

**MOTHER TERESA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Mother Teresa Catholic
Elementary School
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“Do ordinary things with extraordinary love.”

From the Principal's Desk

November 2011



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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 social-justice project through a partnership with Ongutoi Primary School in the community of Tesro District, a small rural community near Soroti in Uganda. When the school, home and church work together we can bring **JUSTICE** to our small corner of the world –

**Sincerely,
Principal**

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

*“Love has to be put into action and that action is service. How do we put the love for God in action?
By being faithful to our family – to the duties that God has entrusted to us.
It is not how much we do – but how much love we put in the doing.”*

LEST WE FORGET - REMEMBRANCE DAY— NOV. 11TH

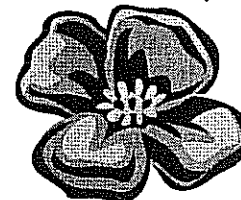
Every year on November 11th, Canadians pause in a silent moment of remembrance for the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace.

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 stick-on-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 Friday and Mrs. Walchuk along with the Drama Group have prepared a special Remembrance Day program that will be presented at approximately 10:45 a.m. in our school gym.



New Roman Missal Coming Advent 2011!

On November 27, 2011, the First Sunday of Advent, our Catholic Mass will sound a little different. We will be using a newly revised Roman Missal during the Mass. The Roman Missal contains the Order of the Mass, or the way we celebrate Holy Eucharist, with all its accompanying prayers and responses. The upcoming third edition of the Roman Missal contains the same Order of the Mass that was promulgated after the Second Vatican Council. For more information on the changes to the mass, visit <http://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/newmissal.php> or the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.CCCB.ca

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. Supervision starts at 8:50 a.m. Once you have delivered them to the school yard, our yard duty supervisors will take over the supervision. We encourage (welcome) you to say your good byes and carry on with your day.

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

PROGRESS REPORTS

All PVNCC Elementary Schools will be sending progress Reports home on Tuesday, November 15th.

Teachers will inform you if an interview is required at this time.

Parent/Teacher Interviews (if required) will take place on Thursday, November 17th beginning at 3:45 p.m. We will be booking interviews on Wednesday, November 16.



**SENSORY FRIENDLY SHOWING OF
PUSS IN BOOTS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011
10:00 am @ Whitby AMC**

STSCO

BUS CANCELLATIONS/INCLEMENT WEATHER

The winter season is once again fast approaching!

Bussed students:

Prior to the beginning of the school day, inclement weather or poor road conditions may force the cancellation of school transportation services. In this event, bus delays and cancellations will be posted on the www.stsco.ca website. Area radio stations will also broadcast related information

1580 AM, 107.7 FM, 94.9 FM, 96 FM

Remember if a bus is cancelled in the morning it will not run in the afternoon.

As a parent it is recommended that you:

- know your child's bus route number and the name of the bus company.
- Hav your child at the bus stop 5-10 minutes prior to scheduled arrival time
- Review contingency procedures with your child and cover such areas as what to do if the bus is late or cancelled and generally what to do when inclement weather is encountered on the way to or from the bus stop.

The STSCO Telephone Information Line (705)748-9240 or toll free 1-866-433-4441 can also be used to check for large scale bus cancellations on the day of the call.



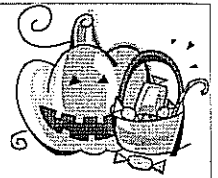
Costumes Wanted!

Since Halloween is now over, if you have any costumes or props that can be used for drama club, please send them to Mrs. Walchuk. Hats, wings, masks etc. would be greatly appreciated.



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

If you have any questions, please call Louise at 905-433-7632 or Heather at 905-433-4740. 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.

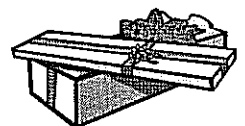
St. Therese Parish Support Families in Need

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. 21st - Dec. 9th 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. 5th 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!

Parent Police Coalition Meeting Monday, November 14 at Dr. G.J. MacGillivray Public School located at 75 Meadowglade Road in Courtice from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Monique Warren-Grybas and Patty Layng have been gracious enough to supply refreshments for the evening.

The topic will be an open forum where we will discuss what issues or concerns parents/guardians may have as well as to discuss lockdowns, their purpose and their role if children ever came across a lockdown drill.

Constable Stacey Sullivan
Elementary School Liaison Officer—Clarington
Durham Regional Police Services
905-579-1520

Celebration of Excellence For October

1	Teigann P., Isaac S.
1/2	Hunter P., Emily N.
2	Kennedy B., Trevor R.
3	Cameron H., Juliano M., & Andrew P.
3/4	Josh E., Ava J.
4	Carson V., Jillian W.
5	Olivia M.-K., Natalie P.
5/6	Cameron T., Angelica T.
6	Rebecca D., Trinity P.
7G	Emilia S.
7M	Gabrielle D.
8R	Tim S.
8W	Ashley S.

Congratulations!

What is Assessment for Learning (AfL)?

Assessment for Learning involves the students knowing what the learning objectives are, and what they have to do to be successful (success criteria.)

Assessment for Learning involves students assessing themselves and knowing what they have to do to improve. This ensures that students are actively involved in their learning.

Assessment for Learning involves teachers making focused assessments and giving focused feedback rather than commenting on surface features such as neatness and quantity

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome to the 2011-2012 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.

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 6:30 pm on November 3rd 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

December—Thursday December 1, 2011 @ 6:30

Our grade 8 Student Reps are: Stephanie Anderson, Zach Bastien and Emma Milan



Grade 8 Camp Muskoka Trip

Parent Information Night

November 16th @ 6:30—Library