



St. Teresa of Calcutta Chronicle



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THE EASTER SEASON



As February comes to a close, the community of St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic continues to journey through Lent, and as the Easter season comes to an end, we will continue to learn about the virtue of Hope. Hope unites us with the risen Christ for it gives us the ability to trust in God's promises... no matter what obstacles we personally encounter or see in the world today. Hopeful people pray and work unceasingly for peace and justice as stewards of the earth. Hopeful people live the Gospel with joy. God Bless.

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER MONDAY

Just a reminder that Friday March 29th is Good Friday and Monday April 1st is Easter Monday. Therefore, there will be no school on either of these days. Please take the time to rest and enjoy a wonderful long weekend with your families during this blessed season.



EASTER FOOD DRIVE



Once again this year the students of St. Teresa of Calcutta will be organizing and collecting food for the St. Vincent De Paul Society for our Easter Food Drive. The food drive will begin on Monday March the 18th and end on Wednesday March 27th 2024. Thank-you for your support!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



On Thursday, March 28th, 2024, Mrs. Olsson's grade 7 class will lead a liturgy depicting the Stations of the Cross for grades K – 8 students. Thank-you to Mrs. Olsson and her students.

SHROVE TUESDAY

On Tuesday February 13th 2024 students received pancakes for a snack. Once again, I would like to thank SUNSET GRILL on 4th Ave. in St. Catharines who provided the pancakes to our students for a nominal donation.



KIDS HELPING KIDS



Throughout our Kids helping Kids week drive, the staff and students at St. Teresa of Calcutta have collected \$550.00. Thank you for your continued support.

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

The St. Teresa of Calcutta School Choir and Dance Team will be performing in the NCDSB Festival of the Arts held at Lakeshore Catholic High School on Thursday, March 7th. Performances will take place from 10:15 am - 11:15 am. We look forward to a fun morning showcasing the many gifts and talents of our Titans!



MARCH BREAK



Our March Break is March 11th to March 15th. Students return to school on Monday, March 18th, 2024. If you are planning on taking a vacation earlier or will be away later, please ensure that you report the dates on the Safe Arrival System.

GREEN AND GOLD DAY



To kick off the March Break holiday, students will be encouraged to wear Green and/or Gold on Friday March the 8th. Although we are not here during St. Patrick's Day maybe a little Green and Gold will bring good luck to all during the break!

MOVE CLOCKS FORWARD

On Sunday March 10th we Spring Forward as Daylight Savings Time Ends. Please remember to turn your clocks ahead on Saturday night before you go to bed.



HAND BALL



Currently, we are in the midst of handball try-outs for both girls and boys in grades 4 to 6. The Girls tournament will be taking place here at the school on Wednesday March the 6th 2024. The Boys tournament will be taking place at Holy Rosary School on Thursday March the 7th. Good Luck to all of our Athletes!

ART CLUB



Coming mid March to St. Teresa of Calcutta: ART CLUB. Do you like to draw? Listen to relaxing music while drawing? Hang out with your friends? Well, the Art Club may just be what you are looking for. Stay tuned for more information. We will be starting up an Art Club for Junior Students during lunch periods. Announcements will be made at the school level to inform students of this upcoming initiative.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We encourage all families to register as soon as possible. This helps to ensure proper staffing is in place for the new school year. Please share this information with any friends, family and/or neighbours who have a child that is ready to start school in September 2024.

We are very excited to have more students join our St. Teresa of Calcutta Family and the extended Family of Niagara Catholic.

For registration, you are reminded to bring in the child(ren)'s:

- Birth Certificate;
- Immunization Records;
- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate and/or Baptismal Certificate of the child(ren)'s parents



and/or guardian (if applicable);

- Proof of Residence within school boundaries; for example, a utility bill.

If applicable, original Landed Immigrant/Permanent Residence documentation, and the passport of the country of origin, indicating the date of entry into Canada.

DRESS CODE



Just a reminder to parents that St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School has a dress code which consists of a collared shirt (blue or white), dark blue bottoms (pants or skirt). A blue hoodie on cold days for in the classroom or any St. Teresa of Calcutta Spirit wear. We have noticed that a number of students lately have been wearing black bottoms, light pants or blue or white t-shirts among other things. Students will be asked to change if not in dress code attire and a call home may be required. If you need any assistance with the purchase of dress code items please contact the school and we will be able to assist you.

CLEAN GREEN ECO TEAM



Our Clean Green Eco Team has been busy making posters and educating their peers about the small actions they can take to reduce climate change. They will be awarding the class with the most litter-less lunches the 'Golden Garbage Can' award. Please continue to participate in this worthwhile initiative to help reduce single use plastic and waste at our school.

REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES

The St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic community continues to think green!!! Our school community has three hydration stations that provide refreshing filtered water. We encourage all students to bring in their own reusable water bottle labeled with the student's name. Thank you for thinking GREEN!!!



PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES



1. Cell and smart phones, as well as other personal electronic devices, are eligible for appropriate student use in wireless enabled common areas of the schools as approved by the administration of the school for instructional and co-instructional purposes.

2. Cell or smart phones, tablets, laptops, audio or video recording devices are prohibited for use by students in all Niagara Catholic elementary and secondary school classrooms unless specifically approved by staff for instructional or co-instructional purposes.

3. The Board and its staff assume no responsibility for the use, safety, security, loss, recovery, repair or replacement of a personal electronic device when carried on to Board premises. The secure storage of these devices is the sole responsibility of the owner/user.

March is Nutrition Month

Fruits and veggies are not only absolutely delicious but they are nature's fast food! Ready to eat and most come in their own "to-go" packages, produce makes the perfect snack for kids to grab and go. They need minimal to no preparation and buying ones in season means you can save some money and shop smarter.

Think you can't get much produce on a tight budget? Here are some tips to make shopping for produce more easy and affordable:

- Don't shop when you're hungry and carry a list. You'll be more likely to stick to your budget and nutritious food choices.



- Look for washed and bagged salads, baby carrots, celery hearts, broccoli and cauliflower crowns, cherry tomatoes, and shredded cabbage in your grocery store
- Buy fresh produce, like peaches or bananas, in varying degrees of ripeness to allow for some ripening towards the end of the week
- Canned and frozen vegetables can be convenient choices
- Spend most of your time in the produce, bread, meat and dairy sections
- Use store flyers to help you find specials
- See more at: <http://www.halfyourplate.ca/produce-is-affordable>




Get inspired with recipe ideas from **Cookspiration**
and serve up a nutrition tip a day with **eaTipster!**




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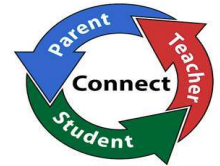
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CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

The meetings for the Catholic School Council will be noted on the calendar monthly. All are welcome.



MATH CORNER

Did you have a favourite game or puzzle as a child? Why did you like it? Looking back, what do you think you learned from it?

People have engaged in playing games and solving puzzles for thousands of years. Games and puzzles continue to provide important opportunities for children to experience playful learning.

Games and puzzles based on logical thinking are often linked to mathematics. Out of school, they are considered recreational. In school, games and puzzles often provide opportunities for students to practice skills. Within mathematics, they tend to focus on computation, with the goal of increasing fluency. Games and puzzles are included in many mathematics curriculum resources, and teachers might offer them as a choice, as an independent activity or as a rotation during instructional time.

Engaging in games and puzzles at home are wonderful ways to enjoy time together as a family!



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