

# St. TERESA OF CALCUTTA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

October 2024



*Father all-powerful,  
Your gifts of love are countless and Your  
goodness infinite.  
On Thanksgiving Day, we come before You  
with gratitude for Your kindness:  
open our hearts to concern for our fellow  
men and women,  
so that we may share Your gifts in loving  
service.  
We ask this through our  
Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen*

**Thanksgiving is  
Monday, October 14**

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### Dates to Remember:

Friday, October 11, 2024 – P.A. Day

Students do not attend school on this day.  
Teachers will be involved in professional  
development.

### 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.

### Principal's Message

It was wonderful to see so many families at the Open House, BBQ and Book Fair Evening. Thank you to the Catholic School Council and staff for their hard work and dedication to organizing this wonderful school event.

Our annual Terry Fox Marathon of Hope took place on Friday, October 4. Thank you for your contributions to the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you to Mrs. L. Medeiros and Mrs. C. Pereira for organizing this incredible event!

Orange Shirt Day, the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation was on September 30. We had a Virtual Student Led Announcements & students participated in various activities through the week to learn how we can honour survivors and bring about change.

October is a month that reminds us to be thankful for all our blessings. We are thankful and blessed to have a community of parents/guardians that support a learning environment, rooted in faith, that is inclusive and respectful.

October 5 is **World Teachers Day!**

Thank you to the St. Teresa of Calcutta team of teachers. This is the reason we have such an exciting and vibrant school where our students continue to excel. You truly make a difference!

On behalf of the staff of St. Teresa of Calcutta School, we hope that you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

God Bless,  
Mrs. G. Maddison



## PEOPLE OF EMPATHY...

- CAN UNDERSTAND AND NAME THEIR FEELINGS
- CARE ABOUT OTHER'S FEELINGS
- LISTEN CAREFULLY TO OTHERS
- LISTEN FOR CLUES IN TONE OF VOICE
- WATCH EXPRESSIONS AND BODY GESTURES FOR MESSAGES
- NOTICE WHEN SOMEONE IS UPSET
- CAN SEE AND RESPECT HOW OTHERS LOOK AT THINGS
- KNOW THAT OTHERS MAY FEEL DIFFERENTLY ABOUT THINGS THAN THEY DO
- RESPOND GENEROUSLY TO HELP OTHERS

# EMPATHY



## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

In the month of October 2024, we will celebrate the virtue of: Empathy

Congratulations to the recipients of our September Virtue of Faith certificates:

**Ms. Scarpelli and Ms. Karandysovska FDK**

*Arianna, Nestor*

**Ms. Medeiros and Ms. Pereira FDK**

*Kira B., Viktoria H., Davyd T.*

**Ms. Iassogna  
Gr.1/2**

*Emma, Gabriel*

**Ms. Casciaro  
Gr.1/2**

*Maxi, Anita*

**Ms. Bailey  
Gr.2/3**

*Agustina, Ethan*

**Ms. Neiva  
Gr. 3**

*Estella, Samir*

**Ms. Armstrong  
Gr. 3/4**

*Keyara, Milena*

**Ms. Pereira  
Gr.4/5**

*Christopher, Dana*

**Mrs. Midgley  
Gr.5/6**

*Lance, Gabriella*

**Mr. Salinas  
Gr.6/7**

*CJ, Kristian*

**Mr. Pyczek  
Gr.7/8**

*Tyrese, Katherine*

**Mr. Felice  
Gr.8**

*Charlie, Nicholas C.*



## **St. Patrick's Church Info**

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

This year, our classes will be held IN PERSON at the parish.

For more information or to enroll your child in our Catechism Program, please send an email to: [stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org)  
Details and registration will be communicated via email.

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

For more information, please contact Dave Guevarra at [dguevarra@archtoronto.org](mailto:dguevarra@archtoronto.org)

If you have any questions about our programs, please feel free to contact the Parish Office (contact information on the front page of this newsletter)



## **CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**

*Much appreciation is extended to the 2023-24 School Council for all their hard work and dedication towards the betterment of St. Teresa of Calcutta community.*

Congratulations to the parents/guardians who submitted nomination forms.

All submitted names have been acclaimed and no election is necessary.

On October 2, 2024, acclamation of the School Council occurred for 2024-2025.

The following individuals were elected/appointed:

#### **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 –**

**Rotating throughout the school year**

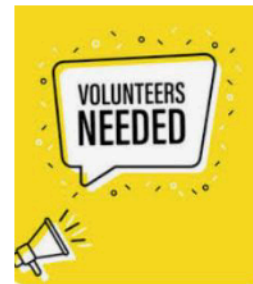
Our next meeting will take place on **November 7** with a timed agenda at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

All parents are welcome to attend our CSC meetings.

Information will be sent out to the community with information about how to request a link if you wish to attend virtually. If parents/guardians that are not voting members on a school's Catholic School Council, wish to have an item to be added to the agenda, then these items need to come forward through nominated members of Catholic School Council listed above. This can be facilitated by parents/guardians sending an email to our Catholic School Council Info email account located at: [mtrsacscinfo@dpedsb.org](mailto:mtrsacscinfo@dpedsb.org)

All Catholic School Council Meetings will be at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. on the following dates:

Approved minutes are posted on our school website.



If you are interested in volunteering at our school in the areas of Fundraising Initiatives, Food Distribution or Special Events – please fill out the Google Form.

[Please click here for Volunteer Form](#)

*\*Just a reminder that if you are interested in volunteering within the school in any capacity, including field trips, student support, Catholic School Council member, etc., a valid Criminal Reference Check (CRC), with Vulnerable Sector Check - Level 3 is required. Please contact the office if you need help with the application process.*

## School Visitors

All visitors must report to the office. School personnel will assist with the entry of late students as well as the early release of students for appointments. All students leaving the school during the school day will only be released through the front office and we ask that parents please wait at the front door to receive their child safely.

## Sign In/Out Book

Normally before leaving school early during the day, children must be signed out from the school office by a parent/guardian. If your child needs to leave school during the school day, you must notify the classroom teacher or the office in writing/via email/by phone. Once you arrive, please ring the doorbell and we will arrange to have your child brought to you at the front door.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from preschool forward.

Missing 10% of school (1-2 days every few weeks) can:

- Make it harder to develop early reading skills
- Make it harder to develop numeracy skills
- Develop a poor attendance pattern that's hard to break
- Absences can affect the whole class as time may be required to help children catch up
- Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves

## Fire Drills/Lock Down

### Procedures

We are required to conduct three fire drills in the fall and three in the spring. We are also required to practice two lock down drills during the year and one Shelter in Place. Lock down drills involve students moving away from the classroom door to a location within the classroom away from windows. Lights are turned off and the doors are locked. These practices are to ensure that students and staff are prepared in case we should need to go into lock down. Lock down / Hold and Secure procedures would be initiated by police and Board security personnel.

## Indoor/Outdoor Shoes

Students are asked to ensure that they have a pair of indoor shoes at school. As the weather gets wetter, we ask that children change their footwear when they come inside to keep our classroom floors clean.



Sometimes parents take the opportunity to bring their pets with them to school when dropping off or picking up students. We would like to remind parents, for safety reasons, if you have brought a pet with you when meeting or dropping off your child, we ask that you please wait off school property, as **dogs are not permitted on the school grounds**. There has been some discussion about the number of dogs on school property in the evenings. Please call 311 to report your concerns.

**Just a friendly reminder STOC community:** Skateboards, bicycles and scooters are not allowed on the property during school hours. For everyone's safety, please walk your skateboards, bikes, and scooter while on school property.

## Community Development



### **PLASP-BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

The PLASP Program begins at 7:30 a.m. and resumes once school is dismissed and goes until 6:00 p.m. Children participate in recreational activities, are served a nutritious snack daily and have time for homework. For further information, call 905-890-1711 or visit the website at [www.plasp.com](http://www.plasp.com)

### **PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (PEDS) ON BOARD PREMISES**

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board acknowledges the value of the use of technology for learning. Students are permitted to register and use personal electronic devices (PEDs) on board premises and/or board sanctioned events for educational purposes, under the direction of staff and only with parent/guardian permission (GF 066- Network User Application and Agreement, completed at initial registration). Students may register their PED for the purpose of connecting to the board wireless network. Students are required to adhere to the student "Personal Electronic Device Used with WI-FI Network Student Agreement" and the "Network User Application and Agreement." The student agreement GF 337 will need to be signed before students can use the WiFi network. The forms were sent home with verification packages. **Please be advised that the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board will not be responsible for any cost incurred through the use of personal data plans.**

PEDs are to be used responsibly and should not interfere with learning; their use must comply with the Catholic Code of Conduct, board policies and procedures. **Any personal communications (i.e., phone calls, text messages, etc.) will continue to be directed through the main office.** Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in a loss of PED privileges and/or any other consequences deemed necessary by school administration.

The school principal may authorize limited acceptable uses of personal electronic devices during school-sanctioned activities for a specific designated purpose outside of instructional spaces and/or in common areas.

Students are responsible for the safety and security of PEDs at all times and the Board assumes no responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen devices.

**PLEASE** do not call/text your child during school hours. Parents/Guardians are asked to call the school office & students are directed to use the school office phone when they need to communicate with families at home.

### **Student Insurance**

Insure My Kids information brochure was sent home in September. Enrolment is voluntary.

### **Medication**

**On occasion, the school is asked to store and/or give medication to students. Medication of any kind cannot be stored on school property without the proper medical forms on file.**

1. A completed form must accompany each request for medication to be stored by the school.
2. School personnel will not assume responsibility for the administration of any medication.
3. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to monitor the quantity of medication stored by the school.
4. Please let the office know if you require Storage of Medication Forms so they can be forwarded to you.

### **Reminder**

For your child's safety we request that he/she not be on school property until supervision begins at 8:40 a.m. **Please do not drop your child off at the school prior to 8:40 a.m.**



**Thrive in Community**

September 2024

Supporting Mental Health and Well-Being



### **[Click Here for Community Newsletter](#)**

As per Ministry of Education requirements, DPCDSB is seeking, through a survey, community feedback on the goals, action steps, and strategies associated with each of the MYSP values of Believe, Excel, Respect, Thrive, and Trust.

The survey will close on Thursday, October 31, 2024. [Link](#)

## Halloween Costumes Considerations

To create safe, caring and inclusive spaces within our schools, please consider the impact costume choices may have on others. Families are encouraged to select costumes that may not be considered offensive to someone's religion, culture, race, gender, gender expression, ability, heritage, or sexual orientation.

Everyone has the freedom to express themselves within reasonable limits. As a caring Catholic community, we must ensure that the costume choices are not offensive to, or mocking of, others.

Rather than creating a list of inappropriate costumes, we encourage families discuss with students what is appropriate, what is not appropriate, and why. Below are some guidelines to consider before choosing a costume. These questions will help determine what constitutes an offensive/disrespectful costume, and applies to "characters" from media, including TV or films. (Adapted from Simon Fraser University).

### Does your costume:

- Mock or condescend oppressed people and/or cultures?
- Include face painting for the sole purpose of matching the skin colour of a specific person or people?
- Mock or condescend religions or religious beliefs?
- Use sacred objects/clothing of others' religions/ cultures?
- Caricaturize marginalized groups or persons (historical or current) in a way that may serve to trivialize them?

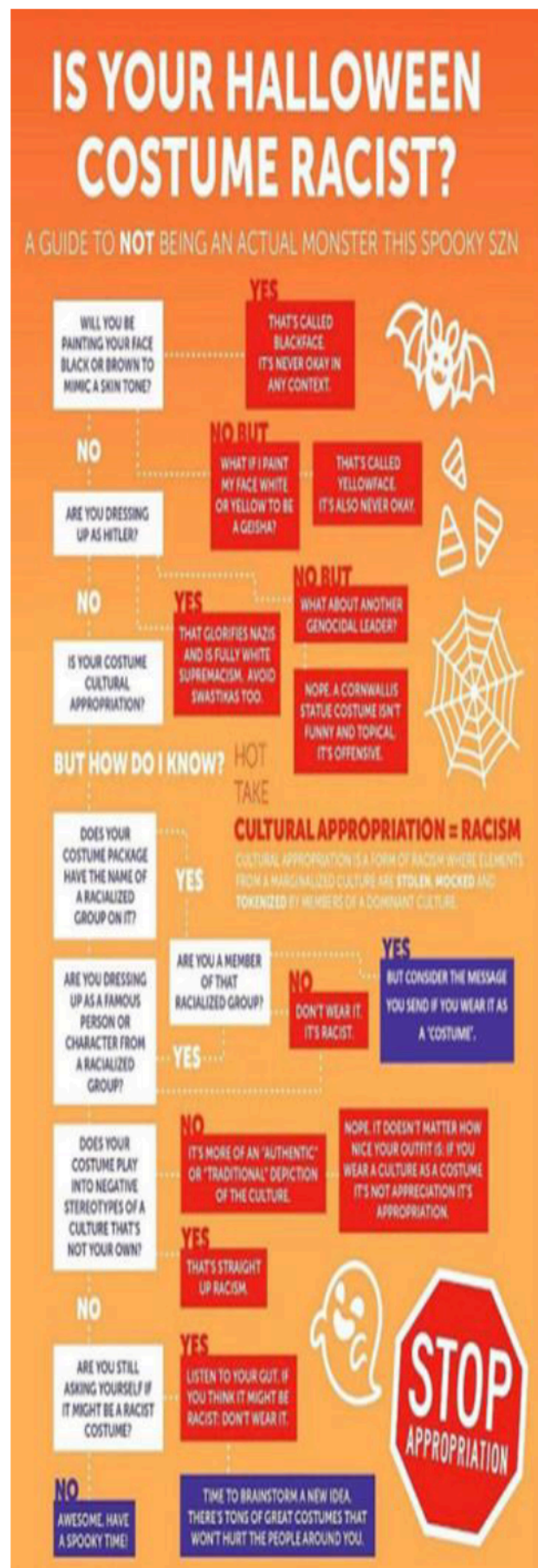
For more information and additional Halloween resources:

[Guidelines York University Learning For Justice Article](#)

On October 31st students may wear a costume or if they do not wish to, students can wear black and orange.

Students are reminded that weapons or replica weapons should not be brought to school. Scary masks or masks that impair vision should not be worn.

We will be having a **Halloween Danceathon** for students in the gym at scheduled times on Tuesday, October 31. *More Information to Follow* – Please look for an email on School Messenger.



## Social Emotional Learning @ STOC

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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DIRE 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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A. Pereira	DECE

S. Iassogna	Grade 1/2
M. Casciaro	Grade 1/2
M. Bailey	Grade 2/3
M. Neiva	Grade 3
T. Armstrong	Grade 3/4
C. Pereira	Grade 4/5
D. Salinas	Grade 6/7
A. Guzik(LTO)	Grade 7/8
M. Felice	Grade 8

A. Galle	French
V. Corapi	Library/Planning Time
Y. Chan	SERC/SERT
P. Noronha	Planning Time

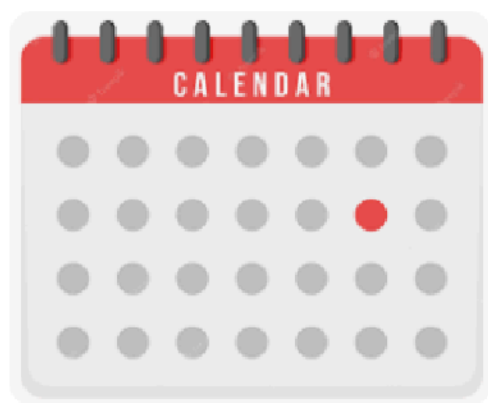
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Z. Pyczek

M. Knibbe  
A. Passarelli  
A. Estabrooks

R. Jardin  
D. Kostyshyn  
L. Gordon  
J. Xamin  
E. Garcia  
A. D'Ettore

SERT/ ESL  
ESL  
Planning Time

ERW  
Child and Youth Worker  
Speech and Language  
Pathologist  
Psychologist  
Social Worker  
Head Secretary  
Head Custodian  
Night Custodian  
Night Custodian



**Dates to Remember.....**

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

## October is Walk to School Month

**Oct. 5 World Teachers Day**



Thank you to the St. Teresa of Calcutta team of teachers. This is the reason we have such an exciting and vibrant school where our students continue to excel. You truly make a difference!

- Oct. 7 Grade 7 and 8 Immunization Clinic
- Oct. 8 Junior Volleyball Tournament
- Oct. 10 World Mental Health Day
- Oct. 11 P.A. Day
- Oct. 14 Thanksgiving Day
- Oct. 18 Cross Country Meet
- Oct. 21 Virtue of Empathy Assembly
- Oct. 23 Opening Mass 9:30 a.m.
- Oct. 31 Halloween Danceathon
- Nov. 12 Progress Reports Sent Home
- Nov. 14 Progress Report Interview Evening as required by Teacher/Parent-Guardian



**ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC  
SECONDARY SCHOOL**



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**GRADE 8 OPEN HOUSE &  
REGIONAL SPORT PROGRAM INFO**

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

5:45pm - Meet & Greet and School Tours  
6:30pm - Presentation for all Grade 8 families  
7:30pm - Regional Sport Program Information



Join us to learn more about our programs, meet some of our teachers & coaches, and tour our school building!



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**International and Indigenous Languages  
Elementary Program**

Start date September 21, 2024 to May 30, 2025



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2024-2025

Interested in International and  
Indigenous Language Programs for  
your child – please click here for more  
information:

[International and Indigenous Language  
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