

The Little Flower

A BIMONTHLY FOR PARENTS OF THE ST THERESA OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017

LENTEN PRAYER

*God, heavenly Father,
look upon me and hear my prayer
during this holy Season of Lent.
By the good works You inspire,
help me to discipline my body
and to be renewed in spirit.*

*Without You I can do nothing.
By Your Spirit
help me to know what is right
and to be eager in doing Your will.
Teach me to find new life
through penance.*

*Keep me from sin, and help me live
by Your commandment of love.
God of love, bring me back to You.
Send Your Spirit to make me strong
in faith and active in good works.
May my acts of penance bring me
Your forgiveness,
open my heart to Your love,
and prepare me
for the coming feast
of the Resurrection of Jesus.*

*Lord, during this Lenten Season,
nourish me with Your Word
of life and make me one
with You in love and prayer.*

*Fill my heart with Your love
and keep me faithful
to the Gospel of Christ.*

*Give me the grace to rise above
my human weakness.
Give me new life by Your
Sacraments, especially the Mass.*

*Father, our source of life,
I reach out with joy
to grasp Your hand;
let me walk more readily
in Your ways.*

*Guide me in Your gentle mercy,
for left to myself
I cannot do Your Will.*

*Father of love,
source of all blessings,
help me to pass from my old life
of sin to the new life of grace.*

*Prepare me for the glory
of Your Kingdom.
I ask this through our Lord Jesus
Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever. Amen.*

**LET'S MARCH
INTO
spring!**
BY MR. SERVIDIO
PRINCIPAL

GREETINGS TO OUR STL FAMILIES! I pray that this newsletter finds you in good health and peace. March Break is a few days away, and I want to wish students and their families a restful week, filled with good times. The time off should also allow students the opportunity to launder their uniform and repair any items, where needed. Please remember that DGN Kilters is our provider and no other uniform articles are allowed.

Over the past seven years, St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS has achieved *Top 10 Ranking* by the Fraser Institute. I am pleased to announce that this past year we are ranked **sixth** among publicly funded high schools in Ontario. I am truly proud of our staff and students for achieving this recognition. I want to thank our STL families for supporting all of the great work that takes place for and accepting our wonderful traditions. It is said that it takes a village to raise a child. This is clearly evident in our community.

Among our many athletic achievements, our Senior Boys Hockey team captured the **YRAA Championship**. Our Junior Boys Hockey team also advanced to the YRAA Finals. Congratulations go to **Mr. Spicer, Mr. Johnson**, and the coaching staffs.

Semester one ended on a positive note, with many student accomplishments. We are fully immersed in semester 2, and I want to take this opportunity to welcome our new staff: **Ms. Erika Belpulsi** (Religion); **Ms. Elisa Caldaroni** (Student Services); **Ms. Ida Cappella** (French); **Ms. Andrea Jammehdiabadi** (Business); **Ms. Sara Lam** (Arts); **Ms. Andrea Maggiori** (Mathematics); **Ms. Laura Marando** (Physical Education); **Ms. Antonette Montanaro**, **Ms. Melanie Tavone** (Science). We look forward to the many talents that you bring to the St. Theresa community.

Teaching does not only take place in the classroom, but also outside. We are delighted to announce that three international trips are scheduled for this spring and summer. ► During the March Break, **Mr. Ganuelas**, **Ms. Sabo**, and 20 students will be part of a humanitarian trip to Costa Rica, where they will work on building a school for young children. ► **Mr. Saggese** and I will be escorting a group of male students to Italy, where they will participate in exhibition soccer games in the central part of the country. The group will visit the Amalfi Coast, Rome, and Pompeii, to mention a few. ► **Mr. Azar**, **Mr. Flynn**, other teachers, and the Senior Boys Rugby team will participate in a number of matches in Ireland. ► In April, **Mr. Dawson** and **Ms. Robinson** will be taking 22 students to Vimy Ridge to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battle. The group will also visit Paris, Amsterdam, and Berlin.

I want to wish staff and students who are travelling, a safe and enjoyable trip. On behalf of our staff, I wish everyone a wonderful March Break. God bless!



LIONS OF THE MONTH are selected by staff for doing the ordinary things in an extraordinary way: being a good role model, willing to help others, performing good deeds within the community, and for involvement in activities, good behavior, and academic effort. 'Lions of the Month' receive a certificate and a school pen for this recognition.

► Here are the 'Lions of the Month' for January and February: **Isabella Baldesarra, Layla Bardai, Vincent Belokopytov, Emily Bizjak, Kaileigh Burdon, Lizzy Chamberlain, Ryan Chau, Darren Chen, Jessica Counti, Noah Dawson, Antonio DeFilippis, Marco Dileo, Mark Dimitrievski, Nicolette Di Stefano, Dante Di Vincenzo, Mary Ellen Donatelli, Adrian Gonzalez, Kelsey Joyce, Ethan Lau, Matteo Lupo, Katherine Macdonald, Andrew Maher, Samantha Mark, Paige Mason, Sahara Mehdi, Hannah Donnaffe Mercado, Yasmin Modarai, Melissa Giardina Papa, Paolo Riccio, Matthew Tatur, Ashley Taurasi, Noelyn Thevakumar, Charlotte Thorpe, Aidan Watters, Cynthia Yuan, Sofia Zhuk.**



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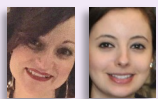
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Growing Portfolio of Initiatives Continues to Draw Language Students

► BY M. MARCUZZI, HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES

OUR

LANGUAGE STUDENTS CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE OPPORTUNITIES that are afforded to them to develop their language skills: from Supergroup activities to new initiatives that were launched this year.



A warm welcome to Semester Two students who are registered in French language courses! We also welcome M^{me} Ida Cappella, who will be teaching two classes of grade 9 French, and returning M^{me} Diana Berlingieri, who has three grade 9 French classes.

TABLEAU D'HONNEUR, SEMESTRE I, 2016

	FSF1P	FSF1D	FSF2D	FSF3U	LWIBD2
NUMBER OF REGISTRANTS WHO ATTAINED 80%	34	91	39	6	9
TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTRANTS	80	161	60	8	26
% OF REGISTRANTS, BY COURSE, WHO ATTAINED 80%	42.5	56.5	65	75	34.6
OVERALL % OF REGISTRANTS WHO ATTAINED 80%	53.4				

EVENT wrap-up

'BRAVO!' to the **177 students**, from the first semester, who achieved *Tableau d'honneur* standing in a Modern Languages course. This group of honorees represents **53.4%** of students

registered in French (grade 9, 10, 11) and Italian (grade 10). Your assiduity has yielded wonderful results. Continue to work hard and to give your best effort!

"The beginning is the most important part of the work." (Plato)

As of the opening day of classes, students are to be attentive and take an active part in lessons, giving their best in the classroom and in their daily preparation. To this end, students have a *Jpj* (*Jour par jour*): a full-semester calendric listing of curriculum, assignments, and evaluations. Students have a copy of the *Jpj*, which is also posted on the Modern Languages HomePage:

<https://sites.google.com/a/ycdsb.ca/stl-langviv/course-descriptions-and-jpj>. Students should consult with their teacher, as needed, to seek clarification or assistance. ► Know that your child has the full support of our Department's teachers in achieving success in her/his language course. To complement the support offered in class, students can avail themselves of *TLC (The Language Clinic)*: a series of ten after-school practice sessions. From



ITALIAN MASS, JANUARY 13: Father Francesco Sandrin and families of the Italian class pose for a photo in the St. Theresa of Lisieux Chapel, following the morning liturgical celebration.

February 10 to April 28 (Fridays, 2:20 pm to 3 pm), students have the opportunity to practice their language skills with teams of three TLC mentors and presiders M. Marcuzzi, M. Puopolo, and M^{me} Berlingieri.

« **Il Figlio dell'uomo ha il potere di perdonare i peccati sulla terra.** » (Marco 2, 10) On January 13, the grade 10 Italian class and their families came together to celebrate Mass with Padre Francesco Sandrin. A sincere thank you to members of the Liturgy team: lectors Emma Napoli, Kiki Ferrer, Daniele De Rose, Amanda Chang; altar server Alejandro Salvadori, cross-bearer Matthew Gismondi; gift bearers Maria Perri, Emma Arciero; members of *In nomine Patris* Margherita Giambattista, Maria Perri (vocals), Aidan Wong (keyboards), Brittany Chang-Kit (clarinet); photographer Stephen Marrello; ensemble director Mr. Moncata; and M. Marcuzzi, who created the Ordinary of the Mass on PowerPoint, served as lector coach, and coordinated the Liturgy. Following the liturgy, families enjoyed a variety of coffees and panettone.

« **Il fait entendre les sourds et parler les muets.** » (Mc 7, 31-37)

Four period 2 French classes and the grade 9 Vocal class



LITURGY TEAM FOR MASS, FEBRUARY 10: B: Polischouk, Johnson, Shiri Moreno, Fr. Ernie, Esmaeili, Mr. Moncata; F: Salvadori, Pertili, Novaković, Toh, Diba, Giambattista, Lee, M. Marcuzzi; NP: Malapitan.

celebrated Mass with Father Ernie De Ciccio on February 10. In his homily, Father Ernie spoke of the healing power of Jesus; on uttering

« Effata! », He has the mute speak and the deaf hear. Healing can manifest itself in a number of different ways: promptly or over time. What is certain, though, is that anything is possible with God. ► Special thanks to the Liturgy team: lectors Nicholas Polischouk, Ethan Johnson, Samantha Toh, Arvin Esmaeili; altar server Alejandro Salvadori; cross-bearer Alejandro Shiri Moreno; gift bearers Sofia Pertili, Milena Novaković; members of *In nomine Patris* Margherita Giambattista (vocals), Kathryn Lee (flute), Nima Diba (keyboards); photographer Megan Malapitan; ensemble director Mr. Moncata; and M. Marcuzzi, who prepared the Liturgy team and the Ordinary of the Mass on PowerPoint.

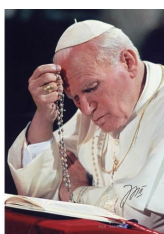
\$373-MILLION-GROSSING FILM A HIT! On February 17, three classes of grade 9 Applied French viewed Spielberg's *Les aventures de Tintin: Le secret de la licorne* at the YCDSB Centre for the Arts. The group thoroughly enjoyed the computer-animated adventure film. Thank you to coordinator-supervisor M. Puopolo, supervisors M^{me} Berlingieri, M^{me} Sabatini, and M. Marcuzzi, for organizing this outing.

SCHOOL-BASED MOVIE WELL RECEIVED:

February 24. A group of 172 students of grade 9 Academic French viewed Barratier's *Les choristes* at the YCDSB Centre for the Arts. Even before the film

A Beautiful Marian Devotion Takes Root

POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II considered the Holy Rosary his favorite prayer. He stressed the importance of the Marian prayer in response to the crises challenging our world, in particular the need to supplicate God for the gift of peace and the protection of the family.



Pioneer Religion teacher, **Mr. Markle**, has led the weekly morning recitation of the Holy Rosary in our Chapel since the early years of St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic High School. Every Friday, at 7:50 am, an announcement is made over the school's P.A. system, inviting staff and students to join the Rosary Club in reciting the Rosary. Thank you, **Mr. Markle**, for having launched and nurtured this devotion to Our Lady!

Inspired by this long-standing devotion, **M. Marcuzzi** took the initiative, during the first semester, to have his Italian and French classes recite the Rosary on the First Fridays. In turn, students led five decades of the Rosary; recorded versions of Hillsong's 'Credo' and 'Salut, ô Reine' (sung by the Monks from the Abbaie Saint-Benoît-du-Lac) were shared during the sessions.

In the second semester, French classes will again be invited to join in praying the Holy Rosary. Recitations are as follows:

Friday, March 3: Period 2 (Mass for Period 4 classes)

Friday, April 7: Periods 2, 3, 4

Friday, May 12: Periods 2, 3 (Mass for Period 4 classes)

Friday, June 2: Periods 2, 3, 4

The prayer sessions, affectionately known as 'Un goûter avec Marie', are complemented by a milk-and-S-cookie treat following the Chapel sharing.



"Music in liturgy serves many purposes. It works at many levels, some known and some unknown, but we should never underestimate its power as a vehicle of God to touch and heal lives." – FATHER LIAM LAWTON

Each year, our French Masses are held on the First Friday of the months of October, November, December, March, May, and June, during different periods of the school day, so that most students registered in French have the experience of attending. It is our hope that the sacrifice of the Mass will be recognized not exclusively as a dominical or Easter-and-Christmas celebration in which we take part. "The Mass," as Saint Pierre-Julien Eymard shares, "is the most holy act of religion; you can do nothing that can give greater glory to God or be more profitable for your soul than to hear Mass both frequently and devoutly. It is the favorite devotion of the saints."

In 2010, recorded hymns for our French Masses were replaced by performances by flautists **Julia Woo** and **Angel Shon** (2012). In 2013, a pool of vocal and instrumental music students

(flute, clarinet, keyboards) came together to form a special ensemble, **In nomine Patris***.

► Here are the testimonials of two of its members:

ZHAO: "I have been in INP since Grade 9. It has become an integral part of my high school years. Being in this group has given me an opportunity to demonstrate my skills at my instrument (piano) and to interact with others who share the love of music." **YANG:** "I joined In nomine Patris on an invitation from INP Coordinator, Angel Shon. To me, the Masses are more meaningful. I had a delightful experience practicing with friends, and the liturgy performances themselves are fantastic. It has been an enriching experience participating in the French Masses."

In 2016, members of **In nomine Patris** were joined by four altar servers, who assist the celebrant during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We thank **Mr. Moncata**, who joined INP as Ensemble Director this year.

Heartfelt gratitude goes to our celebrants who, in addition to their parochial duties, give of their time to celebrate Mass with our students:

► **Father Ernesto De Ciccio**, Pastor of St. David Parish in Maple, has celebrated period

Masses with our French and Italian language students and their families since 2010;

► **Père Jean Al Alam**, Administrator of Aurora's Mission catholique Saint-Frère-André, joined our Team in 2015;

► **Padre Francesco Sandrin**, Associate Pastor of St. Mary Immaculate Parish, joined our Team this year, as our Italian language celebrant.

*In the Name of the Father, Latin. Together with baptism, the Trinitarian formula is used in prayers, rites, liturgies, and sacraments, and in making the Sign of the Cross.



IN NOMINE PATRIS: B. Wong, Zhao, M. Maruzzi, M. Moncata, Lena, Giambattista; F. Lee, Spencer, Climacosa, Diba, Szarics; NP: Chang Kit, Salvadori, Rehders, Yang

credits began to roll, students were prompt in their praise of the film, with a *salve d'applaudissements*. Thank you to supervisors **M^{me} Berlingieri**, **M^{me} Cappella**, and **M. Puopolo**, and excursion organizer **M. Marcuzzi**.

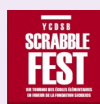
MARK YOUR calendar

MARCH 3: Creative writing pieces for the prestigious 2017

OECTA Prix jeunes écrivaines et écrivains, School Level of Competition, will be accepted until **March 3**. Members of the Department of Modern Languages will meet prior to the March Break to determine which pieces will advance to the Board Level of Competition.

MARCH 3, 1 PM: French classes join **Père Jean Al Alam** for Mass in our Chapel. Students will serve as lectors, and **In nomine Patris** will perform.

APRIL 28 AND 29, 9 AM: St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS will host **YCDSB ScrabbleFest 2017**: a pairs French Scrabble contest for YCDSB and



YRDSB schools. Our inaugural Grade 7 and 8 Tournament will be held on April 28 (Library) and our 4th Secondary Tournament on April 29 (Cafeteria). We are looking forward

to staging this one-of-a-kind event—to build on our current donation of **\$3,500** to the **SickKids Foundation!**

MAY 8: Grade 10 French classes will view *Le petit Nicolas* at the YCDSBCA.

MAY 12, 1 PM: French classes join **Father Ernesto De Ciccio** for Mass in our Chapel. Students will serve as lectors, and **In nomine Patris** will perform.

MAY 19, PERIOD 1: 15th annual **Viva!** celebration of our French Authors and members of the Department's five Supergroups. Comprehensive student anthologies (*Viva XV*), *Certificats de mérite*, and *Certificats de participation* will be awarded. A croissant breakfast will be served for the families of our *jeunes écrivains*.

Inaugural Business Luncheon Generates Funds for Toronto's SickKids Foundation

On December 13, Mr. Deocampo's Grade 12 Business Leadership Management class organized the school's first ever Business Luncheon, which was held in our school gymnasium.

The event was a wonderful success, raising awareness for the SickKids Foundation and **\$2,415.95!**

Principal Mr. Servidio (left), Business Teacher Mr. Deocampo (front), and members of the grade 12 Business Leadership Management class pose with a large-size cheque in support of the SickKids Foundation, in the school's foyer.



ALLERGY AWARENESS

You may be aware of the recent news involving McDonald's Canada and the changes to its menu.

McDonald's Canada is now serving products that may contain or come into contact with peanuts, tree nuts or other allergens.

All York Catholic District School Board schools are nut and peanut products safe because we have students with a potentially life-threatening form of allergic reaction called anaphylaxis. The York Catholic District School Board recognizes that anaphylaxis management is a shared responsibility among allergic students, parents, caregivers and the entire school community.

We are aware that, on occasion, parents drop off lunches for their child(ren) from various fast food outlets, and that some of these outlets are not peanut/nut free. Please be mindful of this potentially life-threatening form of allergic reaction and refrain from sending or dropping off any lunches or snacks that may contain or may have come into contact with these products.

In accordance with Board Policy 209, Protection of Students with Anaphylaxis, it is the policy of the York Catholic District School Board that all students be entitled to safe and healthy environments in our schools. This includes:

- ▶ establishing an allergy safe school via the restriction of specific foods and food products that may contain nuts, tree nuts, or other allergens;
- ▶ implementing "no food sharing" rules;
- ▶ emphasizing proper hand washing routines.

We have put strategies and practices into place to reduce the risk of anaphylaxis among our students, and we continue to review our safety practices related to anaphylaxis awareness.

Thank you for everything that you do to help keep our school a healthy and safe environment for all students and staff.

expertise and business knowledge to serve on its audit committee for a three-year term effective April 1, 2017.

The Audit Committee is comprised of three trustees and two independent members drawn from the community at large. The primary role of the audit committee is to assist the Board of Trustees in fulfilling its duties related to governance and oversight.

The duties of the audit committee fall under the following key areas: the financial reporting process, internal control framework, risk management practices, performance and function of the board's internal and external auditors and the board's compliance with its obligations under legislation.

The Committee meets at least three times a year, plus ad hoc meetings as required. Induction training material is available on-line to all committee members to clarify roles and responsibilities of audit committees for the school board sector.

Candidate Eligibility: Applicants must be a York Region resident, a Separate School Supporter, and have an accounting designation, as well as sufficient accounting and senior financial management expertise to understand public sector accounting and auditing standards. The applicant must not be a current employee or officer of the board or of any other district school board or school authority. The applicant must not have a parent, child or spouse currently employed by the board.

Submission of Applications: Suitably qualified candidates interested in serving on the audit committee are invited to submit a letter of interest and résumé by 4 p.m. on **March 10, 2017** to:

York Catholic District School Board
Anna Chan, CFO and Treasurer of the Board (anna.chan@ycdsb.ca)

Only Candidates who are short-listed will be contacted and requested to attend a private interview. All other applicants are thanked for their interest. For information about York Catholic School Board, please visit www.ycdsb.ca.

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD SEEKS TWO VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO SERVE ON ITS AUDIT COMMITTEE

The York Catholic District School Board is seeking two community members with financial

