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### The Principal's Message

May the blessings of Easter be with you and your family. During Holy Week, our school community participated in the dramatization of the Stations of the Cross, an excellent focus for that time in our liturgical calendar.

As we approach the final leg of our journey this year, remember that students must be in full uniform and regular attendance is imperative if one wishes to be successful. Take a moment this weekend, to talk to your teen to ensure that they remain focused on their school work at this crucial time.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel has been a very exciting place since our last newsletter. Some of the highlights include hosting the OFSAA Curling Championships which included a Banquet as well as 3 days of awesome curling at the Oakville Curling Club. Larry Young and his committee--Kendall Brownlee, Virginia Giovino, Donica Cameron, Maja Beg, Caroline Mallozzi, Ivana Dragicevic, Ronan Quinn and Judy St. Louis did an outstanding job. Our Open Girls Curling Team were the ROPSSAA gold representatives at this bonspiel and we are very proud of their efforts. The Junior Girls Novice Curling Teams also won ROPSSAA Gold and the Varsity Girls Hockey won a ROPSSAA Silver. Forty students and their teachers embarked on a European tour to visit Spain, France and southern Italy to see the historical sites during March Break. With all of that going on, we also found time for assignments, tests and learning, including writing of the Grade 10 Literacy test at the end of March.

As the school year draws to a close, there are numerous activities planned for the students. In May, we will be honouring our Blessed Mother, our namesake, with a very special Liturgy. Our closing Mass will take place in June and our Grad Mass will take place at St. John of the Cross Church on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm. We hope that all our Grads and their parents will join us for this blessed occasion which marks the end of 14 years in our Catholic School system. Our Commencement Ceremonies will take place on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Hershey Center.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the school, or log on to the school's website to keep up to date on all of our exciting events and important announcements.

*Catherine Kwiatkoski*

### From the Chaplain's Desk

This is the time of the year that we are immersed in change. Our grade 12's are getting ready to leave us for life beyond Our Lady of Mount Carmel. At their retreats they are taking a day away from school and from their hectic schedules to contemplate their journey of Catholic education thus far. We hope we have provided a place of belonging for our graduates; a place where they have met challenge and success. Our staff has accompanied them on this journey with love and caring. They have worked hard to instill a strong sense of call to service as young Catholic adults.

Our grade 11's are finishing up their retreats which focused on the stewardship of our fragile planet. We encourage an understanding of God's love for all creation and our responsibility for its healthy future during these times of reflection.

Looking back through Lent we are very proud of the homeroom classes who contributed to the "Brick in the Wall" campaign. With the generosity of our students we are able to send one of our teachers, Ms. DeCordova, to Kenya this summer to help build schools so other students may have a place of learning too.

We are entering a beautiful time of spring following the Resurrection of Our Lord. We are truly "Resurrection people", Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Anne Brisbois-Abbott*

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 30 – May 4 – Catholic Education Week**

**May 3- R.O.C.K. Night**

**May 17 – Spring Concert**

**May 23-25 – Festival of Plays**

**June 1- Graduation Prom**

**June 6 – X Awards Banquet**

**June 7 – Closing Mass**

**June 8 – F.U.N. Carnival**

**June 13 – Grad Mass – St. John of the Cross, 7:15**

**June 14 – Athletic Banquet**

**June 15 – Grad Breakfast**

**June 26 – Graduation Ceremony, Hershey Centre**

**June 18-22 – Exams**

**June 28-29 – Report Card Pick-up**

# News and Events

## Summer School

Summer school Course Information and Application Forms are available through the Guidance Department. They include the following information:

- ✓ Dates and times of summer school
- ✓ Courses offered
- ✓ Location of each summer school site

### How to enroll in summer school:

- ✓ book an appointment with your counselor to obtain an application form (last day for appointments will be Wednesday, May 23, 2007)
- ✓ complete the application form with a parent signature and return the form to your counselor
- ✓ the counselor will send your form to Continuing Education if submitted before the due date
- ✓ students will receive a proof of registration (pink copy) through their homeroom teacher and must bring this copy to the first day of summer school

**Applications are due:** Friday May 25, 2007

*Walk-in registration* will be held on Tuesday, July 3, 2007 at all summer school locations from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Only courses which have openings will be available for registration.

Do not wait for the walk-in registration as spaces will be extremely limited!

**D. Danis**

## Grade 8 Students Visit OLMC

On April 18-20 Our Lady of Mount Carmel opened its doors to our future grade nine students. The grade 8's and their parents had the opportunity to learn about what it means to belong to the Mount Carmel community as well as take a tour of the school. Thanks to all staff and students who worked hard to make this an enjoyable and worthwhile activity for our future Crusaders!

**R. Dias**

## Senior School Reach



The Senior School Reach team, under the guidance of Mr. Liconti and Ms. Nyznyk played an undefeated season, and won 2 of 3 games at the Peel Regionals. The team members, Robert J., Dylan C., Clement N., Justin S., Nikko H. and Puneet K. will now progress to the provincial championships. We wish them great success!

## Interested in Co-op?

Co-op leads students in interesting directions on their path through the 12 years of conventional schooling. Mount Carmel students have been very successful on their journey with placements in masonry and carpentry apprenticeships, landscaping, the Mississauga Fire Department, photo/journalism and more.

Inquire about our other 60 students taking coop this semester at our Career Showcase May 11 in the Library and sign up now for next year!

**M. Potter, S. Luchesa, L. Young, M. Chollette**

## Blood Donor Clinic

Every time you donate blood, you help save three lives. That's the beauty of blood. Canadian Blood Services will be running a blood donor clinic at the school on Friday, April 25, from 9:30-1:30 in Gym C. Students aged 17 and over are encouraged to sign-up for an appointment by visiting Mr. Bove in room 115. Blood... it's in you to give.

**O. Bove**

## Skills Canada

Our Lady of Mount Carmel was once again proud to send students to this year's DPCDSB Skills Canada contest hosted by Gonzaga Secondary School. Landscape gardening, desktop publishing, TV video production, photography, culinary arts, cabinet making, carpentry, and automotive service technology were the competition areas in which our students showcased the skills they have developed over the years in OLMC technology classes. Just being selected to compete at such an event is an achievement. Students exemplified excellence in their technological discipline went through demanding weeks of preparation before the competition. Special congratulations goes to Colin S. and Richelle P. who won a bronze medal in TV/Video Production and Paolo M. who triumphed with a gold medal in automotive repair. Paolo will be representing our school and the DPCDSB in the provincial Skills Canada Competition in Waterloo. We wish him the best of luck. Special thanks also go to our technology department teachers for helping to prepare to our students as well as our principal Ms. Kwiatkowski for helping to sponsor our students' entrance fees.

**R. Quinn**



## What's New in the Arts????



Spring is supposedly upon us, although the weather doesn't seem to know it yet! We will be celebrating with three evenings of "The Festival of Plays" on May 23-25 when we showcase the work of our visual arts and photography students and feature a dramatic performance of "Romeo and Winifred", a light-hearted parody of Shakespeare's classic. Mr. Morrison's Gr. 12 students will also be showcasing their work on various nights, having drawn on the experience of their recent workshops at Theatre Aquarius in Hamilton, and guest actors who have performed for and instructed them. Beverages and light refreshments will be served in an informal café setting. Tickets will be available through performers, or contact Ms. Cunningham directly at the school at extension 68110. Hope to see you there!!

**L. Cunningham**

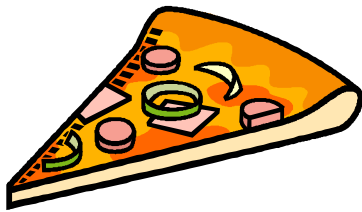
## From Carmel Music . . .

We once again missed the opportunity to participate in the Ontario Band Association regional music festival due to inclement weather (for the third year in a row). We are hoping for fairer skies for our last two important dates of the year. The first of these is our annual Spring Concert which takes place on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. in the school library. The second is the Wonderland Music Festival where we will perform on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you at our performances!

**O. Bove**

## Boston Pizza Winners!

Congratulations to Mr. P. McCallion for winning a dinner for 4 by selling the most Boston Pizza calendars by a Coach/Teacher!



Homeroom Pizza Party winners for grades 9-12 will be announced at the conclusion of our "next blitz"

Calendars are discounted to \$ 10.00 each and still contain over \$175.00 in free pizzas, appetizers etc.

Make your purchases through a homeroom teacher or direct through Mark Potter or Judy St. Louis (main office).905-824-1025 x 68199

## Nutrition at Carmel

The grade 12 Food & Nutrition class celebrated March Nutrition month by hosting a daily quiz which helped to raise awareness on various interesting topics such as Canada's Revised Food Guide, appropriate serving sizes, fast food nutrition facts (a bit frightening) and

phytonutrients (foods that contain antioxidants such as blueberries, tomatoes, broccoli)



The students will continue to learn about issues that effect their well-being such as eating disorders, obesity, heart disease and other illnesses.

By the way did you know that a tomato a day keeps the doctor away?

**A. Chiavaro**

## Business Classes, Business Activities and the School Newspaper

### Marketing class (grade 11)

The Carassauga project will be starting soon with the marketing class. Students will be creating promotions and selling passports to the 3 day community event at the end of May. Rogers Television reporters will be contacted to attend and record the class and their final project contributions. (Rogers Television news reporters came in to record semester one's marketing class' annual Halloween and Christmas Showcases on First Local and Daytime). Carassauga officials will also be coming in to discuss their pavilion highlights, country information and ad sponsor details to be used in ads. Official Carassauga presentations will begin on Friday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007. If interested, please send your son or daughter to Ms. Malatesta's class for a passport(s) to this 3 day event involving over 25 Mississauga based cultural pavilions.

### Introduction to business class (grade 10)

Last term's successful "Holy Cow" business project for Uganda is summarized in the March Director's Bulletin that is published and emailed to all school users. Students in the class created an awareness campaign for the program, designed packaged goods for sale and initiated a "Drink Milk contest" on the school stage before Christmas to raise funds. Mr. Schewl, a father of one of the students in the class, provided all the props, cow costumes and milk needed to run the "Drink Milk" contest. With this project, the grade 10 business class raised \$600 in 2 months, enough money for 3 cows for Uganda's economy. A full article detailing the event is available for viewing on the school web site (front page).



### ***Camp Enterprise***

Ten of Ms. Malatesta's Grade 11 and 12 business students were selected to participate in an annual 3.5 day business seminar event at the University of Mississauga at the end of May. Formal interviews for the selected students will take place Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 after school in portable 9 with Ms. Malatesta and the members of the Rotary Clubs of Mississauga. Students with a keen interest in business will be meeting approximately 85 students from 25 different high schools, hearing presentations from well-known entrepreneurs and participating in the creation of a business plan and developing negotiation strategies.

### ***School Newspaper***

The small group of school newspaper club members is proud of this year's newspaper (also known as: "The

Mirror"). The School newspaper is scheduled to be released for distribution at the end of May. Included are sections on arts and entertainment, community, technology, cars, business, and much more. Feature articles include this year's contribution's of student council and our school rock bands that raised \$2600 for Aids Awareness. Articles are written by both students and teachers in the school. Be sure to pick up a copy while supplies last. Like the yearbook, it will serve as a great memory of this school year. If you work for a business who would like to advertise or have your own business and would like to advertise, contact Ms. Malatesta at the school. Ad costs range from \$100 full page (8by10) to \$30 business card ad.

***M. Malatesta***

