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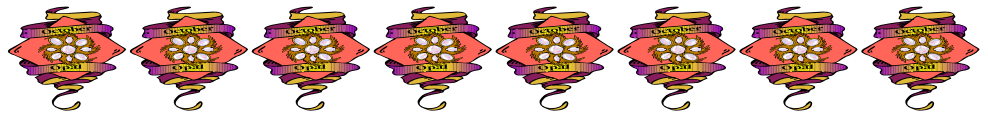
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Catch the spirit!



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2014

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The month of September marked a great start to the school year! We have settled well into our new classrooms and routines for the 2014/15 school year. It has been exciting to watch our new Junior and Senior Kindergarten students joining us for Full Day Kindergarten. Teachers and students have been working together to set goals for learning and interacting positively with one another. At divisional assemblies students are also reminded of expectations for behavior and learning as per the Mother Cabrini Catholic School Code of Conduct. With these expectations students are supported in promoting safety and learning. Officer Rich and crosswalk Jim have joined us for a school assembly to help us understand cross walk and street safety.

On Sept. 10 we had a good turnout for our CSAC elections. Congratulations to the newly appointed members (see insert for details). As well on September 16 we had a great turn out for curriculum night. It was a wonderful evening of connecting with the community and your child's classroom teacher. A reminder to visit often our school's website ([www.tcdsb.org-schools-Mother Cabrini website](http://www.tcdsb.org-schools-Mother-Cabrini-website)) for newsletters, calendars etc. On September 23 we had our fourth Terry Fox Walk. We had beautiful weather for a 3.5km walk through Centennial Park. As a community we honored the memory of Terry Fox by walking and raising money for cancer research. A big thank you to the community for helping to raise \$655.18 for this worthy cause. From Sept. 19-30 we ran the QSP fundraiser. Thank you to families for participating in this major fundraiser. The funds raised will be used to help support the school. Congratulations to our Intermediate Girls' Softball team for claiming the West Region championship! Our first pennant for the school year!

On October 2nd, we are looking forward to our leadership team of 13 students attending the annual Me to We Rally. Students will have an inspirational day of learning about social justice activities supported by the Free the Children Foundation. We look forward to the direction we will take as a community to promote social justice awareness for our youth. We have our first mass of the school year planned for Oct. 8. With weather permitting we hope to walk to Nativity of Our Lord Church to celebrate the mass with Father Michael. This is very appropriate as Oct. 8 is designated as International Walk to School Day. Students are busy training for the upcoming Cross Country Meet on October 14. At the end of the month we are looking forward to our CSAC Halloween Dance on October 31. This is a major fundraiser organized by CSAC. Mark on your calendar December 17 for our Christmas Concert.

Recently, we have received results for our CAT/4 (Canadian Achievement Testing 4th Edition) for our last year's grades 2, 5 and 7 students and EQAO 9grades 3 and 6) assessments. The results will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. Individual school, board and provincial results for EQAO are posted on the EQAO's public website, www.eqao.com. The results of these assessments will be used to assist in student programming.

We encourage all parents and caregivers to come out to our monthly CSAC meetings. Our first meeting will be held on October 6 @7:00pm. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events scheduled on our monthly calendar.

Please feel free to join us.

Happy Thanksgiving,

J. Di Vittorio
Principal

Prayer of Gratitude to God

Dear Father,

We are so grateful for everything that you have given us.
Thank you so much for the loved ones in our lives,
For the many ways in which we are cared for and supported.
Thank you for the many ways we can serve and give to others.

Thank you for the rich tapestry of colours in creation,
For the beauty which is all around us,
For the skies and the ever changing cloud formations,
For the breathtaking sunsets and early morning mists.
Our hearts are so grateful and brimming with thanks.
We could write a thousand books about your great goodness.
And still have many stories to tell.

We thank you from the bottom of our heart.

We thank you with everything we have.

All our being cries thank you Lord!

Amen.

Full Day Kindergarten Updates

We welcome our new FDK lunchtime supervisor Mrs. N. Arsenault. She has been hired by the board to supervise all our kindergartens alongside our D.E.C.E. (Designated Early Childhood Educator) and E.A. (Educational Assistant). Mrs. Arsenault joins Mrs. Abando on the team of parent lunchtime supervisors.

All Kindergarten students eat lunch in the gymnasium with the rest of the school and play in their kindergarten yard at the front of the school.

FDK School Yard

The board has provided funds to upgrade our current Kindergarten play yard. Along with the architects and our school team a plan has been approved to improve and maximize creative and safe play for kindergarten students. Construction and upgrades will begin in October or November.

Library

Across the TCDSB all libraries are being automated with the computer program Insignia. This will allow all books to be catalogued and signed out through a computer data base. Mrs. Di Michele has been busy for the month of September inputting books into this system. Even though all books have not yet been inputted, the library will open for classes starting in October. If there is any parent that can volunteer their time in the library on Wednesdays to help input books it would be greatly appreciated. If you have some time to help us please contact the school.

Technology Roll out

The TCDSB renewed a new 5 year lease for Technology in schools. For our school, the lease includes 13 iPad Minis arriving mid October and 12 Windows 8 small laptops arriving in November. As part of this roll out, we have also

purchased 5 Windows 8 small laptops (2 from CSAC fundraising in the 2013/14 school year).

Technology Use

Once all our devices have arrived, we will be using the computer lab schedule for all classes. Classes roll the portable computer carts into the library for students to use. We have purchased an additional computer cart to store additional devices for student use.

Kiss and Ride Updates

Officer Rich reviewed and approved the use of our extended driveway and use of the Kiss and Ride program that we are currently using. He has recommended signage to indicate areas for student drop off and pick up (area currently marked by pylons) as well as signage to indicate children crossing through the driveway accompanied by adults.

We are continuing with the use of lane 1 before school for students' drop off. After school the use of lane 2 and 3 for student pick up. Any cars that are not parked directly in front of the school will then drive through lane 2 between the two pylons (with future signage) for supervised entrance into their vehicles.

Parents and guardians walking students through the pedestrian walk in front of the school are encouraged to wait for the main flow of traffic to subside (3-5 minutes after the bell rings). Crossing before the flow of traffic subsides will put the pedestrians at risk due to a blind spot for cars stopping adjacent or behind the big school bus. We encourage all pedestrians to walk out of the school in front of the staff parking lot with the assistance of our safety patrollers.

Catholic School Advisory Council (C.S.A.C.) Elections

Thanks to all parents that attended our CSAC elections on September 10, 2014. We continue to encourage parents to join us monthly for our CSAC meetings. This is a great way to stay informed and provide valuable input to the school. The meeting dates will be announced. Our first meeting will be on Monday, October 6th at 7:00p.m. Congratulations to our newly elected CSAC committee:

Co-chairs - Nicole Arsenault & Cori Stadler
Co-Secretaries - Bella Araujo & Jacqueline Engel
Treasurer- Yvonne Kular

Members at Large:

Anne Morrison
Christopher Kular
Susan Talpa
Vesna Klaric
John Hourihan

World Teachers' Day – October 5, 2014

The Toronto Catholic District School Board acknowledges teachers, and all staff, for the role that they play in inspiring our students to achieve our Catholic School Graduate Expectations.

Lice Information

A new school year has begun. Once again we want to let you know about the common problem of head lice. Head lice can affect anyone, but most often it affects younger school-age children.

Head lice are parasites. They are considered by health officials to be a nuisance when they are difficult to eliminate. They are not a health hazard and are not connected in any way with long hair, dirt, neglect, or not being clean. Head lice can spread quickly from head to head when a group of children have close contact (e.g. school, camp, day-care, etc.). They can be spread by sharing hats, brushes, combs, bedding, etc.

Prevention of head lice is everyone's responsibility. Cooperation and prompt action on the part of parents, school staff, and the public health department will help to reduce the inconvenience to children.

We encourage parents to look at their children's hair on a regular basis. When checking for nits (eggs), the hair should be dry. A convenient time for a visual check may be just before washing your child's hair.

If you find any head lice or nits (eggs), obtain and use a medicated head lice shampoo or medicated cream rinse from your pharmacist, and contact the school to inform them that your child has been treated. The school needs to be informed so that other parents and school officials can be advised to check the heads of others. Finding and treating head lice early will stop your child from getting a severe case and stop the spread of head lice to other children.

Further information and reference about head lice can be obtained from the school or local office of the Toronto Public Health Department: Tel: **416-338-7600**

Lockdown/Hold and Secure Procedures

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has a primary responsibility to ensure the safety of students and staff inside board buildings and on Board property. In partnership with the Toronto Police Services and the Toronto Catholic District School Board, a city wide safety emergency school lockdown procedures plans has been developed.

The "Emergency Lockdown Procedure" is initiated, should a high risk incident involving weapons, hazardous chemical spill; severe weather warning; student/stranger intrusion; etc. occur in the schools or on school property, or there are circumstances in the vicinity of the school that could

endanger the lives and/or the safety of students and/or staff.

In order for all students and staff to become familiar with the expectations during a lockdown, our school will be practicing emergency lockdown procedures as we have normally done with fire drills. During these drills, there will be signs posted on the entrance doors indicating that the school is in lockdown. The doors will be locked and no one will be allowed into the school. This is the same procedure that will be followed in a real situation. We will be holding two lockdown/hold and secure practice drills during the school year. The first will be held on Wednesday, October 22nd, 2014 in the fall and the second will be in April in the Spring.

Intermediate Softball 2014

Our Boys' Softball Team participated in its tournament on Thursday, September 25th. All team members displayed fine sportsmanship throughout the tournament. In the four games that they played, they managed one win and a tie. Thanks to all the boys for their dedication to practices and the games. Team Members: Shreyas A, Anthony D, Trevor F, Young Seo K, Nathan C, Shaun R, Juliano O, Aidan S, Jason C, Andrew K, and Jack F.

Our Girls' Softball Team played their tournament on Friday, September 26th. They were very successful in their round robin play advancing them to the finals. IN the championship game, they came back from a 4-1 deficit to win 6-4. Thanks to all the girls for their fine effort and excellent sportsmanship throughout the tournament. The Champion Team Members: Micaela L, Vanessa D, Rachel N, Hailey G, Vanja B, Sara D, Shannon F, Jessie M, Paige S, Hannah B, and Cora P.

A special thank you to Mr. Morrison for his time and effort in assisting with practices and coaching at the girls' tournament.
-M. O'Neill
Coach

PALS Training

Year after year we see the students of Mother Cabrini seeking new leadership opportunities within the school. On Thursday, September 25th, we had nine grade five students who were trained by Toronto Public Health for the Playground Activity Leaders in the School program (P.A.L.S). This program is an initiative with three objectives: to increase physical activity, to decrease conflict and reduce the incidence of playground bullying, and to provide a leadership opportunity for students.

-N. Bautista
CYW



Safety Patrol

Patroller Training Day

The Mother Cabrini Safety Patrol team participated in a fun training session with Officer Rich and Mrs. Adamo. We all gathered together to learn about safety in our community. Officer Rich taught us how to keep others and ourselves safe. Some of us were lucky enough to wear his hat! We had many patrollers from last year return, with many more new joiners. It will be a safe and fun year!!!!

Richard, Zakary, Kayla, Alyssa

Terry Fox

On a warm, autumn day in September, our 4th annual Terry Fox Walk took place. Many thanks to the students and their families for once again generously supporting this worthy and important cause. Over \$650 was raised, surpassing our goal for this year! Thank you to everyone for continuing to keep Terry's dream alive!

Mrs. Moretto

Health/Physical Education Specialist

I Walk Day

October 8th is International Walk to School Day. This is a day to highlight and to promote daily physical activity supporting our fitness programs at school. October 8th, with weather permitting, we will be walking to Nativity of Our Lord Parish together as a community, what a better way to promote walking. Please join us if you can.



School dental screening

Toronto Public Health provides annual dental screenings in local public and separate schools for children from Junior Kindergarten through to Grade 8. Parents are notified in advance of the screenings and are able to opt out if they do not want their child to be screened.

High school dental screenings can be arranged by teachers or school administrators. Please call 311 to book a high school screening and visit our [teacher resources](#) page for oral health education materials.

The school screening programs do not replace a dental examination that is done at a dentist's office. The screening can provide an early sign of possible problems that should be looked at more closely.

Your teeth are important. Good personal hygiene and regular care can help you have a healthy mouth for life.



Catholic Graduate Expectations – Our goals as a Catholic Community

- A discerning believer formed in the Catholic faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mysteries of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living;
- An effective communicator who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of gospel values;
- A reflective, creative and holistic thinker who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good;
- A self-directed, responsible, life-long learner who develops and demonstrates his/her God-given potential;
- A collaborative contributor who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good;
- A caring family member who attends to family, school, parish, and the wider community;
- A responsible citizen who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.

