

# Mother Teresa Catholic School

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"SHARING THE SPIRIT"



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## November is the month of Remembrance

Let us remember during the month of November, those individuals who serve or have served in defense of our country, helping us to enjoy democracy and freedom. Here is a prayer that is often used during Remembrance Day ceremonies. The theme of it is something that will be discussed in classrooms throughout the month.

Prayer of Remembrance

Today we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world.

Amen

## In the Area of Curriculum

### Rosary Apostolate

Beginning in November a group of volunteers will be coming into our school to teach students how to say the Rosary. This group of volunteers works with the Archdiocese of Toronto and go into schools and work with students and staff to learn about the Rosary and how we can use this form of prayer in our lives. Volunteers will be in classes once a month working with teachers and students.

### Summary of School Results

In late May/early June our Grade 3 & 6 students participated in the province wide EQAO testing. This testing allows us a snapshot of student learning. Individual student results have been sent home to parents of students currently in Grades 4 & 7. Here is a snapshot of our school/board/province results.

GRADE 3	Reading	Writing	Math
School	81%	81%	73%
Board	67%	72%	57%
Province	72%	74%	63%

GRADE 6	Reading	Writing	Math
School	78%	88%	71%
Board	78%	76%	42%
Province	81%	80%	50%

We will spend time analyzing our results and making plans to help our students in their studies.

## Mother Teresa Sports Update

MTB TIGERS– Senior Boys & Girls Soccer

In October, both our boys & girls participated in the area soccer tournament. We are so proud of the sportsmanship that our athletes demonstrated while representing our school. A special congratulations to our Girl's team who placed first.

Our junior boys and girls also participated in the area tournament during the month of October. Again our students demonstrated sportsmanship and determination. Well done!

Our Cross Country Running team participated in the run at Scanlon Creek on Oct. 12. Students from Grades 4-8 represented our school well---running in the cold damp weather.

Congratulations to all our teams and a thank you to Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Camirand, Ms Pike, Mr. Hughes and Mrs. Montevirgen for coaching.

## In the Area of Safety

### Parking Lot

We continue to have a very busy parking lot during the dismissal of our students. We are most concerned that students use the sidewalk. We want students to develop safety habits that will remain with them, even when they are walking on their own, without their parents. Please model for your children safe practices in and around the parking lot. Please note that the parking lot is closed between 8:30-9 and 3-3:30. This is for the safety of all students.



### Safe Arrival and Dismissal

If you have a change in routine for your son/daughter, please notify us in writing. The office must be made aware of any changes to ensure the safety of students. Please note that only bus students are permitted on the bus and they must ride the bus that was assigned. Also know that you can send us an email if your child is away. The link is on our website [mtb.schools.smcdsb.on.ca](http://mtb.schools.smcdsb.on.ca)

### Student Verification Notices

Please return your student Verification Notices. This is important for us to know if phone numbers have changed as well as emergency contacts. It allows us to update our files in the event we need to quickly be in contact with a parent

### What is bullying?

- *Bullying is a deliberate act.*
- *There is an intent to harm.*
- *It is persistent over time.*
- *There is an imbalance of power.*

As a parent you can help your child by being attentive to their behaviour and by listening to their concerns. If you suspect that there is any bullying going on, please speak to your child's teacher immediately.

On November 15 2016 our school will be watching a performance in our gym aimed at teaching students how to respond if they feel they are being bullied.

## In the Area of Community

### Catholic School Community Council

We are pleased to announce our new chair and members elect of our parent council for 2016/2017:

Chair:	Tanya Da Silva
Vice-Chair:	Josie Bailey
Secretary:	Jack Bortignon
Faith & Traditions:	Sabrina Cameron
Community Rep:	Mike Bobala & Nancy Martins

Our next council meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 6:30pm in our school library. We welcome all community members to attend and become involved.

## Fundraising

Parents have asked about fundraising. Presently we are in the middle of a fundraiser organized by Parent Council. There was a notice that went home explaining things that had been purchased by Council in the past and explaining about our current fundraiser. We are accepting monetary donations (instead of selling items) up until Nov. 15.

Some parents have also asked about the different fund raising activities that we do here at MTB. Here is an overall view of what we have done in the past

### Social Justice Issues:

We sometimes raise funds for those less fortunate than ourselves---things like food drives, disaster relief. We do this to teach our students about helping those less fortunate.

### Catholic School Community Council

Our parent council organizes 1 sometimes 2 fundraisers during the school year. This is things like chocolate sales, our monetary donation drive. Council then recommends to School staff where they would like these funds spent to enhance their children's learning. In the past council has bought things like technology, playground equipment, water bottle filling station.

### QSP & Book Fairs

These are run by our school librarian and help to provide some of the "extras" in the library---things like t shirts for students who participate in "Battle of the Books"---some extra books in the library.

### School Services

Hot food days and the tuck shop sales are services we offer to parents for their children. We do earn a small profit from this and we spend money on things like---Anti bullying presentations, water bottle filling station---We Day T shirts---Christmas drama presentations.

We try to be very conscious about how much we ask parents to either buy, or contribute. We recognize that it is sometimes overwhelming to have many things on the go---from both school and the extra curricular things that students are involved in.

## Holy Martyrs of Japan

Edge is a free youth program for grades 6, 7 & 8 students which is a fun and exciting program that offers youth the opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with other youth and peer leaders. Edge was created specifically to reach out to this age group and lead them closer to Christ during these most trying of times. Games, activities, excursions, discussion and of course prayer. Hope you can join us.

Edge is Mondays at 7-8:30 in the Parish hall.

Nov 7---The hunger games---feeding the hungry & giving drink to the thirsty

Nov 14---Hey Stranger

Nov 21 EDGE survivor

## November Food Drive – We Scare Hunger

During the month of November all students are asked to bring in food items to donate to the Helping Hands Food Bank in Bradford. The food supply is at an all time low this year and donations are urgently needed for the cold winter months ahead. Non-perishable items can include: jam, cereal, rice, pasta, cookies, crackers, tea, toilet paper, diapers, Jell-O, Kraft Dinner, puddings and instant coffee. Canned items are also needed: beans, tuna, salmon, pasta sauce, vegetables, fruit, soup, juices, etc. Boxes with lids are also needed.

Thank you to our Social Justice "CREW" and our grade 8 students who are organizing our food drive.

## QSP Orders

In September, we kicked-off our Family Reading Magazine subscription fundraiser to benefit our students. **Thank you for your outstanding support!** We hope you enjoy your subscriptions!!

## Scholastic Book Fair

Once again the Library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair



during the week of Nov.15. All proceeds from this event go towards buying new books for the library.

## In the Area of Communication

### Hot Lunch

Thank you to all those who have ordered hot lunch through out online process. This makes things so much easier to organize here at the school. Our next Hot lunch orders will open Nov. 17 and remain open until Nov 30. Thank you for sending in cheques for your orders.

### Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be going home on Wednesday, November 16 and teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents/guardians regarding your child/children's progress the evening of Thursday, November 17, and during the day of Friday, November 18. You will be receiving a note shortly requesting that you sign up for interviews online! Not connected??? No worries – there is a number to call (NOT the school) to schedule your interviews. We are looking forward to streamlining the interview scheduling process!

### School Pictures

Pictures are due back on or before Nov 8<sup>th</sup>. Please return orders to the school before this date. Retake picture day is Nov 10

## Important Dates

Nov. 2	Grade 8's visit to Holy Trinity
Nov 3	Commissioning Service for Catholic Community School Council 6 pm @ St. Joan of Arc Gr 4s to Science Centre Gr 5 & 6s to St. Marie Among the Hurons
Nov. 10	Photo Retake Day
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Presentation at 10am
Nov. 21-25	Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week
Nov 15	Anti Bullying Presentation 9:30 Volleyball game vs South Simcoe Police @ 11:30
Nov. 16	Progress Reports go home
Nov 17-30	Hot lunch ordering opens
Nov 17	Rosary Apostolate in classrooms
Nov 15-18	Scholastic Book Fair
Nov. 17	Evening Progress Report Conferences
Nov. 18	PA Day & Daytime Progress Report Conferences
Nov. 19	Santa Claus Parade
Nov. 30	Christ-Like Assembly @11:30
Dec 1	Rosary Apostolate
Dec 14	Christmas Family Advent Mass

### Lunch Drop Offs

We prefer that all children arrive with their lunches in the morning. **It is disruptive to 'ring the bell' and be buzzed in for delivery of a lunch.** However, if it is an emergency, please **deliver it by 10:45am to the front foyer table**, just outside the office and labeled with the student's full name and grade. Please note we have provided labels and pencils, in case you forgot to label at home.

### Poppy Donations

Remembrance Day is fast approaching, and any coin donations would be greatly appreciated. Simply send your donation in a baggy and we will collect the monies in the office. Each child will be receiving a poppy in time for our Remembrance Day Presentation on November 11.

## PLEASE REMEMBER....we are striving to be a NUT SAFE SCHOOL!!

**Please DO NOT send any food to the school that contains nuts.**