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It is seemingly so fast that the days and weeks of September have evolved into another month. Already we are in the midst of October. With this wonderful month of seasonal change and the recognition of cooler weather yet to come, we are also given the opportunity to reflect and to give thanks for all the goodness we share in this community. Our Curriculum Night allowed parents the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to become acquainted with the school subjects and plans for curricular design of the upcoming year. We welcome as well Ann-Marie Calupig as our grade 3/4 teacher for the foreseeable future. October also presents a day to give thanks to the Lord for all of the good things that have been bestowed upon us here in Canada, our wonderful school of St. Bartholomew and that of our children and families. Our school will soon have some exciting exterior changes to enhance the safety and well being of our students. There will be a fenced area soon to be placed in the front area of the school so the kindergarten children can play safely and within eyesight. St. Bartholomew was outfitted with a new furnace and room thermostats so even with the cooler weather we should be quite comfortable indoors. Our students continue to come into school and to exit the school through the east yard area and enter that area through the north and east gated walkways. While school safety and security is paramount we welcome our visitors to the school. Simply phone to make an appointment to meet with a teacher or drop in to see me. Our blessings continue through our active parent community that works so hard to support the school and all of our students. At this reflective time of the year and throughout, continue as families to reinforce the values of friendship, responsibility and mutual respect. There is so much for us to be thankful of within St. Bartholomew Catholic School.



'Let us pray
for one another,
that the Lord will carry us
and that we will learn
to carry one another.'
Pope Benedict 2009

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 18 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 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.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.

Students in the junior and intermediate grades will be continuing the use of My Blueprint Educational Planner during the school year. Information can be found at: www.myblueprint.ca

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