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"SHARING THE SPIRIT"



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Mother Teresa on Easter

During this Easter Season let us remember those around us with 'everything' materialistic but hungering for God's Easter Promise.

"There is hunger for ordinary bread, and there is hunger for love, for kindness, for thoughtfulness; and this is the great poverty that makes people suffer so much."

Mother Teresa



In the Area of Curriculum and Recognition

Christ-Like Assembly

Our next Christ-Like Assembly is on Friday, April 29 at 10:10 am. If your child is to be recognized, you will receive an invitation to join us as we celebrate your child's accomplishments! Thank you to all the parents who have been able to join us so far in our previous Christ-Like assemblies.

In the Area of Safety

Safe Welcome - The Buzzer

Just a reminder: due to the busy-ness of the office we are asking you to seriously consider sending LUNCHES WITH YOUR CHILDREN IN THE MORNING, as opposed to dropping it off during the lunch hour. Please note that there are many times we are unable to answer the buzzer immediately and your patience is requested.

Skateboards, etc.

Good weather will soon be upon us, and many children wish to bring their skateboard, scooter or in-line skates to school. These items, while presenting a speedy alternative to walking, present a safety concern in the schoolyard. Therefore, we recommend that these items not be brought to school.



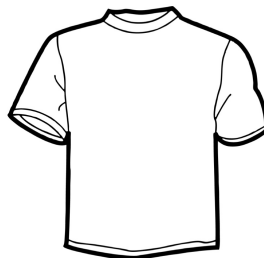
Safe Cycling



Please review safe cycling procedures at home. Please be certain that the bicycle is road worthy and always wear a helmet while cycling. Also, students use bicycles at their own risk. The school does not accept responsibility for damaged or stolen bikes. Students should record the serial

number of their bike at home. All students are reminded to chain their bike to the rack, which is located near the front entrance of the school, or at the side by the garbage bins.

Dressing For 'Spring time' Weather



OR



That is the question?

Please assist us in encouraging the children to dress appropriately for the continuing springtime AND sometimes winter-like conditions...now into May!! Students should be wearing waterproof boots for outside recesses and a warm jacket, hat or touque, slushpants, and waterproof mittens or gloves; whatever is necessary for comfort throughout the day! A helpful 'HINT' for the unpredictable weather and temperatures during this in-between season, is to remember to dress in layers... if it warms up during the day, your child can peel a layer off! Please continue to reinforce that the "snow stays on the ground". Students have been advised that there is to be no snowball throwing, or kicking of snow, as it poses a serious safety risk. Please take the opportunity to discuss this behaviour with your child(ren) in the interest of student safety.

School Parking Lot Usage

We continue to ask that PARENTS ARE VIGILANT OF THE TIME AND NOT ENTER THE PARKING LOT UNTIL AFTER 9:00 am and 3:30 pm.



Every day 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. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. This procedure is in place to ensure the safety of all of our students, YOUR CHILDREN! Parents are able to park in the lot outside of the closure times, provided that there is space, however this does NOT mean come early outside the closure times to occupy a spot. If you are parked in our lot at those times, we ask that you not enter at all. Remember.....ACTIONS speak louder than words; Make sure you are modeling the use of sidewalks and NOT crossing our driveway anywhere, thank you.

In the Area of Communication

ShareLife

The ShareLife Network of Catholic Family Services offices collectively reach nearly 100,000 clients, serving in more than 25 languages. ShareLife provides many types of supports including reaching homeless youth, people with special needs, refugees, pregnant and young mothers, seniors in need, food, shelter and counseling. There are jars in each of the classrooms, so please consider supporting ShareLife and thank you for your generosity.

When Children Are Sick

- If your child is sick or is not feeling well enough to participate in all school activities, including gym and recesses, please make arrangements for your child to stay home or at a sitter. Please do not send your child back to school until they are well enough to fully participate in the activities of the school day.
- If your child becomes sick at school, parents will be notified to come and pick up the child.

Inclement Weather Procedures....even in APRIL!!



For the most up-to-date information about bus cancellations in our weather zone, please check our school board website or Mother Teresa website:

Our school is in the **South Weather Zone**

www.smcdsb.on.ca

<http://mtb.schools.smcdsb.on.ca>

NOTE: PLEASE REMEMBER, WHEN BUSES ARE CANCELLED, HOT LUNCH IS ALSO CANCELLED. HOT LUNCH WILL BE RE-SCHEDULED FOR THE MONDAY.

APRIL 8, 2016~ P.A. Day ~ No School

Please mark this date on your calendar. Teachers and other staff will be using this PA Day for occupational health and safety training as well as professional learning on Ministry of Education priorities.

Lost and Found

Please look through the lost and found located near the front office. All unclaimed items will be donated on April 28, 2016 to Coats for Kids or St. Vincent DePaul.

Kindergarten Registration Continues – FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN at MTB! Please call the school to arrange an appointment! 905-778-0617

We are currently looking at our numbers for next year.....If you have a child who will be 4 years old by December 31, 2015 you can call the school



ASAP to make an appointment to register. Day and evening appointments are possible. The following documents are required to register your child: child's birth and R.C. baptismal certificate, health card, immunization record, parent's R.C. baptismal certificate, and current home tax bill.

Looking for Volunteers

If you have time on Friday's to help distribute hot lunches, please contact Mrs. Simurda at the school, 905 778 0617. Please remember that you will need a CBC (Criminal Background Check) in order to volunteer within the school.

Looking Ahead

April 5	Gr 8 Grad Photos
	Dare Gr 5
April 8	P.A. Day- No school
April 12	Fr Allyn Visits JK-3
	Parent Council 6:30pm
April 13	Chess Tournament
April 18	Creole Dancers
April 19	Bradford Library Author Visit
	Fr. Allyn Visits gr. 4-8
April 22	Dare Gr 5
April 24	First Holy Communion @11:30am
April 25	SoloLunch ordering opens (www.sololunch.com)
April 27	French Presentation 1pm
April 29	Christ- Like Assembly 10:10am
May 2-5	Education Week
May 6	P.A. Day- No school