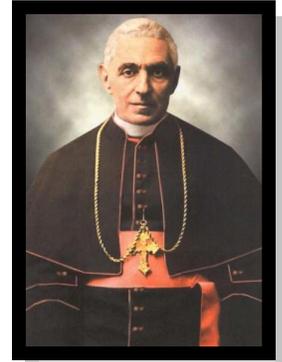


# The Skyhawks Flyer



Newsletter #3 November 2017



**Trustee:** Cathy Ferlisi  
**Superintendent:** Laura Sawicky  
**Principal:** Henry Dillon-Leitch  
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**Daily Schedule**  
 8:45 am-yard supervision begins  
 9:00 am-morning entry  
 10:25-10:40 am-morning recess  
 12:00-1:00 pm-lunch & recess  
 2:20- 2:35 pm-afternoon recess  
 3:30 pm-dismissal



## November Prayer

During this month, as we recall with love the memories of dear ones who have gone before us, we ask the living God to grace us with an awareness of how blessed we are: Blessed with their wisdom that guided us. Blessed with their courage that lifted us. Blessed with their generosity that filled us. Blessed with their love that formed us. Gracious God may we in turn not be slow to share the blessings we have received and may we live confidently trusting that in you, life is changed never taken away.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen



## JUST A LITTLE Reminder

**November 10th:**

Remembrance Day, Assembly in the gym at 10:45 am, all are welcome to attend

**November 21st:**

Progress Reports go home

**November 23rd:**

Parent/Teacher Interviews (pm)

**November 24th:**

PA Day, Parent/Teacher Interviews (am)

### November's Catholic Virtue is Justice

- \* I will treat others in a just, equitable and unbiased manner.
- \*I will play by the rules, take turns and share.
- \*I will be open-minded and listen to others.



# Multi-Year Strategic Plan

### Mission Statement

Guided by Gospel values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.

### Vision Statement

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.

### Core Values

Excellence    Equity  
 Fiscal Responsibility    Catholicity    Inclusion  
 Integrity    Respect

### Strategic Commitments

Integration of Our Catholic Faith    Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement  
 Effective Use of Our Resources    Engaging Our Communities

## Integration of Our Catholic Faith



### Rosary Apostolate

The Rosary Apostolate will visit our school on November 22nd. Volunteers with the Rosary Apostolate in the Schools will be visiting each class at Blessed Scalabrini to pray the rosary, in addition to an emphasis on several important saints. All presentations have been examined and approved by the Archdiocese of Toronto.



### Catholic Virtue Recognition:

Each month we recognize students who have demonstrated the Catholic virtue attributes. October's virtue was **Compassion**..

A discerning believer will...

- \* seek to understand others by listening
- \* will forgive others
- \* will celebrate God's love for creation



Kyran G.

Melanie M.

FDK Campagna

Serena B.

Marie A.

FDK Scott

Dimetra K.

Samantha A.

Gr. 1 Haverkate

Hannah S.

Mya R.

Gr. 2 Marcoccia

Gabriella B.

Anthony K.

Gr. 2/3 Vergura

Marvin B.  
Gracielle V.

Raquelle E.

Gr. 3/4 Molle

Lorenzo R.  
Anjali N.

Khae Zee O.

Gr. 4/5 d'Eon

Stefano B.

Ana Maria B.

Gr. 5/6 Lombardi

Jonas Trieu

Aashna Nadajah

Gr. 7 Marchesini

Malak Isael

Gr. 8 Gravel

## Integration of Our Catholic Faith

**Luke 4:18** has decided to support a **We Village** in Haiti. **Luke 4:18** will be doing fundraising throughout the year to support the "Pillar of Water" in Haiti.

Haiti's water and sanitation system is in a state of crisis, made worse by the 2010 earthquake that destroyed wells and vital infrastructure. Somewhere between 50 and 70 per cent of Haitians lack access to drinkable water, and only one in five has access to a sanitary toilet, according to water.org.

Dry climate, soil erosion and deforestation are also affecting the country's water quality, and rural communities are especially hard hit. Unsafe drinking water and poor sanitation facilities lead to diseases like cholera, diarrhea and typhoid, which populations struggle to overcome when associated with a shortage of health care options. These preventable diseases are thought to be responsible for half of all deaths in Haiti.

We can help by providing funds for:

- Clean water systems, including wells, hand pumps, spring harvesting, piping, and rain water collection
- Hand-washing stations
- Latrines
- Distribution of water purification tablets



**Our Thanksgiving food drive for the Missionaries of the Poor to support the people of Haiti was a great success.**

**Thank you to all of our community for their generosity.**

Thank you to our Luke 4:18 students who decorated the collection boxes and sorted the donations and staff coordinators (Ms. D'Eon, Ms. Taylor Hardy and Ms. Salerno) for their guidance and enthusiasm.



## Luke 4:18



While our Halloweenie Sale is always well received by the students of Blessed Scalabrini, this year was exceptionally successful. The foyer was filled with excitement and positive energy at lunch recess as the children bought Halloweenies for their friends to support the *We Movement*. We sold over 600 Halloweenies, which were distributed on Halloween and raised \$550.00. We would like to thank all those who supported our fundraiser and contributed to bringing clean water to Haiti.

# Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement

Coding & Robotics (Gr. 1)



Reading Buddies (Gr. 4/5-FDK)



The **Leadership Links Conference** will be held on November 8th, 2017 at Holy Cross Catholic High School. The Leadership Links Conference is aimed at grade 6, 7 and 8 students who are leaders, or future leaders of our schools. The day is run by the YSCPC, secondary student leaders, who help motivate, encourage and support the development of student leadership. The day includes a keynote address (guest speaker) and workshops (run by the YSCPC). Mr. Marchesini will be attending with students, (one student from grade 6, grade 7 and grade 8). We look forward to our students sharing their leadership endeavors at future assemblies and as a part of our Student Council meetings.



## Go Skyhawks Go



Our **Cross Country Team** had a fantastic show of sportsmanship at the Area meet at Bruce's Mill on October 16th. Blessed Scalabrini placed 3rd overall. Congratulations to Damien R., Elsa H., and Hannah P. who ran in the Board finals on October 18th. Thank you our coaches; Mr. Marcoccia, Ms. Taylor-Hardy, Mr. Marchesini and Ms. Haverkate for preparing our students.



Our **Intermediate Boys' and Girls' Volleyball** teams have been working hard in preparation for our tournaments being held this month. On November 21st, Blessed Scalabrini will play at St. Vincent De Paul CES for the Boys' Intermediate Volleyball Area Tournament and on November 23rd, our girls will host the Intermediate Girls Area Tournament. Thank you to our coach, Ms. Gravel!

## Engaging Our Communities

Halloween spirit was enjoyed by students and staff!



Thank you to our teachers and Student Council who organized a 'spook-tacular' Halloween for our students. Everyone loved the "Just Dance" video selections and the decorations. Thank you again Ms. d'Eon, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Salerno and Ms. Haverkate for planning this exciting morning for our students, organizing our Dance-A-Thon fundraising daily draws and class tallies in the foyer. Thank you to all teachers and staff who encouraged their students to dress up and participate in the fun activities.

The fundraising to date has exceeded \$4600. Our next newsletter will provide a list of the Divisional 1st and 2nd place prize winners, overall class winner and a final total. Thank you for your generous support.



## Engaging Our Communities



### *A Message from our Trustee*

We solemnly reflect on the martyrdom of our Saints and pray for the repose of our loved ones most especially during the month of November.

Please remember our fallen soldiers. Respectfully pay tribute to veterans who served and are still with us today. It is our obligation to recall and appreciate their sacrifice.

School Remembrance Day ceremonies and activities are an opportunity to teach students to appreciate the many sacrifices of those who have fought, died, and served for our country. Together let us pray for peace, freedom and tolerance.



### **SantaFest Parade**

**Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**, is the annual **Santafest Parade** in Maple. The parade begins at 2:00 p.m. and starts at Canada's Wonderland at Major Mackenzie Drive and Jane Street and travels east along Major Mackenzie to Keele Street. For more information, visit [www.santafestinmaple.com](http://www.santafestinmaple.com). Please come out and enjoy the parade.

As always, I remain a phone call or email away. Feel free to contact me at: [cathy.ferlisi@ycdsb.ca](mailto:cathy.ferlisi@ycdsb.ca) or by phone at 416-565-7087. Feel free to visit my website at: [www.trustee.ycdsb.ca/ferlisi](http://www.trustee.ycdsb.ca/ferlisi); my Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/trusteeferlisi> or follow me on Twitter @TrusteeFerlisi

### Catholic School Council

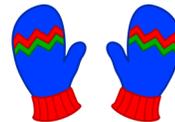


will be held on Thursday November 29th, 2017 at 6:30pm  
in the school library.



### **SantaFest**

Blessed Scalabrini is excited to be participating for the third time in the SantaFest Parade. SantaFest promotes community spirit, civic pride and brings cheer to every spectator, participant, sponsor and organizer. The mission is to provide families and individuals with an event that will build lasting holiday memories while celebrating the Spirit of the Season. The SantaFest Parade is Sunday, November 12th, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The parade route runs from Wonderland across Major MacKenzie to Vaughan City Hall. We will be a marching group proudly displaying our Blessed Scalabrini banner. Students will be marching alongside their families to demonstrate the wonderful sense of 'community' that exists at Blessed Scalabrini Catholic Elementary School. If you are interested please contact the office. All registration forms need to be submitted by November 3rd. Thank you to Mrs. Somodi for organizing this for everyone.



As the weather gets colder please ensure that your child(ren) are dressed warmly for outdoor recess. Please remember a warm coat, hat, mittens and boots.



## Engaging Our Communities



**School Volunteers: We Need You!**  
We value the assistance of many parent volunteers at Blessed Scalabrini. Would you like to get involved in some way? Opportunities for involvement include:

\* Catholic School Council \* Lunch Committee \* Milk Program \* Fundraising \* and more. Make a difference in your child's school, meet other parents and be involved in your child's life at school. Please contact the office for further information.



**The Milk Program:** Milk Tickets will be on sale Wednesday, November 1st, and Wednesday, December 6th before the morning bell - 8:45-9:00 am. Tickets are \$8.00 a sheet (9 tickets per sheet)

White and chocolate milk is available. Volunteers are needed to make this program a success. If you are interested in helping please contact Mrs. Scott. Thank you to our amazing Milk Volunteers.

### Hot Lunches at Blessed Scalabrini:

**Monday:** 2nd Free Pizza  
**Tuesday:** Food 4 Students ([www.food4students.ca](http://www.food4students.ca))  
**Wednesday:** 2nd Free Pizza  
**Thursday:** Food 4 Students  
**Friday:** Subway



Order forms are available on our website or at the office.

**Collecting 4L Milk Bags** - Did you know that it takes hundred of plastic bags to create a sleeping mat? Our school will be collecting clean 4L plastic milk bags, Please send your bags to school with your child and your child can put them in the box provided in the front hall. The bags will then be donated to charitable groups who create the mats. The mats are sent to impoverished countries that need them. Learning about helping others is important.





# November 2017



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			1 All Saints Day Pizza Lunch St. Elizabeth CHS Parent Info Night 7pm	2 All Souls Day Food 4 Students	3 Picture Retake Day Civvies Day – Mexico & Caribbean Relief Subway	4
5	6 Pizza Lunch	7 Food 4 Students	8 We Outreach Presentations Leadership Links Pizza Lunch	9 Food 4 Students	10 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45am Subway	11
12 SantaFest Parade	13 S.M.I.L.E. Pizza Lunch	14 S.M.I.L.E. K-Gr.6 Dairy Education Visit Food 4 Students	15 S.M.I.L.E. Pizza Lunch	16 S.M.I.L.E. Food 4 Students	17 S.M.I.L.E. "Power of One" Parent/Student presentations Subway	18
19	20 Cyberbullying Presentation to Gr. 4-8 Pizza Lunch	21 Progress Reports Home Boys' Int. Volleyball @ SVP Food 4 Students	22 Girls' Int. Volleyball @ BSI Rosary Apostolate Pizza Lunch	23 Interviews - pm Book Fair Food 4 Students	24 PD Day Interviews - am Book Fair -am	25
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