



Mother Teresa Junior High School

NEWSLETTER
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Please remind your sons and daughters that if they have signed out for the day, they are not allowed to return to school to take the buses at 2:00pm.

A Message from the Principal

We are close to the end of school and we are very proud to say that we are completing a very successful final year as Mother Teresa Junior High School! There have been many highlights throughout the year: Our student body participated in many extra-curricular activities, participated in sports teams that won championships, encouraged our students to be community leaders through our popular LEADERSHIP program, as Student-Council representatives and as Ambassadors. We provided students with many opportunities to excel and engage in 21st century learning through diverse projects in both ELA and FSL, organized and participated in fundraisers that helped the less fortunate, took pride in our environment through our *GOING GREEN* initiative, and exemplified our pride through our visual arts and musical programs. We provided opportunities to love history and question our values in ERC through inquiry, worked hard and stood tall at our Science Fair, and shared how learning differently has an incredible **EQUAL** impact through the many academic streams we offer either through our regular, ALP or our CREATIVE MINDS classes. Most importantly, we demonstrated a pride in working hard to excel as learners, and made a difference **TOGETHER**....always. We could not be more proud!

We would like to remind everyone that the in-class exam period for ELA begins during the month of May. The formal exam for all other subject areas begins June 8th and runs to June 12th inclusively. Your child should be taking the opportunity now to review, attend tutorials and ask questions of their teachers so that they will be well-prepared during for this examination period. I would also like to remind parents that dress code is still in effect until June 12th. The formal exam schedule will be forwarded to everyone shortly. Please take the time to review with your son/daughter prior to this time.

Looking forward, with the recent SWLSB announcements, we would like to extend a warm welcome to Ms. Nathalie Rollin as Principal, Ms. Helen Kalipolidis and Ms. Tania Marchitello as Vice-Principals next year, who will be welcoming all secondary I and returning secondary II students back to our new Junior high school, **LAVAL JUNIOR ACADEMY**, in August. They are certainly a strong team of educators and administrators, with a passion for pedagogy and a love for children. They bring with them a high level of care and understanding, a great work ethic in working collaboratively with the community, and a vision of continuity with all the great work that has already been established in both MTJHS and LJHS. We have every confidence that your children will be well taken care of and that this new administrative team will oversee that your son/daughter receives an exemplary education.

Yours in education,
Dena Chronopoulos
Principal

Brian Senecal
Vice-Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

- May 1 Ericsson Project
- May 9 Brigades Culinaires - Regional Finals
- May 10 **Mother's Day**
- May 11 Governing Board Meeting - 6:30pm
- May 12 **National Denim Day**
- May 13-15 Toronto Trip
- May 15 **PED DAY**
- May 18 **HOLIDAY - Victoria Day**
- May 19 / 20 ENGLISH EXAM STARTS
- May 21 ALP @ Ericsson - Tech Expo
- May 27 Awards Night / Music Performance / Art Expo
- May 28 Assemblies for Certificates
- May 28 Laurier Gala / Starfest
- May 29 **PED DAY**

JUNE

- June 4 La Ronde Trip
- June 5 Year End BBQ

June 8-12 FINAL EXAM WEEK

**Please note that ALL students must attend exams without exception, including all of the days of the English Process exam.

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Creative Minds Contained Class Children's Hospital Fundraising Success

We are so proud of the fundraising efforts of Ms. Kouros' class for their dedication to raising funds for the Montreal Children's Hospital.

On Tuesday, May 5th, the class attended an outing at the hospital to present a cheque for their donation of \$3000 (raised through the sale of popcorn at lunches). Congratulations to them!

DATE CHANGED!!!
IMPACT SOCCER GAME DAY!

Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board
LAVAL | LAURENTIDES | LANAUDIÈRE

JUNE
20TH
8:00 PM



Tickets: \$12.00/ea

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EN ANGLAIS,
UN AVENIR
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Congratulations to our Brigades Culinaires Winning Team!

On May 9th, the winning team from our Brigades Culinaires students, will be representing MTJHS at the Regional Finals in St. Jerome!

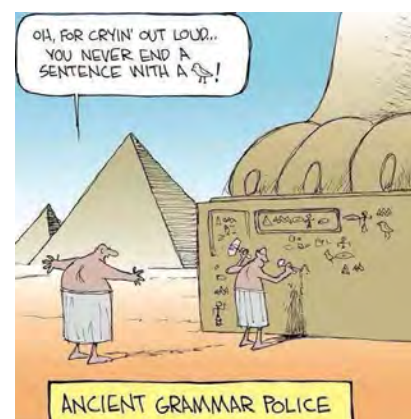
The entire group of students will also be participating in an outing to Marché Jean Talon for a full day of shopping, cooking and feasting!

Félicitations!

C'est pour vous informer que notre équipe finaliste des Brigades Culinaires de MTJHS (Chloé, Lily et Marisa) a été choisi pour participer aux semi-finales se déroulant à St-Jérôme, le 9 mai prochain!!!

Les détails de la compétition vous seront donnés sous peu.

Bravo à toute l'équipe des Brigades Culinaires!



Basketball Tournament

Congratulations to our boys and girls Basketball teams who took home gold and bronze at the [Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board](#) tournament on Friday! Our students have spent 8 months loyally attending practice and working so hard! We are so incredibly proud of them!! Thank you to Mr. Brohi who has coached them all year and Mr. Ricci for helping at the tournament.



Chilling Lounge Trip to Pointe-a-Calliere Museum

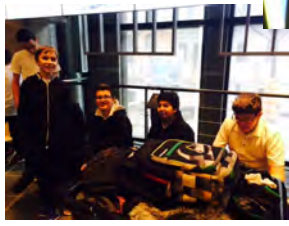
On April 23rd, the students from the "chilling lounge" were rewarded a special activity for their wonderful team spirit. They were invited to Pointe-A-Calliere Museum to participate in two workshops.

1- Where Montreal was born. They traveled back in time, and found themselves on the point of land where mtl was born.

2- The Greeks Agamemnon to Alexander the Great.

I am pleased to say, our tour guides were very impressed with the students behavior, participation and knowledge on the topics.

A big thank you to Ms.D.Chronopoulos for making this trip possible, and also to Ms. Laura who organized it.



The CBC Shakespeare Selfie Challenge

The challenge: Write a modern-day soliloquy or monologue by a Shakespearean character, focusing on a current affairs topic. Some of the students in Ms. Milea's English class submitted entries, which can be viewed at the following links.

<http://www.cbc.ca/books/canadawrites/2015/04/the-shakespeare-selfie-challenge-is-now-open.html#mid=22337757&offset=1&page=&s=>
Joshua Sokolowsky

<http://www.cbc.ca/books/canadawrites/2015/04/the-shakespeare-selfie-challenge-is-now-open.html#mid=22341639&offset=1&page=&s=>
Bridget Griffin

<http://www.cbc.ca/books/canadawrites/2015/04/the-shakespeare-selfie-challenge-is-now-open.html#mid=22340395&offset=0&page=&s=>
Joey Volpe

<http://www.cbc.ca/books/canadawrites/2015/04/the-shakespeare-selfie-challenge-is-now-open.html#mid=22340869&offset=0&page=&s=>
Jenna Howor

<http://www.cbc.ca/books/canadawrites/2015/04/the-shakespeare-selfie-challenge-is-now-open.html#mid=22335831&offset=0&page=&s=>
Larissa Staniszlo-Luty

<http://www.cbc.ca/books/canadawrites/2015/04/the-shakespeare-selfie-challenge-is-now-open.html#mid=22341427&offset=0&page=&s=>
Stefania Turchetta

Green Club News

Our Green club is proud to announce that we have raised 200\$ for Gerdy's Animal Rescue and Adoptions. This came from our bake sale/ raffle and we are planning three more over the coming weeks leading up to Earth Day. Our team is also working hard to transform used milk bags into plastic yarn to be woven into mats for those in need abroad. A BIG thanks to Emily, Giordano, Michael, Fasal and the mother of Mrs Hegazy for their dedicated work.

We are also germinating tomatoes and potatoes for our community garden which is also planning an expansion. Anyone looking to get involved is welcome to speak with Mr Gray anytime. Parents, I welcome any help, input or resources you would like to provide regarding the garden or other green projects ! .

Parents... we are also selling Camino Fair Trade Chocolates as part of our fundraising initiative. We have milk chocolate/butterscotch with sea salt, milk chocolate bars, espresso chocolate, dark with almonds, 70% dark chocolate and dark with raspberry. All bars are 4\$. If interested send your child with a few bucks and help us out. Thank you.

Concours D'art Oratoire

Nos élèves ont participé au concours d'art oratoire samedi le 2 mai dernier à Montréal. Voici i les participants et les 2 gagnantes: Chloé Guastaferrri dans la catégorie Langue maternelle et Jasmine Bannister dans la catégorie enfichi.



Ms. Maggiorino's Grade 7 Literature Circle Celebration

Ms. Maggiorino's grade 7 students celebrated the end of their Literature Circle Unit by going for breakfast at Allo Mon Coco. When the restaurant heard that were were going to be 50 students coming all at once, they were a little reluctant to take the reservation! Before leaving the waitresses said that they could not believe how polite and amazing the students were. They even said that they were more polite than many of the adults they serve. We are so proud of our students not only for their hard work every day, but their ability to make us proud outside school as well! Congratulations to you all!

