



St. Bartholomew Catholic School

October 2015 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Many thanks for coming out to the Curriculum Night on September 24th at St. Bartholomew. Over the next few months, I look forward to meeting parents who were unable to attend due to previous commitments.

October will be a very busy month at our school.

- * In partnership with St. Bartholomew's Parish, we will be collecting canned and dried goods for the Thanksgiving Food Drive.
- * Our school will be hosting Flag Football on Tuesday, September 29th for the Boys' teams and on Friday, October 2nd for the Girls' teams. Many thanks to Mr. Henn, for training our teams and organizing the events. You are welcome to come and watch the games.
- * In October, our focus is on the virtue of Gratitude.
*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God."
(Colossians 3:16)*
- * The virtue of Gratitude will be introduced to the students at an assembly on Wednesday, October 7th at 2:30 p.m. At this event, medallions will also be awarded to one child per class who demonstrated the virtue of Hospitality during the month of September.
- * Our *Terry Fox Walk* through the community will take place on Wednesday, October 14th for students in Grades 1-8. Kindergarten students will walk around the grounds of the school. A contribution of \$2.00 per student for the fight against cancer would be most appreciated. You are very welcome to join us on the walk which will begin at 1:15 p.m.
- * Cross Country Meets will take place on October 16th, 21st and 27th.

Please see the October calendar for additional activities.

Finally, if you are interested in volunteering in your child's class-

room, please give your name to the teacher. Throughout the year, there will also be opportunities to help out with events/activities run by our Catholic School Parent Council. (CSPC)

God Bless,

Anne P. Marum

Principal

Hi everyone! As most of you already know, my name is Mrs. Cuda. I am the Kindergarten teacher at St. Bartholomew Catholic School. I'm very grateful to have the opportunity to teach your children this year, alongside our fantastic Early Childhood Educator, Mrs. Garcia. In September we are focusing on getting to know your child and establishing rules and routines. In Kindergarten, and especially JK it is so important to reinforce these routines at the beginning of the year. Every morning we start with prayers, calendar, weather and daily physical activity, (dance and exercise). This establishes a sense of routine and comfort for your child. We later move onto a structured Language and Math lesson where students will complete work. In the afternoon the children go into their "play-based" learning centers. Each of these centers incorporates aspects of the 6 subjects in Kindergarten: Religion, Language, Math, Science, Art, Physical activity and Personal/Social development. The children essentially learn as they play, hence the term – "play based" learning. It's fun and interactive, yet at the same time incorporates all elements of the Kindergarten curriculum. We are off to a great start already, the children are settling in nicely to the classroom and we look forward to a productive and exciting year of learning!



Sincerely,

Mrs. Cuda , ELP Teacher



Grade 1/2 is happy to welcome fall 2015! We have been very busy adjusting to new routines in our classroom and our school. We have also been getting to know each other as friends and children of God. Both

grades have started social studies units called, Rules and Responsibilities and Changing Traditions and Celebrations. In math, we started with a chapter about numbers from 1-50 and beyond. Soon, we will follow with a chapter about patterns! On Curriculum Night, many of you had the opportunity to see our self-portraits and read the reasons why we are so special, displayed on the second level.



Silvana Dippolito
Gr. 1/2 Teacher

Mr. Henn's grade 5/6 class is off to a successful start! Students have been working on building community and collaborating effectively through co-operative games, problem solving activities and thoughtful classroom discussions. The excitement of the Blue Jays pennant race has been incorporated into mathematical activities, making math both fun and meaningful. The students have just finished writing autobiographies and have been learning to perfect each stage of the writing process. The Great Canadian Mail Race is off and running as students race to write letters to pen pals in the hopes of receiving the fastest response.

Darryl Henn
Gr. 5/6 Teacher

Over the last three weeks at school a lot of things have changed. We are in new classes and we have new teachers. (Mrs. Polito-Scali, Ms. Krzyszkowski and Mr. Del Mundo in grade 7/8). Our new principal is Mrs. Marum. She is a very nice person. We have four new students in our class and we are looking forward to getting to know them. They are all very nice!

The work is different this year. Now we have History and Geography which is all new to the Grade 7s. This year we also have to take notes for Science, Geography and History. We are looking forward to playing new sports such as Flag Football, Soccer, Badminton, Volleyball, Basketball and track and Field. Some of us will also try out for W5H. We can't wait to see what this year has to come!

By Jessica (Grade 7/8)

Secondary School Open Houses

All Toronto Catholic District School Board secondary schools welcome grade 8 students and their families to open houses each fall.

This is an opportunity to meet some of the staff, check out school facilities and learn more about the various programs, services and activities as you prepare for Catholic secondary school education.

Open House Dates will be confirmed later this spring.

Unless otherwise noted, all open houses begin at 7:00 p.m.



Open Houses for 2015

October 13

St. Joseph's College School
74 Wellesley Street West, Toronto
(Girls only)

October 14

Loretto College School
151 Rosemount Avenue, Toronto
(Girls only)

October 15

Marshall McLuhan Catholic Secondary School
1107 Avenue Road, Toronto

October 21

Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts
36 Greenfield Avenue, North York

Madonna Catholic Secondary School
20 Dubray Avenue, North York
(Girls only)

St. Mary Catholic Secondary School
66 Dufferin Park Avenue, Toronto

St. Patrick Catholic Secondary School
49 Felstead Avenue, Toronto

October 22

Blessed Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School
100 Brimley Road South, Scarborough

Blessed Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School



40 Sewells Road, Scarborough

Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School and Regional Arts Centre

28 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Way, Etobicoke
6:00 p.m.

October 26

Msgr Percy Johnson Catholic Secondary School
2170 Kipling Avenue, Etobicoke

October 27

Dante Alighieri Academy
Beatrice Campus, 50 Ameer Avenue, North York

Francis Libermann Catholic Secondary School
4640 Finch Avenue East, Scarborough

James Cardinal McGuigan Catholic Secondary School
1440 Finch Avenue West, North York

Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School
959 Midland Avenue, Scarborough

6:30 p.m.

October 28

Father Henry Carr Catholic Secondary School
1760 Martin Grove Road, Etobicoke

Michael Power/St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School
105 Eringate Drive, Etobicoke

6:30 p.m.

Neil McNeil High School
127 Victoria Park Avenue, Scarborough
(Boys only)

Notre Dame High School
14 Malvern Avenue, Scarborough (Toronto)
(Girls only)

St. John Paul II Catholic Secondary School
685 Military Trail, Scarborough

October 29

Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton Catholic Secondary School (Home of the Arts School@Marrocco)
1515 Bloor Street West, Toronto

St. Basil-the-Great College School
20 Starview Lane, North York

November 3

Archbishop Romero Catholic Secondary School
99 Humber Boulevard, York

Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School
101 Mason Boulevard, North York
Please call the school 416-393-5510 for details
(Girls only)

Senator O'Connor College School
60 Rowena Drive, North York

November 4

Bishop Allen Academy
721 Royal York Road, Etobicoke

Chaminade College School
490 Queen's Drive, North York
(Boys only)

November 5

Brebeuf College School
211 Steeles Avenue East, North York
(Boys only)

Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School
2 St. Andrews Boulevard, Etobicoke

Mary Ward Catholic Secondary School
3200 Kennedy Road, Scarborough

St. Joseph's Morrow Park Catholic Secondary School
3379 Bayview Avenue, North York
(Girls only)

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[Msgr Fraser College \(adult and alternative\)](#)

All locations

Throughout the day (schedule to be determined)

Guidance Corner – October

*My name is Miss Vincent and I am the school Guidance Teacher/Counsellor. I will be visiting your child's school on a regular basis to deliver classroom programming on a wide-variety of topics, as well as providing counselling services on an individual or small group basis. I have been a teacher with the TCDSB for more than two decades, and in my role as Guidance Teacher/Counsellor in Scarborough for the past 17 years. I will be providing regular updates to my **Guidance Corner** in the school newsletter each month. During the month of September I spent time getting acquainted with a number of classes in*

**Guidance
Counselor**



the school, helping students to know who I am and to understand how I can support them during the school year. I encourage students, teachers, administrators and parents to follow me on Twitter @ginvin25 to see

all of my Guidance related tweets. Please do not hesitate to contact me through the school principal or secretary, if I can be of any assistance to you or your child during the school year.

During the month of October, we focus on having an "attitude of gratitude". Help your child to see the blessings in everyday activities and to be grateful in the simple things. Consider keeping a family Gratitude Journal, or sharing things that you are grateful for in your life. A couple of good articles on the topic of Gratitude can be found here: <http://www.parenting.com/article/5-ways-to-raise-a-grateful-child>, <http://www.pbs.org/parents/special/article-ten-ways-raise-grateful-kid.html>

High school Open House nights begin this month for Grade 8 student and parents. The complete list can be found here: <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/openhouses/pages/default.aspx>. Grade 7 parents are also welcome to attend. Please make time to visit the high schools of interest to see what they have to offer.

G. Vincent

Elementary Guidance Teacher/Counsellor

Area 7/8

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff and Catholic Stakeholders:

Further to our communication of September 4th, we are pleased to advise our community that the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) has announced the ratification of central terms for a new three-year collective agreement with the Ontario

English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) representing our elementary and secondary teachers.

In addition, members of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association have also ratified the central agreement.

The OCSTA continues central negotiations with unions representing education workers (CUPE) in Catholic school boards, with the goal of achieving negotiated agreements with all union partners. Our Board remains confident that OCSTA and the provincial government will reach a new central agreement in the very near future.

We will continue to keep parents and students informed and will ensure information is fully communicated to the TCDSB community should there be any developments that may affect operations in our schools.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Angela Gauthier

Director of Education

Nancy Crawford

Vice Chair of the Board

Student Safety – Drop off & Pick-up at St. Bartholomew's Church

When dropping off your child/children in the morning or picking your child/children up after school, please park your car and walk them to the gate of the school yard.

Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) 2015-2106

Congratulations to the follow parents who were elected to the CSPC Executive on Monday, September 28th, 2015.

Chair	Mrs. Alicia Neira
Vice-Chair	Mrs. Joanne Tarulli
Treasurer	Mrs. Nancy Costa
Secretary	Mr. Baldo Minaudo

Many thanks to Mrs. Effie Anastasiadis for her dedication to the school community in her role as CSPC Chair for the last three years.