

# St. Theresa Catholic School

Newsletter

November 2009



## Remembrance Day Thoughts

Poppy we are but children small,  
We are too little to do it all.

Children you may do your part.

Love each other is how you start.

Play without fighting, share your games and toys.

Be kind and thoughtful to all girls and boys.



### ***Parent Involvement***

Our School Council has once again supported our school through fundraising. We thank those who have helped out by purchasing cookie dough and we would like to let you know that **this year the cookie dough will arrive at our school on Dec. 10 and will need to be picked up on that day. Please make arrangements with someone to pick it up for you should you be unavailable on that day.**

A steering committee has been set up for the planning of the new school in the south end. Ms. Meskell and myself are both on the committee representing St. Theresa School. Each of the affected schools have similar representation. To date a survey has been developed and is available on our school website ([www.scdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.edu.on.ca), our schools, St. Theresa, submit). This survey addresses the question of the name of the new school and allows parents to submit their preferences on line. You will be kept current on the progress of this special building project as information is made available. The survey closes on Oct. 30.

**As Hallowe'en approaches, we anticipate that treats will be plentiful but we recommend that none of these be sent to school.**

### **NEW SCHOOL SITE INFORMATION NIGHT**

A special meeting on Nov. 2 at 7:00 pm at St. Francis School is being sponsored by the Chairs of the schools affected by closure. The Director, Mrs. McCullough, the Chair, Mr. Jody Cameron, Trustee, Mrs. Estelle Scapatura and members of the board administration will be in attendance. This meeting will bring all parents up to speed on the developments to date regarding the new school as well as the St. Francis renovation. You are urged to attend this critical meeting in order to provide your valued feedback prior to us moving forward.

Part of the information meeting's agenda is to provide an update on the planned renovations to St. Francis and to explore two options with regard to the new site at St. Benedict's: an innovative 'two separate and distinct school communities' building, connected via a multi-media centre (JK to 12) OR a completely separate stand alone model JK-8.

**WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday night.

Geraldine Meskell  
School Council Chair  
St. Theresa

**Safety in the Schoolyard**

When dropping off students, please park in a parking space if there is a school bus behind you or your children need assistance getting out of the vehicle. Buses must adhere to schedules so we must do our best not to impede traffic. **Please do not drop off your children prior to 8:40 as there is no supervision until that time.**

**Safety for our Students at School**

Awareness has been raised regarding the H1N1 flu and illness associated with it. Here at school we have had a proper hand washing presentation (Oct.20) for all of our students. Hand sanitizers are also located in the school in strategic areas for the general public and students when hand washing is not possible. Our custodial staff is concentrating on cleaning surfaces very well. All of the above measures have been put into place to minimize illness but we recognize that people will still become infected. When children are sick and display flu symptoms, please keep them at home. You can then call the school and let us know that the reason your child is home is due to flu symptoms – we have a duty to report the number of absences due to flu and flu symptoms to the Sudbury and District Health Unit.

It is known among most but perhaps not all of our school community that we have some students with severe, life threatening allergies to nuts and nut products. For this reason, these food items are not allowed in our school.

**Book Fair:**

We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in November. Students will be able to view books on Friday, November 6 and make purchases on the following Monday and Tuesday till 4:00 p.m. A percentage of total sales comes back to our school. We thank you for your support.

**Student of the Month**

The month of October recognizes WORK HABITS for Student of the Month. Congratulations to: Stephanie St-Jean - JK, Molly Lafantaisie - SK, Kayleigh MacNeil - Gr. 1, Giulia Wilson - Gr. 2, Carly Perron - Gr. 2/3, Christine Kettle - Gr. 4/5, Michael Do - Gr. 6

FAITH was the virtue for Terrific Kids. Congratulations to: Parker Benson - JK, Marco Groulx - SK, Alena Smania - Gr. 1, Norah Cavallin - Gr. 2, Christopher Scherzinger - Gr. 2/3, Megan Sarmatiuk - Gr. 4/5, Marika Moskalyk - Gr. 6.

**Student Council**

Mme Rocca has taken over the Student Council for this school year. Members of this group include Carly Zulich, Will Irvine, Victoria Muscolino, Jazz Aoude, Julia Thompson and Darius Ghorbani. These children will lead our school on given occasions and help to create culture here at St. Theresa.

**No Child Without**

Our school is happy to be part of the 'No Child Without' program which provides FREE medical identification (Medic Alert Bracelets, necklaces or sportsbands) services for children aged 4-14. A brochure is being sent home outlining conditions which should be communicated in an emergency should a child be unable to speak for himself/herself. This valuable program is sponsored by the Lions Club & the Government of Canada.



Thanks to the Holiday Inn for providing our students with all the goodies for our 'Fruity Fridays' and also to Mrs. Gina Aoude for delivering the trays to the classrooms.

