

École Mother Teresa School November Newsletter

October was such a busy month full of activities and events. We want to thank all our volunteers who come in weekly for our hot lunch program, our volunteer coaches, our parent volunteers for events and for your feedback.

We would love to continue to provide opportunities for parent engagement, whether in school or through feedback questions. October was a success so please feel free to fill out the google forms attached in the monthly newsletters to help us continue to improve Ecole Mother Teresa school and what it has to offer.


[24-25 EMTS November Feedback Questions](#)

[24-25- EMTS October Feedback Questions](#) (in case you missed it and still want to provide feedback)



Important Information

- **Communication-** Good news, our new system can now send text message alerts again instead of emails; however, parents must OPT-In to receive messages. An email was sent out on October 31 from our school but I have attached the picture below.
- **Lunches and Snacks -** Our students have a snack break in the morning and the afternoon. We've had a large number of students seeking out snacks, especially during the afternoon break. We certainly do not want to turn away hungry students; however, please have a discussion with your child(ren) to see if they are bringing enough food to school. Our school is fortunate to have the support of the Mustard Seed for families in need. If you would like to access this option, please email lynda.gamroth@rdcrs.ca.

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*Inspired by Christ on a Journey to Encounter, Nurture, and Serve
Inspiré par Dieu dans une aventure à découvrir, grandir, et servir.*

- **Faith-** Thank you to Mr. Locke for setting up our beautiful Ofrenda in our chapel where our school community could write messages and prayers to loved ones that have passed on. Soon we will begin our season of Advent as we wait in anticipation for the arrival of Jesus.
- **Athletics-** We are winding down the volleyball seasons and want to congratulate all the athletes for their accomplishments. We want to thank everyone of our volunteer coaches and reps for the time they have put into our school community. We appreciate you and could not run our season without you. Basketball tryouts will begin towards the end of November. **IMPORTANT** : Coaching and Feedback form regarding game busing- please take the time to fill out the form, we appreciate it.

[Basketball Coaching and Feedback](#)
- **Parent Teacher Interviews:** Parent Teacher interviews are November 6th and 7th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. In connecting and gathering feedback from our School Council, we recognise the value and convenience of having both in-person and phone call interview options, which is why we offered both options on both nights. We will also be having our Book Fair on those nights and look forward to seeing you all.
- **Mental Health and Wellness:** We have started some wonderful programs at our school, in partnership with the town of Sylvan Lake. Press Pause is running at lunch time focusing on a variety of wellness and mental health strategies. We will also begin our Ment-to-Matter leadership program between our grade 5 and grade 9 students. Thank you to all students who have joined us during lunch hours or who have applied and volunteered to become a mentor.
- **Schoology-** Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have concerns or questions. If you cannot access Schoology, please email Mme Voytechek at michelle.voytechek@rdcrs.ca

Important Dates

- November 6 & 7 - Parent Teacher Interviews
- November 7- Remembrance Day Celebration at 10:30am
- November 8 - NO SCHOOL - Day in acknowledgement of Parent Teacher Interviews
- November 11 - NO SCHOOL- Remembrance Day
- November 12 - Subway Hot Lunch
- November 22- Face to Face Retreat- whole school
- November 28 - Tentative School Dance (awaiting confirmation from the DJ)
- November 29- NO SCHOOL- PD Day

Additional Information

- Please check our social media and school calendar
- [Coaching and volunteer form](#)
- [School website](#)
- [Cell Phone policy](#) updated
- [Rewrite Procedures](#) (new)
- [Student Handbook](#)

As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, our doors are always open. God Bless and have a wonderful summer.

Yours in Christ,



Mme Erika Pottage