

SCHOOL COUNCIL  
NEWSLETTER  
NOVEMBER 2018



### **Christmas Craft Sale**

The elves are busy preparing for the Christmas craft sale on **Wednesday December 19th** and they need your help. Small gift items, Knicks knacks, and **especially dad gifts are needed**. Please send in any donations to the school office. **Items are also needed for the raffle table**. More information about our fabulous craft sale will be coming in the near future. The elves really appreciate your help!

If you are able to volunteer on the day of the event, please contact the main office 519-743-2131.

### **Bottle Drive**

Thank you to all the Tigers that participated in the fall Bottle Drive. We raised an incredible \$692.80 to support the school towards busing expenses this year! Great Job Tigers! Keep saving your empties for the Spring Bottle Drive date TBA (sometime after the May long weekend)

### **Calling all Tigers: Spirit wear is here again!**

**Remember that spirit wear orders are due by Wednesday, November 7, 2018 and will be delivered in time for Christmas.**

Go to [www.schooltee.com](http://www.schooltee.com) and follow the links to create an account and start shopping on-line for a number of items featuring our St. Teresa Tigers logo. Paper copies of the order form are also available from the main office upon request.

### **Christmas Pageant**

Stay tuned as sign up forms, rehearsal dates and times will be coming home soon. If you would like lend a hand, please contact Lorianne Schaus at [lorianneschahus1@gmail.com](mailto:lorianneschahus1@gmail.com)

### **Factory Shoe Playground Renewal Fundraiser**

Winter boot season will very soon be upon us! Since last year we have had an incentive plan with Factory Shoe. For every \$35.00 spent they will donate \$5.00 to our school. So far we have over \$220 raised! We sent cards home in June. You keep using the same card over and over :) If you need another card, please just send a note with your child and we will send one home. Also, the number for our school is 0064341 if you don't have the card with you.

### **2018- 2019 School Council Executive**

**Chair:** Barbara Daly  
**Treasurer:** Sonia Elphick  
**Secretary:** Melanie Nobre

### **Upcoming Council Meetings: NEW EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS at the first meeting**

TUES NOV 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm  
TUES FEB 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm  
TUES MAR 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm  
TUES MAY 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm  
Meetings held in the Library.

### **St. Teresa Parish: WELCOME FATHER GIL!**

Masses are held on:  
Saturdays @ 5 pm  
Sundays @ 10 am  
[www.stteresakit.ca](http://www.stteresakit.ca)

### **School Hours:**

9:20 am - Bell  
10:30 - 10:45 am - Recess  
12:05 - 1:05 pm - Lunch  
2:25 - 2:40 pm - Recess  
3:50 pm - Dismissal

## Spooktacular Dance-A-Thon



This year's fall fundraiser, a SPOOKtacular Dance-A-Thon was a huge success! Thank you to all the families that participated in collecting pledges! Way to GO TIGERS! **We raised a whopping \$4,802.75** for the students at St. Teresa School. Students had a fun filled day dancing in the gym for the DANCE-A-THON, 30 pumpkins carved, trick or treating through the hallways, casting spells in Howgarts, and Halloween crafting fun was had by all! **A BIG THANK YOU** to all the staff (Packman and the gang) and numerous parent volunteers who helped to make this event a successful one. WAY TO GO TIGERS!! Congratulations to the top sponsored students (Jerome O, Olivia Y, Aiden J, Jackson S, Aliyah C and Phoenix P). The class pizza party was awarded to Ms. Routhier's class for their Fantastic **TEAM** fundraising efforts! Congratulations to Conley Thomson who will be Principal for the day!

## The Umbrella Project: Grit

In November, we will be learning what **GRIT** means. Grit is a skill and takes practice! Grit is:

- Courage
- Someone's ability to persevere despite the presence of many challenges and obstacles to achieve a given goal
- Perseverance and passion for long-term goal
- Mental toughness
- Not quitting, even on the bad days
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### **WHY DOES GRIT MATTER and HOW DOES IT HELP US?**

Grit is our ability to face failures and carry on, our perseverance and passion for our goals. It is our willpower and our ability to stick with tough tasks. Excellence in anything we do requires commitment, hard work and failures along the way. Grit helps us continue to practice the things we would like to improve instead of giving up. Having grit can help us overcome obstacles even on the toughest days. In every type of work or school subject, grit can be as important to our success as talent or intelligence. It allows us to rise to the challenge of difficult goals and run the last mile.

**HOW TO MAKE YOUR STORY ONE OF GRIT** : Stories about grit involve situations where someone has shown courage and persevered despite difficulties and obstacles. These are often stories of mastering something difficult or working through complex problems. Most high-level athletes, musicians, scientists etc. have had to use grit along the way to get to where they are.

<https://www.umbrellaproject.co/>

## *St Teresa Parish Update*

Father Gil would like to thank all the families that attended Mass on Sunday Oct 14, 2018. It was a lovely gathering and a great chance to meet other families in our community. It takes a village to raise a child. Let's "move mountains" together!

Visit the new parish Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stteresakit>

### *Call out for Altar servers*

Is your child interested in becoming an altar server? It is a wonderful opportunity for students of St Teresa to get involved. Please contact the parish office @ 519-743-4525.

### *Warmth and Comfort Project*

#### **Coats • Blankets, Quilts, Sleeping Bags • Hats, Mitts, Scarves • Boots**

On Thursdays, November 1st and 8th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, we will be collecting the following items for the less fortunate in our community (all items should be clean and in good condition)

If you would like to volunteer to help with the collection, please contact Ann at the parish office. 519-743-4525

### *NEW Socks*

Beginning **Sunday November 18th until December 30<sup>th</sup>**, we will have baskets set out in the church to collect NEW socks for those in need in our community. This is a challenge given to us by the Diocesan Catholic Women's League. Let's try to collect more than any other parish!

### *Christmas Bazaar*

This event isn't possible without your crafts, baking, etc. We are also in need of gifts for the penny table, silent auction and second-hand items that are in excellent condition. If you have extra gift bags, they are also appreciated. **We will be meeting in the lower hall off Leonard St. from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. on Thursdays, November 1, 8, 15 and 22. to sort and go through Christmas donations.** If you have items to drop off or are interested in helping, please join us. Call 519-578-2019 for more information. Watch the bulletin and flyers for further details.

### *Parish Christmas Party*

St. Teresa Church will hold a parish Christmas party on Saturday, December 15, 2018 after 5 p.m. Mass.

Turkey and all the trimmings!

\$8.00 per adult, \$5.00 per children 10 and under or a family rate of \$20.00 with 2 or more children under 10.

Tickets will be sold before and after Mass on November 24/25, December 1 and 2, 8 and 9.

### *"There is Always Room for One More!"*

Council Meetings are open to everyone. It's a great way to keep up with what is happening in the school and providing input. Parental involvement is one of the most significant factors contributing to a child's success in school. Email us with any feedback and join the distribution list. Lorianne Schaus [lorianneschaus1@gmail.com](mailto:lorianneschaus1@gmail.com)

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