



# St. Teresa Of Calcutta Catholic School



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**"SHARING THE SPIRIT"**

March/April 2017 Newsletter

## Lent



Just over a week ago we began the 40 days of Lent. This preparation for Easter is significant. Just as we prepare for celebrations in our home, we prepare for the Easter celebration in the church. Catholics around the world are engaged in works of mercy, alms giving and fasting.

Students have been talking in their classes about what they can give up for Lent. This is a way of preparing for our Easter celebrations. Take a minute to discuss with your son/daughter how they are getting ready for the resurrection of Jesus.

## Confirmation

Congratulations to our Grade 7 students who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation on Feb 21 2017. These young people spent many months preparing for the sacrament by attending classes, attending Mass on a regular basis and performing works of charity. Congratulations for all your work and for stepping forward to be Confirmed in your faith.

## Holy Martyrs of Japan



### PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Our Parish Lenten Reconciliation will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 7:00pm. Multilingual priests will be available to hear confessions.

Archdiocesan Lenten Day of Confession will be held on Friday,

March 31, 2017 between 12-2pm and again at 4:00-6:30pm.

### PARISH MOVIE NIGHT - FREE

In Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima 100 Year Anniversary

Movie: The Miracle of our Lady of Fatima

On Saturday March 25, 2017 at 6:30pm Sharp to 8:00pm we will be hosting "The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima." ALL ARE WELCOME! Light snacks and refreshments will be provided for a \$2.00 donation to help offset the cost of future Parish Movie Nights.

Come see what our Holy Mother revealed to the three children and to the rest of the world.

## INTRODUCING... ALPHA

Alpha is a program which seeks to introduce or hear anew, the basics of our Christian Catholic Faith through a series of talks and interactive sessions and discussions. Each talk looks at different questions and is designed to create conversation.

Alpha is a program that is run worldwide and EVERYONE is welcome. Centered around food, friends and discussion we re-introduce ourselves and further explore our faith and the meaning of life. It is a chance to share thoughts and ideas with one another in an honest, friendly, faith filled open environment. To register for Alpha or if you have any questions, please contact Ray Reitzel at 905-251-8151.

## Please Call – Inclement Weather!



Please...parents of WALKING STUDENTS need to call the school on inclement weather days IF you have chosen to keep your child(ren) at home! Why? For your child's safety; a large chunk of time is spent making calls to all absent walkers homes or emergency

contacts that could have been avoided IF a call to the school had been made and a message left for SAFE ARRIVAL. We have had inclement days when we didn't get through the entire list to call; please consider that a child could have had an emergency, and may not have been noted as absent/missing until the end of the school day! So, PLEASE CALL and report your child's(ren's) absence if they are walkers on inclement weather days. Please know that we do not do safe arrivals for bus students on Inclement weather days. Thank you for your cooperation! For the most up-to-date information about bus cancellations in our weather zone, please check either our board or school websites: <http://www.smcdsb.on.ca> <http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca> St Teresa of Calcutta C.S. is in the SOUTH WEATHER ZONE.

## Kindergarten Registration

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If you have a child who will be 4 years old by December 2017, please call the school to make an appointment to register your child.



The following documents are required to register: child's birth and R.C. baptismal certificate, health card, immunization record, parent's R.C. baptismal certificate and current property tax bill.

**First Rider Program--** Riding a school bus is a new experience for many children. To help your child get ready, the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium offers a First Rider program for Kindergarten students who will be taking the school bus. Students and parents will be able to participate in a one-hour session, which includes a short school bus ride to practice safe boarding and exiting as well as bus riding procedures. The sessions will take place in August and details can be found at in your child's welcome bag.

## Lost and Found

We have a great deal of clothing in our lost and found. Please label your child's clothes--particularly snow pants. We have sent home some information about Mabel's labels from our parent council. If children's names are in their clothing, it makes it easier to return lost clothing.

## Lunch Hour Supervisor

We are looking for Lunch Hour Supervisors to help with the occasional nutrition/recess breaks in both the morning and afternoon. Nutrition Break is 10:50-11:30am and 1:10-1:50pm. We require that you have a COMPLETED CBC that is up-to-date. We require 'supply' LHS people to help fill in when someone is ill/unavailable. If you are available, please contact the school.

## Movie Night

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Movie night. "Parental Guidance" and "The Wild Life" were enjoyed by all who attended. We had many families take advantage of our \$10 movie night, and it was a huge success. Parent Council plans to host another movie night in late April or early May so watch for information coming home about it.



## Share Life



We will be putting the 'SPARE CHANGE' Jars out after March Break. Any spare change you would like to send, would be greatly appreciated!! All money that is raised in Simcoe County stays to support

community agencies within Simcoe County.

## Senior Basketball

Congratulations to our Boys and Girls Senior Basketball teams who played in our local area tournament in February. Both teams demonstrated



sportsmanship and a sense of fair play--representing our school well. Congratulations to our boy's team who placed first in the tournament and brought home the area trophy. Congratulations and thank you for demonstrating such great sportsmanship.

## Students Arriving Late

Please know that when your child comes late to school, we need you to bring them into the school, not just inside the front door. We need to know when people are in the building, and sometimes our students need the guidance from a parent to check in at the office. We appreciate the help.

## Use of School Parking Lot



PLEASE remember that the parking lot is closed to all traffic (Board staff, buses, taxis, and cars with handicap designations are excepted) from 8:35 am to 9:00 am and 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm. This procedure is in place to ensure the safety of all of our students; for those who ride buses or taxis, and for those who walk or are dropped off. Parents are able to park in the lot outside of the closure times, provided that there is space. Please note that it is never permitted to park in the Bus/Fire route. Some parking is available on the street. Thank you for your continued support and understanding in this matter. Remember.....ACTIONS speak louder than words; Make sure you are modeling the use of sidewalks and NOT crossing our driveway anywhere, thank you.

## Important dates

March 13-17	March Break
March 29	Grad photos
March 30	Mass @ 9:30
March 31	Christ like assembly 1:50
April 5	Chess tournament
April 11	Catholic School Community Council meeting @ 6:30 in library
April 14	Good Friday
April 17	Easter Monday

