. There is so much to look forward to.

To our returning staff and students...have a wonderful summer. Come back to us in the fall healthy, refreshed and ready for another exciting school year.

June is also the month of Goodbyes.

To Mother Teresa families who will be moving away over the summer months...we wish you the best of luck in your new homes and schools.

To our grade 8 graduates... You are a dynamic group of young adults with so much to offer to others. Today is yours to celebrate and enjoy. Treasure your education, for it is the one possession that can never be taken from you. *Carpe Diem: Seize the Day!*

Goodbye and thank you to the following staff members who will be moving onto bigger and better things next year. Your contributions to Mother Teresa have been tremendous. You will be missed.

Best wishes go out to:

Mrs. Bennett

Mr. Grace

Mr. McDonald

Mrs. Deal

Mr. Hanley

Miss Imray

Mr. Rorabeck

Mr. Burton

Mrs. Collicutt

Ms. Gibson

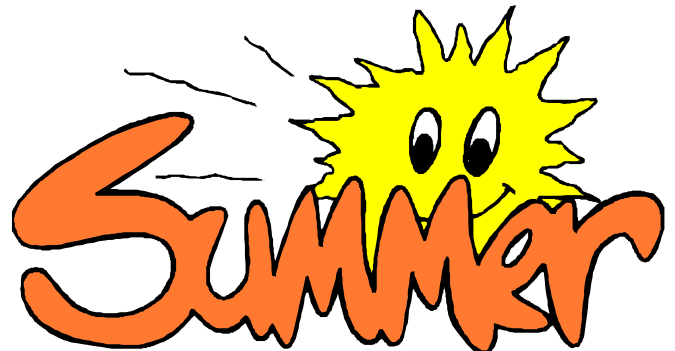
Mme. O'Grady

It is with particular sadness that we say goodbye to two other very important members of our staff.

Best wishes to our dear Mrs. Reynen who has accepted a secretarial position at St. Joseph French Immersion Centre in Bowmanville. Words cannot express the tremendous contribution Mrs. Reynen has made to our school community. She will be sorely missed. We wish her much success and happiness in the future.

Finally, at the Board Meeting held on Monday, May 30th it was announced that our vice principal Mr. O'Sullivan has been transferred to St. Elizabeth School effective September 1, 2011. In his short tenure with us, he has been a constant support to staff and students, an enthusiastic promoter of school spirit, and an exemplary model of faith. We wish him all the best in years to come. St. Elizabeth is a very lucky school community.

May God go with you on your journey. You are forever in our hearts.



A SUMMER BLESSING

Go with God!

This is my summer prayer for you.

Take it with you and keep it in your mind and heart.

As you leave school for the summer,

As you lay aside textbooks and notebooks

And pencils and pens,

go with God, for God goes with you.

As you begin new projects,

As you meet and make new friends,

go with God, for God will guide you

As you enjoy the summer sun

And the summer's cool blue waters, be wise and be safe.

Respect the beauty of the earth as God's gift to you,

And go with God, for God has created you.

As you go to quiet places to reflect and to pray,

To enjoy the peace and the beauty of private space and time off,

go with God, for God always goes with you.

~ Author Unknown ~