



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## Catholic Elementary School



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# November 2011

## REMEMBRANCE DAY



The Time was May 1915. In Flanders, the French and Belgian lands bordered by the North Sea... World War I raged for yearly a year. John McCrae, a Canadian medical officer, attended to the wounded soldiers during the Second Battle of Ypres. After losing a close friend, John McCrae wrote the touching poem, *In Flanders Fields*, describing the images of war, love, loss, and renewal that he witnessed during this time.



### In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields the poppies grow  
 Between the crosses, row on row,  
 That mark our place; and in the sky  
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
 Scarce heard amid the guns below  
 We are the Dead. Short days ago  
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
 Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
 In Flanders Fields.  
 Take up our quarrel with the foe;  
 To you from failing hands we throw  
 The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
 If ye break faith with us who die  
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
 In Flanders Fields.  
 -John McCrae

Principal: K. Barton

Vice Principal: M. Clarot

Secretaries: L. Grant and  
 N. Cavaliere

### SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

P. McMorrow  
 905-890-1221

### TRUSTEE

F. DiCosola  
 905-951-8898

### HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Rev. L. Leger and Rev. S.  
 Hernandez  
 905-857-1938

### ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chair: A. Lettieri  
 905-951-8788

Please visit our website at  
[www.dpcdsb.org/JBAPT](http://www.dpcdsb.org/JBAPT)

### VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: CONSCIENCE

This month we will celebrate the virtue of conscience. A person of conscience allows prayer and scripture to influence him / her. A person of conscience:

- Chooses to do the right thing and feels good about it
- Can see how his/her actions may hurt others
- Says sorry and tries to make up for mistakes
- Keeps promises

***Our next Virtues assembly is scheduled for November 28th at 1:30 p.m.***

## UPHOLDING THE CATHOLIC CODE OF CONDUCT

### The Philosophy of Progressive Discipline

Central to the practice of progressive discipline is a caring community that collaborates, and consults in crafting a comprehensive system of supports that ensures the school's collective commitment to uphold the standards of the Catholic Code of Conduct. Progressive discipline exists at all times to support the growth of all students. It includes a range of proactive strategies that foster Catholic community and aim to prevent problems before they occur. At the school level, progressive discipline includes classroom management strategies and school-wide programs that teach pro-social skills, provide support for vulnerable students, promote virtue formation and foster the Catholic values that are implicit in the Catholic Code of Conduct.

### SCHOOL / TRANSPORTATION CANCELLATIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

For school and transportation cancellation information, please listen to any of the following radio stations:

CKFM	CFNY
CHIN	CFRB
CHUM	DC103FM
CJCL	CHAY
680 News	Q 107 / AM640
CHFI	CJMR
CISS FM CHWO	
CBC	CHEZ
CIAO	CJBC (Fr.)

Or check the DPCDSB Community Relations Website at:  
<http://www.dpcdsb.org/pr>

### APPROPRIATE DRESS - COLD WEATHER



The days are getting colder and pretty soon winter will arrive. We ask that students dress appropriately; i.e. coats, gloves, mitts, boots etc. If they are dressed warmly, they are better prepared to participate in outdoor activities during recess and noon hour.

### LUNCH DELIVERIES

When delivering your child's lunch to school, please advise your child in advance that you will be doing so and write his/her **first and last name** and the **teacher's full name** on the bag. We ask for all parents to **leave the lunch on the lunch table**. Please deliver your child's lunch by 11:35 as they get delivered at 11:40.



## St. Michael's Annual "SANTA PARADE PARTY"

Once again, St. Michael's Secondary School will be hosting their annual Christmas Party, immediately following the Bolton Santa Parade. Please join us on Saturday December 3rd, 2011 at 12:30, for a fun-filled afternoon. The kids will participate in crafts, Christmas activities and a special guest will be visiting from the North Pole!! All families and friends are welcome!! Tickets go on sale on November 15th, 2011, and can be purchased at "DELI TO GO" for \$5 (5-301 Queen Street South in Bolton). The price includes a pizza lunch, drink, and dessert for each child. Parents are welcome to purchase a hot lunch from the cafeteria. Hope to see you on the third!!! Any questions please call Magda Grzesiuk or Patricia Fogarty at (905) 951-8935, extension 29341.



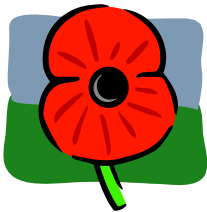
## TERRY FOX EVENT



Our school Terry Fox charity event was a huge success on Wednesday, September 28th. Student awareness of the work of the Terry Fox Foundation was heightened and our school raised over \$4000, that will be forwarded to the Terry Fox Foundation. Sincere thanks are extended to Mrs. Gatti, Ms. Russo, Ms. Shepherd and Mrs. Ciccocelli for their assistance with this event and to all the students, parents and staff who contributed to the fundraising effort.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day this year is Thursday, November 11. Our school memorial service will be conducted in the school on this date at 10:45 a.m. Please join us if you can. Poppies will be available for sale to the students on November 8, 9 10 and 11.



## PHONE CALLS TO STUDENTS

Parents are encouraged to develop the practice of giving their children all messages for the day before leaving home in the morning. Classrooms will not be disturbed during educational time with messages for students. Also, please do not leave messages on the answering service expecting them to be passed on to your children. The office area can at times be an extremely busy place and messages may not be listened to until after the students have been dismissed for the day.



## LITERACY TIP!

### MAKE READING AND WRITING FUN

Reading aloud to your child is the best way to get him or her interested in reading. Not only is it fun for the whole family, but it will also help your child to learn what reading is about. Encourage your child to write also. Here are some things you can do to help make reading and writing fun for your child:

- Read all kinds of materials—stories, poems, informational books, magazines, newspaper articles and comics.
- Read stories aloud with drama and excitement! Use different voices for different characters in a story. Use your child's name instead of a character's name. Make puppets and use them to act out the story.
- Re-read your child's favourite stories as many times as your child wants to hear them, and choose books and authors that your child enjoys.
- Read stories that have repetitive parts and encourage your child to join in.
- Point to the words as you read them. ( with younger children ) This will help your child make the connection between the spoken words and the words on the page.
- Discuss the themes of a story and ask questions about the characters. Ask questions that make your child think about what might happen next or what he or she might do in the same situation.
- Discuss the main ideas in an informational piece, such as a newspaper article.
- Encourage relatives and friends to give your child books or other reading materials as gifts.
- Always remember to have fun. The more you enjoy yourself, the more your child will enjoy the experience.
- Include reading for enjoyment as part of your regular routine.

## ANTHONY McLEAN'S INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION TO PARENTS:

Anthony Mclean spoke to the parent community about how Bullying Prevention is a community wide initiative and parents are a huge part of the solution. He spoke about the difference between conflict and bullying. We can't call every conflict a case of bullying! He also suggested some ways parents can support a child who is being bullied. He clearly stated that parents need to speak to the teacher and work in partnership with the school to help solve the problem. Anthony also talked about social bullying among girls and the need for parents to be vigilant and aware of technology and the influences on children. Text messages on your child's phone should be checked regularly, as well as facebook activity monitored for appropriateness. Parents were given an opportunity to share and ask questions. **Thank you to the parent council for organizing and inviting Anthony McLean to speak to the parent community of St. John the Baptist.**



## "WEDNESDAY'S" WALK TO SCHOOL

Remember that we are encouraging all students to walk to school on Wednesday part of our "Wednesdays" Walk to School initiative.

**Walk, bike, skip or hop to school...but don't drive!**

## PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

### 2011-2012 Council Members

Co-chairs .....	Aphrodite Lettieri, Monique Cardinale
Co-treasurers .....	Ana Mather, Joanna Busch
Secretary .....	Natalia Agostino
Communications Coordin. ....	Julie Fiorucci
Parish Representative .....	Enza DePasqua
Parent Representatives .....	Clara Giulianelli, Debbie Famele, Rina Carano, Maria Ramos, Sonia Contatto, Lavinia Tartaglia, Nadia Patrizi
Teacher Representative ....	Laura Morizio
Non-teaching Representative..	Linda Troiola

### Fundraising Initiatives and Events currently underway or completed:

- Pizza lunch every other Wednesday
- Frozen yogurt sales every Thursday at lunch for \$1
- Halloween Dance-a-thon – October 31
- Hamburger sales – completed
- The Power of One presentation for students – October 13

Anthony McLean Bullying Prevention parent presentation – October 18

### Council Sponsored upcoming Initiatives and Events:

- 1 Scientist in the School presentation per class
- Numeracy trolleys
- Audio/Video license
- 1 basketball per class
- purchase of ciboria to hold Holy Eucharist during school masses

## Does Your Child Arrive on Time???



*Your Child Should Line Up  
With Their Class and  
Enter With their Line.....*



- Students who arrive at school late are out of sorts and rushed into beginning their day.
- Students that are late disturb the class and interrupt lessons!
- It places them in a rushed frame of mind for the remainder of the day. A late arrival for your child is not healthy!
- Creating regular routines at home assists children to get to school on time and to come prepared. An established bedtime and morning routine will help your family arrive on time.
- Students who arrive at school late lose out on time to socialize and greet their peers.
- Intermediate students who are continually late run the risk of establishing this as a habit! Upon their entrance to high school, this habit could possibly result in the loss of their first period credit!

**Consider:** Have your children get their school items (homework, shoes, and lunch) ready the night before. Place their bags at the door ready for a quick morning departure!

### SMOKE-FREE ONTARIO ACT

The Smoke-Free Ontario Act came into force on May 21, 2006. Smoking is prohibited in public schools (including the grounds). Also, adults may not smoke in a car with a passenger under sixteen. The driver can be fined \$250.

#### **FACTS:**

\$365 Fine for sharing, supplying or selling tobacco to anyone under 19

\$305 Fine for smoking or holding lit tobacco on school property.



## Would you like your child to celebrate Confirmation or First Communion?

All parents who wish to prepare their child to celebrate Confirmation **OR** First Communion are to attend an information meeting. **IF** you missed the meetings in September and October **please attend the Information Meeting on Thursday November 3, 2011 from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. OR on Sunday November 6, 2011 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.** This meeting is intended for parents, please arrange for child care so you may participate fully in the meeting.

## STUDENT COUNCIL 2011-2012



Congratulations to this year's Student Council

President : Brianna C.

VP: Jasmine A.

Secretaries : Monica C. & Valerie D.

Council Members:

Melrena S.	Christina K.	Andrew W.
Julian D.	Sara K.	Juliana M.
Monika S.	Danielle C.	Emily L.
Jesse K.	Laura R.	Vanessa P.
Julia R.	Martina N.	Julianna B.
Megan K.	Abby D.	

Staff Advisors: Mme. Covre, Mme. Daniele, Mrs.Modugno & Mrs.Hamill

Thank you to the staff and students that have volunteered to be part of the student council.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our 2011 Operation Christmas Child initiative "kick off" will be held soon. Families are encouraged to participate in this very worthwhile charitable initiative during the upcoming Advent season. Operation Christmas Child boxes are available at our school library. **Please look for a detailed information letter regarding this project, to be sent home soon.** Sincere thanks are extended to Mr. Graham for, once again, coordinating this annual project. Shipping costs are very expensive, so any monetary donations would be gladly accepted. We have a need of transportation from the school to the Operation Christmas Child warehouse in Kitchener on November 26. Please call the school if you can help!

**Boxes are due November 18, 2011**



## INTERMEDIATE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL



Congratulations to the intermediate girls volleyball team. They placed first at the Bolton schools tournament. The girls were a force to be reckoned with. They worked hard as a team and they demonstrated excellent serves, teamwork and amazing court play. They placed second at the Ambroziac Invitational and placed first at the family finals.

We are extremely proud of this hard working team that represented the school with their positive attitudes and great sportsmanship. A special thanks to all the parents who came out to support the team and to the dedicated coaches, **Mr. D'Onofrio and Mr. Cosmo**. The team members were as follows:

Ariana P. (Captain)	Victoria R. (Captain)
Danielle G.	Samantha D.
Hope P.	Alessia B.
Nicolina P.	Samantha K.
Julia R.	Monika S. ( Manager )

Great Job Girls!!

## INTERMEDIATE BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations are also extended to the intermediate boys volleyball team. They competed with determination and enthusiasm at the recent Bolton schools tournament and finished in first place. They placed third for the Ambroziac Invitational and Family Finals. The boys demonstrated great skill and sportsmanship. They made our school proud. Way to go Boys!

Team members were:

Sammy V. (Captain)	Massimo B. (Captain)
Vittorio R.	Carmen C.
Francesco T.	Luke C.
Vince G.	Daniel K.
Jesse K.	Julian D. (Manager)

A special thank you to the coaches, Mr. Bonaccorso and Mr. D'Onofrio.



# NOVEMBER 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Silvercreek (Mrs. Pitcher's Class)	2	3 Grade 2s to Kortright Centre Communion & Confirmation at	4	5
6 Communion & Confirmation at 2 pm at Holy Fam- ily Church	7	8 Poppies For Sale	9 Pizza Day Grade 1& 4 to the Rose Theatre Poppies For Sale	10 Poppies For Sale	11 Poppies For Sale Re- membrance Day Liturgy at 10:45	12
13	14	15	16 Picture Retake	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Pizza Day School Council Meeting at 7 p.m.	24 CCCSC Meeting for Coucils at 6:30	25	26
27 Advent Begins	28 Virtue Assembly at 1:30	29Advent School Mass at 9 and 10:30 Reconciliation Meeting at 7:30	30			

# DECEMBER 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Pizza Day	8 Reconciliation Meeting at 7:30 at Holy Family Church Grade 3s to Orangeville Theatre	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Virtue Assembly at 9:30	20	21 Pizza Day	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26 Christmas Break	27 Christmas Break	28 Christmas Break	29 Christmas Break	30 Christmas Break	31New Year's Eve