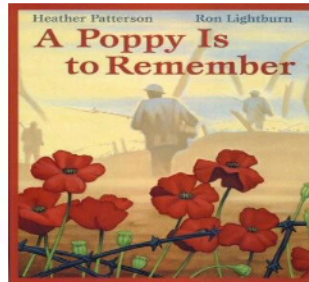


# St. TERESA OF CALCUTTA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Hands to Serve, Hearts to Love, Growing in the Image of Christ*

November 2024



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

This year the staff and students continue to be committed to promoting the message of **social justice, anti-bullying and protecting our environment**. Thank you to all the students who participated in the Walk, Bike or Roll to School Campaign! The winning class was Mrs. Midgley's Grade 5/6s!

Special thanks to all members of our community for supporting our CSC Danceathon Fundraiser – Student Spirit helped us raise over \$10,000 towards CSC's Fundraising Initiatives for this school year.

STOC also participated in our YFA food drive that had us collecting food donations prior to Thanksgiving & thank you for your generosity in supporting our Terry Fox Marathon of Hope.

In the month of November, we celebrate the Virtue of Conscience and reflect on how we can strive to be better people.

On November 1, we honour All Saints Day and November 2, All Souls Day.

On November 11, Mr. Felice's class & Mr. class will be leading us in a Remembrance Day Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. and parents are invited to join us for this service. We will be presenting our November Virtue of Conscience Certificates after the Liturgy.

November 4-8<sup>th</sup> is Treaty Recognition Week, November 11-15<sup>th</sup> is also Veterans' Week and November 17-23<sup>rd</sup> is Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week with a focus on *Cyberbullying Prevention*.

God Bless, Mrs. Maddison

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## Dates to Remember:

Friday, November 22 is a PA Day. Students do not attend school on this day.

Teachers will be involved in professional development.

## **In Flanders Fields by John McCrae, May 1915**

In Flanders fields the  
poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row  
on row,  
That mark our place; and  
in the sky  
The larks, still bravely  
singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the  
guns below.

We are the Dead. Short  
days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw  
sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and  
now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with  
the foe:  
To you from failing hands  
we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold  
it high.  
If ye break faith with us  
who die  
We shall not sleep, though  
poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

## School Hours for 2024/2025

School begins: 8:55 a.m.

First Recess: 11:00-11:15 a.m.

Lunch: 11:55-12:55 p.m.

Second Recess: 2:25-2:35 p.m.

Dismissal: 3:25 p.m.



## PEOPLE OF CONSCIENCE...

- FEEL RIGHT AND WRONG AND PAY ATTENTION
- LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT INSIDE
- CHOOSE TO DO WHAT JESUS WOULD DO
- KNOW THAT FOLLOWERS OF JESUS WILL HAVE TO MAKE DIFFICULT CHOICES
- KEEP PROMISES EVEN WHEN TEMPTED TO GIVE UP
- CAN SEE HOW HIS/HER ACTIONS MAY HELP OR HURT OTHERS
- ADMIT THEIR SINS AND FEEL BADLY ABOUT POOR CHOICES
- SAY SORRY AND TRY TO MAKE UP FOR HURTFUL ACTIONS

# CONSCIENCE



Lest We Forget.

### Remembrance Day

On November 11th, Canadians across the country stop and remember the men, women, and children who were killed in wars. There are parades and memorial services. Everyone stands in silence as they remember the more than 100,000 brave Canadians who were killed. World War One Armistice was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11 month and that is why November 11th is called Remembrance Day.

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

In the month of November, we will celebrate the virtue of: Conscience.

Congratulations to the recipients of our October Virtue of Empathy certificates:

**Ms. Scarpelli and Ms. Karandysovska**  
FDK – **Melissa, Rihanna**

**Ms. Medeiros and Ms. Pereira FDK**  
FDK – **Sebastian, Amelia, Sultan**

**Ms. Iassogna**  
Gr.1/2- **Diego, Mila**

**Ms. Casciaro**  
Gr. 1/2 – **Edvard, Khemyah**

**Ms. Bailey**  
Gr. 2/3 – **Amir, Navy**

**Ms. Neiva**  
Gr. 3 – **Heidi, Mariana**

**Ms. Armstrong**  
Gr. 3/4 – **Elly, Joaquin**

**Ms. Pereira**  
Gr. 4/5 – **Kendrix, Mason**

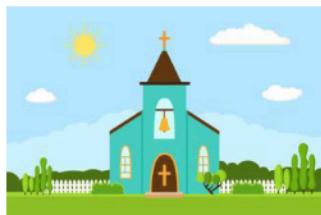
**Mrs. Midgley**  
Gr. 5/6 – **Vitalina, Nico G.**

**Mr. Salinas**  
Gr.6/ 7 – **Ben, Vitali**

**Mr. Kalinowski**  
Gr. 7/8- **Katherine M., Julia C.**

**Mr. Felice**  
Gr. 8 – **Nikola, Alina**

## FAITH



### St. Patrick's Church Info

#### CATECHISM PROGRAM: First Reconciliation & First Communion Classes

Please contact the Parish for more information & to register your children.

#### St. Patrick's Confirmation Information Night Confirmation Registration

Please contact the Parish for more information & to register your children.



### CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

*THANK YOU! Sincere thanks to all the volunteers for their help in organizing and supporting our Halloween Dance-A-Thon school fundraiser! Over \$10,000 was raised towards our goal of permanent shade structures in the school yard. All students will receive a free pizza lunch in December as a thank you from our Catholic School Council!*

Co- Chairs-

Claudia Filipe and Chris Garofalo

Secretary-

Julia Van de Kraats

Treasurer-

Nelly Xavier Cordner

OAPCE Representative –

Janet Kus

Parish Representative–

Andrea Gavrilovic

Teacher Representative –

S. Iassogna

Our next meeting will take place on January 16 with a timed agenda at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

All School Council Meetings will be at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. on the following dates: November 7, January 16, February 20, April 24, May 8, and June 12 with a timed agenda from 7:00-8:30.

An email address is available for STOC Catholic School Council:

[mtrsacscinfo@dpcdsb.org](mailto:mtrsacscinfo@dpcdsb.org)

The principal and Catholic School Council Chair will review any items submitted.

## Catholic Graduate Expectations



### **A reflective, Creative and Holistic Thinker**

#### **I HAVE IDEAS!**

I have thoughts and opinions that matter  
I make good choices  
I have hope for the future  
I solve problems with knowledge, understanding and prayer  
I know we are all equal and special  
Because I have ideas, I have a purpose, and I will live my life like Jesus.

### **All Saints and All Souls Day – Nov. 1 & 2**

November is the month of Remembrance. For Catholics this is a special time of year, as we are reminded of the importance of the feasts of All Saints & All Souls Day. These two special days remind us that God has a special plan for everyone.

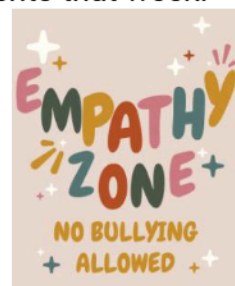
Ontario has designated the week beginning on the third Sunday of **November as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week** (Nov.17-23) to help promote safe schools and a positive learning environment.

## **bullying awareness and prevention week**

**november 17-23, 2024**

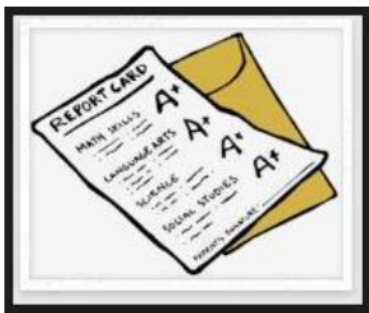
Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week is designated to help promote safe schools and a positive learning environment. This year the focus will be on **cyberbullying prevention**

We will be having a STOC Anti Bullying Awareness Week and Student Led Announcements that week.





## Progress Reports & Interviews



Our First Term Progress Reports will be digitally distributed on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Instructions will be emailed out to all families.

Report Card Interview letters have been sent home to families. Your child's teacher will be holding interviews for students where there may be a concern, or further parental input may prove beneficial to support learning.

Interviews take place if requested either by the teacher or Parent(s)/Guardian(s) on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Interviews can be booked on School Interviews STOC [!\[\]\(c3d993ca47bfe2a953c700506ce31fa0\_img.jpg\) Parents Guide School Interviews STOC \(1\).pdf](#)

## Indoor/Outdoor Shoes

Weather is very unpredictable in the Fall. The news indicates colder weather is right around the corner. Please send your child wearing layers that can be removed or added to depending on the weather. Please ensure that children are prepared every day with hats, coats, mitts, and boots. Ensure your child practices zipping, buttoning etc. so they can get ready independently to go outside. Continue to send rainwear on wet days. An extra set of clothes at school is a great idea in case of slips/falls. Please remind your child to bring a pair of **indoor shoes** to school and label the shoes and clothing for our primary students. Running shoes are preferred because they are safe and can also be used for gym. We appreciate your continued support!



## THRIVE in Community Newsletter - November 2024

### **Math @ Home**



Connect learning between school and home with our **Math@Home newsletters**.

Each Math@Home newsletter:

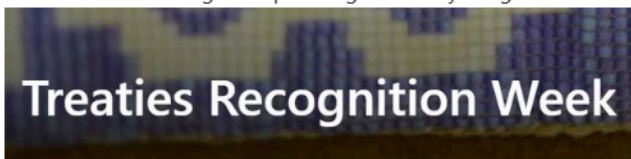
- Highlights a mathematical concept/skill;
- Includes related Family Math Activities that can be done at home;
- Spotlights a resource that can be used to further support doing math at home.
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This month's focus:  
[Math At Home - Estimation](#)

## Social Justice Initiatives @ STOC

The first week in November is Treaties Recognition Week was introduced to recognize and understand the importance of treaty education and to help everyone in Ontario learn about treaty. Treaties are legal agreements made between two or more Nations.

- Treaty-making preceded North American settlement and has allowed for the peaceful settlement of Canada.
- Treaty outlines the terms, relationship and conditions of settlement in Indigenous Territories.
- Both Settler and Indigenous Nations have a responsibility for knowing and upholding the Treaty obligations.



## **Our Healthy Beverages Pledge!**

We at STOC, are joining forces with our Public Health Nurse to support the Ministry of Education School Beverage Policy (PPM 150). This policy is aimed at creating a school environment that provides access to healthy beverage choices such as **water**. Regular consumption of healthy beverages may enhance student mental well-being and improve academic achievement!

As part of this pledge STOC students are asked to:

- Bring reusable water bottles to school
- Refill the water bottles at our water bottle filling stations here at STOC
- Avoid bringing other sugary drinks such as juices or sodas

We offer battery recycling, pen/marker recycling and pop can tab collection at STOC.



## **SPORTS**



### **Cross Country**

Congratulations to our St. Teresa of Calcutta Cross Country Team that represented our school at the Mississauga East Family Meet that was held on Friday, October 18, 2024, at Centennial Park. The weather co-operated and it was a wonderful day for all team members. Many students achieved personal best times in their races!

A big thank you to our coach, Mrs. Midgley & the parents for helping our school team and for all who came out to cheer for their own child and our school team!

Special mention goes out to Liam, Christian and Marharyta for making it to the board finals. Thanks again to our team for all their hard work because distance running isn't easy, and it takes a special person and team to stay committed! **Congratulations and well done! Way to Go Tigers!!!**



### **Junior Volleyball**

Junior Boys and Girls competed the Mini Tournament at Canadian Martyrs in Junior Volleyball and the Family Tournament at John Cabot. All team members showed great sportsmanship and played their hearts out! They showed perseverance and positive attitudes in every set. Mrs. Beach and Mr. Felice would like to thank all the Junior Boys and Girls Volleyball Team members for their hard work and determination. Intermediate Volleyball Teams have been chosen – thank you to Mrs. Beach and Mr. Felice for continuing to coach our STOC Volleyball Athletes.

### **Trees in our Schoolyard**



WE have been very lucky to receive several new tree saplings in our Primary School Yard as part of our regular school board maintenance to support School Yard Greening Initiatives.

We have asked students not to climb the trees or pull on the branches as we give them time to take root. Please remind children to do the same after school or on weekends in our schoolyard.

## Community Development

What to do if someone  
is **BOTHERING** you?

**W**alk away  
**I**gnore  
**T**alk it out  
**S**eek help

Use Your WITS!

[www.witsprogram.ca](http://www.witsprogram.ca)

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WITS

At STOC we want our students to feel safe and happy coming to school. We will be reminding our students to THINK before they speak (post, text etc.) Is it True, Is it Helpful, Is it Inspiring, Is it Necessary, Is it Kind? As well when faced with a problem, we encourage students to use their WITS-

Walk Away  
Ignore  
Talk it out or  
Seek adult help!

Before you speak:

**THINK**

**T** = Is it True?

**H** = Is it Helpful?

**I** = Is it Inspiring?

**N** = Is it Necessary?

**K** = Is it Kind?

### St. Teresa of Calcutta Staff 2024-2025

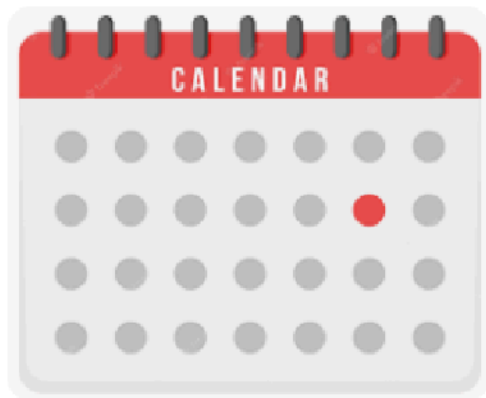
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E. Garcia Night Custodian  
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## Dates to Remember.....

[Click Here for 2024\\_2025 School Year Calendar](#)

Nov.4	Picture Retake Day
Nov. 4-8	Treaty Recognition Week
Nov. 11	Virtue of Conscience / Remembrance Day
Nov 17-23	Anti Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
Nov. 12	Progress Reports Sent Home
Nov. 14	Progress Report Interview Evening as required by Teacher/Parent-Guardian
Nov. 15/18	See/Hear Clinic
Nov. 22	PA Day Provincial Priorities in a Catholic Context
Nov 28	Wear your favourite hobby (team jersey, dancer, dress in your favorite game character)
Dec. 4	STOC Christmas Movie Day
Dec 11	Advent Mass 9:30 a.m.
Dec 18	Christmas Concert – afternoon and evening performance