



Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

Hands to Serve
Hearts to Love

November 2011 Newsletter

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An Advent Prayer

Life is a constant Advent season: we are continually waiting to become, to discover, to complete, to fulfill. Hope, struggle, fear, expectation and fulfillment are all part of our Advent experience. The world is not just, not as loving, not as whole as we know it can and should be. But the coming of Christ and His presence among us – as one of us – gives us reason to live in hope: that the light will shatter the darkness, that we can be liberated from our fears and prejudices, that we are never alone or abandoned.

May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation and fulfillment into the Advent of our lives. Amen

Principal's Message

There is much happening throughout the hallways at BTOC. Our kindergarten students are enthusiastically getting to know how to use their new classroom SMART board, many of our primary and junior students are gracing our halls with the sound of song through our Glee Choir, and our intermediates are learning how to use the Homework Help resource. Our grade eight students recently demonstrated excellent skills in leading a school wide assembly for Remembrance Day. Our Youth Ambassadors were recently commissioned, and are taking the lead in our virtues announcements and monthly virtues program. Our Student Council is working hard to bring varied activities to our students. Our School Council has just completed another successful fundraising venture. I would like to thank our School Council, as well as all those who participated, for all of the hard work and dedication to our students.

Over the next little while we will notice some changes to our pick up routines at the end of the day. I ask you to please refer to the Kiss 'n Ride section of this newsletter for all of the details.

As we move into the blessed season of Advent, our students and staff are preparing to take part in numerous social justice initiatives. If you are able to, please support us through our Angels on the Tree/ Toys for Tots, Canadian Tire Money Drive and Food Drive. As well, as we prepare for Jesus' coming, we invite you to join us for our school community Advent Mass taking place at St. Patrick's Parish on Thursday, Dec. 1st at 7:00 p.m.

God Bless,

A. Maltby

FUTURE PA DAYS

Monday, January 16, 2012 and Friday, February 3, 2012

There will be **no school** for students. Teachers will be involved in Assessment & Evaluation of Pupil Progress and Reporting to Parents on Evaluation of Pupil Progress.

Kindergarten Registration

Evening - February 6, 2012 7-9 p.m.
Day - February 8th, 9th & 10th 9a.m.-3p.m.

Principal

Anna Maltby

Secretary

Teresa Vergara

Superintendent

Mississauga East

Charles Blanchard

Parish

St. Patrick's Parish

Phone: 905 270 2301

www.stpatrickparish.ca

Pastor

Rev. John Facey

St. Patrick's Parish

Eucharistic Liturgy

Saturday Evening - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

(Children's Liturgy)

12 noon, 7:00 p.m.

Daily (Monday - Saturday) - 8:15 a.m.

Civic Holidays - 10:00 a.m.

Evening Mass - Tuesday & Friday

at 7:00 p.m.

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School Operations

Kiss 'n Ride

Due to an increase in volume in traffic through our Kiss 'n Ride, particularly with the addition of three buses to our transportation realities, we are changing the manner in which students are picked up after school. The Mississauga Traffic Safety Council has advised us that it would be best to restrict traffic flow during the afternoon pick up to our buses. Starting on **Monday, November 28th** the only vehicles that will be permitted through the front driveway at our p.m. pick up time will be our buses, daycare vans and vehicles displaying a handicapped decal. All other vehicles are asked to park in designated parking zones on the road. Students are to only use the sidewalk in front of the school to walk off and on school property. We will hold an assembly with students to review these procedures. Our morning process of dropping off students will remain the same. I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter which addresses the safety of our students.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Marta Ogradnik, student teacher from Lakehead University, who is completing her practicum in Mrs. Shepherd's grade 8 class.

Snacks and Special Treats

Our students continue to eat their school snacks inside. Time is provided either 5 minutes before recess or upon re-entry. As you are aware, several of our students suffer from allergies. The parents and students at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta have been extremely careful and supportive in promoting an allergy-aware environment. With a safe environment in mind, we ask that you please not send in food items to mark special occasions such as birthdays. If you wish, special events can be marked with a new book for the classroom library, or a new pencil for each child.

Safety of Students

We are asking that students not be dropped off prior to 8:40 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.

Winter Dress/Recess

Playing outdoors is a pleasant and healthy activity when students are dressed for the weather. As we head into the winter months and colder weather, students are expected to dress appropriately for the weather conditions. Please ensure that your child has a pair of winter boots and proper clothing for winter. For

many children, a spare pair of socks, gloves or clothing may save a parent a trip to the school. Additionally, we ask that all students bring a pair of indoor shoes that can be worn inside and left in the classroom. For the younger students, it would be helpful if parents labeled clothing with their child's name so that each person can easily locate his/her clothing. Many items make it to the lost and found box and are often not claimed.

In the event of inclement weather conditions, students will be kept indoors. In the event of wet, muddy or icy conditions, the students will remain on the paved area. During recess, supervision is restricted to the playground areas. Personnel on yard duty are easily recognizable to students as they wear brightly coloured vests. If your child is not well enough to participate in outdoor recess, you are asked to please consider keeping him/her at home.

BUSSING FOR 2011—2012

The Board has a system to determine eligibility using a GPS software system. We request that you visit the website, <http://businfo.stopr.ca>. Once on the site, you will have to change the school year to 2011- 2012 and then enter your address, grade level of your child and School Board, and it will inform you if your child is eligible for bussing for 2011. Your child may be eligible for transportation to and from school if you live beyond the following distances:

- JK /SK/gr.1 1.0 km
- Grades 2 - 4 1.6 km
- Grades 5 - 8 2.0 km

For eligible students, bus pick up and drop off times are available using your OEN (Ontario Education Number) number (this is on your child's report card every year...or you can get it from the secretary.). Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Transportation Department (1-800-668-1140 or 905-890-6000) directly.

Transportation in Winter

A decision to cancel school transportation, and/or to close schools due to inclement weather is usually made by 6:30 a.m. Bus or school cancellations during winter months are broadcast on various media outlets. Please check the school board's transportation website, www.stopr.ca for the most up-to-date information.

Fire Drills / Lockdown Procedures

We are required to conduct three fire drills in the fall and three in the spring. We are also required to practice two lockdown drills during the year. Lockdown drills involve students moving away from the classroom door to a location within the classroom away from windows. Lights are turned off and doors are locked. These practices are to ensure that students and staff are prepared in case we should need to go into lockdown. Lockdown would be initiated by police and/or board personnel.

Junior & Senior Kindergarten Registration

for 2012-13

Registration for the 2012-13 school year will be held at all Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools on the following dates: **Monday, February 6, 2012 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** *Snow Date: *Tuesday, - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00..* **Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 8, 9 & 10, 2012 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Junior Kindergarten - Children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2012

Senior Kindergarten - Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2012

Parents/Guardians should bring the following documents when registering their child:

§ proof of age of the child (birth certificate or passport)
 § original Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (for parent/guardian and child) or Baptismal Certificate of other rites in communion with the Holy See of Rome (if the child has not been baptized, a letter of counseling with the parish priest, to complete the process will be accepted)

§ updated immunization records

§ proof of Canadian Citizenship or Landed Immigrant status

§ proof of home address (utility bill, bank or credit card statement)

§ proof of English Separate School Support (may be done at the time of registration by completing an *Application for the Direction of School Support* and/or a *Separate School Lease Agreement* available at the school)

For more information, contact the school office at (905-273-3937)

Information Night for Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Students with Special Needs in the areas of Vision, Hearing, Autism, Physical/Medical and/or Developmental Delays in the cognitive and/or motor areas -

On **Tuesday, January 17, 2012**, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board will present an Information Night for Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of students with Special Needs in the areas of Vision, Hearing, Autism, Physical/Medical and/or Developmental Delays in the cognitive and/or motor areas. The session will run from **7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** and will be held in **Room 301 at the Catholic Education Centre at 40 Matheson Boulevard West, Mississauga.**

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 at:

French Immersion centres	Session location	Date and time
Our Lady of	St Joachim	Tuesday

Providence St Angela Merici St Joachim		January 10 th , 2012 7:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy St Elizabeth Seton St Margaret of Scotland	St Margaret of Scotland	Wednesday January 11 th , 2012 7:00 p.m.
St Gertrude St Pio of Pietrelcina	St Gertrude	Thursday January 12 th , 2012 7:00 p.m.

The deadline for submission of Applications will be **2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 8th, 2012.**

EXTENDED FRENCH INFORMATION MEETING

Grade 4 parent(s)/guardian(s), who wish to enroll their child in a Grade 5 Extended French class for September, 2012 are invited to attend an information meeting on: **Thursday, January 19, 2012 at St. Thomas More (905-279-6472 3270 Tomken Road, Mississauga) 7:00 p.m.**

At the present time, the above mentioned school is the designated centre for our area. Applications will be accepted at that centre until **3:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 8th, 2012.**

Faith Community

BTOC Community Advent Mass

This year we again look forward to celebrating the Advent season as a school community with an Advent evening mass at St. Patrick's Church. All community members are invited to join us in the celebration of Mass on Thursday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. Families from the community of St. Vincent de Paul will be joining us as we share in the Eucharist and in anticipation in the coming of Jesus.

Our very own Glee Choir will be on hand to lead us in prayer through song. This will provide us with an opportunity to prepare as a community in this holy season of Advent. Following mass, there will be a reception in the church hall organized by our School Council.



Please join with us as we gather in faith to celebrate the season of Advent.

All Saints Day Liturgy

Thank you to the following students who, under the direction of Mrs. Brady and Mrs. Scarpelli, led our community in prayer and reflection on All Saints Day - Joseph D., Samantha C., Clare I., Alexis R., Breanna R., Gary J., Peter F., Roberto C., Adrienne K., Ivan, Mark. Alex F., Nicole F., Monica, Erica L., and Valeria G. We would also like to thank our technical team for their assistance in our assemblies - Tech team for 2011 2012

Jacob C.
LiamC.
Adriano B.

NEW ROMAN MISSAL IN ENGLISH

The newly translated prayers and responses will be implemented at the start of the next Liturgical year, the first Sunday of Advent (November 27) 2011. For more info see www.archtoronto.org/romanmissal.

Virtues Program

Our virtue focus for the month of November has been that of conscience.

God has given us the ability to know the right and decent way to act and when to act that way. We trust that the common Spirit we share inspires us and guides us to make good decisions if we allow our conscience to be well formed.

A person of conscience allows prayer and scripture to influence him or her.

People of conscience...

- Feel right and wrong and pay attention
- Listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit inside
- Choose to do what Jesus would do
- Know that followers of Jesus will have to make difficult choices
- Keep promises even when tempted to give up
- Can see how his/her actions may help or hurt others
- Admit their sins and feel badly about poor choices
- Say sorry and try to make up for hurtful actions

During the month of December we will celebrate the virtue of HOPE.

People of Hope...

- Keep up a positive attitude
- Can bounce back from tough situations
- Set and stick to their goals
- See the good in others even when they make mistakes
- Let others know that *they* are good people

This month we will celebrate the virtue of **hope**.....

We believe that God comes to us as a real human who can show us the way of life.

We understand that both the world and its people are from God and so are essentially good. Furthermore, God has given us this Advent season year after year in

order to focus our minds and our hearts on the good all around us.

Year after year, we are reminded that God chose to send his Son to us because we are worth it. God knows how great we can be when we all come together. When we look at the world through the eyes of God we see it becoming more and more like the reign of God that Jesus describes.

Youth Ambassadors at BTOC

At Blessed Teresa of Calcutta we are striving to take our gospel based faith and turn it into action. This year promises to be an exciting, faith-filled year for our school with the help of our grade 7 and 8 Youth Faith Ambassadors. Our Faith Ambassadors help host our virtues assemblies, and share regular announcements with our students regarding our faith and faith journeys.

Continuing with our understanding that 'Faith is nothing unless followed by action', our Faith Ambassadors attended a November 15th Commissioning Mass at Christo Re. During the Mass they were called upon to be leaders in their school community and home. Throughout December, our Faith Ambassadors will be working collaboratively with the rest of our intermediate students with such charitable activities such as our Angels on the Tree/ Toys for Tots and personal item drive. Congratulations to our Faith Ambassadors on their commissioning: Julia S., Bartek W., Mikolaj D., Michael M., Daniel B., Alexis D., Angela V., Monica C., Vanessa C., Faith M., Savannah P., Gabrielle D., Sabrina G., Olesya M., Illyannah S., Michael N., Anthony M., and Jacqueline L.

Curriculum/Student

Homework Help 2011 – 2012

Homework Help and the OERB are two key resources that can support student learning outside of the classroom.

Homework Help – Grade 7-10 Mathematics:

This online math resource site continues to gain popularity within Dufferin Peel.

Key information:

- Free online math tutoring Sunday to Thursday nights from 5:30 to 9:30 pm.
- A variety of online math resources and tutorials accessible 24/7.

- <http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org>
- Students must register on the site using their OEN numbers this year.

Mr. Mastrangostino, from our Board office, came to our school on November 17th to help our intermediate students become acquainted and comfortable with using this resource.

EQAO

Education Quality and Accountability Office



Last spring, an assessment of reading, writing and math was conducted in all grade 3 and 6 classes in the province by the Education Quality & Accountability Office (EQAO). This test was just a “snapshot” of our children’s performance with regards to the Ministry Curriculum Guidelines. The school’s complete results are published in a document called a School Profile which will be posted on the DP website. Testing will be completed in May 2011 for this year’s grade 3 and 6 students.

School results from the most recent EQAO Grade 3 & 6 assessments of reading, writing and mathematics measure how well students have met the expectations in “The Ontario Curriculum 1-8”. The percentage of our students enrolled in the grade (Method 1), who scored at or above Levels 3, 4 are:

Primary (2010-2011)

Reading – 45%
Writing – 75%
Mathematics – 75%

Junior (2010-2011)

Reading – 91%
Writing – 86%
Mathematics – 91%

We are very proud of our students’ and staff’s efforts in preparing for EQAO as it is an entire school effort to use high yield strategies for literacy and mathematics education.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Thank you to Mrs. Shepherd, and her grade 8 students who truly inspired us with their presentation and period of reflection on the morning of November the 11th. Our staff and students were able to join as a community in our gymnasium to commemorate Remembrance Day and honour Canadian Veterans and peacekeepers. The students demonstrated true leadership in the manner in which they led our community. The event included student-led readings, petitions and song. It was an opportunity to reflect and be thankful for the peace we enjoy in our country, and to pray for world peace, understanding, and respect.

Student Council

Our Student Council is busily preparing for upcoming Christmas spirit activities for our students. I would like to thank our student council, under the direction of Mrs. Shepherd and Mrs. Ceccorulli-Brown, for

bringing us the Hallowe’en festivities at the end of October. Congratulations to; our Prime Minister – Alexandra P., our Vice Prime Minister – Sabrina G., our Treasurer – Stephen P., our Secretary – Rachel L., our grade reps - Gr. 4 rep Mark M., Gr. 5/6 rep Christine B., Gr. 6/7 rep Alondra M., and grade 8 rep Monica C.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our School Council for their support of our Hallowe’en Dance, as well as Mrs. Hawtin who provided prizes for our top creative costume winners.

The winners in the various categories are as follows;
Most Creative Costume –
Primary – Elana T.
Junior – Evan V.
Intermediate – Liam C.

Funniest Costumes –
Noah H. and Alexis D.

Scariest Costumes –
Stephen S. and Chris H.

Best Carved Pumpkin –
Mrs. Gaglia’s 1/2 class

Glee Club

A Glee is once again at BTOC! Students from grades 1 to 6 have been provided with the opportunity to join the BTOC Glee Club which meets to practice on a regular basis. Come out and see our glee club perform at our Advent community mass! Thank you to Mrs. Medeiros, Ms. DeMedeiros, Mrs. Gaglia and Mrs. Volchuk for making this a possibility for our students.

Book Fair

Thank you to Mrs. Armstrong for bringing the Book Fair to BTOC! Our Book Fair will take place the week of December 5th to the 9th. Purchasing dates for students will be from the 7th to the 9th. Book Fair hours for parents will take place on Tuesday, December 6th from 8:20-8:55 a.m. and from 5:00-7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 7th from 8:20-8:55 a.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m., and Thursday, December 8th from 8:20-8:55 p.m.

Our Book Fair is a perfect place for Christmas shopping! Come out and support our school.

Junior Volleyball

Congratulations to our junior volleyball teams for their efforts this season. We thank Ms. O’Donnell, Mrs. Ceccorulli-Brown, and Mrs. Gaglia for sharing their coaching skills and their time. GO TIGERS!

Junior Girls’ Volleyball 2011 Team - Alondra, Christine, Nicole, Jaide, Mits, Valeria, Hannah, Ana Maria and Jacqueline.

Junior Boys’ Volleyball 2011 Team - Frankie C., Justin P., Niluge D., Jeremy R., Brendan M., Tyler S., Filipe B., Wade H., and John Matthew G.

Help fill our Intermediate Library

Donations of current magazines, recipe books, travel brochures, gaming magazines/manuals, autobiographies, and graphic novels are most welcome. Please see Mrs. Casey or Mrs. Shepherd regarding any donations.

Student use of textbooks

Each year numerous textbooks are not returned at the end of the year. Textbooks are on loan to students, and particularly in the intermediate division, students need textbooks to go home at night in order for homework to be completed. It is each student's responsibility to take proper care of the texts assigned to him/her. Unreturned texts will result in parents being asked to provide the school with monetary compensation for any unreturned texts. We would like to ensure that each year students can depend on having a text to work from.

Peel Police Presentations and Community Liaisons

Constable Sharma, our community liaison officer, continues to visit our school on a regular basis as part of a partnership program between Peel Police and the Dufferin-Peel Separate School Board. Constable Faulkner, our Youth Education Officer, will be in in February working with our students on such topics as bullying prevention, cyberbullying, stranger awareness and internet safety.



Social Justice Initiatives

During the month of December, the intermediates will be organizing several community outreach initiatives. This year they will again prepare the Angel Tree and collect personal items such as soap, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, etc. to donate to Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children in Mississauga. A Christmas tree will be set up in the front foyer with angels hanging from the branches. Each angel is inscribed with the age and gender of a child. Our goal is that families choose an angel and purchase a toy that matches the age/gender and return the unwrapped toy with the angel attached under the tree. We hope through your generous support, we are able to provide families with a wonderful Christmas. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Our staff will be sponsoring needy families within our community through the coordination between our parish and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Ms. DeMedeiros' class is organizing a food drive which will run from November 28th to December 19th. All donations collected will be distributed through our

school and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to support needs in the community.

Mrs. Armstrong will be collecting Canadian Tire money throughout the month of December in order to purchase toys for children in need.

Safe, Caring, Healthy

School Council

I would like to thank all parents who are able to join us for our school council meetings. Please join us for future evenings of sharing, planning and community spirit.

Thank you to our council for all of their fund raising efforts in support of our students and classrooms, as well as continuing to provide our students with pizza, snack, and hot dog and sub days. Our fall fundraiser rose \$1800 in support of our school and its programs. We thank all students and families for their efforts. Special recognition goes out to our top sellers.

MACMILLAN'S FUNDRAISER WINNERS AND PRIZES

Grand Prize Winner

Lenovo Tablet donated by SoftChoice
Michael M. Grade 8

Division Winners

\$50 Gift Certificate from Square One
Primary – Laylah D. Grade 2

\$50 Gift Certificate from Square One
Junior – Carleigh H. Grade 5

\$50 Gift Certificate from Square One
Intermediate – Stephen P. Grade 7

Draw Prize Winners and Prize Donations

Cookie Dough from MacMillans in Acton
-Erik S., Lucas M., Alexander L., Alexis R., Michael T.

Free Pizza with 3 toppings from Pizza Pizza at 1403
Dundas St. East, Mississauga

- Daniel D., Wade H., Peter F.

2 games at Laser Quest at 1224 Dundas East,
Mississauga

- Daniel K., Darrell A., Tyler S., Victoria S.

4 free activity passes from Mississauga.Recreation and
Parks from City of Mississauga

- Kaitlyn S., Alondra M., Adriano B.

Lightup Keyboard from Toys R Us at 4559 Hurontario
Street, Mississauga

- Maria R.

Home Depot workbench from Toys R Us at 4559
Hurontario Street, Mississauga

- Braeden S.

Bowling for the family at Brunswick Bowl at 2561
Stanfield Street, Mississauga

- Frankie C.

\$20 Gift card to M & M Meat Shops at 3615 Dixie Rd #3, Mississauga

- Mark M.

\$10 gift certificate to Subway at 1125 Bloor St. East, Mississauga

- Brandan M.

Dinner for 2 at Swiss Chalet at 1455 Dundas St. East, Mississauga

- Rachel L.

\$20 Gift card to Staples at 2040 Dundas St. East, Mississauga

- Alexis D.

All participating families received Pizza Pizza coupons for free pizza slices and buy one get one free pizza slices.

Thank you

A special thank you is extended to all of our parent and community volunteers who come to our school on a regular basis to help with our lunch and classroom programs. You truly make a difference for our students!

All parents are welcome to come out and join us at our School Council meetings. Our next meeting is taking place on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Internet Safety

The crime prevention experts at Peel Regional Police are proud to once again offer a one day seminar on Internet Safety for Peel citizens. The seminar will cover three relevant areas and will teach parents, educators and other professionals how to minimize the risks of cyber-bullying, using social media and on-line luring. Space is limited to one hundred seats only, on a first-come/first-served basis and is free of charge.

Due to some of the subject matter, this seminar is available only to those who are eighteen years of age or older. Only registered guests will be permitted to attend.

WHAT: Seminar - the Predator, the Socialite and the Bully

WHERE: Emil V. Kolb Centre for Police Excellence
180 Derry Road East, Mississauga
Peel Room – (Auditorium)

WHEN: Saturday, November 26 @ 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

REGISTER: Call Crime Prevention Services at (905) 453-3311, x-4017.

WITS

(walk away/ignore/talk it out/seek adult help)

In dealing with daily interactions with their peers, it is helpful, for both the short and long term, for students to develop strategies to deal with situations of conflict or anxiety. At Blessed Teresa we encourage the students to use their 'WITS'. This strategy teaches the children how to deal

effectively with minor situations, thereby empowering them to solve minor situations that may arise with their peers. Emphasis is also placed on insisting that they seek adult assistance whenever a situation is physically or emotionally hurtful. Please take time to discuss with your child what they may have learned through using this method. Parental input, encouragement and knowledge are always key in a child's development of new skill sets.

What is Bullying?

Bullying is a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual intended to cause fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings self-esteem or reputation.

What Bullying is Not

Bullying is not a one-time conflict, a disagreement, an argument, or an in-the-moment conflict.

What to do as a Parent

It is important to listen to your child, keep lines of communication open, remember that no one deserves to be bullied, and that it is important to speak up about bullying. If bullying is happening at school it is important to speak to your child's teacher and/or administrator.

Ways to Stay Bully Free

Avoid bullies
Act confident
Look confident
Be observant
Tell a friend
Tell an adult
Be assertive
Stay calm
Keep a safe distance
Walk away
Say "Stop it!"
Say "Leave me alone!"
Say "Whatever!"
Use humor
Use "I messages"
Travel in a group
Join a group
If you are in danger, run and
Seek adult help

Parents can be helpful in addressing bullying behaviour with their children. Helping children understand how to treat one another and to value and make friends is an important, positive step to eliminating bullying behaviour.

Top Ways to be a Good Friend

1. Show them kindness and respect.
2. Stick up for them.
3. Be supportive when your friends need help and advice.

4. Tell the truth but be kind about it.
5. If you hurt a friend, say you're sorry.
6. If you make a promise, keep it.
7. Put some effort into your friendships; otherwise your friends might feel neglected.
8. Don't try to change your friends – accept them the way they are.
9. If a friend hurts you and apologizes, accept the apology.
10. Treat your friends the way you want them to treat you.
11. Always be thankful for your friends.
(B. Coloroso: 2002)

BTOC Theatre Event

Again this year, as part of our Christmas Spirit week, students in grades one through to eight will have the opportunity to visit a local theatre as a school community. This event will take place on Tuesday, December 20th. Together we will have the opportunity to see the movie 'Arthur Christmas'. We thank Mrs. Puccini for organizing this event for our school.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for adult volunteers in our community who are able to help – one, two or possibly three times a week with such programs as our pizza days, hotdog days, snack days, listening to some of our primary students read, and helping with our Kiss 'n Ride. We will also be starting a program in the new year entitled 'Let's Read Fluently' which would benefit greatly from community volunteers. If a parent, grandparent or other community member is interested in volunteering at our school, please contact Mrs. Maltby through our school office.

Calendar Dates

Nov. 25 th	Virtues Assembly/Kiss 'n Ride Assembly
Nov. 27 th	New English translation of the Mass begins
Nov. 28 th	Advent Food Drive Begins Toys for Tots Revised Use of Kiss 'n Ride begins
Dec. 1 st	BTOC Community Advent Mass French Performance for Grs. 4-6
Dec. 5 th -9 th	BOOK FAIR
Dec. 6 th	Scientists in the School Gr. 7 School Council Meeting 7 p.m.
Dec. 7 th	Rosary Apostolate Visit
Dec. 8 th	Junior Staff Networking @ BTOC
Dec. 9 th	Virtues Assembly Sub Day
Dec. 19 th -23 rd	Christmas Spirit Week Sponsored by Student Council
Dec. 20 th	BTOC Theatre Event
Dec. 22 nd	Christmas Performance and Craft Day Primary
Dec. 23 rd	Advent Liturgy 9:10 a.m. Christmas Caroling 9:30 a.m.
Dec.26 –Jan.6	Christmas Break

