

St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School

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"SHARING THE SPIRIT"



September 2017



Prayer for a New School Year

Lord our God,
in your wisdom and love
you surround us with the mysteries of the
universe.

Send your spirit upon these students
and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.
Grant that they may devote themselves to their
studies

and draw ever closer to you,
the source of all knowledge.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

School Organization & Communication



Welcome back! We are very pleased to welcome you to a new school year here at St. Teresa of Calcutta. Welcome to all of our new students and staff. We hope that you will feel at home here. There is much information to share with you, so please sign up for our electronic newsletters. We have sent this one home in hard copy, but the rest of our letters will be posted on our website. You can also subscribe so that you receive our newsletter in email form. (mtb.schools.smcdsb.on.ca).

Presently our enrolment is 409 students. This is very close to what we projected in June. Even though we matched our projected enrolment numbers, there is always the possibility of a classroom shuffle in September. Our board superintendents review numbers of all our schools, and then will either confirm our classes are okay, or we may be instructed to shuffle some students. If we are required to shuffle, we will do so within the next few weeks. Please speak with your son/daughter about the opportunity a new school year brings and the new friendships that may form. For your information, our school is presently set up in the follow manner:

JK/SK

1
Gr. 1/2
Gr.2
Gr. 2/3
Gr. 3
Gr. 3/4
Gr. 4
Gr.4/ 5
Gr. 5
Gr. 6
Gr.6/ 7

Gr. 7
Gr.8

SERT
Library
French

Music/Drama
Dance
EAs

Office Admin

Custodians
Principal

Mrs. Ferreira/Ms. Servello
Ms. Baye/Mrs. Lancha
Mrs. Bissonette/
Mr. Hughes
Mrs. Pereira
Mrs. Neto
Ms. Abate Campbell
Ms. Theriault
Ms. Pavone
Ms. Garagan
Ms. Gretes
Mrs. Viveiros
Mrs. Richardson
Ms. Garcia (for Mrs. Martini-Bromfield
Mrs. Dias
Mr. Giannone
Mrs. Franceschinis
Ms. Pike & Mrs. Baiden
Ms. Dobney
Mr. Camirand
Mme Martynenko
Mrs. Coo

Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Donnelly,
Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Campbell,
Mrs. Wideman, Ms. Carruthers

Mrs. Simurda
Mrs. Fernando
Ms. Bauer & Mrs. Spataro
Mrs. Leung



Here are a few new things happening on staff at St. Teresa of Calcutta. Welcome to Mrs. Fernando. She is in the office helping Mrs. Simurda while Ms. Ragogna is working full time at Holy Trinity until December. Ms. Carruthers joins us as a new Educational Assistant. Mme. Martynenko has taken over our Junior/Intermediate French as Mme. Lamothe retired. Ms. Garcia is teaching Grade 6/7 while Mrs. Martini-Bromfield is on maternity leave. Congratulations to her and her husband who welcomed a baby boy in July. We wish a warm welcome to all of our new Staff members.

School Agendas

Agendas are once again available at school. The cost is \$5.50. Please send a cheque with your son/daughter. (No cash accepted). Please also put your son/daughter's name on the bottom of the cheque. Agendas are a fantastic way to help your son/daughter be organized with their studies and to keep in contact with your child's teacher.

Important dates

Meet the Teacher Night	Wed Sept 27 5-7 pm
QSP Campaign Kick off	Sept 25
Terry Fox Run	Sept 27 (rain date 28 th)
PA Day	Sept 29
Thanksgiving Monday	October 9
First Parent Council Meeting	October 10
School Pictures	October 11

In the Area of Safety

Change of Routine

Please write a note to notify the school of any change to the regular routine of your child. The office must be made aware of any changes to your regular routine to ensure the safety of students. All students whose routine has been changed for the day (or a few days) should be signed out at the office. Also, note that only bus students are permitted on the bus and they must ride the bus that was assigned.

Extra Curricular/Insurance

Our school runs a range of co-curricular programs for students. Every effort is made to ensure the safety of each student, but all athletic programs have the risk of injury. The SMCDSB Insurance coverage does not have insurance for children's injuries in school athletics. For the 2017-18 school year, it is strongly advised that all students participating in co-curricular sports have accident insurance. This insurance is also available for all students, not just athletes. Information regarding this insurance was sent home with all students.

Medication

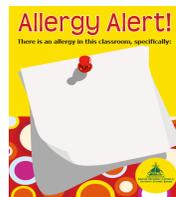
Sometimes it is necessary to send medication for students to take at school. We are happy to act in place of a parent. All medication is administered through the office and paperwork must be completed prior to giving students meds. Medications must be sent to school in their original containers. Please call the office or drop in and we will ensure you receive the proper forms.

Please note that generally students are not permitted to carry medication (aspirin, puffers, etc). These are held at the office.

MTB is STRIVING to be Nut-Free

In response to the number of children with severe allergies, we are asking our community to support a Nut-Safe environment for our children. **Please understand that we are not making our request lightly!** Your children, our students are precious gifts, and we strive to offer a safe 'working' environment for them and all our students. You will

note that a sign has been placed at the front door of the school and at the office, as a gentle reminder to our community. Please know that each classroom with allergies, now has an 'Allergy Alert' poster hanging both outside and inside the classroom door, specifying the allergies within the room. We review our Anaphylactic plans yearly and adjust accordingly. Your patience and support in making the entire school environment safe for your children, our students is greatly appreciated! Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Leung at the school.



Parking Lot

This continues to be an issue for all of us at St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School. Please know that when you meet your children to walk them home, you are modeling for them. The routines that you establish are the routines they will follow when they are old enough to walk on their own. If they run across the parking lot when they are meeting you--- and you don't reinforce the need to use the sidewalk, they will do the same when they are on their own. Please help us to keep the parking lot safe--- everyone use the sidewalk!

Before school begins and the end of day are our 'problem' times. We kindly request that you park on the street rather than entering the parking lot. Your help and consideration with our situation is greatly appreciated. Please note that the parking lot will not be open to traffic between 8:30 and 9:00am and 3:00 to 3:30pm. Please adhere strictly to these timelines, as it will help to ensure the safety of students during arrival and dismissal times. Parking down the middle of the parking lot is not permitted.



Safe Arrival and Dismissal

Important, exciting, interesting and serious learning occurs at our school between the hours of 8:50am and 3:10pm.

Please ensure your child(ren) arrive at school in time for the beginning of the school day at 8:50am, and note that supervision only begins at 8:35am, therefore no students should be at school before 8:35am for safety reasons. All students are dismissed at 3:10pm. Parents of JK and SK students must pick-up their child from their teacher at the JK/SK gate. All other students can be met at the north side of the school. Parking on Northgate Drive is limited. Walk if at all possible. It's healthy and fun! Please note that in the winter, we do not do safe arrival calls for our bus students.

Use of Telephones

The school phone is used for school business and as such is in constant demand. Students are not permitted to use the phone to call home to arrange for forgotten items. Please also note that personal cell phone use by students is not permitted during school hours.

In the Area of Community

Catholic School Community Council

Please consider becoming a member of our School Council. It is a great way to become familiar with what is happening at the school. We usually meet on the second Tuesday of the month. We discuss a variety of issues throughout the year including fundraising, EQAO, Safe schools, bullying and much more. Nomination forms were sent home. Please fill it out and send it back to the school.

Thanks to our School Council for the purchase of 3 new computers in our computer lab. Also thank you for subsidizing \$10 per student for "extra" presentations in the class (more info on that in later newsletters). This is a result of the fundraising done last year. Council also purchases gifts annually for our students in Grades 2, 4, 6 & 8.

Criminal Background Check

If you already have handed in a CBC in previous years, please remember to come in and sign your annual declaration. If you are thinking of volunteering at the school this year in any way (school council, school trips, etc) it is mandatory that you have a current CBC on file at the school. If this is your first time, come into the school and we can sign the necessary form for you to take to the local police station. We look forward to you helping at the school



Holy Martyrs of Japan

We were pleased during the summer to welcome our new Pastor Father Joshua. He is excited to become part of our Parish community and plans to visit the schools regularly. We continue to have Father Mani as part of our pastoral team as well. We look forward to their work in our school.

Hot Lunch Program!!

Our Hot lunch program provides convenience for busy parents and hot meals for our students. We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate and deliver hot lunches. If you are available on Fridays and would like to help, please contact the office. We are starting our Hot Lunch Program in early October. PLEASE NOTE: Payment for hot lunch program must be made by cheque. Sorry, No cash will be accepted.



Meet the Teacher Night

On Wednesday September 27 2017 we will have our Meet the Teacher Night. School and Classes will be open from 5-7 pm for families to come and meet their child's teacher and see the classroom. This year we are going to try and have pizza instead of a BBQ. Families will be able purchase pizza on the night of our Meeting. There will also be a truck that serves Beaver Tails for those with a sweet tooth. Keep Sept 27 open to join us.

Parent council has also arranged for new Spirit wear that will have a St. Teresa logo on it. At our Meet the teacher night be sure to see our Parent Council table. They will have samples and sizes if you wish to try on some of our new Spirit wear, before you purchase it.

QSP Orders

In September, we will be kicking off our Family Reading Magazine subscription fundraiser to benefit our students. The success of the program depends on your participation. For your convenience you can place orders online at www.QSP.ca. Our school group # is 3720661. Orders must be placed on or before Oct. 12. Thank you for your continued support.



Tuck Shop

We have a few snacks for sale on a daily basis that are available for students to purchase. All of these items meet the nutritional guidelines set by the Ministry of Education. We have the following available:

Chocolate/White Milk \$.75

Apple Juice \$.75

Frozen Yogurt \$.75

Popcorn \$1.00

Correct cash is much appreciated!

Learning Opportunities

International Languages Information

International Languages Classes are being offered again this year to interested elementary students beginning in the fall. Instruction in a variety of languages other than English and French are offered at no charge. The objective of this program is to encourage students to develop or maintain fluency in the chosen language to enhance their understanding of its heritage. Register on-line at www.smcdsb.on.ca. For information about additional languages available go to the www.thelearningcentre.com

