



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

**MAY 2011**

## From the Principal's Desk



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During the month of May, our school will be reflecting on the virtue of **Tolerance**. As a caring Catholic school community, our students thrive in an environment that stresses tolerance and acceptance of one another as an integral part of the daily life of our school. Tolerance is a belief that every other person is a treasure. It means more than "to put up with something or someone." It encompasses a set of values of fairness and personal responsibility that are the threshold to a peaceful and equitable society. Tolerance is a learned virtue and is a term that encompasses an array of values and principles related to respect, nonviolence and peace-making.

We view tolerance as a way of thinking and feeling — but most importantly, of acting — that gives us peace in our individuality, respect for those unlike us, the wisdom to discern humane values and the courage to act upon them.

The staff and I would like encourage parents during the month of May to talk to your child about tolerance. We sometimes label children's questions and observations about differences as impolite. Rather than seizing them as teachable moments, we ignore or discourage such remarks because they make us uneasy. We encourage you to seize these moments as learning opportunities and to help your child get past stereotypes and prejudicial images and into a deeper understanding of the world around them.

### A Prayer For Tolerance

Dear Lord,

We know that you have given us the freedom to choose.

We can choose whether to treat others with kindness and respect or to scorn, bully and abuse them.

Help us to choose rightly.

Help us to recognize the divine image in each one of us, however different we may be as individuals.

Help us to resist the pressures of others who want us to join them in making someone a victim of their cruelty.

Help us to know that in hurting others we are harming our better selves and hurting you.

Amen.

(Dufferin-Peel CDSB)

## CATHOLIC VIRTUES INTO ACTION—Tolerance

### HOW TO BE A TOLERANT PERSON

**At Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School, we will strive to be Tolerant when we remember:**

- Treat people the way you want to be treated
- Take Turns
- Tell the truth

- Play by the rules
- Think about how your actions will affect others
- Listen to people with an open mind
- Don't blame others for your mistakes
- Don't take advantage of other people
- Don't play favourites

## Parent Police Meeting:

All parents who are interested are invited to attend our next Parent Police Coalition Meeting:

**Location:** Clarke High school  
**Address:** 3425 115 Highway Newcastle (close to the MacDonalds), North of  
Concession Road 3 between Subway and Harvey's (Sunoco gas station)  
**Date:** Monday May 16th, 2011  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
**Topic:** Drugs and Youth  
**Speakers:** Pinewood Centre and Center for Addiction and Mental Health

If you require any further information or would like to be placed on our e-mailing list please contact Constable Stacey Sullivan ([ssullivan@drps.ca](mailto:ssullivan@drps.ca) <<mailto:ssullivan@drps.ca>>) or Constable Sara Foote ([sfoote@drps.ca](mailto:sfoote@drps.ca) <<mailto:sfoote@drps.ca>>)

## Catholic Education Week May 2nd to May 6th, 2011

Special Events for Catholic Education Week 2011 at Mother Teresa

### Monday, May 2nd

V.I.P. Graduation

### Tuesday, May 3rd

Dr. Karyn Gordon speaks at Holy Trinity 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, May 4th

Celebrate Excellence Assembly 10:00 a.m.

Talent Show Afternoon Performance 1:15 p.m.

Catholic Leadership Awards in Peterborough—Congratulations Julia Potts!

Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association—special prayers all week

### Thursday, May 5th

Talent Show Evening Performance

6:30 p.m.

### Friday, May 6th

Panoramic Photo of entire school

## EQAO Testing—May 30—June 10, 2011

The annual EQAO testing will take place from May 30 to June 10, 2011 for those students in Grade 3 and Grade 6. The Grade 6 students will write the test May 30 to June 3; the Grade 3 students will write the test June 3 to 10.

The EQAO assessment focuses on Mathematics, Reading, and Writing. The test is based on materials the children have covered in their present and previous grades.

Parents are reminded to try to avoid booking any avoidable appointments (doctor, dentist, etc.) during the testing period.

Please ensure that your child is well rested for writing the test. No homework will be assigned during the week of the test.

The Gr. 3 and 6 classes will enjoy a small celebration upon completion of the tests.

We wish them all the best.

### BASEBALL BATS, ROLLER BLADES ....

It is Spring! Our students look forward to playing in the school yard with their friends. New sports are played in phys ed lessons such as baseball, badminton and lacrosse. With proper supervision these are excellent sports to introduce to our students. That being said, we do need your support in helping us keep our yard safe. Students are not permitted to use rackets, baseball bats and any other "sport" stick on the school yard during recesses.

Other sporting equipment such as roller blades and skate boards are not permitted on the school yard as well. Students may use them as they travel to and from school but must "disembark" before heading to the yard.

Students are reminded to lock their bicycles to our bike rack located at the EAST side of the building.

Tennis balls, soccer balls, basketballs are permitted on the school yard. No hard balls or rubber balls please!

Thank you for your support and understanding!

## Green Corner



The Bio Bag sale was a great success this year. We sold 328 boxes which is an increase of 80 boxes from the previous year. Thanks to all the students, parents and staff who bought these compostable bags.

Profits from the sale of the bio bags will go towards the purchase of mulch for the front gardens as well as spring bulbs. We will be pruning the gardens and spreading mulch sometime in May. Volunteers are needed to assist with this job. Further information will be coming home soon.

## From the library

The Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled to come May 11-16. This year's theme is "**GROW WITH GREAT BOOKS**". Parent help is needed during the fair on **Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Mon. from 9-12 & 1-3:30.** A



minimum of 3 parents are needed for each day. If you will be able to volunteer on any of these days, please fill out the form found on a separate insert of this newsletter and return with your child as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance  
Mrs. White

### 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.

## Important Catholic School Community Info

**Appropriate Dress At School:** During the warm months ahead, students are to review the school dress code 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. The appropriateness of a student's dress at school is ultimately determined by the School Administration and teaching staff.



For safety reasons when playing on the schoolyard, students should be wearing running shoes or sandals that can be buckled securely to the feet. Flip-flops and crocs do not provide adequate protection and should not be worn at school.

**Sun Protection:** Since students spend over one hour per day out of doors at recesses, please ensure that they are dressed to protect themselves from the sun. Students are reminded to wear hats, t-shirts, sunglasses, and sun block during May and June. Students are asked to put on sun block at home before coming to school and my re-apply it throughout the day.



## Community Service For Grade 8's entering Grade 9: New Start Date

**Effective July 1, 2011, students will be able to start accumulating community involvement hours in the summer before they enter grade 9.** Research shows that early involvement in community service helps students build a spirit of civic responsibility, which can be expanded as they move through secondary school. Tracking sheets for students to track their hours will be distributed during the last class visit from Holy Trinity to the grade 8 classes. A Community involvement flyer with acceptable activities is posted on the Holy Trinity website at <http://www.htcss.ca>

## Celebrate Excellence Awards

### ACADEMIC

### VIRTUE—STEWARDSHIP

JK		
JK/SK	Jordanna S.	Brigid N.
SK		
Gr. 1	Jack M. & Ainslee C.	
Gr. 1/2	Nicholas A.	Christoper D.
Gr. 2	Bobby Q.	Ethan L., Madison M.
Gr. 2/3	Grant B.	Jessica L. & Marissa W.
Gr. 3	Josh E.	Christopher N., Victoria S.
Gr. 3/4	Kate S. & Alyssa T.	Sarah E.
Gr. 4/5	Kyle Y.	Carlene W.
Gr. 5/6	Jonathon D.	Arianna E. & Andrew F.
Gr. 6	Cassidy C. & Emilia S.	Vanessa P., Adam S., Christopher P., Ben B., Madison S., Maddie T.
Gr. 7G	Sarah L.	Alexie C., Faith C., Evan S., Michael D.
Gr. 7B	Jesse B.	Alyssa N.
Gr. 7/8	Chris Z.	Mackenzie B.
Gr. 8	Matthew L.	Trevor W.
B.E.S.T.	Matthew Mc	Trent R.

## BOSTON PIZZA

Members and Friends of the Trinity Earth Environmental Club will be serving as waiters and waitresses at Boston Pizza Bowmanville on **May 17th** and a portion of the profits from the evening will be donated to the group. To ensure this is a successful evening, we would like to invite all PVNC staff, parents, students, and friends to join us on May 17th. Please write this date in your calendar and plan to attend. Also, please pass this invitation to anyone you know that would like to eat out and help the students raise money for environmental initiatives.

We look forward to seeing you on the **17th of May** at Boston Pizza Bowmanville.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Trinity Earth (Student Environmental Group of Holy Trinity)

## MOVING?



*Are you moving? If you are moving and/or you know that your child/ren will not be attending Mother Teresa in September, please advise the office as soon as possible. We need to have an accurate count of our enrolment in order to plan classes for the new school year.*

### M.T. STUDENTS ARE TALENTED

We encourage you to see our Talent Show this year.  
**Afternoon performance Wednesday, May 4th at 1:15**  
**Evening performance Thursday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Admission: Non-perishable food item for the St. Therese Food Bank**

## IMPARTING THE SPIRIT: Catholic Student Leadership Awards

On Wednesday, May 4th the PVNC Catholic District School Board will recognize student leaders from the different elementary and secondary schools in our system at the *IMPARTING THE SPIRIT Student Leadership Awards Ceremony*. On behalf of the entire Mother Teresa School Community, we would like to congratulate Julia Potts, a grade 8 student, who will be recognized for her achievements and receive her leadership medal at this year's event. Julia was nominated by her teachers for exemplifying our Catholic Graduate Expectations. She is truly a remarkable young woman, and we are proud of her many accomplishments and contributions to our parish and school.



It is my pleasure to inform all Schools, the Municipality of Clarington, at its Council meeting on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011, proclaimed **May 2, 2011**, as "School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day" in recognition of the valuable service and dedication to child safety provided by Clarington's School Crossing Guards.

Attached is a copy of the Municipality's Certificate of Proclamation signed by Mayor Adrian Foster proclaiming this special day in the Municipality of Clarington.

The Municipality is proud of the valuable service provided to our students and citizens through the School Crossing Guard Program. School Crossing Guards perform an estimated 1,200,000 safe crossings each school year protecting children daily during their commute to and from school. The Municipality of Clarington thanks it's dedicated crossing guards for their commitment to community safety.

Please join us in thanking our School Crossing Guards.

Dianne Fernlund,  
Crossing Guard Coordinator  
Municipality of Clarington



**STSCO Communiqué to Schools**

**Use of Online Forms – Out of Boundary and Babysitter Space Available Transportation Requests:**

As you may recall back in January, STSCO sent out communications to schools regarding Out of Boundary and Babysitter Transportation. Specifically, the Out of Boundary/Babysitter Request Forms are now available online at [www.stsco.ca](http://www.stsco.ca). We continue to encourage schools to promote the new online submission forms to parents whose children fall into either the Out of Boundary or Babysitter address application category. Old paper forms are still available on MapNet Web for those families that do not have access to a computer but we would like to see use of those phased out over the next year. To that end, it would be appreciated if, during the transition, schools could assist families to enter their application online if they do not have computer access themselves.

As families enquire at the school about the Out of Boundary or Babysitter address application process, it is important to remind them that:

- they are to submit their request annually, if it is desired to recur;
- permission is based on there being space available on an existing bus route;
- if permission is granted, only an existing bus stop location will be used; and they should submit their application as soon as possible since the deadline for application for next school year is May 31, 2011 which is fast approaching.

*Prayer to Our Blessed Mother*

*Take my hand, O Blessed Mother,  
Hold me firmly lest I fall;  
I am nervous when I'm walking  
And on Thee I humbly call.*

*Guide me over every crossing,  
Watch me when I'm on the stairs,  
Let me know you are beside me,  
Listen to my fervent prayers.*

*Bring me to my destination,  
Safely every single day,  
Help me with each undertaking,  
As the hours pass away.*

*And when the evening falls upon us,  
And I fear to be alone,  
Take my hand, O Blessed Mother,  
Once again, and lead me home.*



**Walk Distance and Transportation Eligibility Transitions:**

Each year, certain students move on to a new grade which, in accordance with School Board policy, leads to their transportation eligibility changing to ineligible as they are within walk distance to their school.

An example of such a transition would be for a child moving from Grade 8 to Grade 9 and who was bused to elementary but, for their new secondary school, lives within 3.2 km of the school. They would become a walker as a result and would no longer be eligible for bussing.

A full list of grade transitions which lead to possible transportation eligibility status change, include:

**Grade Transition Distance Change**

Moving from Grade 3 to Grade 4 (PVNC Board)

A transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9 2.4 km (KPR and PVNC) km

**Walk to School**

Grade 3 was 1.0 km  
Grade 4-8 is 1.6 km

Grade 8 was 1.6 or  
Grade 9-12 is 3.2 km

**2011 SUMMER SCHOOL!!  
REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, APRIL 18, 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.

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> beginning Monday, April 18, 2011.

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](mailto:summerschool@pvnccdsb.on.ca)





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# St. Therese Parish May Newsletter

Dear Students, Parents and Staff

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for making Holy Week and the Easter Season such a beautiful experience. The Good Friday presentation by our youth was very touching and the Good Friday Stations of the Cross were very moving. We had many compliments on the terrific job that our students did. Thank you.

We ask you to keep in your prayers, all our students who are receiving First Holy

Communion and Confirmation during the months of April and May.

Thank you to the parents and the school staff who are so diligent in teaching the students about their faith, about the importance of Mass and developing a personal relationship with God. We remind you that you can check the bulletin or our website our upcoming events at the parish.

Thank you for your very generous help with our food bank. God sees all the good you are doing for others.

If you would like to help with our parish yard clean

up, join us on Saturday May 7th at 9am. Bring your rakes and gloves. God bless you all.

Father Stan and  
 Father Anthony



If you have received your First Eucharist and are interested in becoming an altar server, please call Leslie Hurley at 905-436-6532.

*Marguerite Bourgeois Family Centre*  
 Centre de la Famille

Parents, engaged couples, and adult parishioners are invited to expand their knowledge of how sexuality and fertility can be explained to our children. This evening will be an informal presentation here at the parish on

Thursday May 12th  
 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm.

Our speaker will be from the Marguerite Bourgeois Family Centre in Toronto.

Come and learn some tools and facts to help explain this subject to your children of any age, in a loving and informed way.

Hope you can make it.

A reminder to visit our parish website for updates about what is happening at the parish, for meeting times, youth activities, and mass times.

Our website is  
[www.st-therese-church.com](http://www.st-therese-church.com)



**May 6th Youth Dance at the Parish**

Don't miss out on a lot of fun here at the parish. Tickets are \$2.00 and can be purchased at your school. The dance starts at 7:45 until 9:45 and is for grades 6,7 and 8's.

## St. Therese Soccer League



Registration for our Parish Soccer league is now underway. The deadline is May 8th. Registration forms can be found at the entrance to the Church. Looking forward to seeing you there!

If you can help with coaching or managing a team, please call Ruth at 905-441-4733.

God Bless our Students who will be receiving the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation.



# Community Connections



## Public and Community Services Information Fair

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Make plans to visit our information booths featuring:

- Family support services
  - Child mentoring
  - Employment services
- Services for the hearing impaired
  - Autism
  - Mental health services
- People with intellectual disabilities
- Youth services - Learning disabilities



**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**Dr. Kevin Nugent**  
*Child and Adolescent  
Psychiatrist*

*'Understanding Anxiety  
in Children and Teens'*

*Presented by the Healthy Families  
Collection at the Clarington Public Library*

**Clarington Central Secondary School 200 Clarington Boulevard in Bowmanville**

There is no cost to attend this event; however, registration is required to attend the Guest Speaker's session. To register, please send a message containing your name, contact information and the event to [info@dfcc.org](mailto:info@dfcc.org) or 905-436-6754 ext. 234.





Peterborough Victoria  
Northumberland and Clackington  
Catholic District School Board

## CATHOLIC DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION RETIRES – NEW LEADER APPOINTED



After 37 years in Catholic education, John Mackle, Director of Education announced his retirement effective April 30, 2011. John has been a

transformational leader for this Board. Early in his tenure, he created an environment open to change, one where all staff participate in the leadership journey. He tasked each and every employee of the Board with the responsibility of student success and faith development. John will be missed, but thanks to his vision and leadership, he leaves behind a flexible and innovative Board that will continue to ensure excellence for all students.



Greg Reeves has been announced as the new Director of Education effective May 1, 2011. Greg is an accomplished administrator with over 30 years experience in Catholic education. He joined the Board in 1991 and has served as Principal of four district elementary schools, Principal/

Co-ordinator of Curriculum for both elementary and secondary schools, and for the past seven years as a Supervisory Officer. Greg also has a unique blend of experience, leadership skills, values, passion, and an intimate understanding of our Board that will continue to serve us very well in the future. He understands the importance of working with all stakeholders to achieve our goals and foster strong relationships with all educational partners. Under the guidance of Greg Reeves, we will continue to build upon the strong, faith-filled foundation we have laid for the students we serve.