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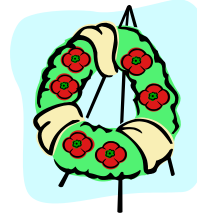
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In Flanders Fields

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



Parish Events:

New Roman Missal in English (newly translated prayers and responses) will be implemented at the start of the next Liturgical year, first Sunday of Advent 2011. For more info see www.archtoronto.org/romanmissal.

Pilgrimage to Holy Land, Lourdes, Paris, Petra & Jordan (Nov. 4-17)

Activities for Youth:

Youth Band & Youth Mass

If you love to sing, join the Youth Band. They practice every Saturday at 4pm and sing thereafter at the 6pm Mass. Youth Mass every first Saturday of the month at 6pm. The youth facilitate the readings, offertory and music.

Children's Liturgy every Sunday at the 11:30am mass for kids ages 3-10.

Altar Servers are always needed, ages 8 and up.

Youth Group (ages 12-18) every Tuesday from 6 to 7:30pm.

Ten of our youth attended World Youth Day this past summer in Madrid, Spain with Pope Benedict. Come and hear all about their experience.

Young Catholics (ages 19-35) last Friday of the month from 8 to 9:30pm.

Activities for Adults:

Get involved in the parish we are always looking for new Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists, Choir members, etc.

Knights of Columbus

New council formed this September at the parish, looking for members.

Bible Study for adults every Tuesday @ 7:30pm in Fr. Zanon church hall.

Prayer and Groups in English, Spanish and Italian meet on a weekly basis at the parish, call for more details.

RCIA Program

Do you know anyone who wants to become Catholic? Program starts soon.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER EVENTS PLEASE CALL THE PARISH AT 905-272-1454 OR VISIT THE WEBSITE AT www.stcatherine.ca.

Reception of the Sacraments

Sacrament of Confirmation-Thursday May 24 @ 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion-Saturday, May 5 @ 3:00 p.m.

First Reconciliation for grade 2 students: Wednesday, March 7 @ 7:30 p.m

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

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**

Student Supervision Times

Please note that teachers are on supervision duty 15 minutes before the start of the school day. **For safety reasons we ask that you not drop your child off at the school prior to 8:45 a.m. and to please pick them up ON TIME at 3:30 p.m..**

Student Absence

As in the past, we ask that parents continue to call to notify the school if their child will be absent and/or late. Your phone call to the school saves us time **trying to ensure your child is safe. Remember that you can call the school's attendance line twenty-four hours a day to report your child's absence at 905- 277-0990- press 1.** Students must report to the office if they are late. Please continue to call each day that your child is absent.



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°C , students should not go outside for recess. Dufferin-Peel C.D.S.B. Policy uses a wind chill factor of -20°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.

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.

Parking Lot Safety and Kiss n' Ride

Our school driveway is a matter of great concern in regards to the safety of our students. **Please use the Kiss 'n' Ride lane at the front of the school to drop off or pick up your child.** You cannot park your vehicle in the Kiss 'n' Ride lane before school or at dismissal time. For the safety of all of our children, ***CARS ARE ALSO NOT PERMITTED TO PARK, DROP OFF or PICK UP students in the driveway or bus lane located at the side***

Professional Activity Day

Friday, November 18

No school for students



PEDICULOSIS

A problem which seems to occur at least once a year in most schools is pediculosis or head lice. Head lice are parasites which have been common among human beings for centuries. They are not connected in any way with dirt, neglect, and so on. **Anyone** can be infested with them. Unfortunately, in recent years, they have become quite common throughout North America. In order to control these pests, we shall do the following and request your full cooperation. If even one case is found in the school, we shall inform all parents of children in that class. We will be monitoring friends and classmates, however, we would ask that you also check your own children and if you find them to be infested, we ask you to let us know so that we can help you get the proper treatment and take the necessary precautionary measures. Even if cases are not reported from the school, it is a wise precaution to check your children periodically. If your children are infested, we will be asking you to keep them out of school until after they have been treated with the correct shampoo. If we all cooperate with these procedures, we may not entirely escape outbreaks, but we will be able to bring them under control quickly.

St. Timothy Catholic School Council

School Council members have been acclaimed. Roles are as follows:

Lynne Mills - Chair
Tara Williams - Vice-Chair
Maggie Taggart - Treasurer
Micky Maoloni (Secretary)
Linda Kostick (Fundraising Chair)
Rose DiLuzio (Fundraising Co-Chair)
Angela Lecanda (Parish Rep)
Debbie Mikkelsen (BRAVO Rep)
Olga Miranda (BRAVO Rep)
Chiara Bradstreet (Member)
Karmen Cabral (Member)
Anna Bartosik (Member)
Kim Japp-Delaney (Member)
Maria Cosentino (Member)
Maria Vessio (Member)
Nicoletta Pilotti (Member)
Patricia Buttigieg (Member)
Anna Nasello (Member)

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

November 2
December 7 (**Special Guest Trustee Bruno Iannicca**)
February 1
March 7
April 11
May 2
June 13



Food Days

November 4 - Sub Day
November 11 - Pizza Day
November 17 - Sub Day
November 25 - Pizza Day
December 2 - Sub Day
December 9 - Sub Day



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Mrs. Chyz's grade 5 class organized the St. Timothy's Thanksgiving Food Drive again this year. Thank you to the many families who demonstrated the spirit of caring and giving through their generous contributions!

Cross Country Running

We have recently come back from exciting cross-country races. The Mississauga East Family Meet took place at Centennial Park on October 13th. Fifty-nine St. Timothy students participated! The grade 4,5, 6 and 8 girls' teams all placed second and the 4/5 boys' team placed third, which qualified them for the Board Meet. On October 25th, the second place teams, along with some Gr. 4 and 8 boys (who placed in the top 15 in their group), competed at Heart Lake in Brampton. Everyone finished the race and did their best. It was cold and a hard course but we made St. Timothy proud. Congrats to all the cross-country runners and many thanks to our dedicated coaches!

By: Maya Hall & Maggie O'Halloran (Gr.6)



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!

St. Timothy School, proud supporters of the Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research for the 21st year in a row!!

On September 30th St. Timothy School participated in a community walk for the annual Terry Fox Run. Students, staff and parents proudly displayed their spirit by wearing their Terry Fox T-Shirts purchased from this year or years past. The fundraiser was a huge success as, together, our school raised a grand total of \$5,033.45. The class that raised the greatest amount and won the pizza lunch was Miss. Zenga's Grade 8 class with a total of \$600.00. As always, an event is never a success without teamwork. A huge thank you goes out to the following teachers: A. Iarossi (Committee Coordinator), J. van Leeuwen, M. Wilson, M. Jach, K. Murphy and S. Zenga. Thank you, also, to our Grade 8 warm-up leaders and the wonderful moms who volunteered to count all of the funds: Mrs. Miranda, Mrs. Mikkelsen and Mrs. Maoloni. **Many thanks to ALL of the staff, students and families for their generous donations toward a wonderful cause that has touched the lives of so many!**

Ministry Parent Resource:

Supporting your Child's Learning through Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting, 2010

This document, available in 22 languages, supports parents in better understanding assessment and evaluation practices as outlined in the new *Growing Success* document. The following link can take you directly to the PDF version:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reportCard.html>



Mathematics Homework Help for Grade 7 and 8 Students

Homework Help supports all levels of learners in grades 7 to 10 mathematics. Whether it's a student that is struggling with a particular homework question or a student who is in need of extra support for a concept learned in class or a student looking to simply learn more about the math they are being taught Homework Help is for them.

Online tutoring allows students to ask questions they might otherwise not feel comfortable asking in front of their peers in the classroom environment. It is safe and secure and allows students to receive support from Ontario teachers. (Sunday - Thursday 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm)

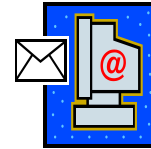
Student Registration:

Students that registered last year can access their existing accounts and do not need to re-register. Students without an existing account (e.g. new to the board, grade 7) must register on the site following the detailed prompts. The process is quick and very user friendly. This can be done independently by students or it can be done as a class within a school's computer lab. (<http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org>)

Professional Activity Day

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No school for students



Please check the school's website for events and newsletters at:

<http://www.dpcdsb.org/TMTHY>

DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 3** - School Council Meeting @ 7:00
- November 3** - Grade 6's to the Zoo
- November 11** - Remembrance Day Celebration 10:45 a.m.
- November 18** - Professional Activity Day (no school for students).
- November 28** - Advent Begins
- November 29** - Advent Mass 9:30 (in the gym)
- December 3** - Christmas Bazaar
- December 7** - Celebration of Reconciliation Grades 3 to 8 at 9:15 am (at the school)
- December 26 to January 8** - Christmas Break (schools closed)
- January 9** - First day back from Christmas break



