



FOREVER FRIENDS

# SCHOOL NEWS

## St. Theresa School

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### Junior & Senior Kindergarten Registrations

Registrations are currently being accepted for September 2017. Kindergarten students must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2017 and Senior Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2017. Children that are already in school need not re-register for Senior Kindergarten. A warm welcome awaits your child in our caring, dynamic Catholic learning environment! Please call for a tour as soon as possible.

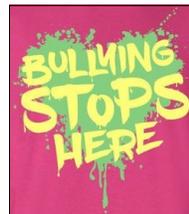


### Pink T Shirt Day ~ Anti-Bullying Campaign

February 22, 2017 is Pink T-Shirt Day! Kindness starts here :)

Each year, on Pink T-Shirt Day, we encourage all of you to wear something pink to symbolize that we as a society will not tolerate bullying anywhere. Take the message and remember it all year long.

It is so important that victims of bullying know they are not alone and there is help and support available. Wearing a pink shirt on this day sends a strong message to them that others care. Often, the simple act of wearing a shirt can start conversations - conversations can be a big step towards healing and helping! We will have a School Wide Poster Contest outlining ways we can help victims and bullies!



We would like to ask all staff and students to wear pink on February 22, 2017.

### Family Day - February 20

Several years ago, the Government of Ontario announced the creation of a new province-wide statutory holiday, Family Day, to emphasize and celebrate family. This day is celebrated on the third Monday in February every year. Please note: There will be no school on Monday, February 20th

### Contact Us

Safe Arrival: 705-752-4407  
 School Cash Online [npsc.schoolcashonline.com](http://npsc.schoolcashonline.com)  
 Visit us on the web: [thr.npsc.ca](http://thr.npsc.ca)



- **February 3**—PD Day  
No School
- February 4—Knights of Columbus Free Throw for those moving on...
- **February 2, 9, 16, 23**—Junior/Intermediate electives
- **February 10, 17, 24**—Primary students electives (Apollo)
- **February 14**—Wear Pink, Red & White, Valentine's Day Activities
- **February 15**—Report Cards Go Home Today
- **February 17**—Scholastic Book Orders Due
- **February 20**—Family Day  
No school
- **February 21**—CSAC meeting  
Intermediate FSL Information Night
- **February 22**—Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day
- **February 27**—NEW PD DAY  
No school
- **February 28**—Shrove Tuesday



## Winter Electives

Our primary students, JK-4 will be going to Apollo gymnastics for their winter electives. These sessions will take place on Friday, February 10th, 17th and 24th. Students will be participating in a variety of physical activities with the assistance of trained Apollo Instructors.

Our Junior/Intermediate students, grades 5-8 will also be participating in a variety of different activities on Thursday, February 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd. These activities include:

- 1) Down Hill Skiing and Snowboarding: Students will have the opportunity to learn how to ski or snowboard with the assistance of instructors from the Laurentian Ski Hill.
- 2) Bowling: Students will have the opportunity to learn how to bowl and participate in this fun filled group activity at Partner's Bowling Alley.
- 3) Swimming: Students will be swimming at the Canadian Military Base in North Bay.
- 4) Outdoor Education: Students will be participating in various outdoor activities and learning some outdoor survival skills lead by Mme Surtees.
- 5) Coding: Mr. Peter Anello will be hosting a Coding Club where students will be learning about robotics and programming.

(Please note that some activities can be considered high risk activities.)

### END OF THE DAY STUDENT PICK-UP

**Please note when picking up your child at the end of the day that an adult will be in the Gathering Room at 2:50 p.m. to open the door. The dismissal bell is at 3:00. Thank you for your support so that the end of the day may run smoothly.**



**Heart  
Healthy  
Kids!**

## Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is Feb. 28th, 2017. The Catholic Student Advisory Council (CSAC) will be looking for parent volunteers to help make pancakes for a morning snack for all students on this day. Please advise the school, if you are able to volunteer and have a criminal record/vulnerable sector check. Parents will be asked to be at the school for 9:15 a.m. Thank you to our CSAC for your kindness and generosity.

## Ash Wednesday

Our School will be celebrating Ash Wednesday on March 1st at 9:00 a.m. in our school gym. We invite all families to come and join us as we start our Lenten journey together.!

## Excellent Online Family Resources:

Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario <http://acbo.on.ca/>

## Intermediate FSL Information Night

We will be hosting an FSL information night on Tuesday, February 21st, for our parents who have children going into grade 7 next year. If your child is in our grade 6 French Immersion class room, we are hosting an evening where we can explain the program and answer any questions you may have about the intermediate FSL program. We will also have the principal from St. Joseph Scollard Hall present to further explain the courses that will be available for your child at the Secondary Level.

## Red/white/pink Day

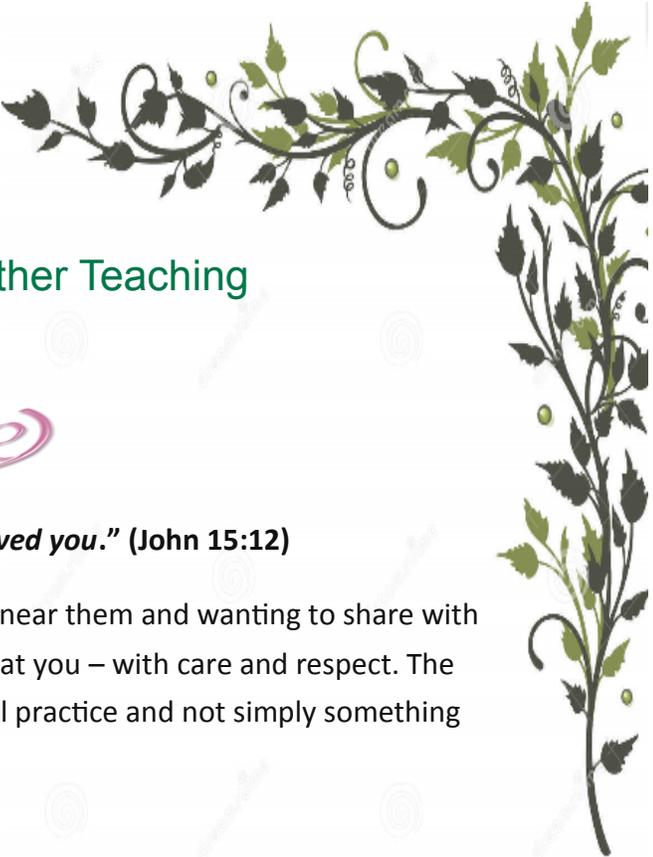
Tuesday, February 14 is red, white and pink day. Students and staff are invited to come to school dressed in Valentine's colours!

## Knights of Columbus Free Throw

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in this year's Free Throw competition. Congratulations to all of the students who will advance to the next round at St-Thomas d'Aquin school, in Astorville, on February 4th. Good luck from your St. Theresa family! Thank you to the Knights of Columbus who support this initiative every year.

- Remember we have all school activities available to be paid online. It is our school goal to have all parents registered for this online resource by **Sept. 2017**. **School Cash Online** is an online portal for parents/guardians/families that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for your child/ren's school fees 24/7 electronically- anytime. The program allows families to: attach their child/ren to their profile, make payments, check current balance/account history and, print or view receipts. If you require support to set up your account, please stop by





## Catholic Virtue/Grandfather Teaching

# Love

***“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” (John 15:12)***

Love can be seen through one’s caring for someone, wanting to be near them and wanting to share with them. Love is treating someone the way that you want them to treat you – with care and respect. The joy of love can be felt in both giving and receiving. Love is a spiritual practice and not simply something that “just happens”.

### **Reflection Inspired by the Faith of Julian of Norwich**

***“God loved us before he made us; and his love has never diminished and never shall.” — Julian of Norwich***

Would you know God’s meaning in this thing?

Learn it well:

Love is God’s meaning.

Who showed this to you?

Love.

What did God show you?

Love.

Why did God show it to you?

For love...

And I saw surely that before God made us

God loved us,

And this love has never slackened and never will.

And in this love,

God has done everything.

And in this love God has made all things profitable for us.

And in this love

Our life is everlasting.

-Julian of Norwich (in *Praying with the Mystics* by Mary Malone)

• ***“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” (1 Corinthians 13:13)***

☐ ***“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. Love never fails ...” (1 Corinthians 13:4–8a)***

☐ ***“It’s not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.” (Blessed Mother Teresa)***

☐ ***“Love is all we know of God. It is all the proof we need of God. It is the sight of God in our own lives. Love something then; love anything and everything in order to release the best of yourself.” (Joan Chittister)***