

Mother Teresa Catholic School

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"SHARING THE SPIRIT"



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For Hope and Remembrance

Gratitude

To be grateful for what is,
instead of underscoring what is not.

To find good amid the unwanted aspects of life,
without denying the presence of the unwanted.

To focus on beauty in the little things of life,
as well as being deliberate about the great beauties
of art, literature, music, and nature.

To be present to one's own small space of life,
while stretching to the wide world beyond it.

To find something to laugh about in every day,
even when there seems nothing to laugh about.

To search for and to see the good in others,
rather than remembering their faults and weaknesses.

To be thankful for each loving deed done by another;
no matter how insignificant it might appear.

To taste life to the fullest,
and not take any part of it for granted.

To seek to forgive others for their wrongdoings,
even immense ones, and to put the past behind.
To find ways to reach out and help the disenfranchised,
while also preserving their dignity and self-worth.

To be as loving and caring as possible,
in a culture that consistently challenges these virtues.

To remember to say or send "thank you"
for whatever comes as a gift from another.

To be at peace
with what cannot be changed.

Joyce Rupp

Thank you to everyone for their patience in our reshuffle. Although we did not gain or lose a classroom, we did reorganize some of our students. The reshuffle allowed us to eliminate some blends. We are happy to announce that we are now settled into classrooms for the 2016-2017 school year. Our current organization is as follows:

JK/SK	Mrs. Ferreira/Ms. Servello & Ms. Baye/Mrs. Lancha
SK/1	Mrs. Neto
Gr. 1	Mrs. Pereira
Gr. ½	Mr. Hughes
Gr. 2	Ms. Dobney
Gr. 2/3	Mrs. Montevirgen
Gr. 3	Mrs. Abate Campbell & Ms. Theriault
Gr. 4	Ms. Garagan & Ms. Pavone
Gr. 5	Mrs. Martini Bromfield
Gr. 5/6	Mrs. Richardson
Gr. 6	Mrs. Viveiros
Gr. 7	Ms. Gretes & Mrs. Dias (Mr Hammersley)
Gr. 8	Mrs. Franceschinis & Mr. Giannone

In the Area of Building Community and Social Justice

MTB – Terry Fox Run

A huge thanks to all of our families who participated in the Terry Fox run, either by running/walking or through donating funds. We had many volunteers who helped ensure that the students were safe and supervised throughout the entire route. At this point we have raised over \$2200. Thank you so much for your support.

MTB Annual Meet the Teacher BBQ

Our Meet the teacher BBQ was a huge success. Thank you to our parent council volunteers who organized the event—and provided service of the food and beverages. The students were so excited to show off their classrooms and have their parents meet their teacher.

Catholic School Community Council

We are pleased to announce that our first Catholic School Community Council meeting will take place on Oct. 4 at 6:30pm in the school library. Elections will take place and our new council members for 2016/2017 will be announced and welcomed that evening.

We welcome all parents and community members to attend Mother Teresa Catholic School and join us in the library for our meetings....become involved!

In the Area of Safety

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-Free 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 NEW 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 Mother Teresa 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.

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!

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.

requesting dates for immunization or proof of a valid exemption. Please check to make sure that your child's immunization information is up-to-date and that the health unit has record of it. Please remember that parents can report their child's immunizations online at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/immsonline.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Your Health Connection at (705) 721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

Reminder to Parents

re: Grade 7 and Grade 8 Immunizations

Nurses from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit will be visiting in the fall, providing immunizations to grade 7 students and grade 8 who provided consent. Consent forms and fact sheets for the hepatitis B for grade 7's and Human Papillomavirus vaccine for grade 8s were sent home in September. The consent forms and fact sheets are available on the [immunization page](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org) of the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Your Health Connection at (705) 721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520

QSP Orders

In September, we kicked-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. 14. Thank you for your continued support.

In the Area of Community

Holy Martyrs of Japan

Holy Martyrs of Japan has subscribed to an exciting new online platform Formed.org. There is a wealth of information here for Catholics to access information.

Go to Formed.org

Enter our Parish Code (2K8FFT) on the homepage

Create a personal account with your user name/email & password

Start enjoying the best Catholic Content all in one place.

Please do not sign up as an individual—our parish access code provides more content than an individual subscription.

We all remember middle school as an awkward and difficult time of life. That hasn't changed. However so many shifts have made the middle school years more difficult than ever. The challenges are far greater than we ever experienced. 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! Information and Registration night is Monday October 3 2016. We meet on Mondays from 7-8:30 in the parish Hall Commencing Oct 17 2016.

The Hospitality committee of Holy Martyrs of Japan invites you to Oktoberfest on Oct 22 2016. Doors open at 6 pm. Cost is \$15 per person and \$10 per child (ages 12 & under), and children under 5 free. Entertainment will be provided by Acclamation Nation.

Fire Prevention Week

Oct 9-15 is fire prevention week. The local Fire Department is hosting an open house on Wednesday Oct 12 from 6-8 pm at the fire hall (75 Melbourne Drive). Bring your children to check out the fire equipment and meet some of the firefighters. There will be safety handouts and refreshments.

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required by law to keep complete immunization records on every school aged child in Simcoe County and the District of Muskoka. Unfortunately, the health unit does not receive immunization information directly from doctors' offices; it is the parent's responsibility to give all immunization information to the health unit. If your child's immunization record is not complete, you may receive a notice from the health unit

Important Dates

Sept 27	Meeting at the church for Reconciliation & First Communion
Oct. 3	Mass at the CHURCH 9:30am
Oct. 4	1 st Parent Council Mtg 6:30pm in library
Oct. 4 or Oct 6	Confirmation Mtg 7pm at Holy Martyrs of Japan
Oct 5	Boys Soccer Tournament
Oct 6	Girl's Soccer Tournament
Oct. 7	First Hot Food Lunch
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Monday
Oct 12	Picture Day
Oct. 12	Cross Country Meet at Scanlon Creek
Oct 14, 21,28	Hot food days
Oct 17	PA day (in Bradford Only)
Oct 18	Boy's & Girl's Junior Soccer
Oct 19	"We day" (Social Justice event for some of our Grade 8 students)
Oct 26	Hep 'B' & HPV vaccines
Oct 27	Christ like assembly
Oct. 31	Happy Halloween

****Confirmation Info Night – Tuesday October 4th at 7:00pm and another on Thursday October 6 at 7 pm at Holy Martyrs of Japan—need only attend one**

**** First Communion Meeting –Sept 27th at 7:00pm at Holy Martyrs of Japan---If you missed this meeting—please call the church**

Fr. Boniface and Fr. Mani are looking forward to welcoming you!