
Mother Teresa School “Live, Love, Learn”

Safe Arrival Phone Number ~ 519-881-1852

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Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board ~ Vision Statement

Commitment to a vibrant Catholic education, we ensure quality learning experiences through community partnerships that nurture each student in mind, body and spirit and embrace the teachings of Christ, giving witness to Gospel values.

October 2016

Virtue is Acceptance

Acceptance is welcoming and including everyone as a child of God; each with differing views, talents and beliefs that bring value to our community life.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God of compassion and gratitude

Bless our school with Your guidance this month.

We offer a prayer of thanksgiving for

Your presence in our lives.

For the gift of our children

We offer THANKS,

For the gift of our families

We offer THANKS,

For the gift of our teachers,

We offer THANKS,

For the gift of our community,

We offer THANKS,

For the gift of our Catholic Schools,

We offer THANKS,

For the gift of our beautiful country,

We offer THANKS,

For the gift of our church,

We offer THANKS,

For the gift of Your son,

We offer THANKS.

AMEN



SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

We ask that you call our Safe Arrival Number (519-881-1852) before 9:00a.m. to notify us if your child will be absent from or late for school. Please note that the Safe Arrival Number is an answering machine that will be checked by office staff prior to the start of the school day. **You may call this number at any time and we encourage you to use it to report any absenteeism from school – for each day your child will be absent or late.**

READING RECOVERY

We have S. Kramer-Dales offering Reading Recovery again this year. Reading Recovery is an effective short-term reading and writing intervention program that targets Gr. 1 students who need a boost to enhance their reading and writing skills. Identified students receive individual lessons for an identified time period to bring their reading/writing skills up. As students become more confident and read at an identified level, then they are discontinued. Following this, students are monitored on a regular schedule.

MEET OUR 2016-17 CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

We welcome and introduce our new Catholic School Council for 2016-17. We invite all parents to attend our meetings and thank the interest that was shown to start our school year. Your ideas are welcome. We thank all for sharing their leadership and interest in MTS. Our Council is made up of the following membership:

J. Batte	Chair
K. Bester	Parent Rep./Secretary
C. Metcalfe	Parent Rep.
A. Hawkins	Parent Rep.
M. Fields	Parent Rep.
M. Bradley	Parent Rep.
D. LaCasse	Parent Rep.
C. Dosman	Parent Rep.
C. Kuntz/S.Kramer Dales	Teacher Rep.
R. Sachs/S. Lang	Non-Teaching Rep.
P.Wild	Principal

May the Lord bless all our Council members, parents, staff and community members, as we strive to work in partnership and harmony for the betterment of God's children.

CHECKING IN AT THE OFFICE

You are always welcome at Mother Teresa School. To ensure the safety and well-being of our children, however, we must ask that all visitors sign in (sign in sheet located just outside the main office) and check in at the office. If you need to speak to your child, it would be our pleasure to have them meet you in our office. Thank you for your understanding.

INDOOR SHOES

A reminder that students must wear indoor shoes at all times (these can be their gym shoes). If the fire bell should ring in cold or wet weather, children are not permitted to look for shoes. We do not want anyone outdoors in stocking feet.



PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)

Parents should pay particular attention to the detection of head lice at this time of year when children are getting back together. Parents are asked to check their child's hair regularly, treat infestations as required and notify the school immediately upon detection. If you could volunteer to help with pediculosis checks at school, please phone our office and leave your name.

Check out the Grey Bruce Health Unit website for info.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-evMjE-tml&feature=youtu.be>

PRESCRIPTIVE/NON-PRESCRIPTIVE SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS

If your child has any special health needs, please send a note or drop by the office to pick up the required Board forms for prescription/non-prescription medication. Medication must be delivered in the original pharmacy containers **by parents/guardian** and kept locked in the school office. Medication can only be administered after the forms are completed. If you have any questions please call the school.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD READ?

Virtually anything that interest them and is age appropriate. Children need to be exposed to a variety of different reading materials:

- ** Fictional (made-up stories)
- ** Non-Fiction (information books)
- ** Magazines
- ** Recipes
- ** Newspapers, comics
- ** Poetry
- ** Pamphlets
- ** Songs etc.

Reading is a life skill that every child needs. Reading should be fun and informative.

LOST AND FOUND ARTICLES

This year we will clear out the Lost and Found area every few months to prevent a large accumulation of items and redirect unclaimed articles to The Second Hand Rose in Walkerton. It was really surprising last year to see many good jackets, sweaters, shoes, hats, mitts, etc. being recycled since no one claimed them. Please encourage your children to check for missing items. (It is located on the last coat hooks of the main hall before the library) It is always strongly encouraged to have your son/daughter's name on the belongings.

SUPPORT FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Catholic ratepayers, including parents, should continue to declare themselves as separate school supporters in order to ensure that the Province has a record of their support for the Catholic School System. Catholic ratepayers must also declare themselves to be Catholic and separate school electors in order to cast a vote in the election of separate school trustees in municipal elections. Under the funding formula, the size of a school board's assessment base no longer determines the amount of the board's funding. However, the assessment base still serves several important functions:

1. It is a record of support for Catholic Schools.
2. It is used to determine the number of trustees to be elected to each board to represent the interests of parents and their ratepayers.
3. It supports board's population projections, which affect funding for new pupil places.
4. Should authority to tax be returned to local school boards in future, a complete assessment base will be critical.

To ensure you are registered as a separate school supporter, please check your property tax bill or check with your landlord. If not, contact the school or board office for help with completing the necessary forms.

NOT FEELING WELL?

If your child is not well enough to be going outside for recesses, he or she is probably not well enough to come to school. Since fresh air and exercise are healthy for children, students are expected to go outside during recesses. Asking permission for your child to stay in presents problems for supervision. Please note that when the weather is inclement, indoor recess takes place with adults on duty for supervision.



SAFE SCHOOL

Our focus year long is on the safety of our students and our school environment, but some special activities are happening in the near future. These activities help students to participate in and consider the ways that they can make their school, home and personal interactions positive and safe.

INTERNET USE

A reminder to parents and students of our use and access to computers. All students have had the expectations reviewed in their classrooms and the agreement stands that we have on file. Use of computers is a privilege and we expect our students to act responsibly and use the internet appropriately with supervision. If parents have any questions please contact the school office or your child's teacher.



Grocery Tapes

We are still collecting Grocery tapes from Wright's IGA, Valu-Mart, Grant's Independent and Hanover Foodland. We are NO longer collecting soup labels, therefore if you can redirect them to another community group who does collect them that would be greatly appreciated.

CROSS COUNTRY

Mother Teresa's Cross Country team will compete in the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 11. The students representing our school have worked hard to train for these races. We wish our students the best of luck and thank Mr.Eckert for coaching the students.



Accessing the school Newsletter electronically

- ~Log onto www.bgcdsb.org
- ~ Click on school - top tool bar
- ~ Elementary - drop down menu
- ~ Mother Teresa
- ~ Newsletters
- ~ Download

Assembly

October Recognition Assembly will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 1:00 pm ~ Mother Teresa School Gym. We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our students and having a community gathering.

Picture Retakes

Edge Photography took our pictures last week. Retakes are scheduled for Oct. 24 for students that were absent or pictures that have problems. Please send a note with your child if you require retakes, the week of pictures.

REMINDER OF P.D. DAY ON OCT. 28

SUB DAY- Wednesday, Oct. 26th

For those students that participated in the sub contract days!

Inline Chiropractic

We would like to thank Inline for their generous donation of school supplies. We appreciate the community support in helping to meet the needs of our children.



TEXT MESSAGE REMINDERS

If you would like to receive automated messages through text messaging. You can register online at remind.com Our school code is **schoolac**.