October 2011

Appropriate Dress Code
Thanks to all students and parents for making the launch of our Blue and White appropriate dress code implementation such a huge success.

Growing Assessment Policy Document

The reporting schedule for the 2011 – 2012 school year will be as follows:

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The Provincial Progress Report Card is used to inform parents and to monitor students’ progress towards achieving the overall and specific expectations, so that timely, specific and descriptive feedback can be provided in response to student needs.

The First Provincial Report Card, will reflect the student’s achievement of curriculum expectations introduced and developed from September to January/February of the school year, as well as the student’s development of the Learning Skills and Work Habits during that period. The Second Provincial Report Card will reflect the students’ achievement of the curriculum expectations introduced, or further developed, from January/February to June of the school year, as well as the students’ development of Learning Skills and Work Habits during that period.

Although there are only three formal reporting periods, communications with parents and students about achievement is a continuous process that occurs throughout the whole of the school year. Please feel free to contact us at any time to request a meeting to discuss your child’s progress.

First Communion and Confirmation
There will be an Enrolment Ceremony on Tuesday October 25th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Brigid Catholic Church for all students being prepared for First Communion and Confirmation. All students are required to attend.

Youth Mass
There is a Youth Mass on the second Sunday on every month at 7:00 p.m.
CSAC Corner

Another great start to the school year!! Just like you … CSAC has been busy.

Meetings
- CSAC had our AGM, as well as the first meeting of the year on Sept. 12th
- The CSAC executive for the 2011-2012 school years is listed below. We are still looking to add new members if you would like to be involved please let us know.

• Next Meeting – Monday November, 14th @ 7:00pm in room 104. Childcare will be provided. Principal Greco will discuss Problem Solving in Math

Your CSAC Dollars
Although we are only one month into the school year, your CSAC dollars have already funded the following
- Subsidies for Agendas and Book Pouches
- Allotments for Theatre and Transportation

Curriculum Fun Night!
The second annual Curriculum Fun Night was a HUGE success.
A BIG THANKS to the many parent and student volunteers that made this happen.

A SPECIAL THANKS to our DONORS:

Corporate Donors
- Beach Metro
- Impressions Dental
- Shopper’s Drug Mart
- Blacks
- John’s Hobby Store
- Sobey’s
- Bulk Store
- Loblaws
- Staples
- Cake Town
- Mastermind
- Starbucks
- Canadian Tire
- Melanie’s Bistro
- Sun Life Financial
- Carrot Common
- Metro Nails
- Thomas Jewellers (Business)
- Carter’s Ice Cream
- My Gifted Child
- Terroni
- DeSerres
- Plank
- Toronto Climbing Academy
- Doos for Dogs
- Royal Ontario Museum
- ValuMart
- Dragonz
- Royal Beef Ltd.
- Wag
- Home Hardware
- Science Centre
- Walmart

Individual Donors
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- Malichen-Snyder Family
- Rampino Family
- Debbie Fitzpatrick
- Pipher Family
- Joy Baptiste
- Vesna Burns
- Boscie Family
- Fedorchuk Family
- Baptista Family
- Napier Family

Pizza Lunch has started again – every second and fourth Tuesday!
Watch for Pizza Lunch forms, which again allow for making multiple orders.
Available to all children grades 1-8. Gluten free available.
Forms also available online at: http://www.stbrigidcsac.ca

Fundraising
- QSP Magazines – Fall Fundraiser.

Magazine sales campaign will run from Sept. 28th to October 12th. Although you can order all year long, only sales during this time will count for points in the Pick-a-Prize catalogue. Please keep ordering online, or sending in your orders.
If you choose not to participate in the fundraiser, we will also accept cash donations. Any donation over $25 is eligible for a tax receipt. We are also very grateful for the donation of your time.

- Labels are still available. Website www.oliverslabels.com/stbrigid

Volunteers Needed
Whether it is counting money, coming to the meetings, or helping in another area in the school, all types of volunteer help is valued. Please contact stbrigidcasc@gmail.com

2011-2012 CSAC Executive

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St. Brigid Me to We Club
For the month of October, the St. Brigid Me to We club is encouraging everyone at St. Brigid to help our neighbours in need. We would like your help in supporting the Out of the Cold program and St. Francis Table. Please bring in non-perishable food items such as canned soup, pasta, beans, coffee whitener, etc. We are also collecting cleaning supplies such as detergent, disinfectants and garbage bags. Personal hygiene products would also be appreciated. We will be collecting these goods until the end of the month. Thank-you for your generosity during this month of Thanksgiving!
Words From the Library

HALLOWEEN CANDY SHARE 2011!

Did you get a TON of Halloween candy last year?! Would you consider sharing some with others again this year?

This year once again, “extra” candy will be collected in St. Brigid’s library and given away. It will be sent to Africa where much of the chocolate is made, as well as to other countries where children never get to taste it… The candy will be distributed through Canadian Food for Children which ships food and essentials to over 27 countries. Your candy will likely be the ONLY PIECE these children will receive all year!  
St. Brigid’s Candy Share…
Go St. Brigid’s! Go SHARE!

Coming up in the library: On Friday October 21, governor-general award winning author Arthur Slade will be visiting our school to speak with the grade 6,7, 8 students! He will discuss how he became a writer, read from his books, and describe the writing process. If your child would like to purchase one of his books please look for the blue order form that came home. Signed books will be available on the day of his visit. A special thank you to Mabel’s Fables bookstore that arranged this visit for us at no cost!
Secondary School Open Houses

Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians are welcome to attend one of the scheduled open houses at TCDSB secondary schools this fall. Learn more about the various programs, services and activities as you prepare for Catholic secondary school education.

All Open Houses begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Please note that the following open house dates for 2011 (schools have been listed alphabetically by date):

October 25

Father Henry Carr Catholic Secondary School
1760 Martin Grove
Etobicoke, ON
416-393-5521

Loretto College School
151 Rosemount Avenue
Toronto, ON
416-393-5511

October 26

Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts
36 Greenfield Avenue
North York, ON
416-393-5556

October 27

Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School
2 St. Andrews Boulevard
Etobicoke, ON
416-393-5525

Madonna Catholic Secondary School
(girls’ school)
20 Dubray Avenue
North York, ON
416-393-5506

Pope John Paul II Catholic Secondary School
--International Baccalaureate
685 Military Trail
Scarborough, ON
416-393-5531

St. Joseph’s College School (girls’ school)
74 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, ON
416-393-5514

November 1

Blessed Cardinal Newman Catholic School
100 Brimley Road South
Scarborough, ON
416-393-5519

Blessed Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School
40 Sewells Road
Scarborough, ON
416-393-5538

James Cardinal McGuigan Catholic Secondary School
1440 Finch Avenue West
North York, ON
416-393-5527

St. Mary’s Catholic Secondary School
66 Dufferin Park Avenue
Toronto, ON
416-393-5528

November 2

Archbishop Romero Catholic Secondary School
99 Humber Boulevard
Toronto, (York), ON
416-393-5555

Bishop Allen Academy
721 Royal York Road
Etobicoke, ON
416-393-5549

Chaminade College School (boys’ school)
490 Queen’s Drive
North York, ON
416-393-5509
November 2

Marshall McLuhan Catholic Secondary School
1107 Avenue Road
Toronto, ON
416-393-5561

Mary Ward Catholic Secondary School
3200 Kennedy Road
Scarborough, ON
416-393-5544

Msgr. Percy Johnson Catholic Secondary School
2170 Kipling Avenue
Etobicoke, ON
416-393-5535

Neil McNeil High School (boys’ school)
127 Victoria Park Avenue
Scarborough, ON
416-393-5502

Notre Dame High School (girls’ school)
12 Malvern Avenue
Toronto (Scarborough), ON
416-393-5501

St. Joseph’s Morrow Park Catholic Secondary School (girls’ school)
3379 Bayview Avenue
North York, ON
416-393-5516

November 3

Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School
959 Midland Avenue
Scarborough, ON
416-393-5554

St. Patrick Catholic Secondary School
49 Felstead Avenue
Toronto, ON
416-393-5546

November 8

Dante Alighieri Academy
50 Ameer Avenue (Beatrice Campus)
Toronto, ON M6A 2L3
416-393-5462

Senator O’Connor College School
60 Rowena Drive
North York, ON
416-393-5505

November 9

Brebeuf College School (boys’ school)
211 Steeles Avenue East
North York, ON
416-393-5508

105 Eringate Drive
Etobicoke, ON
416-393-5529

November 10

St. Basil-the-Great College School
20 Starview Lane
North York, ON
416-393-5513

T.B.A.

Loretto Abbey (girls’ school)
Grade 8 Information Night
101 Mason Boulevard
North York, On
For information, Please call 416-393-5510 ext.3
The *On Your Mark* Tutoring Program was established to offer academic assistance to students of Portuguese-speaking descent. With the support of community sponsorships and funding from both the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the Toronto District School Board, *On Your Mark* was able to expand the program to students of the Spanish-speaking community in 2008. Eligible students work one-on-one with a tutor or in small groups of two with a tutor.

*On Your Mark* annually serves close to 300 students of Portuguese-speaking descent and Spanish-speaking descent, operating out of 9 schools, with 52 schools involved from various school boards, including the TDSB, the TCDSB, and the Peel District School Board.

The program aims to help students establish goals for their education, receive assistance with homework and/or assignments and develop basic learning skills. Tutoring sessions are held after school at one of nine school sites in partnership with the TDSB & TCDSB. The *On Your Mark* Tutoring Program also offers Saturday morning tutoring. This program is an effort to support and improve the academic performance of students who are of Portuguese speaking descent and of Spanish speaking descent.

Working Women Community Centre is a non-profit and charitable organization that provides immigrant women and their families with opportunities to improve the quality of their lives through self-development and community action. The *On Your Mark* Tutoring Program is part of the languages and training services that Working Women provides and now entering its 10th year of service, has been offering academic assistance to over 1,400 students of Portuguese-speaking descent and Spanish Speaking descent.

**Student Testimonials**
- “The help is amazing. My grades have improved by a lot and I have more confidence and it’s all thanks to the tutoring program.”
- “I love tutoring because I get lots of help and its lots of fun. They make you feel confident and comfortable.”

**Parents Testimonials**
- “Please continue with the program because it has been a great help not only for my daughter but also the children of friends of mine whose children are also in the program. Thank you!”
- “Patrick loves the tutoring program. It has helped him a lot and he would love to have an extra day a week. Thank you!”

**FREE TUTORING** for Students of Portuguese-speaking descent & Spanish-speaking descent!

*On Your Mark* Tutoring Program for students of Portuguese-speaking descent and Spanish-speaking descent

533A Gladstone Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M6H 3J1
Sonia Neves, Project Coordinator (Portuguese) Ext. 34 - sneves@workingwomenc.org
Zuzuky Diaz, Project Co-coordinator (Spanish) Ext.46 - zdiaz@workingwomenc.org
Phone # 416-532-2824
Fax # 416-532-1065
In order to qualify for the program, students must:

- **Be of Portuguese-speaking descent** (i.e. Portugal, Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, Macao) OR **Spanish-speaking descent**

- **Be having significant difficulties in one or more subjects and referred by a teacher.** *On Your Mark* is a program to help students that are having significant difficulties in one or more subjects. Starting this school year we require a Teacher Referral as part of the application process. You will notice that the Registration Form requires a school staff referral (i.e. Teacher, Principal, Social Worker) in order to enroll the student and to determine the student’s area of significant struggle. The program will only accept student application forms with the completed teacher referral.

- Be enrolled full time in elementary or secondary school; grades 1 – 12

- Complete and submit a registration form signed by a parent or guardian

- Commit to meeting with a tutor for a minimum of 1 hour per week

As a result of their involvement in the tutoring program, students experience the following outcomes:

- More regular completion of homework
- A more positive attitude towards learning
- Increased self confidence
- Greater academic achievement
- Exposure to positive role models

**Parent Support:**

*On Your Mark* has continuously encouraged parental involvement in the program and is proud of the formed relationships between parents, tutors, teachers and school principals. *On Your Mark* aims to create a climate of trust and collaboration between the tutor and parent.

A vital part of the *On Your Mark* Tutoring Program is the formed relationship between parent(s) and tutor. Both are encouraged to create and maintain a relationship throughout the school year as this only has a positive impact on student achievement, improved learning outcomes and success in school.

For more information please contact: Sonia Neves (Portuguese) ext. 34 or Zuzuky Diaz (Spanish) ext.46 at 416-532-2824 or via email sneves@workingwomencc.org or zdiaz@workingwomencc.org. You can also visit the Working Women Community Centre at 533A Gladstone Avenue at Dufferin & Bloor.
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* PARENTS ARE WELCOMED TO JOIN IN SCHOOL MASSES  

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