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*Home of the Titans*

## OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

*Excellence  
Every Day  
Every Chance  
Every Way*

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October 2011

## A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O, heavenly Father,  
You have once more brought the year full circle,  
through planting and growing and ripening  
to harvest time, and autumn.  
Help us to see,  
in the marvelous succession of seasons,  
and in the growth and ripening of our crops,  
the merciful, generous hand of Your divine providence.

We thank you for food and remember the hungry.  
We thank you for health and remember the sick.  
We thank you for friends and remember the friendless.  
We thank you for freedom and remember the enslaved.  
May these remembrances stir us to service,  
that Your gifts to us may be used for others.  
Amen.

## Principal's Message

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for all the wonderful things in our lives. Often large issues consume us and we forget about the treasures we have. Let us be thankful for our children, our families, our local community and the peace and harmony we enjoy in our country. It is in these things that God's graces are often revealed. On behalf of the staff of Father Clair Tipping, we hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

I would like to thank all those parents who were able to take the time to come out to the school for B.B.Q./Open House. This sends an important message to all children about how important school and education means to you. Here at Father Clair Tipping School, we are always trying to find ways of further strengthening the important relationship between the home, parish and the school. Ongoing and open communication is essential to the success of your child.

*B. Coulson*

*Please support our Thanksgiving Food Drive  
October 5 -14, 2011*

## SEPTEMBER – A HIVE OF ACTIVITY

September has been a ‘hive’ and ‘flutter’ of activity. Student backpacks have been making the ‘daily trek’ home with homework assignments. Adjusting to the daily routine of setting time aside to complete assigned work has nudged out the carefree days of summer. Students should be tracking their work daily in their agendas. Cross country runners were invited to tryout and train for an October meet. The entire school engaged in the Terry Fox Run. Our bus patrollers received training to help keep our bus students safe and to assist in emergency situations. We celebrated our opening Mass with Father Steve using our new altar that was donated from the Knights of Columbus. Our Open House was well attended and set the tone for on-going communication between school and home. Our Scholastic Book Fair was a great success and we are in the process of signing up Parent volunteers for All Star Reading which will pave the way for parents to become actively involved in supporting learning opportunities for our students. During our professional activity day, staff were involved in faith development and setting goals and expectations for this school year. The School Council brought closure to last year and looked towards setting an agenda for this upcoming school year.

## VIRTUE-EMPATHY

The Virtue that we will be focusing on for the month of October is empathy. We understand empathy to mean the ability to identify with and feel other people’s concern. An empathetic person believes that we all share one Spirit; that we are many parts of one body because we are all created in the image and likeness of God.

An empathetic person:

- Listens attentively & watches people’s body language
- Notices and responds when someone is upset
- Can name her/his feelings
- Can see a situation from a different point of view
- Knows that different people may feel differently about the same thing.

## OPENING MASS

Our opening school mass was held on Tuesday September 27th. Our celebrant was Fr. Steve Dickenson. It truly was a special celebration shared by our students, staff and parents who attend. We are grateful for the new altar donated by the Knights of Columbus.



## PASTORAL PLAN 2011-2012

Please find attached to our newsletter our school Pastoral plan for this school year. It includes information and dates about school masses, Sacramental preparation for Grades 2 and 8, our Grade 8 Graduation mass.

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Father Clair Tipping School is holding its annual food drive from October 5<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. Thanksgiving is a very special time of the year when we as a school community collect non-perishable food items to help those who are in need in our own local community. We will be collecting these items over the next week. Please be generous with your donation of canned/dried goods and soaps/general hygiene products. All donations will be sent to the Knight’s Table.



## TERRY FOX WALK

A big thank you to parents, students and staff for your active involvement in making our Terry Fox fundraising effort on, September 30<sup>th</sup> such a great success! We are thrilled with the response of our community to such a worthwhile event. It was truly an inspirational day for all as we joined together as a school community to support this very worthy cause. **We are still waiting for the online pledges to be posted and we will let you know how much was raised in our November Newsletter.**



## WORLD TEACHER DAY – OCTOBER 5, 2011

Over 100 countries around the world celebrate United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Teacher’s Day. At the September Meeting the Board of Trustees resolved the following: “Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board proclaims that October 5, 2011 be recognized and celebrated as World Teachers’ Day in Dufferin-Peel Schools and Facilities.” **Special thanks to the teaching and support staff at Father Clair Tipping for your on-going commitment to student learning.**

## SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

Individual student and class pictures have been tentatively scheduled for **Friday October 28<sup>st</sup>**. Further information will be forthcoming closer to picture day.



*We are pleased to announce that our Board has chosen Saint Cecilia as the patron saint for Father Clair Tipping Catholic School. She is the patron saint of musicians, composers, instrument makers. Her feast day is November 22nd.*

**SCHOOL COUNCIL** Thank you to all the members of the 2009-2010 School Council. Your hard work and dedication to Father Clair Tipping School was truly appreciated by all the staff and students.

Our first Catholic School Council meeting was held on Wednesday October 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Congratulations go out to the following School Council Members for the 2010-2011 school year:

Chair	D. Ramsawak
Vice Chair	G. Miranda
Treasurer	J. Gordon
Secretary	M. DaFonte
Parish Representative	P. Ramsawak
Parent Representatives	S. Bagh K. Lake
Staff Representatives	V. Viola J. Burgoyne (Shared) S. Sorochan (Shared)
Vice Principal	K. Dolan
Principal	B. Coulson

**Our Next School Council Meeting is Wednesday November 9, 2011 @ 7:00 pm in the school library.**

Future meeting dates for the school year will be posted in our web site and monthly newsletters. All meetings begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and end at approximately 8:30 p.m. Please come out to help make Father Clair Tipping School the very best it can be for all the children.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENT COUNCIL 2011-2012**

We want to congratulate all the students who participated in our Student Council Elections which was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to experience democracy in action and to learn about our parliamentary system of government. Students campaigned using a variety of creative posters and gave excellent speeches describing why they should be elected. Congratulations to this year's executive student council:

Prime Minister – Raymond P.  
Lieutenant Governor – Isabel P.  
Finance Minister – Ariel R.

### **BOOK FAIR UPDATE**

Thank you to all parents and students who helped make our book fair a great success. Your generosity and support will help purchase many needed resources for our school. A special thank you to all those who donated their time to help organize and run this most worth while event.



*C. Di Federico*  
Teacher/Librarian

### **SCHOOL HOURS & SUPERVISION**

Supervision in the school yard begins at 8:15 a.m. Please do not drop your children off at school prior to that time as they will not be supervised. The school day ends at 3:00 p.m. **Parents are asked to ensure that arrangements are made for their children to leave school at 3:00 p.m.** Students are not supervised after 3:00 p.m. unless they are involved in a planned supervised activity that has parental permission. Please do not rely on the school to supervise children after 3:00 p.m. The doors of Father Clair Tipping are open to parents who wish to visit or confer with staff, however, **an appointment is necessary**, as the classroom teacher's first responsibility is teaching the class during regular school hours. Please report to the office upon entering the school. Thank you for your support in keeping classroom interruptions to a minimum and maintaining a safe environment for our students

### **KISS N' RIDE REMINDERS**

**Please use the Kiss'n Ride area at the side of the school to drop off and pick up your child...NOT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL WHICH IS A BUS LOADING AREA AND FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES**

- Supervision begins at 8:15 am and school staff are outside at this time to help supervise.
- Always drive through the school slowly and carefully, watching for pedestrians.
- If you wish to walk your child to the play yard, park in the parking lot area of the school and walk carefully to the nearest sidewalk to avoid cars or traffic.
- Use only the "Kiss 'n Ride Drop Off Lane" to drop off your child at the sidewalk. Please drive your car as far as possible to the front near the Stop Sign or to the car that is directly in front of you. Children should be ready to exit promptly on the right side the car or closest to the side walk. Exiting on the left side of the car is not safe as some cars may be passing through the "Drive Through Lane."
- Students are to enter the back of the school and go to their appropriate play yard (Not the front of the school).
- Be prepared to stop at the STOP SIGN near the front of the Kiss'n Ride to allow students or parents to cross to the side walk safely.
- ***Vehicles that stop or park in front of the school may be ticketed by the Peel Police and/or by Parking Authorities for the Municipality of Brampton.***


**Your cooperation in following these routines helps ensure everyone's safety.**

### **TIPS TO PREVENT CYBERBULLYING!**

Cyberbullying is the practice of posting or sending harmful images or text via the Internet or other digital communication tools, such as cell phones, email, instant messaging, chat rooms, video game spaces or social networking environments such as My Space and Facebook. The following are some tips for to help keep your kids safe.

1. Tell your children to never pass along harmful or cruel messages or images
2. Never post or share your personal information online (this includes your full name, address, telephone number, school name, parents' names, or Social Security number) or your friends' personal information.
3. Train your child to delete suspicious email messages without opening them.
4. Teach your child how to use technology to block communication with cyberbullies.
5. Speak to your child about the importance of telling a parent or trusted adult about any cyberbullying they're witness to.
6. At home, supervise and monitor your child's time online. Putting the computer in a common area, such as the kitchen, is a good idea.
7. Communicate with your child's school if any bullying issues are brought back to the school environment.
8. **For More information Contact:**  
**[www.canadiansafeschools.com](http://www.canadiansafeschools.com)**  
**[www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/bullying.htm](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/bullying.htm)**

### **QSP REMINDER**



We are now in full swing in our QSP - Family Literacy Fundraiser. Magazine subscriptions or renewals can make a terrific Christmas Gift, Birthday Gift, Mothers Day Gift, Father's Day Gift etc.! Online orders continue throughout the course of this year. Please visit the QSP website [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca) and order online using our **Father Clair Tipping School Group # 8431**. Thank you for supporting our fund-raising initiative. Happy Reading!

### ***Progressive Report Card Information Grades 1-8***

***Please refer to the letter sent home this week***

***Visit our School Web Site***

**<http://www.dpcdsb.org/FCTIP/>**

### **HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS**

During the month of October, events surrounding Hallowe'en will be all around us and it is certainly a day children enjoy. **During this time, we also focus on two major celebrations related to our faith; All Souls Day and All Saints Day. Both of these days have great significance in our faith life and in the liturgical cycle.**

Halloween celebrations will be organized by classroom teachers and will take place at the school on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Students are encouraged to select costumes that are in good taste, bearing in mind our Catholic setting. In keeping with our School & Board Catholic Code of Conduct Guidelines, we ask that parent/students follow these guidelines for appropriate dress and safety:



- No masks
- No replicas of weapon or artifacts of a violent nature (e.g. toy guns, toy swords, toy knives, etc.)
- No costumes that would be considered demeaning or offensive to others

**We ask that you follow our school guidelines for not sending any products with peanut/nut products and to follow any information from your child(s) classroom teacher regarding specific food allergies (no home baked items). We encourage parents to send in non food items such pencils, stickers, etc.** If you have any questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher or the school office.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### **OCTOBER**

#### **October 10<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day**

- Oct 14 Pizza Friday Begins
- Oct 19 Family of Schools Cross-Country Meet
- Oct 19 Parent Information Night for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion @ St. Marquerite d'Youville Parish 7:00 pm
- Oct 19 Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- Oct 20 Board Catholic School Council Meeting
- Oct 21 Intermediate boys and girls Mini Volleyball Tournaments @ FCT
- Oct 25 Progress Report Cards Sent Home (Grades 1-8)
- Oct 25 Board Cross Country Meet
- Oct 27 Progress Report Card Interview Evening - upon request for Grades 1-8
- Oct. 28 Picture Day

#### **NOVEMBER**

- Nov 1 All Saints Day
- Nov 2 All Souls Day
- Nov 9 School Council Mtg @ 7:00 pm
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day Celebration

