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Catch the spirit!



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2014

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

December marks the beginning of the Advent season. This is a time of joy and hope in our lives. As Christians, we are working towards renewing our faith in Christ. We hope that in our faith renewal and prayers that we get closer to finding peace in our lives and in the world. The virtue for the month of December is Charity. Mother Cabrini continues to find ways to demonstrate and share their stories of charity. This year as a school community our focus for charity has been;

-The collection of 186 Christmas shoeboxes for Dr. Simone. This year, they will be transported to Peru.

-The collection of food hampers for needy families to the St. Vincent de Paul Society

-Our school's monthly dress down for charity to raise money for wells in Africa

We thank all families and staff for their generous donations!

Looking back to the month of November, we celebrated much learning, and faith development. Highlights included;

-Our November school mass and our Remembrance Day Ceremony. Both events highlighted how as a faith community we are able to become aware and enhance peace within ourselves.

-Our involvement in the annual Bullying Awareness and Prevention Symposium. We learned about and brought back ideas for promoting the importance of the theme "We All Belong."

-On November 6 our whole school had the opportunity to learn about financial literacy.

Every class had a very interactive presentation on managing money in our lives. Thanks to CSAC for providing this opportunity through a Ministry of Education Grant.

For the month of December we are looking forward to;

-Our Advent school mass on December 3 celebrated with Father Michael at Mother Cabrini School

-CSAC Bake sale on December 12-pm (information to follow)

Registration for full day kindergarten begins January 8th. Families can contact the school for registration information. Priority will be given to families that register early. Information will be provided in the church bulletin as well to help inform families in the community. **Please pass on registration information to any families that have children beginning junior kindergarten September (children born in 2011-JK, 2010 SK).**

Family and friends are invited to our Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 17 @ 7:00pm at Michael Power/St. Joseph auditorium. You will have an opportunity to see all students perform their interpretation of "The Twelve Days of Charity."

On behalf of the staff, students and The Nativity of our Lord Parish Church, I would like to wish everyone a charity filled Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With Joy and Hope,

J. Di Vittorio
Principal

Blessing The Candle for Advent

O, Lord, fill us with a longing for you.
Help us to be open and eager,
as we wait for your coming with joy
and excitement.

In the busy days ahead, keep us in your sight.
Let us remember that it is you, our Lord, for whom we are
preparing. Amen



Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this
world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.
~St. Teresa of Avila

Virtue of the Month - Charity

UBI CARITAS ET AMOR,
DEUS IBI EST
- WHERE THERE IS
CHARITY AND LOVE,
GOD IS THERE.

- LATIN HYMN -

- REMEMBER THROUGHOUT
ADVENT THAT CHARITY STARTS
FROM THE HOME AND MOVES
FORWARD IN ALL YOU DO.
- LET THE CHRISTMAS SEASON
CREATE CHARITY IN YOUR
ACTIONS THROUGHOUT THE
YEAR.
- IF WE EXPECT OTHER PEOPLE TO
DO CHARITABLE ACTS TOWARDS
US, WE MUST FIRST REMEMBER TO
SHOW GENEROSITY TOWARDS
OTHERS.
- WE SHOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER
THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN US,
ESPECIALLY IN A SEASON FILLED
WITH GIVING.

Full Day Kindergarten Registration on S.O.A.R.

Kindergarten Registration will begin for all Elementary Schools
on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at
10:00 a.m. EST.

Parents/guardians with children born in 2011 or earlier and
who will be enrolling in Kindergarten, have the opportunity to
apply on-line using the "Student On-line Admission and
Registration" platform known as S.O.A.R. and found at the
following link: <http://soar.tcdsb.org>

Parents will be able to complete an application for registration
from the convenience of their own home, the office, a public
library, or anywhere there is internet access, 24 hours a day.
The on-line application also offers access to translations in
different languages with built-in help functions and features.

Alternately, families may choose to register in person at our
school. We will begin to accept registrations at 10:00 am on
January 8th.

As part of the registration process, school staff will meet with
parents. These meetings may be scheduled on the electronic
application or in person at the school. During the meeting,
school staff will verify the original documentation required for
registration. This consists of a Baptismal Certificate, Birth
Certificate and/or Passport, Immunization record, proof of
residence and Application for Direction of School support.

Applications to register children in grades other than
Kindergarten can also be done on the online S.O.A.R.
application. Please share this information with any
parents/guardians with school aged children in the
community.

As in previous years, an extensive promotional campaign will
be launched throughout the City of Toronto, with paid
advertisements in the local media, posters in public centers,
through the board website and on vinyl banners for display on
school property.

For further information, please contact our school office at
416-393-5340. For general inquires or further information you
may contact 416-222-8282 extension 5314 or visit our website
at www.tcdsb.org

Vacations/Extended leave from School

We encourage families to take holidays at the designated
times of the school year i.e., Christmas, March Break and
Summer Holidays. Taking your child out of their instructional
program during the school year is a disruption to their
learning. Children benefit best from consistent uninterrupted
instruction at school.

Parking on Streets Adjacent to Mother Cabrini School

Reminders for safe parking on adjacent streets near Mother
Cabrini before and after school include;
-with parking congestion and narrow streets, avoid backing up
-for safety ensure students exit vehicle on curb side
-students cross at designated crossing at street corners
Thanking you in advance for your attention to safety.

Student Corner

Handwashing Presentations

On Thursday, November 20, 2014 we had our hand washing
presentation with nurse Grace and Katherine. They trained
eight grade six students-Melanie Z., Theresa K., Sophia D.,
Kayla B., Emma S., Ketu M., Richard K., and Brandon H., on the
presentations from grades one to six. We showed the students
a video on what could happen if you don't wash your hands
and the proper way to wash your hands. Nurse Katherine'
talked to Mrs. De Braga's and Mr. O'Neill's class about
personal hygiene and how to keep yourself clean. Overall, it

was an amazing presentation about why you need to wash your hands and have proper hygiene.

-Written by Theresa K., and Melanie Z.

Peace Mass

Our grade 4/5 class lead our November Mass. We prayed for peace in our school, in our homes and in our communities.

Father Michael encouraged us to be peacemakers in the world. The choir lead the school singing beautiful hymns that allowed us to reflect on the true meaning of what peace is.

Cent\$ible Students Workshop

On November 6th, **Cent\$ible Students** came to our class to explore concepts about money: to save, spend (sensibly!) and to share. The program brought an opportunity for interactive learning, introducing financial concepts through stories, math, activities and games. Our class had the topic of budgeting and we learned the hard way just how difficult sticking to a budget can be. We had the challenge of creating pet budgets and planning an event in groups! It was a lot of fun and we learned a lot!!!!!! Hopefully this will translate into our own lives. We would like to thank CSAC for helping to bring this opportunity to our classroom.

Mrs. Goslin's Grade 5/6

Girls' and Boys' Intermediate Volleyball Season The Intermediate Girls' Volleyball Team played their Divisional Tournament on November 12th at Holy Child C.S. The girls gave it their all in being competitive in each of their three sets. Also, the girls displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the tournament. It was a pleasure to see development from all the players from practices to the games. Team members included: *Vanja B, Hailey G, Vanessa D, Amy M, Sara D, Laura B, Paige S, Jessie M, Shannon F, and Katie P.*

On November 10th the Boys' Volleyball Team travelled to Holy Child C.S. to play in their Divisional Tournament. They were able to advance out of round- robin play in second position. The boys fought hard in the championship final but came up a little short. The following team members are to be congratulated for their hard work and fine sportsmanship: *Shreyas A, Anthony D, Trevor F, Shaun R, Nathan C, Young Seo K, Juliano O, Jason C, Aidan S, and Trevor F.*

Remembrance Day Celebration

On November 11, 2014 Mrs. De Braga's grade 6/7 class got selected to prepare and present a ceremony honouring all the men and women who have died serving our country and who are serving today. Our class prepared poppy wreaths for the school and gathered with everyone in prayer. As a tribute to the soldiers, facts were read, videos watched and the poem "In Flanders Fields" by John McRae was recited. The choir joined in singing our national anthem and songs of remembrance. As a class, we felt that the soldiers are not acknowledged enough, that we need to spread the stories of their war experiences and sacrifices they have made for Canada. Lest we forget!

Andrew K. and Jacob M., grade 7

Scholastic Book Fair

On November 13 and 14, 2014 at Mother Cabrini Elementary School hosted a **Scholastic Book Fair** for students. Students dropped in during their library time and recess to view and buy from a large assortment of different books. Many parents visited during Parent Interview times. With every purchase made a percentage was donated back to the school. What a lovely time to buy a book, socialize with friends and promote literacy to our students. The profit will go to purchase more books for the school library. The money will be spent this year by Ms DiMichele on new non-fiction and picture books. Thank you again for all your support.

J. Di Michele Library Technician

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Symposium

Our trip to the Bullying Symposium on November 19 was very fun. We got to watch a lot of cool performances and we learned a lot of new things. Some things that we learned were that, one person can make a big difference in someone's life and in the world, and that we should accept people for who they are and not to judge anyone by the way they look, act and talk. We also had the opportunity to be interviewed because they liked our "One a Day" theme that is starting at our school. We learned a lot and it was completely worth missing a day of school for?

Paige, Jack and Miss Bautista

Dress Down Days Update

Thank you to all the students who dress down for charity every month. In September, the Me 2 We collected \$120.25 and in October \$197.90. At the end of the year, the funds collected will be forwarded to Free The Children towards purchasing a well in Africa which costs \$5000.00. Since 2011, \$3125.18 have been collected and submitted. We thank all students and their families for their generosity.

The Me 2 We Team



Our Making Popcorn Investigation!

On Tuesday, November 18th, our kindergarten class made popcorn using a hot air popcorn machine. We put popcorn kernels in the machine and then we used our 5 senses to describe what was happening to the popcorn kernels. We discovered that the hot air made the kernels pop into white popcorn. We saw many popcorn pieces pop up and out of the machine. It looked like it was dancing in the machine! The popcorn sounded like an explosion! Our popcorn tasted very "plain". It felt soft, rough, bumpy and smooth in some places. It smelled delicious! We can't wait until we make popcorn again!

Collaborative Writing By: Noah, Angelica and Lucas A. (Mrs. Swastek's FDK Class)

Centsible Math

We had fun learning about money during Centsible Math. A lady came to tell us about the different coins, and how we add the coins. We played a game, called Money Bags. We had to sell, and buy things, and then put the money in the bank. There was a basket of things for us to buy. We also acted out a story called The Lemonade Stand. The girl in the story had to sell enough cups of lemonade, so she could buy her mom a birthday card. We had fun adding and counting money.

-SK/Gr. 1 Mrs. Prattinger's Class

Centsibles Presentation

One day a lady came in and talked about money with the class. She talked about saving money. We talked about wanting money and sharing money. The lady read a book about money to the class. We played a game about money. We had a booklet. We got containers with money in them and we had to add them up. That was the centsibles presentation.

Amara, Sarah, Leah, Emma

Blast of Cold-Snow Forts in November

Two weeks ago we had our first snowfall of the year and so we built awesome snow forts. First, we rolled big boulders of snow and stacked them together. Then, we filled in the empty patches so the boulders would stick together. Next, we added chairs, couches, pillows and T.V.'s. Finally, we made a door and added other rooms to our forts. It was fun and exciting using teamwork and creativity to build our snow forts. We can't wait for the next snowstorm!

Mrs. Da Silva's Grade 3 class

Me 2 We

In November, Mother Cabrini students continued this year's wave of Charity throughout the Toronto Catholic District School Board with their annual collection of shoeboxes for the Dr. Simone Shoe Box Drive. In total, 186 wrapped shoeboxes filled with new or gently used toys were collected for children in Peru. The shoeboxes were delivered to the Canadian Food.



Children warehouse in Mississauga by the Me 2 We team and placed in large freight containers. The students were happy to see that their hard work will make a difference in someone's life this Christmas in Peru. The Me 2 We team would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to all the students, parents and staff at Mother Cabrini who helped with this year's successful shoebox drive.



Thank you!

