



St. Teresa of Calcutta Chronicle



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REMEMBRANCE DAY



The other common name for this day is Armistice Day which marks the date and time when armies stopped fighting World War I. on November 11th at 11am in 1918 (the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month). Some 100,000 Canadian soldiers died in the First and Second World Wars.

All government buildings fly the Canadian flag at half-mast this day and people remember those who fought for Canada during a two minute silence at 11am. Many people wear poppies before and on Remembrance Day to show their respect and support for Canadian troops. Poppies are generally handed out free but often a voluntary donation is given in exchange.

The St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary School community will be having a Remembrance Day Service/Liturgy on **Monday, November 11th starting at 9:45 a.m.** led by our grade 7 students. Parents are welcome to attend. The legion will be handing out poppies this year to the students. Donations are always welcome to support our veterans.



ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA INSTAGRAM PAGE



Just a reminder to please follow us **@motherteresasc** to get a glimpse into activities and events that are happening at St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary School. Please check out our Halloween Doors which will be posted on October 31st.

PA DAY

Just a reminder that **Friday November 29th 2024** is a PA Day for all elementary students. No school today!



All Saints Day/All Souls

Thursday November 1st 2024 is 'All Saints Day' and **November 2nd 2024** is 'All Souls Day' We will be having a prayer service from the office during morning announcements on November 1st to recognize both of these days.

ICE DOGS NIGHT



On **Thursday November 28th** we will be having our St. Teresa of Calcutta Ice Dogs Night! Our choir will be singing O'Canada at the game. If we sell 100 tickets we will also have the opportunity to skate on the ice before the game. If we reach this goal I will communicate further details to families about times/entrances as the date gets closer. Please come out and support this Family Engagement Night. You do not have to be in the choir to purchase tickets for that evening. We hope to see you there!

Jr. Boys and Girls Triple ball TOURNAMENT



This year St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary School will host the Junior Boys and Girls Triple ball tournament. The staff at St. Teresa of Calcutta School have been holding try-outs for both grade 4, 5 & 6 boys and girls. Congratulations to the students that made the team! We will be hosting the St. Francis Family of Schools Jr. Boys tournament in our gym on **Friday November 15th** and the Jr. Girls tournament on **Monday November 18th**. Good luck to both our boys and girls teams.

BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK



Ontario has designated the week of November 18th to 22nd, 2024 as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week to promote safe schools and positive learning environments. **PROMOTING RELATIONSHIPS AND ENDING VIOLENCE NETWORK (PREVNet)** Launched in 2006, PREVNet's mission is to stop bullying and to promote safe and healthy relationships for all Canadian children and youth. For information and resources, please visit: <https://www.prevnet.ca/>.

COBS FUNDRAISER



On October 14th we begin our Cobs Bread Fundraiser. The "Loaf per Month" Card entitles you to get one complimentary loaf of bread at COBS Bread Ridley Square every month for a year! (12 loaves in total). This Card is only Redeemable at the COBS Bread Ridley Square location in St. Catharines. All proceeds will go directly back to the school. Once again, we are looking to subsidize the cost of the 'Jungle Sport' <https://www.junglesport.com/> physical activity centre that will be visiting our school in April. The Fundraiser ended on **October 27th 2024**.

ECO INITIATIVE



For the month of November, please help the ECO team collect clothing, bedding, curtains and fabric products that can be used to help divert waste from the landfills. All staff and students are encouraged to bring in bags or boxes of textiles that are in good - used condition that can be recycled. This is also a fundraiser - the school will get some money but all depends on the weight of textiles we are donating. Please check your closets and bins this weekend and all of November!!!

JOY DAY



The St. Teresa of Calcutta staff and students will dedicate one day to decorate the classrooms and doors for Christmas. This year Joy Day will be held on **Friday November 28th 2024**. Students will be encouraged to wear anything red /green or white on that day as we begin our Journey to Christmas!

CHOIR @ MARTINDALE PLACE



On **Friday December 13th 2024** the St. Teresa of Calcutta Choir will be travelling to Martindale place to spread some Christmas Joy to the residents. The performance will begin at 1:30 p.m. and all parents/guardians are more than welcome to come to watch. Students will be walking to the venue and will be presenting in the 'Great Room' in building A. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their talents to the local community.

PROGRESS REPORT CARDS AND PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE

This year the Progress Report Card will be available the week of **November 11th, 2024** in the Parent Portal only with the purpose of showing the development of the learning skills and work habits along with progress in the achievement of the curriculum expectations in each subject from September – November.

Parent/Teacher interviews will take place on **Wednesday, November 20th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium**. Teachers will communicate this information to you directly. A reminder that each appointment will be 10 minutes in duration. Should you require additional time, kindly arrange a mutually convenient phone appointment with the respective teacher(s).

Even though there are designated reporting periods during the school year, **ongoing communication** with the parents and students about student achievement and progress is continuous throughout the school year by means of parent-teacher phone calls and informal reporting to parent/guardians via the agenda. **At any time during the school year,** I invite you to contact the classroom teacher about achievement of your son/daughter. If you have any questions about the reporting on student achievement process, please contact their teacher.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME **ENDS NOVEMBER 3rd, 2024**

When local daylight time is about to reach Sunday, November 3rd, 2024, **2:00:00 AM** clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour to Sunday, November 3rd, 2024, **1:00:00 AM** local standard time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on November 4th, 2024 than the day before. There will be more light in the morning.

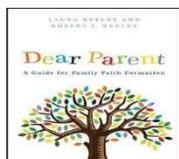


E-MAIL ADDRESS & TEXT MESSAGES

As the majority of correspondences/newsletters/updates, etc. are now e-mailed, we would ask that you provide the office with your updated e-mail address and phone number if you already have not done so to ensure that you are in receipt of all communications as they relate to your child(ren). Your co-operation in this regard is greatly appreciated. Parents can Opt in for text messaging by texting a **Y to the short code 978339**. If you have already been receiving my text messages then there is no need to text into the code.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS



The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 19th, 2024 at 6:00pm** in person at the school. All parents are welcome at any time. You are welcome to just sit and listen. The meetings for the Catholic School Council will be noted on the calendar monthly. **A presentation will be made in regards to privacy and confidentiality and its effect on school and school procedures.**

EXTRA CLOTHES



Parents are reminded to send extra standardized dress code clothing to school (especially for the children in the Kindergarten and primary levels to avoid inconveniencing parents when it becomes necessary to find dry clothes. All students are expected to have an indoor pair of shoes to wear in the halls and classrooms. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME???

Please keep your child at home and away from others if he/she has any of these symptoms:

- Fever;
- Diarrhea;
- Sore Throat;
- Rash;
- Vomiting;
- Frequent coughing and/or sneezing;
- Yellow or green discharge from nose, ears or eyes.



Contact your family doctor for a diagnosis. Your doctor will advise you about care and treatment. For more information please contact the Infectious Disease Program at (905) 688-8248 ext. 7330 or 1-800-505-6074 or www.niagararegion.ca.

WASH YOUR HANDS

Clean your hands to prevent the spread of germs and reduce your risk of getting sick. Wash your hands after;

- Coughing or sneezing;
- Blowing your nose;
- Using the washroom;
- Playing with pets;
- Playing outdoor;
- Before preparing meals and eating.

Use warm water and soap, lather and scrub for at least 15 minutes. Have children sing the ABC song, so they scrub for long enough. Alcohol-based sanitizers are safe for children and can be used when you do not see any dirt.



**CHRISTMAS MUSICAL:
TUESDAY DECEMBER 5TH**