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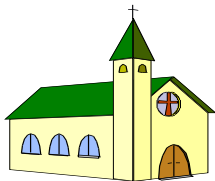
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MASS TIMES

Weekends:

Sat: 5:00 p.m.
Sun: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00
p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 9:00a.m.
Wed., 7:15 p.m.

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NEWSLETTER

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Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila

Let nothing disturb you.

Let nothing frighten you.

All things are passing.

God never changes.

Patient endurance attains to all things.

She whom God possesses wants for nothing.

God alone suffices.

AMEN

Feast Day of St. Teresa of Avila

October 15th



Dear Parents / Guardians:

A very special thank you to all participating in our Lamontagne Chocolate fundraiser. The funds generated from our fundraising go directly back to our students in several ways. Fundraising funds are used for Artists in the School, subsidizing field trip costs, Sacramental celebrations, sports equipment, hospitality and supplemental classroom educational resources.

Once again the school community of St. Teresa of Avila is reaching out to our community by supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your donations of nonperishable food will make a difference to many lives. Our families, with their generosity, always remember the Gospel value of reaching out to those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you.

Sincerely,

W. Matos, Principal

Late Arrivals

The Ministry of Education states that it is the responsibility of each parent to ensure that his / her child *“be in attendance at all classes and scheduled activities **on time** and with the proper materials required for full participation”*. At St. Teresa of Avila School, we endeavour to teach children to be on time for their scheduled classes.

Regular attendance on the part of the student is vital to the process of learning. Students who are late for class suffer in the evaluation process because their participation and achievement will be affected. Your child’s lateness affects not only their academic program but also disrupts the class.

Over the past number of years, we have seen an increasingly large number of students late in the morning. Unfortunately many of our students are habitually late for class. Please remember that this is not only a school issue but also a safety issue for your child. If they are walking to school on their own after the bell has rung, there are very few people on the street, students are already in class and there are no teachers outside on duty. Your child is virtually on his / her own.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school.

As a reminder of times, please find listed below the times of the bells at St. Teresa of Avila School.

School Hours

8:30 a.m.—Morning Bell

11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Lunch Hour

12:30 p.m.—Afternoon Bell

3:00 p.m.—Dismissal

(JK & SK a.m. class times are 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)



School Mass

St. Teresa of Avila Feast Day will be celebrated at the opening School Mass to be held at St. John of the Cross Parish on **Friday, October 14, 2011, at 10:15 a.m. for Grades 1—8.**



All are welcome to join us.

School Photographs

School pictures will be taken on Wednesday, October 19, 2011. For students who may have to miss the opportunity to have a picture taken, a **Retake Day has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2011. Please note that class pictures will not be retaken on this day.**



Candy Wanted

The Grade eight students of St. Teresa of Avila School will be collecting any extra Hallowe’en candy for donation to Dr. Simone’s Canadian Food for Children Foundation. These treats will be sent to children in developing countries. Your contribution will bring a smile to children not as fortunate as ours.



Kindly send any wrapped candy, chips and chocolate to school during the week of November 1—4, 2011.

News from Our Parent Council

An election for membership on the St. Teresa of Avila School Council was not necessary. The following parents are acclaimed as members of our Council for the 2011—2012 school year.

Co-Chairperson	Tim Patterson
Co-Chairperson/Fundraising	Pam Leermakers
Treasurer	Michelle Thompson
Secretary	Cathy Hayward
Parish Representative	Anne-Marie Patterson

We would like to thank the School Advisory Council of 2010-2011 for their efforts on behalf of our students. Last year the Council continued their monetary support of Artists in the School, Field Trip Subsidies, and support for Sacramental celebrations. As a school community we appreciate this continued support and cooperation.

Hallowe’en Dress Up

On **Monday, October 31, 2011**, the students will be celebrating Hallowe’en with their classmates. Your child’s / children’s classroom teacher will communicate further details regarding this day. The teachers of JK / SK will inform parents about their activities for that day.



The School Advisory Council is planning to have a Hallowe’en Dance for all our students. Each grade will have a specific time to go to the gym. We would welcome a donation of a “toonie” to help offset costs and contribute funds to St. Teresa of Avila’s 25th Anniversary celebrations. Wear your favourite costume!

Please use discretion if you choose to send your child to school wearing a costume. Masks can become a safety hazard and will not be allowed outside at recess or during instructional time in class. Please keep in mind that we are a Catholic school and that costumes glorifying demonic, grotesque, and violent acts are not acceptable.

Yard Supervision

Please remember teacher / adult supervision, in both the main yard and the kindergarten yard **begins 15 minutes prior to the bell**. For grades 1 to 8 students, in the main yard, supervision is provided at 8:15 a.m. in the morning, throughout the lunch and at recesses. For JK/SK students, in the kindergarten yard, supervision is provided at 8:15 a.m. and again at 12:15 p.m. **Parents are asked not to drop off children prior to these times.** We also ask that for safety reasons, parents and siblings of JK/SK students remain **outside** the fenced area designated specifically for JK/SK students only. Thank you.

Dogs on School Property

Please do not bring your dogs, or other pets on to school property. Even on a leash a normally passive / friendly pet, may respond in an unexpected manner if surrounded by a large group of curious children. Please be aware that other children in our community may suffer from allergies that are often triggered by animals. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.



End of Day Pick Up

The end of the school day is a very hectic time. It is a time when many parents, older siblings, relatives and friends are picking up children from school. It is also a challenge, as you can imagine, making sure that all students and adults are matched up. We ask that you keep your family pick up arrangements consistent. Our younger students find it very stressful and confusing when arrangements are different every day.

If a change needs to occur, please send a note to your child's teacher on the day of the change. Parents who call during the last few minutes of the day to change plans may leave it too late to keep a student from getting on a bus, etc. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sports at St. Teresa of Avila School

Cross Country - The Cross Country Family Meet will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2011. It will be held at Erindale Park, Mississauga. All our team members have been running mornings and after school and we have high hopes. At the time of printing, we are still running! We will keep you posted! You are welcome to drop by and cheer the team on!



Intermediate Volleyball - The season for both the girls' and boys' teams has just begun. They have been practicing very hard and look forward to a competitive season.

All our coaches are extremely proud of the hard work and team spirit displayed so far by our teams. We would also like to invite parents to come out and cheer our teams on! Go T-Birds!!

Special Assignment Teacher

We welcome Mrs. M. D'Agostino, Junior Literacy Special Assignment Teacher, to our primary division. Mrs. D'Agostino will be working in partnership with our teachers from kindergarten to grade three implementing the math plan.

The objective of the SAT teacher is to continue to provide positive, effective instruction which is designed to meet the needs of all individuals in our school community.

Wanted: All Star Reading Coaches

The All Star Reading program provides primary students with a variety of reading strategies to increase confidence and reading fluency. The next session will be beginning soon.

Parent coaches are needed one morning or afternoon per week to work with students on an individual basis. No experience is required, training is provided, and the benefits of volunteering are substantial.



Please contact Mrs. Menary at the school if you have further questions or would like to volunteer as a coach.



Dates to Remember

- Oct. 3-7** - Thanksgiving Food Drive.
- Oct. 5** - World Teacher's Day.
- Oct. 10**—Happy Thanksgiving to all our families!
- Oct. 12**— Pizza Orders due today.
- Oct. 13**—Cross Country Meet at Erindale Park.
- Oct. 14** - School Mass @ 10:15 a.m., at St. John of the Cross Parish, weather permitting. All parents are welcome.
- Oct. 19** - Picture Day. Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8
- Oct. 19** - Pizza Day Lunch.
- Oct. 24** - Lamontagne chocolate fundraiser ends.
- Oct. 24** - Virtue of Empathy Celebration at 9:00 a.m in the gym.
- Oct. 25** - Progress Reports are sent home, Grades 1—8.
- Oct. 26** - Pizza Day Lunch
- Oct. 31** - **Happy Hallowe'en to all our students. Be safe trick or treating! Enjoy your evening!**
- Nov. 1** - **All Souls Day**
- Nov. 9** - Pizza Day Lunch
- Nov. 11** - **Remembrance Day.** Students will be involved in a school observance.
- Nov. 15** - Toonie Tuesday for Eden Food Bank.
- Nov. 16**—Picture Retake Day.
- Nov. 18**—**P.A. Day. No classes for students.** Teachers involved in professional development.
- Nov. 23**— Pizza Day Lunch
- Nov. 24** - School Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. All parents / guardians are welcome.
- Nov. 29** - Virtue of Conscience Celebration at 1:00 p.m. in the gym.



Snacks

In an effort to establish a nut aware school, please send food in your child's lunch that is nut-free. We have many students in our school that have severe nut allergies.



It is also encouraged that you send your child with healthy snacks and lunches as this helps sustain them through their school day.

Birthdays

On your child's birthday, **PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY FOOD SNACKS**. If you wish to give something to your child's classmates, simple gifts like pencils, erasers or other small items are encouraged.

Lunches Brought to School

If you are bringing a lunch for your child to pick up from the lunch table in the front foyer, please ensure that it is labeled with your child's name, teacher's name and room number.



Please instruct your child to come to the front lobby and pick it up at 11:30 a.m. and no sooner. In order to avoid classroom interruption, students will not be called from class before 11:30 a.m. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Lamontagne



Well, it is that time of year again!! The School Advisory Council is selling chocolates this term as one of our major fundraisers. Chocolates are being dispensed **Thursday, October 6, 2011**. Money collected and any unsold chocolates are to be returned by **Monday, October 24, 2011**.

Great prizes are being awarded to the Top 3 Sellers. Get your chocolates sold as soon as possible and you will have a chance at an Early Bird Prize!! **We would like to remind all students that selling chocolates door to door is not recommended for safety reasons.**

Thanksgiving Food Drive St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Teresa of Avila's Thanksgiving Food Drive will run until Friday, October 7, 2011. On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Teresa of Avila will be collecting non-perishable food items for the members of our community in need.

Thank you for thinking about those that are less fortunate and donate what you can for this worthy cause.



Type 2 Diabetes

It is estimated that Type 2 Diabetes in children will increase by up to 50 percent around the world in the next 15 years. Many children in our region are considered high risk for developing Type 2 Diabetes. Unlike Juvenile Diabetes (Type 1), the onset of Type 2 Diabetes can often be delayed or prevented.

Now a new **FREE program, Kids Type 2 AWARD** (Actions To Win At Reducing Diabetes) is available to screen our children for this disease. It is simple - just go online at www.kidstype2diabetes.ca or call 905-813-1100, extension 5098.

If your child is found to be at risk or has Type 2 Diabetes, just spending 24 hours this year (one two-hour evening session for 12 weeks) can help reduce your child's risk of heart attack, stroke, kidney, eye and never problems. Do not miss out on this "limited time" provincially-funded program now operating in Mississauga and Brampton community centres by trained health care professionals. This Program is jointly operated by The Credit Valley Hospital, Trillium Health Centre and William Osler Health System.

Immunize on Time, Report Everytime

Contact Peel Public Health to update your child's immunization record.

Online: www.ImmunizePeel.ca

Fax: 905-502-7109 (Attention: Immunization)

Call: 905-799-7800

Valuable Property at School

The school cannot assume responsibility for private property. Children are discouraged from bringing valuable items to school.

If parents need to send their children with cell phones, please be reminded that the phones must remain powered off while on school property and be stored in their backpacks out of sight.

In addition to cell phones, MP3 players and any other hand held gaming device are discouraged at school. We remind you that if these items are misplaced, the school can assume no responsibility to replace them. Like the phones, any personal electronic device must be turned off and left in the student's school bag.

