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NOVEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

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 Every Way*

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November 2011

Remembrance and Peace

Lord Jesus Christ,

*Those whom we remember this month are examples of your words.
 "Greater love than this no one has than to lay down one's life for a friend."*

*This month we remember all those who lived and died for us;
 their energy and their effort to defend our freedom for our loved ones and
 for our country.*

*Teach us to appreciate the value of patriotism...
 a true and Christian love of country.*

*Let us grow in a love for our country that consists not of following blindly,
 but of working together to make it the land of goodness that it should be.*

*Let our patriotism be such that it will not exclude the other nations of the world,
 but include them in a powerful love of country that has room for all others too.*

Amen

Our Virtue of the Month

CONSCIENCE

During the month of November, we will be focusing on the virtue of conscience. God has given us the ability to know the right and decent way to act and then to act that way. We trust that the common Spirit we share inspires us and guides us to make good decisions if we allow our conscience to be well formed. 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
- Admits his/her wrong-doing and feels badly
- Says 'sorry' and tries to make up for mistakes
- Keeps promises

Provincial Priorities PA Day

November 18, 2011

**Staff will be engaged in Professional Develop
 No School for students on this day**

November is the month of Remembrance. For Catholics this is a special time of year, as we are reminded of the importance of the feasts of All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

All Saints Day, celebrated on **November 1st**, reminds our community of those men and women (both known and unknown) who have lived faithful lives in the Church. On this day we remember our saints in our prayers and ask for their prayers and intercessions. The historical roots of this celebration have to do with those martyrs who died in the early Church. Later, Pope Gregory VII declared this day to be the date we remember all who lived and died for their faith.

All Souls Day, November 2nd, is a Roman Catholic day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have passed away. The day purposely follows All Saints Day in order to shift the focus from those in heaven to those in purgatory. It is celebrated with masses and festivities in honour of the dead. While the Feast of All Saints is a day to remember the glories of Heaven and those there, the Feast of All Souls reminds us of our obligations to live holy lives and that there will be purification of the souls of those destined for Heaven.

Confirmation Retreat

Our Grade 8 students will be participating in their first retreat on November 9th during the school day in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Another retreat is scheduled later in the school year. The retreats provide an opportunity for students to reflect on becoming adult members of our Catholic faith.

On **November 11th**, Canadians all across the country stop and honour those who have served, at home or overseas, in World War I, World War II, and Korea. We also recognize the incredible valour our modern day peacekeepers and armed forces display in missions around the world. Poppies will be made available to students for a small donation which will be given to the local veterans legion for support.



Remembrance Day Assembly

On Thursday November 11th at 10:30 am, our annual Remembrance Day Assembly will be held in the school gym. We will recognize the achievements and sacrifices of Canadians at home and overseas during past wars and peacekeeping operations around the world. At 11:00 we will observe the customary moment of silence. As always, parents and grandparents are most welcome to attend this service

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Our grade 2 students will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on November 30th at St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish at 7:00 pm. We thank their parents, our teachers and Parish team in helping them prepare for this important step in their faith journey.

Picture Retake Day

Picture retakes will take place on **Friday November 11, 2011**. If your child was not at school on Picture day, they will have their individual pictures on Nov. 11th. Also, if you were not satisfied with the pictures taken on Picture day, you may have your child's pictures retaken. Pictures will be taken from 9:00 to 10:00 am and from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.



St. Cecilia Feast Day Mass & Advent Mass

We will be celebrating the Feast Day Mass for St. Cecilia @ approximately 9:30 am on November 22nd and our Advent Mass on Wednesday December 12th at 1:00 p.m. in our school gym. We are looking forward to seeing many of our community parents and student, as we come together in preparation and celebration of the Eucharist.

Primary Christmas Concert

We are pleased to hold our annual Christmas concert for Grades JK-3 on Wednesday evening, December 14th. More information will follow.

Thanksgiving Food Drive A Success!

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the many families that very generously donated non-perishable food items for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. All food that was donated was given to the Knight's Table. Through your generosity many families in our community were able to enjoy a Thanksgiving without worrying about how to put food on the table. Father Clair Tipping School is a very giving, caring community, of which we should all be proud!

Dr. Simone Candy Drive at Father Clair Tipping

Each year for Halloween at Father Clair Tipping the students collect large amounts of leftover Halloween candy. The candy is donated to Canadian Food for Children. This is a charitable organization run by Dr. Simone. The candy is sent to third world countries and is given to missionary workers who hand out the candy to children. The organization constantly focuses on following Mother Teresa's example of helping the poor. We are asking that the students at Father Clair Tipping Bring in their extra candy from Halloween and drop it off at the front foyer of our school. This will be going on during the week of November 1- 4th. Thank you for your generosity.

Student Council – Raymond P, Ariele R. , Isabel P.

HELPING HANDS CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE!
Once again Father Clair Tipping will be supporting the Helping Hands Ministry of St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish. This ministry is dedicated to helping those in need within the community. Our school will be sponsoring five families in need to ensure that they have a wonderful Christmas. The school will be asking for donations of food, household and hygiene products, as well age appropriate gifts. We will be sending information out shortly to launch our Christmas Food Drive. Thank you for your continued support and generosity

Safe School Message & Living Our Faith Awards Assembly for October

Our first school assembly was held on October 26th to promote our Safe Schools and Diversity messages through our October Virtue of Empathy. Our celebration was led by our student faith ambassadors, Jonathan, Nithin and Joey with a special prayer and reflection to remind us about why it is important to be an empathetic person.

Be EMPATHETIC to other peoples' feelings & behavior helps to prevent bullying and to promotes a positive school climate through inclusion!

Our Grade 7 & 8 students presented a creative presentation of song and dance about the feelings we experience when we are excluded. Our student council leaders, Raymond, Arielle and Isabel put together an impressive powerpoint to promote inclusion and community

Congratulations to the students received certificates for the Virtue of Faith for September:

Frankie S., Marly S., Mia P., Kevin M., Jonathan R. MaKayla G., Luke M., Lauren O-G., Isaiah A., Alex D., Joren R., Abigail B.V., Nathan R., Christian M., Adam Y., Alex U., Emily W., Jonathan B., Samantha L., Darren S., Daniel C., Chris F., Junel D., Jennifer L., Raquel B., Tyler F., Matthew K., Joshua P., Abigail V., Ashley N., Thomas V., Tania P., Jonathan M., Alicia D.

Congratulations to students who received certificates for the Virtue of Empathy for October:

Jethro L., Ava B., Gabriella O., Jordan S., Philip R., Analyah N., Eric I., Irine A., Jonathon D., Mackayla C., Matthew P., Amber I., Aaliyah N.B., Eathon F., Sophia C., Melody C., Adam R., Mary C., Isabella C., Dylan C., Jayln D., Marcella R., Anthony Y., Marcella R., Peter A., Braden W., Ashley S., Naomi P.V., Shanelle M., Marcus B., Daniel M., Nikki V., Jessica H., Vania L.

Our next Living Our Faith Awards Assembly will take place on November 29th @ 9:30 am. Please join us to celebrate and recognize the good things our students have accomplished this month.

Community Helpers, Anti Bullying & Cyber Bullying Presentations

As part of our Safe Schools Focus, many of our classes will be involved in a special presentation on Bullying (Grades 1-2, 4-5) & Cyber bullying (Grades 7-8) and how we all have a responsibility to prevent bullying at school and on line. These sessions will be presented by Constable Christine Lyons of the Peel Region of Police. Our Kindergarten classes will participate in a session on Community Helpers and our Grade 6 classes will participate on a session Drug Abuse Prevention. As a follow-up, our Anti-Bullying Team and Student Council Members will be part of our school-wide effort to communicate safe school and anti-bullying messages to our school community.

Earth Rangers to Visit FCT!

On Thursday November 17th the Earth Rangers will be visiting our school to speak to our J.K. - Grade 8 students to launch our "Bring Back the Wild Campaign." Students will be educated about the crisis facing our wildlife by the Earth Ranger Ambassadors. During the assembly the students will be also introduced to three live animal ambassadors! Our school has decided as part of our Eco Schools Initiative to help support the great work the Earth Rangers do for our wildlife by taking part in their "Take Action Initiative." On Monday November 21st the youngest and only students in our school will receive a pledge envelope to collect donations to help support our Earth Rangers to protect animals and their habitats in Canada. Earth Rangers is a non-profit organization. 50% of the funds raised by our students will go to the Nature Conservatory of Canada to support animal habitats, and the other 50% of the funds raised will go to support the Earth Rangers' education program which continues to teach our youth about the crisis facing biodiversity.

As part of this program students get to choose an animal and habitat to help protect through their donations collected - they are the Monarch Butterfly, Plains Bison, Spotted Turtle and the Pine Marten. Students will have the opportunity to earn "Button Rewards" based on the donations received! The pledge forms are due back to your child's classroom teacher no later than **Monday, December 5, 2011**. A reminder to students collecting pledges **DO NOT go door to door**. Only ask your family, neighbours and friends that you know and trust. We thank you for considering to take part in this great environmental school initiative to help "Bring Back the Wild" to our community.

FCT Cross Country Team Rocks!

On October 19th, 2011 the Cross Country team of 55 traveled to Orangeville for the Family Meet. It was a cold, wet day but all of our team ran to the best of their ability. Out of the 55 students we have 10 students who advanced to the Board Meet on the 25th of October at Heart Lake Conservation Area. As well, two of our Grade level teams placed second and fourth overall in the standings. The results of the board meet are as follows, Stephanie who placed 1st., Raquel who placed 3rd., and Meliah who placed 17th. The rest of the team placed in the top half of each of their races. All participants represented Father Clair Tipping with spirit and dedication. Well done team!

Board Cross Country Participants: Stephanie D., Raquel B., Joshua P., Jada W., Nicole S., Neteya T., Karla M., Daphne S., Maleah O., Andrew P.

M. McKnight & A. Mitrovic – Coaches



FCT Intermediate Volleyball Teams

Congratulations to our Intermediate Girls and Boys Volleyball Teams for their strong efforts and teamwork this year. Father Clair Tipping hosted our family of schools mini-tournament Friday October 21st. The competition was quite skilled, but our Titans were up to the challenge. The girls team showed teamwork and enthusiasm. After a challenging start, the boys team regained their poise and built momentum as they were victorious in their last four games. Unfortunately, this was only good enough for a 1st place tie, and the tie breaker went to the other team. Ms. Sassine Mr. Simunec, Mrs. Mitropoulus and Mrs. Najem would like to congratulate all the members of the volleyball teams for their hard work, dedication and excellent play.

Mr. Simunec/Ms. Sassine –Intermediate Boys Team.

Congratulations go out to the following boys: Charles A., Luca D., Daniel M., Marcus A., Danniel J., Phillip Y., Andrew P., Zachary F, Nicholas F., Jamie S.

Mrs. Mitropoulus/Mrs. Najem – Intermediate Girls Team:

Congratulations go out to the following girls: Neteya T., Jada W., Isabel P., Vania L., Raynelle B., Maleah O., Stephanie L., Amanda C., Ariele R.

Green Goblins Update!

Our school participated in the **Waste Free Lunch Program** as part of our commitment to becoming a green school. This month the Green Goblins were counting and weighing garbage in order to see how we were reducing waste at our school. We have seen some great results. We know that it was very hard but most of the classes did very well. We are excited about our future and hope the other students will be excited too! Keep up the hard work, and remember to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

Beatrice C. & Joey G.

Members of Green Goblin's Team



Q.S.P. MAGAZINE ORDERS

Thank you to those who supported our QSP literacy fundraiser. Is it still too late to order magazine subscriptions? No, if you want to renew other magazines, or order a new magazine, or order gift subscriptions later in the year, you can still take advantage of QSP's great prices all year long – and it will still benefit our school with each order. Magazine subscriptions or renewals can make a terrific Christmas Gift. Please visit the QSP website www.qsp.ca and order online using our **Father Clair Tipping School Group # 8431.** Thank you for supporting our fund-raising initiative. Happy Reading!

Homework Help

Free Online Math Tutoring Available

Homework Help--Free Online Math Tutoring is available for Grade 7 & 8 students who don't quite understand how to add fractions? Or maybe your teenager is struggling with a geometry assignment? Students have been given the opportunity to sign up for additional Math assistance. Students can log in Sunday to Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m, for one-on-one confidential help. There are interactive discussion rooms for each grade where they can view the current lesson, watch tutors draw on the whiteboard — and then type their own question for on-the-spot help.

Allergen Policy

Thank you to all parents who continue to be mindful of students with nut allergies in our school. **Please be aware, we no longer allow the sharing of food of any kind,** including celebratory foods either for birthdays or seasonal celebrations. Cup cakes or treat bags intended for sharing with classmates will be sent home. Thank you for respecting this policy during our recent Halloween festivities. In the event that food is embraced for one reason or another, it will be communicated to parents and will be strictly controlled by the school.

Arrive on Time

Unfortunately, we continue to experience a number of students arriving late to school. **Students are expected to arrive at school on time for admission into school at 8:30 a.m.** Students who arrive after 8:30 a.m. are considered late, and are expected to report to the main office to receive a late slip for admission to class. **Please be aware,** arriving late for school impacts upon the student in a number of ways, e.g., the student misses out on valuable instructional time, and their late arrival creates a disruption to the learning of others. Punctuality is a very important life skill that applies in the educational setting and also when one enters the world of work. Good habits start now and are reinforced throughout a child's early years. Your continued support, ensuring your child arrives on time and ready to learn, will help them to develop habits that will support them well in the future.

Congratulations to the students, staff and parents of Father Clair Tipping School for raising a total of \$2,211.43 for the Terry Fox Cancer Research Foundation!

Holy Name of Mary C.S.S. Information Night

On **November 24th, beginning at 7:00 p.m.**, Holy Name of Mary C.S.S. will be holding a Grade 9 Information & Registration Night for current Grade 8 students, and their parents, in the school's gymnasium. As a regional all girls school, we would like to invite all eligible Region of Peel girls to apply to Holy Name of Mary C.S.S. Please visit our website for further updates:

www.dpedsb.org/hnmry/guidance. Registration packages will be available on our website by November 7th, 2011. Location: Holy Name of Mary C.S.S., 115 Glenvale Blvd., Brampton, Ontario. For further information please call 905-458-5541 X 64104.

St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School REGIONAL CENTRE FOR THE ARTS OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 6:45 pm

Please attend with a parent.

EQAO RESULTS

The Grade 3 and 6, primary and junior division, EQAO assessments measure how well students have met the expectations in *The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1 - 8*. The assessments test what students know and how well they apply their knowledge and skills in reading, writing and mathematics in everyday situations by requiring students to read and respond to passages, to write and to solve mathematical problems.

EQAO assessments combine performance-based activities, requiring written responses, with multiple-choice questions. The results are reported in terms of achievement from Levels 1 to 4, with level 3 as the standard, which represents a high level of achievement.

The results for Father Clair Tipping School, stated as the % of students meeting the Provincial standard (Achieving Levels 3, 4) are as follows for the 2010-2011 assessment.

JUNIOR	FCT School	Board	Province
Reading	83%	78%	73%
Writing	85%	77%	74%
Math	66%	62%	58%
PRIMARY	FCT School	Board	Province
Reading	66%	76%	73%
Writing	64%	68%	65%
Math	58%	69%	69%

Staff and students will continue to focus on reading, writing and mathematical strategies and skills. Parent volunteers are continuing to support our "All Star Reading" for primary readers and a number of our staff are participating in math focused School and Board sponsored staff development initiatives. It is important to emphasize that these results should not be used to compare rank schools, they are intended for the purpose of improving teaching and learning for all students.

Our next Catholic School Council meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Future meeting dates for the school year will be finalized at this meeting. 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.

Dates To Remember:

- Nov. 1 All Saints Day
- Nov. 2 All Souls Day
- Nov. 8 Hepatitis B Gr. 7, HPV Gr. 8 Girls
- Nov. 9 Grade 8 Confirmation Retreat during day
- Nov. 9 School Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:30 am
- Nov. 11 Pizza Friday
- Nov. 11 Picture Retake
- Nov. 16 Camp Muskoka Grade 8 Trip Presentation
- Nov 15-17 Peel Police Presentations – Education Officer
- Nov 17 Earth Rangers Presentation
- Nov. 18 P.A. Day -Provincial Priorities (No School)
- Nov. 22 Feast Day Mass for St. Cecilia
- Nov. 24 Holy Name of Mary Info Night- 7:00 pm
- Nov. 25 Pizza Friday
- Nov. 27 First Sunday of Advent
- Nov. 30 Reconciliation – 7:00 p.m. at Parish
- Dec. 7 School Council Meeting
- Dec. 9 Pizza Friday
- Dec. 12 Advent Mass – 9:30 a.m. – School Gym
- Dec. 14 Primary Christmas Concert (JK-3)
- Dec. 23 Pizza Friday
- Dec. 23 Last day of classes for the Christmas Break

School resumes on Monday January 9, 2012

A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council 9235 for their support in providing funding for the purchase of our new altar that is being used to celebrate school masses and special liturgies. We would also like to acknowledge Mr. Albert Lake for setting up this support for the school.



Go Green - Electronic emails for newsletters and other school communication will begin December 2011. If you want to sign up for our school email, please pick up a form at the office.