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Catch the spirit!



MARCH NEWSLETTER 2015

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Our Lenten journey as Christians began on Ash Wednesday. Father Michael provided a wonderful service for the distribution of ashes to staff, students and community members. He helped us to understand the importance of developing our faith through prayer, penitence and almsgiving. Our Lenten project this year will focus on collecting recycled milk bags for mats where they are in demand in third world countries (see newsletter for details).

Even with the deep freeze of winter we stayed warm and kept our spirits up with many activities. On Shrove Tuesday, CSAC provided yummy pancakes and milk for students and staff. We thank CSAC for their wonderful efforts. The grades 6-8 students enjoyed a Valentine Dance and the whole school enjoyed a dress down day wearing pink, red and white! The end of the month culminated with our annual Multi-Cultural Night! We had a wonderful night of community through the sharing of food, conversation and the opportunity to win some prizes. Thank you to CSAC, parent volunteers and staff for their efforts in making this event successful!

Technology Updates

New Devices

As you know, the board has designated new notebooks and mini ipads for our school. We have been in transition due to the deployment of the devices across the school board. We are now looking forward to integrating the use of technology across the curriculum.

School Monthly Newsletter

In an effort to grow with technology and conserve, we would like to move towards the use of a paperless newsletter. Indicate your preference for newsletter access on the form included. Newsletters, calendars and CSAC updates are posted for access on the Mother Cabrini Website located on the TCDSB website.

Classroom Curriculum Updates

On a monthly basis classroom teachers prepare curriculum updates for families to read. These updates provide great opportunities to connect with your child's learning. They can be found on the Mother Cabrini website under academics.

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-celebrating student learning at Cabrini!

For the month of March we have many planned learning opportunities. We look forward to supporting our Cabrini Cougar's swim team as they participate in our annual swim competition on March 7 and 8 (see newsletter for details).

On March 9, Mr. Amadei has arranged a free opportunity for the whole school to hear a classic guitar presentation. We are hoping that the weather co-operates for our second skiing and skating excursion on March 12. On March 13, we have a Snuggle up to Reading Day for the school. Students will have fun wearing pyjamas and promoting the love of reading in class! The grade 8 students are busy filling out the course selection forms for High School. The month will culminate with a dress down day for Charity where students can choose to wear pink to help them focus on what they can do to stop bullying!

March break this year runs March 16-20. As always, we look forward to seeing you at our school events in the upcoming month, especially our family skate! In the meantime, we would like to wish you and your family an enjoyable March break.

Sincerely,

J. Di Vittorio
Principal

Prayer

Lenten Journey



We travel through deserts and despair
As we focus on How Christ was crucified
And is crucified in the world today.

We agree to make this journey, this pilgrimage,
And to leave life as usual, business as usual
To pay attention
To be present
To pain and suffering

The journey to the Light of Easter
Can only go this way.
We choose to learn this hard truth
To accept the ashes,
To witness the darkness,
To walk the way of the Cross
As it happens in our world.



Let us journey together,
Open to the world
So we may be renewed and help bring to all
The renewal of Resurrection.
-Jane Deren, 2008
Education for Justice

Student Corner Carnaval

Le carnaval à Mother Cabrini

Le 5 février, on a fêté le carnaval à Mother Cabrini. Mais, la fête cette année était particulière en présence du bonhomme carnaval et Hélène Nicole, artiste et danseuse qui présente des spectacles éducatifs aux écoles partout au Canada et aux États-Unis. Elle a chanté des chansons à propos du carnaval et Mardi gras. Elle nous a donné des informations sur le carnaval au monde. Elle a engagé les élèves et les professeurs en beaucoup d'activités. Nous avons passé de beau temps avec madame Hélène Nicole comme elle a apporté de joie et d'enthousiasme à l'école. À la fin du spectacle, Sanja, Vanja et Shannnon ont fait une entrevue avec Madame Nicole en français et en anglais. Après le spectacle, les élèves ont bu du chocolat chaud. Ensuite, on a regardé un film français et joué au bingo. Il était un journée formidable!
Préparé par Sanja Bodja



Scientist in The School

On February 27, the Scientist in the School visited the Grade one students to talk to them about Energy Makes It Happen. The children had a chance to investigate how different types of energy are used every day, and how energy is needed to make things happen. By doing many science experiments, the children learnt about energy conservation, solar energy, heat energy, and light energy.

From the S.K./Grade 1 class

Junior W5H

On February 17, we had a blast at our W5h tournament at St. Marcellus. We played against St. Marcellus, Nativity and St. Gregory. We beat St. Marcellus but Nativity came in on top. We were very close to St. Greg's, but we lost at the end with a score of 38-31! We had a break and each of us had a delicious muffin and a pack of Bear

Paws. There were a lot of challenging questions and we had a great time. The members of this awesome team were: Yuriy, Dylan, Sophia, Paul, Simon, Emma, Theresa and Richard.

By: Richard, Yuriy, Dylan and Paul

Primary Indoor Co-Operative Games

For the month of February, students in grades 1, 2 and 3 participated in Intramural Sports. We played basketball and soccer and had a blast. It was a great way to get exercise during our recess breaks. We would like to thank Mrs. Moretto for organizing these activities and all the teachers and our principal who supervised us. We really enjoyed ourselves and are looking forward to participating in more sports!

Mrs. Da Silva's grade 3s

Rogers T.V. Excursion

The grade 5s had an amazing time at Rogers TV. They go to check out some of the sets and got to learn and use all the fascinating controls. With all the controls and devices they got to create a news broadcast. The two broadcasts were "Big Lotto Win" and "School has Shrunk". They had such an amazing time and hope to go again.

Breanna and Nicholas

Pancake Tuesday

On Tuesday February 17th we had pancake Tuesday....yum! Grade's JK to 5 had their delicious pancakes before recess and the grade's 6-8 after. We had a great time sitting around the long tables enjoying the endless supply of pancakes with our friends (you could eat as many pancakes as you could stuff!!!!) AND there was unlimited syrup...what could be better? The gymnasium was filled with laughter and big smiles. We thank CSAC for supplying and making the pancakes for us.

Hayley Whetstone, Kayla Barbosa and Alyssa Araya-Felix

Lenten Project-Me to We

Me 2 We Updates

The Me 2 We team would like to continue to thank all the students who dress down for charity the last Friday of every month and donate a loonie or a toonie. In the month of December, the team collected \$151.45 and in the month of January \$163.80.

In January and February, the Me 2 We team also worked tirelessly boxing and sorting old textbooks and books. In total, 29 boxes are awaiting pick up from the organization One World School House. The books will be shipped by the foundation to schools to countries in the Caribbean such as St. Lucia, Grenada and

Haiti. We feel fortunate to be able to support global literacy.

The students in grades 6 through 8 had a lot of fun at the Valentine's Dance on February 12th. The Me 2 We team was happy to decorate the gym and organize the playlists. A special thank you to Mr. Amadei for allowing us to use his lights for the dance.

Me 2 We Upcoming Events

For our Lenten Project this year, the Me 2 We team has decided to collect milk bags. The bags will be collected at school from March 23rd to April 2nd. A letter will be sent home with additional information on the kick off day of March 23rd. In the meantime, you can start saving your outer milk bags at home.

Thursday, April 2nd will be Holy Thursday. The Me 2 We team will be presenting the Stations of the Cross to the school and the community in the afternoon. Please refer to the upcoming April calendar for a time.

The Me 2 Team



Bugs Without Borders

What do operating a lock and exotic insects have in common? They both can be fearful and cause us to become anxious. The transition from grade 8 to grade 9 can be a fearful proposition for many students. Strategies to deal with change and looking at change with a positive perspective were addresses very well in the interactive presentation "From 8 to Great". Students had the chance to see, touch, and experience some exotic insects that they may have been fearful of in the past. It goes to show you that, with the right strategies in place, our anxieties can be overcome.

Boys' Intermediate Basketball

On February 10th, the Intermediate Boys' Basketball Team played in the Divisional tournament at Holy Child C. S. They were up against some stiff competition from three north Etobicoke schools. They were very competitive in two of the three games they played, losing by only a few baskets. All the team members are to be commended for their commitment to practices, fine sportsmanship, and a complete effort on the court. Team members: Trevor F, Shreyas A, Anthony D, Nathan C, Young Seo K, Andrej Z, Juliano O, Jason C, and Aidan S. A special thanks to those parents who assisted in driving and giving our team support throughout the tournament.



Multi Cultural Night



Multicultural Night At Mother Cabrini

On Friday, February 27th, Mother Cabrini hosted their annual Multicultural Night! What a wonderful night it was!! The community came out and supported this well attend event. The night was filled with delicious food, fantastic company and marvellous student artwork!

In the Kindergarten class, the students thought the night was awesome! Here are a few things that they thought were outstanding about the night. Noah thought winning the class picture was the best thing! Alexander loved the donuts! Victoria thought playing with Ally was the best! Rebecca enjoyed eating the sweet crackers. Lucas W. thought playing tag with Daniel was a lot of fun! Sara loved sneaking up on Mr. Amadei! Daniel said eating was the best thing about that night! Ally loved eating anything that was chocolate – chocolate brownies, cake and cookies! Lucas A. enjoyed playing with Michael!

On a final note, the students can't wait for next year's multicultural feast!



**TO ERR IS HUMAN,
TO FORGIVE IS DIVINE.**

~ ALEXANDER POPE ~

- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE IDEA THAT JESUS SAID, "LET HE WHO IS WITHOUT SIN, CAST THE FIRST STONE."
- THE FIRST STEP TO FORGIVENESS IS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ACTIONS.
- IF YOU WANT TO BE FORGIVEN, YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU FORGIVE OTHER PEOPLE.
- LIVE YOUR LIFE IN A WAY THAT MAKES OTHERS KNOW YOU ARE A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST.

FORGIVENESS

An open book with a rosary draped over it, set against a purple background.

Forgiveness

How timely that the virtue for this month is **FORGIVENESS**, not only because we are in the Season of Lent but also because it is an important cornerstone of our faith and one that Jesus modelled for us in his life and death. We are reminded that forgiveness is a gift to ourselves as we let go of the burden of resentment when we forgive another person and it's a gift to our children when we teach and model it to them.



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