



# ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Advent- A Time of Waiting and Hoping

*Watch! Wait! The time is coming. The Advent season grabs our attention by telling us to stop. To listen. To keep alert.*

*In the church year, we are waiting for the Incarnation, the birth of the Son of God. In our lives, we are watching, waiting for the coming of the sacred, the arrival of something new and powerful that will give our lives form and meaning.*

*In this season of bell-ringing Santa's and midnight sales at the mall, we hunger and thirst for something more. For peace. For justice. For righteousness.*

*It is coming; it will come. We watch through the colored lights, the reindeer, the tiny carols. A flash of kindness, a flicker of faith, a glimmer of truth.*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel! Dispel the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight!*

*Rejoice, rejoice!*

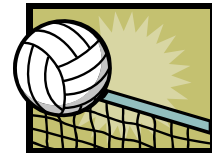
*Lord, help us so to live that when your call comes, at morning, at midday or at evening, it may find us ready, our work completed, and our hearts at peace with you, so that we may enter at last with joy into your nearer presence and into life eternal.*

*William Barclay*

## ACTIVITIES

### VOLLEYBALL

Our Junior girls Volleyball team participated in a tournament on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>.



The girls did a great job of representing our school and came in third. Congratulations to the following team members:

Julia A.

Chantel P.

Danielle B.

Christie M.

Cassidy R.

Kristina A.

Ebonay S.

La-Tonya G.

Victoria P.

Thank you to Mrs. Fulford and Ms Stewart for coaching the girls.



### HIP HOP

Once again students are engaged in dance activities that are part of their physical education curriculum. On Thursday each class takes part in a class that develops their dance techniques. This will culminate in an assessment day on December 17<sup>th</sup> to which all parents are welcome.

## JUST A REMINDER.....

### LATE FOR SCHOOL...

We are still experiencing a number of students coming in late for school. It is very important that students are on time. Being on time means to walk



to the classroom with your class. I do understand that it can be difficult to organize the day in the morning but if we try to organize the night before and perhaps get up earlier to compensate for the weather, it may help to get here on time. Thanks for your consideration in this very important issue.

### **MEETING WITH THE PRINCIPAL...**

If you have a concern and need to speak to the Principal, where possible please call to make an appointment. Most days I am able to see you that day but if I have an opportunity to do some research on your issue, our conversation can be much more productive. Meetings first thing in the morning can occur if they are previously arranged. That time of the morning is very difficult to speak to parents as it is necessary to get the announcements concluded so that all classes can begin. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

### **CONCERN FOR SAFETY OF STUDENTS...**

In light of some of the things that have occurred within the past month to students in other areas, please make sure that your children walk to and from school in a group or at least with a buddy. This will assist with the safety of students in their transition from school to home. Being in a group or with a buddy, deters people from approaching them and luring them into a vehicle. Our Safe arrival at school program also helps to make sure that students are safe. So please make sure that you call if your child is at home ill.

### **PROTOCOL AT SMB FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ILL DURING THE DAY....**

When a student has indicated to the teacher that they are not feeling well, the teacher send them to the office. At that time, Mrs. Muncaster will have the student (if appropriate) phone the parent. If we are not able to contact a parent, the student is asked to wait in the room adjacent to the office where there is a health bed. Please keep your

contact information up-to-date. We then continue to try and contact the parent. Teachers will contact the office to get updates on the status of the student who is sick. Sick students can be difficult to handle if we have several throughout the day. Please continue to monitor the health of your children during this upcoming flu season.

### **DECEMBER ACTIVITIES**

We have several things happening this month. A calendar is enclosed. Please join us especially in the last week before holidays if you are able to.

### **FOOD DRIVE**



We will be having a food drive throughout the month of December. If you are coming for Santa pictures on the 16<sup>th</sup> we would greatly appreciate a donation of canned goods. Some of the most needed items are canned meat and baby food.

### **'ANGEL ON THE TREE'**

Enclosed is a letter describing our first ever angel on the tree present drive. Please refer to the enclosed letter to understand what this is all about. We will begin to give out tags on Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup>



### **ARC SAVE OUR SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The process is complete. The community of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys will remain open as a viable school community.

In September 2007, a committee was formed to look consolidation of four of the local schools. Those schools are

Mother Mary Ward, St. Anthony's St. Marguerite Bourgeoys and Lester B. Pearson. The process involved four public meetings as well as committee meetings and Council meetings. The time commitment was very onerous and provided some major concerns from all the parents within the community. However with persistence, knowledge and firm commitment to keep SMB open we were able to succeed.

During this process a number of people have played a very important role and invested a number of hours both in research and time with committee meetings. It is thanks to these people that SMB remains a viable community.

One person that deserves recognition is Mrs. Carbone our Council chair. Her untiring efforts in attending the numerous meetings, forming a group for presentations and infusing a sense of community spirit to maintain our community is definitely commendable and in need of recognition.

Many community members supported Mrs. Carbone at the public meetings and ultimately at the Board meetings. The following people definitely need to be congratulated on their research and presentation skills in defining the best scenario in the Bramalea North ARC :

Mr. and Mrs. Peluso  
Mrs. Seles  
Mrs. Gibbs-Reilly  
Mr. Casarsa  
Mrs. Campos  
Mr. Carbone

A big thank you goes out to everyone for supporting the many public meetings and board meetings.  
**Together we do make a difference.**

Thank you to the **trustees** for their support in coming to see our community and especially to Joyce Anderson for her support throughout the process.

## BOARD WEBSITE

Please check the Board website for update information on the Safe School Polices.

Also a reminder to check our website for all of this info and more.



## IMPORTANT DATES

Primary Craft Day – **December 12<sup>th</sup>**

Advent Mass – **December 16<sup>th</sup> @10:00 a.m.**

Book Fair – **December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**

Pictures with Santa – **December 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:15-5:15 p.m.**

Night before Christmas – **December 19<sup>th</sup>** – Pajama day/Christmas Stories



Attachments:

Christmas calendar

'Angel on the Tree' Program

CCCSC presents and evening with Joe Rich