



# Metropolitan Andrei Catholic School

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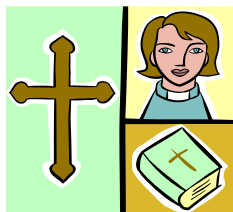
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OCTOBER 2011  
NEWSLETTER



## *Autumn Prayer*

*Blessed are you, loving Father  
For all of your gifts to us.  
Blessed are you for giving us the gift  
of family and friends.  
We pause and give you thanks,  
Lord, for all these gifts.  
For the rains that give life, for the  
harvest.*

*As we rejoice in your kindness,  
We pray for those who are in need.  
Open our hearts to them  
And teach us to be generous to others  
As you are to us.  
Thank you, God.*

*AMEN*

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
Monday, October 10, 2011  
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

## *Principal's Message:*

I would like to thank the many parents who attended the Open House on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Your commitment to the home-school relationship is commendable. Many thanks to the Metropolitan Andrei School Council for organizing this event and providing pizza for students and parents.

Thanks also to our student volunteers for serving our school community: Dominik S., Daniela B., Dorothy V., Kasia R., Nidamary P., Paulina C., Trina N., Patricia O., Alexandra G., Sandra S., Sylvia S., Randall S. and Alison M.

Special thanks to Mrs. A. Abbruscato and Mr. B. Iannicca our trustees for their participation. It was a great opportunity for Mrs. Athaide and I to brag about the wonderful diverse community we serve to our dedicated, hard working trustees.

The Terry Fox Walk was another well organized successful event on Friday, September 23. Thank you to the Terry Fox Teacher Committee, our parents, teachers and students for their participation. A big thank you to Mr. Koska for donating water for the primary students. Finally, thank you Metropolitan Andrei School Community for your donation of \$1,050.00 to cancer research. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

I would like to welcome the following teachers who will be members of our staff for the 2011-2012 school year:

Miss Zunino (LTO/SERC), Mrs. Ganko (LTO/Gr. 1), Mr. R. Komorowsky (CYW), Mrs. Sequiera (Planning time Teacher) and Miss Medeiros (Planning time Teacher). The newest permanent member of our staff is Miss Navarro who is teaching Grade 5. We wish them all a successful year at Metropolitan Andrei School.

October is a month that reminds us to be thankful for all our blessings. I thank all parents for helping your children at home with their school work. I thank all students for taking the responsibility to complete all assignments on time. I am thanking in advance all parents who will be joining our School Council and giving their time and energy to make Metropolitan Andrei School, the best it can be. Our first meeting is on **Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the Library. All parents are welcome to attend.

Please join us for our **Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** in our large gymnasium. On behalf of Mrs. Athaide and the staff, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving with your families.

### Virtue of the Month

*In the month of October we will celebrate the virtue of: Empathy*

#### **A empathetic Person...**

- **Listens attentively**
- **Watches people's body language**
- **Notices and responds when someone is upset**
- **Can name her/his feelings**
- **Knows that different people may feel differently about the same thing**

This month we will focus on the virtue of **empathy**.

God has given us the ability to identify with and feel other people's concerns. We believe that in a faith community we are nothing without relationships. Relationships that grow in a spirit of communion – an understanding that we share an identity based on being created in the image and likeness of God and being imbued with one Spirit. We are many parts of one body.

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.

### STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS

**Reception of the Crosses** (confirmation) December 1 @ 7:00p.m.

#### **Parish Based Sacramental Retreats**

**First Holy Communion**-April 14 or April 21 @10:30-11:00a.m.

**Confirmation**-May 5or May 26 @ 10:30-11:00a.m.

#### **Sacramental Celebrations**

**First Reconciliation** will take place on March 19<sup>th</sup> & March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00p.m.

**First Holy Communion** will take place on April 15 & April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. mass

**Confirmation** will take place May 6 & May 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.m. mass

#### **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE/Toiletries Drive**

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive is well underway. Grade 8 students from Ms. Zingaro-Debski's class will be collecting non-perishable food items until **Friday, October 7**. We are also collecting toiletries such soap, shampoo, toothpaste and tooth brushes for homeless men. Any donation that can be made by **Friday October 7th** is truly appreciated. Thank you for your support and generosity.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our first School Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 4, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.** Elections will take place at this time if necessary. All parents are welcome to attend!

### PROGRESS REPORT CARDS

Students will bring home a Progress Report Card on **Tuesday, October 25, 2011**. It will communicate the student's progress in various subjects as well next steps for improvement. Teachers will contact parents if an interview is requested.

### SAFETY OF STUDENTS

We are requesting that students **not be dropped off prior to 8:15 a.m.** as we do not have supervision in the yard until that time. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter of your child's safety.

### GAMES NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOLYARD

Please protect your child's valuables by not allowing them to bring Pokemon or Yu-ge-oh cards to school. The administration and teachers will not deal with incidents of lost of cards.

### LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES

In the event of a lockdown, we will communicate to parents and the community using 2 faces that will be posted on all school doors and classroom windows (where possible) All classroom doors will be locked. A bright green happy face indicates that we are in lockdown and the students are safe. A bright red sad face will indicate a serious incident within the school or community. There is no exit from the school and that visitors/parents on school property should leave the premises immediately.

### PARENTS IN THE SCHOOL YARD

During school hours when teachers are on supervision duty in the schoolyard, **parents are asked to refrain from being in the schoolyard**. Teachers will deal with any issues that may occur. The intention of this request is not to suggest that parents are not welcome at the school, rather, this request is to protect all parents and students. Any correction of inappropriate behavior should come from a teacher, not from a parent.

For the safety of all our students **parents are respectfully asked to stay off of school property during the school hours**.

Your child will know you but other children will not.

Therefore, we ask parents to wait off of school property so that teachers on duty can distinguish clearly all students and will not have to check to see if an adult is a parent or a safety concern. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation in this safety matter.

### SCHOOL HOURS

**8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** (Recess 10:30-10:45 a.m.)

**12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** (Recess 2:00 – 2:15 p.m.)

### KINDERGARTEN TIMES

**8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** (Junior/Senior Kindergarten)

**12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** (Junior/Senior Kindergarten)

#### **ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUALITY**

**All students are expected to attend school regularly and punctually. In the event that your child will be late or absent, please inform the school by telephone before 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The 24 hour attendance number is (905) 270-4151, press 1.**

#### **CROSS COUNTRY**

Students have been diligently training for the upcoming Cross Country Meet which will be held on **Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Park**. Those individuals that advance will go to the Board Meet at Heart Lake Conservation Park on **Tuesday, October 25, 2011**.

#### **FUNDRAISER DANCE-A-THON**

On **Friday, October 28, 2011**, Metropolitan Andrei School will be having a school-wide Hallowe'en dance. Our School Council will provide details about the "spook-a-thon" and all students will be given pledge sheets. Students will be asked to get sponsors to donate money in order for them to dance. Prizes will be available for students to win. Stay tuned for more information from our School Council. We encourage all students to dress up this day. However, **NO MASKS** permitted.

#### **HOMEWORK HELP PROJECT UPDATE**

Dufferin-Peel C. D. S. Board is participating in its third successful year within the Program. Tutoring in math begins September 25. The site continues to offer students in grades 7-10 with access to a variety of free and confidential online math support including:

- Free confidential online tutoring from Ont. Teachers from Sunday to Thursday
- Video tutorials
- commonly asked questions
- interactive math games
- a virtual locker that allows students to save their tutoring sessions

#### **To access the site the students can:**

- use their login information last yr OR
- register as a new user on the site. To do this the students require the use of their OEN number which can be provided by the office. For further information go to <http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org>

#### **KISS & RIDE**

Metropolitan Andrei School has adopted the Mississauga Traffic Safety Council's "Kiss & Ride" program for several years. The Kiss & Ride program utilizes the school driveway to allow parents to safely drop off their children at school. At the front of the school, there are two lanes. Please drive to the end of the Kiss and Ride and drop off your child. They will then walk on the sidewalk across the front of the school building and into the school yard. **Drop off time begins at 8:15 a.m. as yard supervision begins at this time.** Following these simple

procedures will help us have safer traffic conditions.

**I encourage all parents to use the kiss and ride instead of parking on Mississauga Valley Blvd. or the school parking lot.** Thank you for your support and cooperation in this safety matter.

#### **LUNCH STUDENTS AND LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Please be reminded that the lunch hour is **11:30-12:30 p.m.**

Where students stay for lunch, they will eat with their classmates and remain on school property throughout the lunch period. Supervision is provided by staff and a lunch hour supervisor. **If a student goes home for lunch on a daily basis, a note at the beginning of the school year must be provided to the homeroom teacher.** If the student does not normally go home for lunch but on occasion wants to do so, a written note must be provided to the teacher each time the student wants to go home for lunch. **WRITTEN PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS IS MANDATORY.**

### **Dates to Remember**

#### **OCTOBER**

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| <b>3</b>         | <b>Int. Boys Volleyball (Home game)</b>                        |
| <b>4</b>         | <b>School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.</b>                     |
| <b>5</b>         | <b>Int. Girls Volleyball (Homegame)</b>                        |
| <b>6</b>         | <b>Municipal Elections (large gym closed)</b>                  |
| <b>10</b>        | <b>Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL</b>                            |
| <b>11</b>        | <b>Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 a.m.<br/>in Large Gym</b>         |
| <b>12</b>        | <b>Int. boys Volleyball @ Zanon</b>                            |
| <b>13</b>        | <b>Int. girls Volleyball @ Zanon</b>                           |
| <b>13</b>        | <b>Family Cross Country Meet at<br/>Centennial Park</b>        |
| <b>14</b>        | <b>Int. Boys Volleyball @ Scalabrini</b>                       |
| <b>17</b>        | <b>Int. Boys Volleyball (Homegame)</b>                         |
| <b>17,18, 19</b> | <b>See/Hear Program</b>  |
| <b>19</b>        | <b>Int. Girls Volleyball @ Scalabrini</b>                      |
| <b>20</b>        | <b>Int. Girls Volleyball @ Corpus Christi</b>                  |
| <b>25</b>        | <b>Board Cross Country at Heart Lake<br/>Conservation Park</b> |
| <b>25</b>        | <b>Progress Reports go home</b>                                |
| <b>26</b>        | <b>Picture Retake Day</b>                                      |
| <b>27</b>        | <b>Interview Evening (if requested)</b>                        |
| <b>28</b>        | <b>Hallowe'en Dance-a-thon</b>                                 |

