



### A Monthly Feature Focusing on Local School Activities

# SCHOOL REPORT

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## ST. JOSEPH

Wow! What a great start to our school year. We have had a wonderful September so far. We would like to welcome many new students and staff to our St. Joseph's School.

Our St. Joseph Community enjoyed Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 21. Many of our families joined us to visit the classrooms and meet staff to discuss all the amazing things our students will be learning. We also enjoyed some hospitality and community in our brand new Learning Commons. What a wonderful space for students to inquire about all kinds of new and interesting things.

We had our opening school mass on Wednesday, September 20 in the school gym. We thank Father Robert, Mrs. Sanford and Mrs. Macdonald for facilitating the spiritual growth of all of our students.

Students organized a Movie Day to raise money for the Canadian Red Cross to support the victims of Hurricanes Irma and Harvey. Students were invited to give donations and had the opportunity to purchase a treat. We raised a lot of money.

We are very proud of our students for donating

to this cause and fulfilling Jesus' teachings by helping the disadvantaged and the oppressed.

Other happenings this month:

- Mrs. Nolan and Miss. Demianiuk's classes attended Education Day at the Acton Fall Fair.
- Our volleyball teams are up and running and looking forward to a great season.
- Our grades four to eight are participating in try outs for the Cross Country team. The race will be held in October

at Kelso Provincial Park in Milton.

- Our school participated in the annual school Terry Fox run/walk on September 28.
- Our grade fours attended the Water Festival organized by the Region of Halton.
- Members of our Social Justice Committee participated in WE Day celebrations at the ACC in Toronto.

Upcoming events for October: Photo Day is October 5, Halloween Dance A Thon on October 31 with music by Party Cinemas, and Big Crunch Apple Day in support of Halton Food for Thought.



## M.S.B.

Teaching and non-teaching staff worked hard during the two weeks leading up to the first day of school. With construction and limited access for staff members, we had to work on weekends to ensure a smooth "back to school" experience for our students and we were very successful.

Our first Professional Development day for this year was September 25. Our Staff signed up for different workshops as we always strive to improve our practices and to better meet our students' needs.

Our extra-curricular activities have already started with Cross Country. Teachers meet every day with students during the breaks to practice and to get prepared for the big event with other schools.

In order to develop positive leadership skills in

our students, Mme Me-deiros started 'Students Leaders' club where our older students will learn to take responsibility around the school and to act as role models to our younger students.

We are looking forward to our Meet The Teacher Night on September 27 at 5:30 p.m. where parents will get the chance to meet their children's teachers and to learn more about their classroom programming and systems. It is a very important event as we strongly believe that collaboration between



home and school is crucial to the children's success.

The Terry Fox run will be on September 29 during the last two periods. Our goal this year is to raise \$5,500 for the Terry Fox Foundation. We take the opportunity to teach our students about being active members in the community, to raise awareness about cancer, and to support cancer research. Mr. Dipple will be leading the assembly and the run/walk.

When we see trees with red, orange, and brown leaves, we know that it's the fall. Our students are learning about this special season in Canada; its events, celebrations, and beauty.

## ROBERT LITTLE

It has been a busy start of the 2017-2018 school year. Our students have returned after a long relaxing summer vacation ready to learn, and very excited to see their friends, meet new teachers and begin an awesome year.

At our first school assembly, we reviewed the North Star School Motto, which is: Be kind! Do your best! Make a difference! Students were asked to consider how they are kind to each other every day. Some ideas that were shared were holding open doors for one another and using please and thank you.

We discussed how you need to do the best in all you do, everyday. Both in school when learning, outside when playing, and at home with our families.

Finally, the students shared ways they make a difference by getting involved at school, supporting our Robert Little Community and making our school a better place everyday. Certainly, a wonderful start for our monthly assemblies.

Our first School Council meeting of the year

was well attended with returning faces, and a few new ones too. A reminder that our school council is open to all families to come each month. Looking forward to more faces at our Tuesday, October 17 meeting, starting at 7 p.m.

The Halton District School Board has launched a new Cash Online program to make paying for school events

and activities easier. There have been some bumps along the way—big bumps—but it is great to have over one third of our parents already registered. Please be sure to register today. If you need any help registering, please call Mrs. Everett at the school and she can help you out. Sign up today.

From the staff of Robert Little PS, we would like to wish our families, and the Halton Hills Community a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.



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