



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

## From the Principal's Desk



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This month we are celebrating the virtue of **JUSTICE** – one of the building blocks in developing moral intelligence in young people. From a young age, students have a strong sense of what is fair. As they grow, they develop the capacity to decipher right from wrong and to make ethical decisions.

This theme of Justice ties in with the Catholic Graduate Expectation of a **Responsible Citizen** – one who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life. Traditionally, our Catholic Schools have made outstanding contributions to society through **Social Justice Causes**. Students in both our Elementary and Secondary Schools have raised funds to support many causes both locally and abroad. These include the Terry Fox Run, Sleeping Children, Holy Childhood, Share Lent, Peace and Development, the United Way, Thanksgiving Hampers, and Christmas Toy Drives. Secondary Students have also volunteered their time and money working with children in Jamaica and other Third World countries. We are very proud of the contributions our students have made and continue to make in our community and in our world.

Self-control gives our children the willpower to “say no”, “do what is right”, and stick up for others being treated unfairly. There are three critical steps parents can use to help their children make just decisions through practising self-control:

1. **Make fairness a priority for your child.**
2. **Help your child see other people's points of view in a conflict.**
3. **Think before acting or speaking.**

This year our school is embracing a solution-focused method of dealing with conflict called **Restorative Justice**. The central theme leads us all to “make things right”. When the school, home and church work together we can bring **JUSTICE** to our small corner of the world – and beyond.

Sincerely,

Principal

Vice-Principal

## PROGRESS REPORTS

All PVNCC Elementary Schools will be sending progress Reports home on Tuesday, December 7th. Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on Thursday, December 9 beginning at 3:45 p.m. We will be booking interviews on Monday, November 29. Be sure to book yours early because we only have the one night of interviews.

# LEST WE FORGET - REMEMBRANCE DAY— NOV. 11TH

Every year on November 11th, Canadians pause in a silent moment of remembrance for the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace.

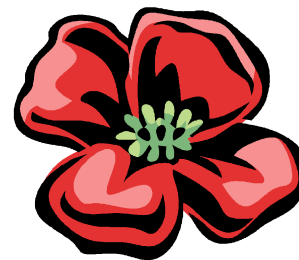
We honour those who fought for Canada in the First World War (1914-1918), the Second World War (1939-1945), and the Korean War (1950-1953), as well as those who have served since then. Today, Canadian troops continue to serve to find peaceful solutions in war-torn areas such as Afghanistan.

Let us remember in our prayers the many who have died in service for their country. They gave their lives and their futures so that we may live in peace.

Students will be asked to bring a small donation (25-50 cents) for the poppies that will be distributed at the school prior to Remembrance Day. These donations will again be presented to the Royal Canadian Legion to show our appreciation and respect to the Veterans and to support their programs.

This year, Remembrance Day takes place on Thursday and Mrs. Walchuk and her Drama Group have prepared a special Remembrance Day program that will be presented at approximately 10:45 a.m. in our school gym.

Let us all remember to stop at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, November 11th to observe two minutes of silence out of respect for fallen soldiers, sailors and airmen.



## ANTI-BULLYING WEBSITE—CHECK IT OUT!

One of our grade 7 students, Deanna B., has developed a website on the subject of anti-bullying. [www.circlepad.com/helpstopbullying/](http://www.circlepad.com/helpstopbullying/)



**PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE  
CALENDAR FOR  
INFORMATION ON OUR  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

## STUDENT DROP OFF IN THE MORNING

When dropping off your children in the morning for school, we ask that you bring them to the school yard. Once you have delivered them to the school yard, our yard duty supervisors will take over the supervision. All visitors, including parents, board personnel etc., are required to wear a visitor badge while on school property. We encourage (welcome) you to say your good byes and carry on with your day. It is difficult for our supervisors to identify all the adults without an visitor's pass.

## IMPORTANT PARENT RESOURCES

Parents play a critical role in student achievement, and it is important they have easy access to information about the *Growing Success* policy and its impact on the assessment, evaluation and reporting of student achievement.

The resource "*Supporting your Child's Learning through Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting*" is an important tool for parents. It uses a Q&A format and clear visuals that show parents exactly where things have changed, where they've stayed the same and what to look for. This resource is available for download as a PDF in English and French, and 20 other languages at

**Ontario.ca/EDU**

## Kindergarten Registration—Nov. 1st to 5th

We are now accepting registration for Kindergarten for September 2011. If you know of anyone in your neighbourhood who has a child old enough to begin school, please pass on this important information. Parents can also call the school @ 905-433-5512.

In order for a child to be eligible for JK he or she must be **4 years of age by December 31, 2011**. To be eligible for SK, a student must be **5 years of age by December 31, 2011**.

Parents wishing to register their children for Kindergarten must provide the school with the following required student documentation:

- ◆ Birth Certificate
- ◆ Baptismal Certificate (Catholic)
- ◆ Up-to-date Immunization Record

We welcome our new students and families to the Mother Teresa School Community.

## SPELL-A-THON

On Tuesday, November 9th, the students of Mother Teresa School will embark on an interesting fundraising endeavour. In our efforts to focus more on Literacy skills and with the support of our Catholic School Council, the staff have organized a Spell-a-thon as our one major fundraiser for the year.

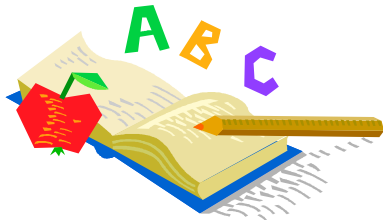
Following the assembly the students will each receive a package which will contain a letter to parents, a schedule for the month, a spelling list and a pledge form. The aim of this fundraising project is for the students to get as many pledges as they can, and on November 26th class groups will test their spelling skills in a dictation. Teachers will then mark each dictation, award a score and from there students will collect pledge amounts based on their word score. Students have two weeks to practice their words for the test.

Funds raised will help the school in a number of ways:

- ◆ To purchase one new Smart Board for each division;
- ◆ To help cover the costs for buses for special events and excursions;
- ◆ To support such exciting programs as Scientists in the School and the Mathletes program.
- ◆ To support the Sacraments and Gr. 8 Graduation.

Please check with your child to review the package when it comes home on the ninth.

We thank you in advance for your support of our efforts.



## MOTHER TERESA SPIRIT WEAR ORDERS

Once again we are offering Spirit Wear for staff and students. Order forms will be going home shortly. If you have any questions please contact the office. More information will be included with the order form. We will strive to have all orders completed before Christmas

Be part of the team.....wear your spirit wear to school!



## HALLOWEEN CANDY DRIVE

After Halloween, your children will have collected candy you don't want them to have. Instead of throwing the candy out, have your child bring it to school where they candy will be collected and sent to Third World countries for children who have absolutely nothing.



The sugar in the candy is something that the children in these countries are deprived of. When the children have to take medicine that they don't like, they are given candy to help them take the necessary medicine.

Last year, I collected over 350 lbs. of unwanted candy that was sent CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN. This is an organization that is run by Dr. Andrew Simone out of the goodness of heart. He pays all the fees involved in shipping the candy.

If you have any questions, please call Louise at 905-433-7632 any time. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

## HALLOWEEN TREATS

We are grateful that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Halloween. Presumably many children collected candy, chips and treats-more than they can eat. The teachers would appreciate parents' assistance in monitoring the quantity and quality of treats coming to school as snacks. Please remember that the children are not to bring candy that contains peanuts or peanut products due to the severe allergies of a number of our students. Mother Teresa is a NUT FREE SCHOOL!

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

*Do Unto others as you would have them do unto you* ~ (Matthew 7:120)

## 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](mailto: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. 24<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> to help fill Christmas hampers for families in need. More information regarding the gift drive will come home with your child later in the month. Any high school students, wishing to volunteer at the church to help sort the food and assemble the hampers, are asked to contact the parish at 905 436-2126 by Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> so that a schedule may be made.



## A Prayer for Justice

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it.

A world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor.

A world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them.

A world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect.

A world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.

Give us the inspiration and courage to build this world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

***“Believe, Love, Act”***



**Everyone is welcome!**

Visit: <http://www.socialmediatrust.net> for more information

**@ Holy Trinity Secondary School  
Monday, November 29, 2010**

**7:00—8:30 p.m.**

**Speaker: Chris Vollum**

Chris will educate parents and students on Facebook 101 about the risks and potential permanent impact social media postings can have.

To emphasize privacy breaches and to receive useful tools in supporting your privacy and security settings when using this social network site.

**Safety tips will be provided to give a better understanding of this site and to help customize your profile with emphasis on safety, security and privacy.**

## *Celebration of Excellence For October—Respect*

	Teacher Award	Catholic Viture - Respect
JK		
JK/SK	Teigann P.	Jordis C. & Hunter B-P.
Gr. 1	Abigail L.	Christian V.
Gr. 1/2	Dianna T.	Ryan M.
Gr. 2	Michaela L.	Petra A.
Gr. 2/3	Joshua S.	Ethan Y.
Gr. 3	Josh E.	
Gr.3/4	Natalie P.	Olivia K.
Gr. 4/5	Amanda C.	Mark P.
Gr. 5/6	Trinity P.	Natalie C., Sara H., Amber K., Kylie M., Jessica P., Trinity P.
Gr. 6	Jake R.	Vanessa P., Nicholas M., Maddie T., Sarah B., Christopher P., Madison S., Mattias K., Emilia S.
Gr. 7B	Luke K.	Candace F.
Gr. 7G	Nick G.	Alexandria S.
Gr. 7/8	Nicholas L.	Kimberly M.
Gr. 8	Matt L.	Doris H.
Mlle. Gillard	Taylor B.	

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year – we are excited to begin the work.

School Council is committed to making a valuable contribution to developing, encouraging and promoting activities that will enhance the quality of school programs and events. We fund, lead and support many activities and initiatives that benefit the school, the students and the community.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our last year's Council Members for their contribution and support to our Catholic School Community. We would especially like to thank Lori Jones, our Council Secretary and Christine Axhorn, our Treasurer for their commitment and dedication to Mother Teresa School.

On behalf of Council, we welcome Mrs. Dykeman and Mr. O'Sullivan to the school and we look forward to working with you. We would also like to congratulate Peggy O'Toole, and Granville Anderson as our new and returning School Board Trustees.

As always, we welcome and encourage all parents to attend our monthly Council meetings. Everyone is welcome and remember, we rely on your input.

**Our next meeting will be held at 6:30pm on November 25<sup>th</sup> in the school library.**

We look forward to working together to make this the best year yet!

Make a difference – get involved.

Amany Bastien and Johnene Milan  
School Council Co-Chairs