

NEWSLETTER  
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# ST. TIMOTHY SCHOOL

“COOPERATE, EDUCATE, CELEBRATE.”

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## In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
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 McRae*

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

The month of November calls us to reflect and "remember".

We are blessed to live in a country where freedom is a way of life. Many Canadians have made sacrifices so that we can enjoy this freedom. Soldiers continue to work today to help keep the peace in countries around the world, and to fight for those people who do not enjoy the privileges that we do as Canadians.

During the month of November, students will be engaged in activities that will focus on the themes of peace, sacrifice and service. On November 11, the St. Timothy community will reflect and remember together at our Remembrance Day Celebration in the gym beginning at 10:45. Parents are welcome to join us for this important activity.

Finally, we should remember that this month, we celebrate the virtue of "Conscience". We will teach the students that a conscience is the voice of God within us that will guide us when we make all of our decisions. We will be teaching our students that, when we listen to this voice, God helps us to be good people.

This month, let us remember.

K. Kovacs

**FAITH COMMUNITY****OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL HERITAGE**

**Was there opposition to separate schools before Confederation?**

Yes, as now, there were advocates of one school system. Protestant spokespersons believed in the adequacy of the common (now public) school's basic non-denominational Christianity, which constituted an important element of the common school's religion lessons and their readers. They held that beliefs specific to certain religions should be taught in the churches and homes.

**Upcoming Events at**  
**St. Catherine of Siena Parish**

**Children's Liturgy**

Every Sunday at the 11:30am mass for children ages 3-10.

**Atrium Program**

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is offered at the parish for children ages 3-15. This is a Montessori-based approach to the religious formation of children, rooted in the Bible and Liturgy of the Church. For more info call Angela Lecanda at 905-502-5367.

**Youth Group**

The Youth Group meets every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Thirteen of our youth will be attending World Youth Day next summer in Madrid, Spain with Pope Benedict.

**Altar Servers**

New altar servers are always needed, ages 8 and up.

**Scalabrini Sisters**

The sisters will be having their annual Fundraising Dinner\Dance Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the church hall. Call 905-271-1342 for tickets \$35.

**Activities for Adults:**

**Bible Study** Every Tuesday @ 7:30pm in Fr. D. Zanon church hall.

**English Prayer Group** meets every Saturday from 2:30 to 4pm in Scalabrini Hall and every last Monday of the month in Church at 7:30pm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER EVENTS PLEASE CALL THE PARISH AT 905-272-1454 OR VISIT THE WEBSITE AT [www.stcatherine.ca](http://www.stcatherine.ca)

**FAITH COMMUNITY****School Mass**

This year, Advent begins on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate Advent Mass as a faith community at St. Catherine of Siena Parish on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. We invite all parents to share in this spiritual celebration with your family. It is truly a wonderful way to capture the "true meaning" of Christmas.

**Giving Tree**

During Advent, it is traditional for Christians to prepare for the coming of Christ by sharing with those less fortunate. It is with this spirit that our 'Giving Tree' tradition continues! St. Timothy receives, from our parish, the ages of numerous children who need support at Christmas and we would like to ensure that all those children have a gift to open on Christmas morning. On our tree, located in front of the office, are tags identifying the age and sex of a child. If you can support this worthy tradition, please complete the form that will be sent out in early December and return it to your child's teacher.

### Casual Fridays

You may have noticed that the staff dress in a casual manner on Fridays. Through donations made on these Fridays, we are supporting the many charities associated with the United Way of Peel and Share Life.

### HEALTH & SAFETY

#### Medical Alerts



Parents are responsible for ensuring that all medication and forms are updated annually for any student who requires medication to be administered at school. If your child requires medication, please have the necessary forms completed and return them, along with any medication, to the office as soon as possible. Forms are available at the school office.

#### Emergency Evacuation Plan

In the unforeseen event that we should have an emergency at our school, we will evacuate to **Corsair Public School**, 2230 Corsair Road, Mississauga, L5A 2L9. Safety regulations and Board Policy require us to have this contingency plan in place. In the event of an evacuation, your child will remain at Corsair, until we contact a parent or guardian.



#### Weather

During the winter months, inclement weather may cause disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations. A decision to cancel school transportation and/or close schools is usually made by **7:00a.m.** and will be announced on the following radio stations: **AM-640AM, NEWS-680 AM, CHUM-104.5 FM, CHFI- 98.1 FM, CHIN- 100.7 FM, CBC-740 AM, CKDX- 88.5, CISS- 92.5 FM, SRC- 90.3, Q107-107.1**



#### Winter Weather

During the winter season, many parents are concerned about school policy on outdoor recess. It is generally accepted that when the wind chill factor drops below  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , students should not go outside for recess. Dufferin-Peel C.D.S.B. Policy uses a wind chill factor of  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  as a determining factor for modified recess. We ask that students come dressed appropriately with hats, gloves, mittens etc. Where possible, please put identification on our child's belongings. Please note that all students should have **indoor shoes** during the winter months so that the classrooms are kept as clean and dry as possible. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.



### AROUND THE SCHOOL

#### Cross Country Running

Congratulations to the Cross Country team for their hard work and success at the Family and Board Meets. Special thanks to the many staff and parents who supervised the numerous training sessions and the Meets!

#### INTERMEDIATE VOLLEYBALL

Intermediate Girls and Boys Volleyball teams both advanced to the family tournament where they came in third place. Both teams showed skill, determination and leadership. We thank them for all their hard work and dedication. Many thanks to the staff members who assisted in coaching our teams!

**Student Corner****Grade 4 Trip to Silvercreek**  
**Outdoor Education**

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, the grade 4 class went on a trip to Silvercreek. We played so many outdoor games such as The Animal Survivor Game. We also went on a hike. We found a salamander, learned about different wild animals and saw animals in their habitats. We saw poison ivy, acorns, ginger spice from their roots, white cedar trees, burrs, snapping turtles' eggs, bees taking pollen, limestone 450 million years old and old trees with rings on the trunks to count their ages. We had so much fun learning about animals in their habitats. We had a great trip and hope to do some more hiking with our families. Ms. Dzugan's grade 4 class.

**No Pets On School Property**

In the interest of student safety, we remind you that pets are not permitted on school property. A pet's behaviour and response around strangers can be unpredictable. Although animals can be good pets for some people, they can be scary to some and pose an allergic risk to others. Therefore pets must not be exercised on school property or brought to school when dropping off or picking up students.

**Professional Activity Day**

**Friday, November 26 - No school for students**

**FOOD DAYS**

Friday, November 5 - Pizza Day

Friday November 12 - Sub Day

Friday November 19 - Pizza day

**Please Note: -Hotdog Day will be on Thursday, November 25 due to Friday, November 26 being a P.A. Day**

**SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

St. Timothy School has chosen "Fun Pasta Fundraising" as a school fundraiser. The goal of this fundraiser is to raise funds to provide new and updated materials for the Literacy Room and the Numeracy Room. Each student will receive all of the materials and instructions required for selling the Fun Pasta. **The return date for all orders will be November 17.**

**Prizes for the most sales:**

**First Place: \$150 Certificate to Best Buy**

**Second Place: \$75 Certificate to EB Games**

**Third Place: \$25 Certificate to Toys R Us**

**Please note that the major fundraiser by Parent Council will take place in the Spring.**

**Remembrance Day**

On Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, our students will come together in the gym to commemorate Remembrance Day by honouring Canadian veterans and peacekeepers. The aim of our Catholic school Community is to become more peaceful and to engage in peacekeeping activities that demonstrates respect and concern for others. Please join us at 10:45 a.m. as we gather to honour those who dedicated their lives to ensure others are able to live a life that values freedom.



### Reporting & Interviews

Progress Reports will be going home on Tuesday, November 2nd. Interviews will take place on the evening of Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will only take place if requested either by the teacher or the Parent(s)/Guardian(s), however, you are encouraged to contact your child(ren)'s teacher at any time if you have questions or concerns about student progress.

### Custody of Children

On rare occasions, we are faced with difficult situations in which non-custodial parents arrive at our school asking to visit with their child or take their child home after school. We are best able to serve and protect the child when we are made aware of legal custody arrangements, visitation rights and special instructions. We require that a copy of all legal documentation be kept in our child's school records.

### Attendance

The Education Act (Section 30) states that it is mandatory for all students, between the ages of six and eighteen years to attend school **every day**. School Social Workers are mandated to intervene with students and their families whenever students are identified as truant. We can support students through the following:

- Parent/teacher partnerships
- Teachers identify student's absences early
- School makes referral to the school Social Worker
- School Social Worker assesses and determines the best course of action and works as a team to resolve conflicts.

### NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF SENIOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

#### *FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION MEETING*

Senior Kindergarten parents/guardians, who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 1 French Immersion class for September, 2011 are invited to attend an information meeting:

*St Gertrude School, Mississauga, ON  
Thursday January 13, 2011  
7:00 p.m.*

The deadline for submission of Applications will be **2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

#### Welcome Back P.A.L.S.!

We are very pleased to introduce the P.A.L.S. program at St. Timothy School once again. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year that P.A.L.S. has been in operation at our school. P.A.L.S. stands for 'Playground and Activity Leaders in the Schools'. This program provides junior and intermediate students with the opportunity to become leaders. These interested students play organized games outside during lunch recess with the primary students and during recesses with kindergarten students. P.A.L.S. gives the primary students the chance to play games and make new friends at recess time. The P.A.L.S. supervisors are very excited to see the large number of students who have signed up to be leaders. To our primary students: we cannot wait to play our new games with you. Don't forget, **"THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR ONE MORE!!!"**

J. Garcia, S. Zenga, I. Hancock  
PALS Supervisors

**St. Timothy Catholic School Council**

All members of last year have been acclaimed to be on council. Roles are as follows:

Chair	Chiar Bradstreet
Vice Chair	Lynne Mills
Secretary	Micky Maoloni
Treasurer	Natascia Ponciano
Parish Rep	Angela Lecanda
Teacher Rep	Shannon Zenga
Fundraising Rep	Linda Kostick
B.R.A.V.O.	Debbie Mikkelsen, Olga Miranda & Daniela Giansante

**Members at large:**

- Donna Grossi
- Sonia Lommori
- Maggie Taggert
- Tina Daly
- Louisa DeMelo
- Patricia Buttigieg
- Anna Nasello
- Kim Japp Delaney
- Nicoletta Pilotti
- Maria Cosentino-Bartolo

**Council Meeting dates have been set as follows (all held on Wednesdays beginning at 7:00pm)**

- November 3<sup>rd</sup>
- December 1<sup>st</sup> (to include a special invite to our School Trustee, Bruno Ianicca)
- February 2<sup>nd</sup>
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- April 6<sup>th</sup>
- May 4<sup>th</sup>
- June 1<sup>st</sup>

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

November 2- Progress Reports sent home  
 November 3 - School Council Meeting @ 7:00  
 November 4 - Parent/Teacher Interview Evening (Teachers will be available for Interviews)  
 November 5 - Pizza Day  
 November 11 - Remembrance Day Celebration 10:40 a.m.  
 November 12 - Sub Day  
 November 17 - Return date for Fun Pasta Orders  
 November 19 - Pizza Day  
 November 24 - Presentation by Michael Reiss at the school at 7:00 p.m.  
 Thursday, November 25 - Hot Dog Day  
 November 26 - Professional Activity Day (no school for students)  
 November 28 - Advent Begins  
 December 1 - Celebration of Reconciliation Grades 3 to 8 at 9:15 am (at the school)  
 December 1- School Council Meeting @ 7:00  
 December 6 - School Advent Mass (St. Catherine of Siena Church) 7:00 pm  
 December 20 to 31 - Christmas Break (schools closed)  
 January 14 - Professional Activity Day (no school for students)  
 January 26 - Feast Day Mass 9:30 am at the school  
 February 1 - First Formal Report Cards sent home

**Please Note that the contact information for Mario Pascucci has changed to the following:**

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 Trustee  
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