



## October Virtue of the Month: Gratitude

*“Return thanks for what God has bestowed on us.”*

St. Alphonsus Liguori

## TCDSB Parents Encouraged to Participate in CPIC Elections

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is committed to education as a shared responsibility between parents, students, parishes, staff, the board, and our various community partners. The participation of all parents in their children’s education is encouraged and valued. The Ontario Ministry of Education, in its December 2005 Parent Involvement Advisory Policy, mandated the creation of Parent Involvement Committees (CPIC) in each school board.

**Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC):** CPIC membership includes one parent representative and one parent alternate elected by their fellow parents from each of the 12 TCDSB Trustee wards. The CPIC will be chaired and led by parents. CPIC includes trustee members as appointed by the Board and board staff are designated as a resource to the committee. Each of the elected Ward representatives and alternate will serve a two-year term. All parents/guardians with at least one child or more currently registered in one of our TCDSB schools is eligible to serve on CPIC.

Please note the following dates for upcoming ward meetings (please note that the start time is 7:00 p.m.):

Ward 1—October 21<sup>st</sup> at Msgr. Percy Johnson, 2170 Kipling Avenue, Etobicoke

Ward 4--October 21st at Madonna, 20 Dubray Avenue, North York

Ward 6—October 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Nicholas of Bari, 363 Rogers Road, York

Ward 7—November 10<sup>th</sup> at Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East, North York

Ward 8—October 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Brendan, 186 Centennial Road, Scarborough

Ward 9--October 28th at St. Francis of Assisi, 80 Clinton Street, Toronto

Ward 10--October 21st at Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton, 1515 Bloor Street West, Toronto

Further information about CPIC elections, as well as additional ward meetings, can be accessed on the board's website at [www.tcdsb.org/parents/cpic.htm](http://www.tcdsb.org/parents/cpic.htm).

## An Evening to Feed the Soul

The Angel Foundation for Learning is hosting its annual “Evening to Feed the Soul” on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> beginning a 6:00 p.m. at the Da Vinci Banquet Hall in Woodbridge. The event features live music, dancing, dinner, a silent auction and art auction. Proceeds from the event support the foundation which administers funds for student nutrition programs in TCDSB schools. For information, visit [www.angelfoundationforlearning.org](http://www.angelfoundationforlearning.org) or call 416-222-8282 ext. 6022.

## “Working Together to Educate All”—TCDSB Community Resource Fair

The Toronto Catholic District School Board’s Special Services Department and Special Education Advisory Committee invite families and teachers to the annual Education and Community Resource Fair: Working Together to Educate All. The fair will be held on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East in North York. The fair features a wide range of resources for assistive technology, autism spectrum disorders, blind and low vision support, deaf and hard of hearing, gifted, early language intervention, disability supports, intellectual disability resources and rehabilitation services. Community agencies offering support services will also be present to provide information to teachers and families. A special session focusing on transitioning grade 7 and 8 students with learning disabilities to secondary school will be

held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on November 8<sup>th</sup>. For further information, please contact Carmelina Ramolo at 416-222-8282 ext. 2626 or email [carmelina.ramolo@tcdsb.org](mailto:carmelina.ramolo@tcdsb.org).

## Invitation to 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Emerald Fund Gala

St. Patrick Catholic Secondary School in east Toronto is hosting its seventh annual Emerald Fund Gala Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Montecassino Hotel, 3710 Chesswood Drive in Downsview. Friends and families of St. Patrick's are invited to the special event, which includes a five-course meal, open bar, dance and silent auction for the admission price of \$80 (\$50 for alumni). Proceeds from the gala will support scholarships and bursaries for graduating students. A \$35 tax receipt will be issued for any \$80 ticket purchased. For more information, please call the school at 416-393-5546 or visit the school's website at [www.tcdsb.org/stpatrick/home.htm](http://www.tcdsb.org/stpatrick/home.htm).

## Schools On The Move: Light House Program

The Ministry of Education's Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat has identified and initiated St. Barbara into the **Schools on the Move: Light House Program**. This distinguished honour was given to the school because of the significant and sustained progress in student achievement. It recognizes the high standard of learning our students are achieving and the commitment and skill the staff members have obtained in understanding and practicing the strategies that make a difference in learning. During the next few years St. Barbara School staff will meet regularly with other Light House Schools throughout the province to share and initiate successfully practises. We will be welcoming many educators and school teams into our St. Barbara community. Many staff members will be presenting at conferences and gatherings of educators the strategies we have implemented that have fostered the academic success of our students.

## Keeping the Arts Alive in Our Schools

### *The Launch of the Christina Walters Endowment for the Arts*

*The Christina Walters Arts Project: Stories of our community* is a stunning art piece created solely by the students and staff of Canadian Martyrs Catholic School. It was unveiled to the community on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 520 Plains Road in Toronto.

Each June at Canadian Martyrs Catholic School in East York, teacher Christina Walters would buy a new tube of red lipstick, carefully paint her lips and plant a kiss on the forehead of each graduating student, leaving an ineffaceable image of endearment and fond farewell. Chris Walters inspired her students, friends and colleagues with her wit and creativity. She had a passion for arts and learning that touched all who knew her and she loved to watch her students grow artistically. And so Chris would have been delighted to see how students and colleagues now honour her all too short life with their own story inspired colourful landscape that greets each visitor who enters the front doors of Canadian Martyrs School.

All 350 students at Canadian Martyrs are learning the inherent value of the arts and how to be artists themselves thanks to the generous support of arts education collaborators Inner City Angels and Mariposa In The Schools, the new Christina Walters Endowment for the Arts, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the Canadian Martyrs Catholic School Advisory Council. This is no ordinary arts project. It is a unique interdisciplinary partnership led by two talented professional artists—First Nations storyteller Esther Osche and visual artist Allycia Uccello that integrates so many wonderful art disciplines—oral traditions, storytelling, design, painting, journal writing—and even film, while commemorating a part of Canada's history, the Canadian Martyrs, our First Nations people, and today's diverse communities in our neighbourhood that make our school such an exciting place to learn. The project reflects human understanding, peace, empathy and forgiveness. It is a tribute to all that is human and vulnerable and a legacy to a beloved teacher who lived her live passionately and creatively.

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations for Pope John Paul II Catholic Secondary School

Twenty-five years ago Pope John Paul II Catholic Secondary School first opened its doors, and has been faithfully serving the students and families in the Scarborough area ever since. The PJPII Alumni is proud to announce the following celebratory events that will highlight the sense of community and Catholic spirit that has kept us strong over the last 25 years:

<b>Friday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Tickets to the gala dinner can be purchased online via the alumni website <a href="http://www.jpiaalumni.ca">www.jpiaalumni.ca</a> . Individual tickets are \$75, tables of 8 is \$560 and will include dinner awards, and a live 7 piece band. <b>Deadline for purchase is October 15<sup>th</sup> 2008</b>
<b>Saturday Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> (daytime)</b>	Tours of the school will be held between 1pm and 3pm. At 3pm there will be a celebratory mass in the school chapel by alumnus Fr. Damien Young Sam You

**Saturday Oct . 25<sup>th</sup>  
(evening)**

A pub night will be held at the school on Saturday October  
25<sup>th</sup> between 7pm and 11pm.

The school community invites everyone who has been a past student, staff member, parent or friend of Pope John Paul II to visit [www.jpjialumni.ca](http://www.jpjialumni.ca) for more information on this truly historical event.

## **Students and School Resource Officer Team Up to Eradicate Graffiti**

The ESP (Empowered Student Partnerships) committee at St. Patrick Catholic Secondary School, in partnership with School Resource Officer Police Constable Ian Kennedy, has organized a Graffiti Eradication Day for Saturday, October 18th. Students will be coming to the school in the morning and painting a number of the neighbours' garage doors and fences on Lamb Avenue beginning at around 10 a.m. . Students will also be removing graffiti from the walls of the school.

“This is an exercise in community building for the students,” says PC Kennedy. “Students are learning that a clean school and neighbourhood demonstrates that the community’s inhabitants care about their environment and will see that their actions will promote a sense of community and safety.”

The students will receive a pizza lunch and then will attend a Toronto Argonauts football game to celebrate their accomplishments, courtesy of the Argos football club’s Ambassador program. In the spirit of community partnership, Canadian Tire has offered to donate much of the supplies needed to eradicate the graffiti, but private donations for materials are also welcome. Supervision of the students will be handled by Toronto Police Services.

## **Secondary School Open Houses—Reminder Notice**

### **Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 2008**

- **St. Michael's Choir School**, 66 Bond Street Toronto, ON 416-393-5518 **3:30 p.m.**

### **October 29, 2008**

- **Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts**, 36 Greenfield Avenue North York, ON 416-393-5556. For students currently in grades 6 or 8
- **St. Patrick Catholic Secondary School**, 49 Felstead Avenue Toronto, ON 416-393-5546

### **November 4, 2008**

- **Michael Power/St. Joseph High School**, 105 Eringate Drive Etobicoke, ON 416-393-5529 **6:45 p.m.**

- **Blessed Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School**, 40 Sewells Road Scarborough, ON 416-393-5538
- **St. Mary's Catholic Secondary School**, 66 Dufferin Park Avenue Toronto, ON 416-393-5528

### **November 5, 2008**

- **Archbishop Romero Catholic Secondary School**, 99 Humber Boulevard Toronto (York), ON 416-393-5555
- **Bishop Allen Academy**, 721 Royal York Road Etobicoke, ON 416-393-5549  
6:15 p.m. French Immersion/Extended French Information; 6:45 p.m. Musical Interlude; 7:00 p.m. Grade 8 Information Meeting
- **Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School**, 959 Midland Avenue Scarborough, ON 416-393-5554
- **Madonna Catholic Secondary School**, 20 Dubray Avenue North York, ON 416-393-5506
- **Notre Dame High School**, 12 Malvern Avenue Toronto, ON 416-393-5501

### **November 6, 2008**

- **Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton Catholic Secondary School**, 1515 Bloor Street West Toronto, ON 416-393-5545
- **Cardinal Newman Catholic School**, 100 Brimley Road South Scarborough, ON 416-393-5519
- **Dante Alighieri Academy**, 60 Playfair Avenue North York, ON 416-393-5522
- **Francis Libermann Catholic Secondary School**, 4640 Finch Avenue East Scarborough, ON 416-393-5891
- **Monsignor Percy Johnson Catholic Secondary School**, 2170 Kipling Avenue Etobicoke, ON 416-393-5535

### **November 11, 2008**

- **Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School and Regional Arts Centre**, 28 Colonel Samuel Smith Parkway Etobicoke, ON 416-393-5540
- **Mary Ward Catholic Secondary School**, 3200 Kennedy Road Scarborough, ON 416-393-5544
- **James Cardinal McGuigan Catholic Secondary School**, 1440 Finch Avenue West North York, ON 416-393-5527
- **St. Joseph's College School**, 74 Wellesley Street West Toronto, ON 416-393-5514

### **November 12, 2008**

- **Marshall McLuhan Catholic Secondary School**, 1107 Avenue Road Toronto, ON 416-393-5561
- **Neil McNeil High School**, 126 Victoria Park Avenue Scarborough, ON 416-393-5502
- **Pope John Paul II Catholic Secondary School**, 685 Military Trail Scarborough, ON 416-393-5531
- **St. Basil-the-Great College School**, 20 Starview Lane North York, ON 416-393-5513
- **St. Joseph's Morrow Park Catholic Secondary School**, 3379 Bayview Avenue North York, ON 416-393-5516

### **November 13, 2008**

- **Brebeuf College School**, 211 Steeles Avenue East North York, ON 416-393-5508
- **Chaminade College School**, 490 Queen's Drive North York, ON 416-393-5509
- **Father Henry Carr Catholic Secondary School**, 1760 Martin Grove Etobicoke, ON 416-393-5521
- **Loretto College School**, 151 Rosemount Avenue Toronto, ON 416-393-5511
- **Senator O'Connor College School**, 80 Rowena Drive North York ON 416-393-5505

**November 19, 2008**

- **Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School**, 2 St. Andrews Boulevard Etobicoke, ON 416-393-5525

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- **Loretto Abbey**, 101 Mason Boulevard North York, ON 416-393-5510

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