



ST. Theresa C.S.S

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OCTOBER 2021

UPCOMING DATES

PD Day	1
College & University Info Sessions	5 & 6
Student Council Elections	8
Thanksgiving	11
Midterms	13
IEP's & Medical Plans Sent Home	19
OSSLT Practice	22
Photo Day	25 & 26
OSSLT (for classes)	27 & 28
Civvies Day	29
PA Day	Nov 1

A Message from Your Administrative Team

Mr. N. Woolley and Mrs. M. Morris

Welcome to the 2021 –22 school year at St. Theresa Catholic Secondary School. It is so great to see staff and students back in the halls and using the common spaces. This school year looks different than last year as we are now operating in Quadmesters, 2 classes per day. Fortunately for students we have also welcomed back extra-curriculars.

Staff are working hard to build relationships with students and meet them where they are. We are mindful of the challenges as we celebrate the return of our community, embracing both our in person and remote learners. We are still operating under pandemic precautions and con-

tinue to work hard to ensure everyone's safety.

As we enter our 2nd month, please see the following reminders of our daily procedures:

I. Daily Schedule

Am Class	8:15—11:00 am
Am Break	10 mins assigned by grade
Lunch	11:00—11:50am
Pm Class	11:50am — 2:25 pm
Pm Break	10 mins assigned by grade

2. **Daily Screening** is to be complete by all students. They are to complete the Ontario School COVID 19 School Screener daily before arriving to school. The screener can be found at <http://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

3. **Face Masks** must be worn inside the school. Students are permitted to remove their masks while eating or taking a drink of water. Masks may be removed when outdoors when social distancing allows. Within the building, please follow the social distancing and hand sanitization guidelines.

Attendance Procedures

Every school day matters. Regular attendance and punctuality contribute to student success and achievement. Attendance and punctuality are related to developing character traits such as respect, initiative, and responsibility, and are linked to learning skills. The less class time students miss, the more likely they will succeed academically.

If a student is going to be absent,

either for part of the day or for the full day, please advise the school through School Messenger online app, Safe Schools. If you are unable to access the online application please contact the office at 613-968-6993. If we do not receive a call about an absence, an automated call will go home to remind you to verify that you are aware of the absence. If a student is absent from in person learning they should

check their classroom D2L pages. However, they will not have access to the class through a virtual meeting.

If a student will not be in class due to a school activity you should not need to contact the school. Occasionally a call will go home in error. If you receive an absence call, and your student says they were at school, please call the office.

OSSLT

Grade 10 and 11 students this year will be writing the Ontario Secondary Literacy Test as a requirement for graduation. Students will be writing both in the Fall and Spring. Our school team has made the decision that students will write the test during the same quadmester as their English class. Therefore, if students have Grade 10 or 11 English in Quadmester 1 they will write the practice test on Oct 22nd and the test will follow on October 27th and 28th. Please feel free to reach out to the school with any questions.

Christmas Sharing 2021

Every year, the St. Theresa CSS family works with the Christmas Sharing Program to provide local families with groceries for their Christmas dinner. This year we are opening a SCHOOL CASH ONLINE account to assist with fundraising.

All funds raised here will supplement our classroom fundraising and will be used for grocery gift cards for Christmas dinner purchases.

Thank you for your support!! May the peace of Christ bless you and your family.



National Day of Truth & Reconciliation



Quadmester Calendar

- Quadmester 1 : Sept 7—Nov10
- Exam Days : Nov 11– Nov 12
- Quadmester 2 : Nov 15 - Jan 27
- Exam Days : Jan 28– Jan 31
- Quadmester 3: Feb 3– April 12
- Exam Days: April 13– April 14
- Quadmester 4: April 19– June 23
- Exam Days: June 24 - June 28

Learning Commons



Your teacher-librarians, Mrs. Brown and Ms. Barrett, are thrilled to announce that your Learning Commons is now open for business before school,

at lunch and after school. Pop by to work on a puzzle, hang out with your friends, find a good book or get some research help. Follow everything going on in the

St. Theresa Learning Commons on Twitter @TheresaCommons.

Stay tuned for our Forest of Reading book club starting soon.

Tech Tips

Mr. Brintnell, Mrs. Brown and Ms. Barrett are happy to help solve your tech problems.

We have 2 important tips for starting our new school year...

1. If you need to change your password on a school device, press Ctrl-Alt-

Delete. If at home or on your own device, go into your email, click on your initials or profile pic, select account then select password to change.

2. Did you know that as a student of the board, you can download the full Office 365 suite on up to 5 personal devices. From your Virtual Commons,

click on the O365 icon and in the top right corner click on Install Office. Fol-



Guidance

Mrs. Vinkle & Mr McGuire will share University and College Application instructions, as well as Apprenticeship information with all grade 12 students in the coming weeks.

Need Community Hours?

See viq.ca for a list of many organizations looking for volunteers.

Terry Fox

On September 29th we walked approximately 3km as a school community to help raise funds for this year's Terry Fox Run. Staff and students had a great time showing their support of this cause and were able to make a dona-

tion of \$2,621! The weather was great, and everyone had a lot of fun! If you helped your son or daughter raise funds, thank you, it was really appreciated.



Sports



STCSS Titans are back in action! After 18 months on the sidelines we have 116 student-athletes practicing and competing. A special thanks to the 12 staff members who are volunteering to coach this

season. Athletes and coaches are adjusting to the new protocols related to their sport. Included in the protocols is that spectators are not permitted at practices and competition at this point. Good luck to our fall teams:

- Junior boys volleyball
- Senior girls basketball
- Junior boys soccer
- Senior boys soccer
- Varsity Girls rugby
- Cross country



Beloved Children of God



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See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. -1 John 3:1

This year, we celebrate the second of five pastoral themes, “Beloved Children of God”, which calls us to delight in the understanding that each and every person is cherished, valued and loved unconditionally by God. We are amazed by the love and mercy that God freely offers all of us, without exception. As a Catholic education community, we celebrate the inherent dignity of each person who is created in the image and likeness of God.

Loving God, you see us and love us as we are, beautifully and wonderfully made.

Help us to see ourselves and others with your same loving eyes.

Help us to fully understand that you are always with us, even when we feel alone.

Help us to accept your unconditional love, even on the days when we feel unloved.

Help us to joyously and freely live like we’re loved.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, may we be a community that lifts each other up and instills hope with our words and actions so we may share God’s unconditional love with everyone we meet.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ST. Theresa Chaplaincy Team

We would like to introduce our St. Theresa Chaplaincy Team:

Rev. Marek Chochrek

Father Chochrek has been part of the St. Theresa Chaplaincy Team for over 14 years. During this time, Father has served in parishes in Marmora, Madoc, Ormsby, Read, Marysville, Deseronto and is currently serving in the parish of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Napanee.

Rev. Francis Zambon

Father Zambon is the newest member of our Chaplaincy Team. Father Zambon is currently serving in the parishes of Read (St. Charles Borromeo Parish), Marysville (Holy Name of Mary Parish) and Deseronto (St. Vincent de Paul Parish – a mission of Marysville).

Mrs. Anita Bedore

Mrs. Bedore is currently in her 19th school year at St. Theresa CSS, serving as the school’s Chaplaincy Leader. You may reach Mrs. Bedore, and all members of the Chaplaincy Team, at (613) 968-6993 X2020.