



St. Bartholomew Catholic School – November 2015 Newsletter

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,
October sped by and you will enjoy reading the various accounts from teachers and students of their participation in various activities throughout the month.

Many thanks to Mr. Henn for his commitment to coaching the Boys and Girls Flag Football teams and Cross Country. Many thanks also to Ms. O'Reilly for organizing the October Mass and Mrs. Cuda for training and leading the choir. Indeed all the staff are to be thanked for always working together for the good of our students and the school community. In addition, a special thank you to the CSPC committee and the parent volunteers who spent over four hours preparing the gym for the Halloween Dance and Haunted House. What a team!

Our students reached out to the larger community with two fundraising events during the past month:

- The \$132.00 dollars raised on our first **Civvies Day** was donated to our board's main Catholic charity - **ShareLife**. Mr. Tim Lee Loy of ShareLife expressed his gratitude for the funds raised by the St. Bartholomew community.
- The **Terry Fox Walk** through the neighbourhood was delightful and great exercise for everyone. We collected \$130.00 dollars for the Terry Fox Foundation to help with its fight against Cancer.

We are happy to host the **Rosary Apostolate Group** in our classrooms each month. Their visit on October 26th was well received by students and staff alike. For more information on the Rosary Apostolate please see their link:
<http://www.rosaryapostolate.com/who.html>

November is promising to be very busy at St. Bartholomew too. Please see the attached calendar for happenings at the school.

*God Bless,
Anne P. Marum*

Liturgical Calendar

We are approaching the end of **Ordinary Time** in the church calendar and will begin the **Season of Advent** on Sunday, November 29th, 2015. Advent is the Season of Joyful Expectation as we await the birth of Jesus Christ.



For additional information on the Liturgical Year please see the following link:

<http://www.marypages.com/LiturgicalCalendar.htm>

News from Grade 1/2:

The autumn weather is upon us and our class is very excited! We have had great fun in October discussing fall's beauty, the virtue of gratitude and the history of Thanksgiving. Ending it with a spook-tacular Halloween dance, will make it unforgettable! We are excited to begin November because we will be going on our first field trip and having our first scientist visit us to learn more about Air and Water. We will also be learning about seasonal and daily cycles in science, and adding and subtracting strategies in math. Our mornings will be busy using our success criteria when retelling stories and writing sentences. We are all very eager to continue our learning. That is why we say; Here we come November!

Silvana Dippolito



St. Bartholomew Catholic School – November 2015 Newsletter

News from Kindergarten

The month of October has been full of exciting and interesting activities for the Kindergarten class. We celebrated Thanksgiving by having a classroom lunch. We served the students turkey slices, mashed potatoes, corn and carrots. We also enjoyed delicious desserts. Special thanks to the parents who volunteered their time to help us with the festivities.

The students also explored fall harvest in our Apple and Pumpkin unit. The students learned about the different parts of an apple, different types of apples, counted apple seeds, created apple art and they even got a chance to enjoy an absolutely delicious apple crumble, which they made with the help of Mrs. Garcia.

We also have a trip to Willowgrove Farm coming up. It has been rescheduled to Tuesday, November 3rd, due to inclement weather. The children will be exploring pumpkins, creating their very own scarecrow, and get to experience a wagon ride. We are very excited about our upcoming excursion!

So far October has been a great month of learning and getting adjusted to the rules and routines of the classroom. Please don't forget to foster independence at home by encouraging your children to clean up after themselves. Practice putting shoes on and off by him or herself. Practice putting on a jacket independently. Practice doing up a zipper or buttons. Using scissors to snip or cut out an outline of a shape, and of course, always read with your child as often as you can!

Thank you for your continued support,

The Kindergarten Team

Ms. O'Reilly Gr. 3/4 "Classy" News

Our students, like the trees outside, are 'turning over new leaves each day'. .. This month the focus was on reinforcing the positive work habits learned and practiced last month. Students have been working hard to follow routines for both group and individual tasks. Asking questions, giving feedback, and problem solving are a few of the skills we focused on. Thanks go out to your children for trying their hardest and keeping a positive attitude.

Thankfulness filled the air as we celebrated the **Virtue of Gratitude**. In an integrated Literacy/Virtue Education task students expressed their gratitude for specific aspects of their life after learning the writing format for a list. The next time you pass by the hall display we invite you to stop and read some of the beautiful ideas they wrote. **Highlights**

Study Skills: Reading and following instructions, organizing materials (desk, knapsack, and notebooks). For our younger students, these are new skills to learn and I am proud of their efforts to be more independent. Congratulations to our Grade 4 mentors who help support their younger classmates by setting a positive example.

Library News – (Mrs. Hall)

A gentle reminder that library classes are on Mondays at St. Bartholomew. Please ensure your children bring their book on Monday so that they are able to borrow more.

Virtue of the Month: Peace

"Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you."
John 14:27





St. Bartholomew Catholic School – November 2015 Newsletter

News from Mr. Henn’s Gr. 5/6 Class:

This October was a MONSTER of a month for the grade 5/6 class. We were the leaders for the Terry Fox Run. We led the school around the block and made a lot of Terry Fox announcements for the two weeks leading up to the run on Oct 14. We have also been busy creating a haunted house for our perspective art project. The grade 5 students competed in a very educational campaign where we got to pick a topic about the change we would like to see in the world. The topic we picked was something that we felt was important to us. The grade 6 students got to vote as to which campaign they liked the best. It was fun and educational, the whole class really got involved.

We are so excited for Halloween and the dance-a-thon! We are helping to make decorations to decorate the gym. The Haunted house is new this year and we are anxiously waiting to see how it is going to be set up! We also can't wait to get dressed up on October 30 and see all the amazing costumes.

By: Olivia – Gr. 5

Electronic Sign in front of School - update

All electrical work is completed but the permit for the sign is awaiting approval at City Hall. When approval is granted, the sign may then be manufactured. I will share updates as I receive them from the board.

Grade 5/6 Bake Sale

Mr. Henn’s class will be having a Bake Sale on **Friday, November 6th, 2015** to raise funds for the class.



The Girls' Flag Football Team - Oct. 2nd, 2015

Girls' Flag Football:

On October 2nd, the *Girls Flag Football Team* competed in a tournament hosted by our school. Three other teams competed in the tournament from St. Rene Goupil, St. Barnabas, and St. Marguerite Bourgeoys. The girls showed great sportsmanship and played very well as a team, even though the weather for the day was very cold and rainy. The girls on the team would like to thank the parents that brought the Timbits and especially the Hot Chocolate. Even though we didn't finish first, we would like to thank Mr. Henn for coaching us at lunch recess. By: **Alexia – Gr. 8**

Boys' Flag Football Team

On Tuesday September 29th the *Intermediate Boys Flag Football Team* took to the field to participate in their tournament. The teams that the boys played were St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Our Lady of Grace, and St. Rene Goupil. The team won two games and lost one. When everything was said and done, the boys finished second in the tournament to Our Lady of Grace. Our boys played very well and showed awesome sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Way to go boys!

By: **Ben – Gr. 8**



St. Bartholomew Catholic School – November 2015 Newsletter



Cross Country News – By: Josea Gr. 8

On Friday October 16th 2015, thirty-five students from St. Bartholomew went to Morningside Park to participate in the divisional cross country meet. All of the students who participated did amazingly well and over twenty students advanced to the regionals. Overall, our school placed fifth out of the sixteen schools. At the regional meet, on October 23rd, our school was a positive ambassador as all of our runners displayed phenomenal skill and perseverance. Five of the twenty-six students went on to the city finals at Earl Bales Park on October 27th. Congratulations to all of our outstanding cross country runners.

Divisional team: Jack S., Alexis, Anaya, Himmani, Joseph, Crassiant, Frankie, Sophia B., Olivia C., Tristan, Ryan C., Dylan, Jack R., Julian, Safiya, Shannon, Olivia T., Andrea, Sofia G., Michaela, Kyle, Angel, Alexandra, Sofia T., Marissa, Nyla, Aaron, Ben, Vincent, Matthew, Alexia, Joséa, Alysha, Sabrina

Regional team: Jack S., Alexis, Anaya, Himmani, Joseph, Frankie, Olivia C., Tristan, Dylan, Safiya, Shannon, Olivia T., Sofia G., Kyle, Angel, Alexandra, Sofia T., Marissa, Nyla, Aaron, Ben, Vincent, Alexia, Joséa, Alysha, Sabrina

City team: Alexis, Angel, Aaron, Alexia, Alysha

Terry Fox Walk

On Wednesday, October 14th, 2015 our school participated in the Terry Fox Run. Our school walked from Heather Road to Shilton Road (Went through the Gen Watford Drive, Heavendale and Todd Road).

Our school raised \$130.00 that went to the Terry Fox Foundation to help discover the cure for cancer. We raised a lot of money for such a small school to help at Terry's dream. Special thanks to Mr. Henn's class for helping organize this wonderful event.



We embarked on the Terry Fox Walk because we wanted to help Terry when he started the Marathon of Hope on April 12th, 1980. Terry wanted to help kids who he had seen in the hospital who all had cancer. He wanted to raise 1 million dollars to help find the cure for cancer. As of today his foundation has raised almost 90 million dollars. Even after death Terry still has a big impact on society.

By: Matthew Yu – Grade 7

Pumpkin Draw



Congratulations to the winners of the three pumpkins generously donated by Dave McCallum

Mrs. K. Obermair - Mega Pumpkin

Mrs. T. Gregorio - White Pumpkin

Ms. N. Sarmiento – Orange Pumpkin



St. Bartholomew Catholic School – November 2015 Newsletter

Virtue Awards

The following students demonstrated the virtue of Hospitality during the month of September and were presented with a medallion at our assembly on Virtue Assembly on October 3rd.

Sofia Carelli	Kindergarten
Anaya Abewardane	Grade 1/2
Isabella Carelli	Grade 3/4
Alexandra Quimado	Grade 5/6
Vincent Blas	Grade 7/8

Our next Virtue Assembly will be on **Thursday, November 5th at 2:30 p.m.** One student from each class, who has demonstrated the Virtue of Gratitude during the month of October, will be presented with a medallion at the assembly.

Parents/Guardians are more than welcome to join us for the assembly which usually takes about twenty minutes.

Guidance Corner – November

As the time for Progress Reports gets closer, help your child focus on their Learning Skills and Work Habits. **Responsibility, Collaboration, Initiative, Self-Regulation, Organization and Independent Work** are key skills that help students to be more successful in all areas of the curriculum. More information on the Learning Skills and Work Habits and how to help your child develop them, can be found at the following links:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/growthSuccess.pdf> (pgs. 10-14)

http://www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca/homework_tips/learning_skills_and_work_habits.php

November is **Bullying Prevention** month across Canada. Help your child recognize the signs of bullying and what to do if they or someone they know is being targeted. In our age of technology, bullying can happen electronically, as well as face-to-face. Here are some helpful websites you may wish to visit:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/prevention.html>

<https://www.tcdsb.org/ProgramsServices/SafeSchools/BullyingAwarenessAndPrevention/Pages/default.aspx>

*It's a busy month for our Grade 8 students and the transition to High School! Open house nights are underway and parents of Grade 7 & 8 parents are encouraged to visit the local high schools to see all the amazing programs and opportunities that are available. You may be aware that we have a **Regional Arts Program** at Blessed Mother Teresa, a **Math, Science, Technology** program at Francis Libermann, an International Baccalaureate program at St. John Paul II and Advanced Placement programs at a number of different high schools.*

*Application forms for Grade 9 are now available and are due back to your child's teacher in early November. Please complete **Section C** carefully and make sure signatures have been included before returning the form to school.*

*Please note that chances for acceptance increases, the closer the high school is to your child's elementary school. If your child is redirected, there are **no guarantees of placement** at the alternate choice school. The redirection will be to the closest high school that has space. Also, the TCDSB does not have access to information for high schools outside of our own board.*

*You will be receiving a **Transition Guide for Parents** early in November, which contains important information regarding the transition to high school. There are translated guides in a number of languages, available upon request.*

**G. Vincent - Elementary Guidance Counsellor
Area 7 & 8**

Kids Have Stress Too!

(For parents of 4-9 year old children)

"A two session program that helps parents better understand stress in children."

**Thursday, Nov. 19 & 26, 2015
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at St. Bartholomew School**

To register call: (416) 393-5334