



OUR LADY OF THE
WAYSIDE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



CHESTERTON ACADEMY
of Our Lady of the Wayside

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A Blessedly Busy Fall!

BY SISTER MARY CATHERINE PERDUE, SOLI, PRINCIPAL
Dear Friends in Christ!

God has been truly blessing our mission here at the school. We've had 16 new students join us this year. We have an amazing staff and strong community of families. There have been many exciting things taking place at the school. In order to keep you informed, we've updated our websites and social media pages. We would love to have you follow us and keep in touch. We are very grateful for your support and friendship.

May Our Lady continue to keep you and your loved ones under her mantle. Know that we keep you in our daily prayers.

Wishing you a Blessed Advent & Christmas!



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I am happy that I joined Our Lady of the Wayside because I can attend Holy Mass everyday from school, it is a school led by nuns, and I can learn things in a catholic way. Everyone in the school is nice and friendly. It is a wonderful school!!!!

Written by Alphonsa, Grade 6



Let's Go Camping!

This year's camping trip at St. Joseph Church in Powassan saw our high school students building friendships and creating lifelong memories while praying together, sharing stories and canoeing with their classmates. A special thanks to Father Eric Mason for his guidance during this trip!

Recent Events



Zoo Trip!

Our delightful Kindies enjoyed a warm, sun-shiny day at the Peterborough Zoo where they hiked, climbed, ate lunch and learned about nature & animals!

Mini-Me!

Scoring points with our new principal before our All Saints' Day Party!

"Do not shine so that others see you, but so that through you, others can see Him."

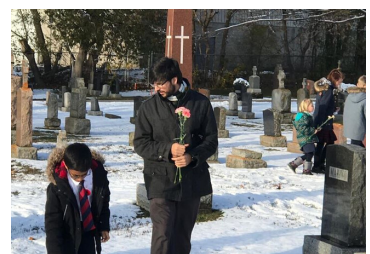
C.S. Lewis
AUTHOR



In The Community!

Above: On November 17th, our school choir sang for the congregation at St. Michael's in Cobourg! A special collection was taken after Mass in support of our high school students' upcoming pilgrimage to Rome in March 2020.

Below: A visit to veterans at Fairhaven, and praying for souls at St. Peter's Cemetery.



A Trip to the Orchestra!

Music is an integral part of our curriculum at Our Lady of the Wayside so we were pleased to accept an invitation from The Kawartha Youth Orchestra (KYO) to attend a special daytime performance.

Two of our current students (and one alumni) are members of the KYO, and all were on hand to share some of their knowledge with us.

Our grade 3 to 12 students enjoyed beautiful pieces by Wagner, Strauss and Dvorak (among others), learned about the instruments that make up an orchestra as well as several conducting techniques, and were later given a chance to try out different instruments.

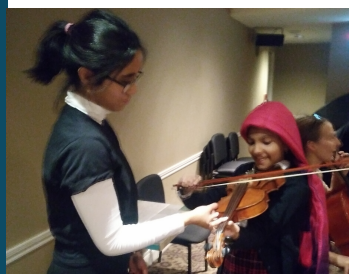
What a wonderful musical afternoon!

*"There is the
music of
Heaven in
all things."*

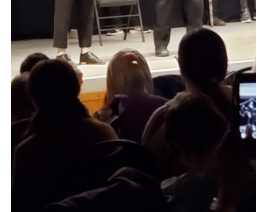
Saint Hildegard



Music to my ears!



Poetry Café



Our Talented Students!

Above: Our students were amazing! They memorized poems, skits and even dances! They entertained like professional performers. There was food, laughter, amazing props and backdrops, and an incredibly entertaining Master of Ceremonies (our Drama teacher, Miss McDonald). Poetry Café 2019 was undoubtedly a complete success!

Cuteness Overload!

Right: Our Kindergarten students not only learned a whole poem and an entire song (with actions), they also dressed up in costumes and dazzled the entire audience with their cuteness! God bless the little children!



1st Place (Poem)
reprinted below
Naomi D., Grade 7

2nd Place (Poem)
Sophie W., Grade 7

3rd Place (Poem)
Theresa F., Grade 8
& Benjamin J., Grade 5

**Honourable Mention
(Art)**
Mary L., Grade 7



Recalling of Remembrance Day

By: Naomi D'Souza

The luminous day reveals itself, like sheets slowly unfolded;
The skies alit with golden rays, the clouds a crimson shaded.
The mountains veiled in creamy waves, of blending snow and mist;
And beyond the sun-dappled prairies, joy and sadness kiss.

And on this glorious day, a soft breeze proclaims gladsome;
For many nights ago, did their weary eyes view freedom.
And up arose a shout, with the thrilling sounds of victory;
And as they trembled with delight, I'll now voice their history.

Men abandoned their houses, and families they departed;
Leaving mothers in their sorrow, and the fathers downhearted.
For how much they loved their sons, in all their joys and miseries;
Only now to see them parting, scarcely in their twenties.

The starting months were very harsh, training again and again;
Arising at dawn's early first call, their muscles struggled in vain.
And tramping through the thick snow, in their boots and uniforms;
Their footprints engraved behind, which vanished from all the storms.

But little did they seem to know, the numerous trials awaiting;
And tramping through the snow, their steps began faltering.
Their fingers feeling oddly numb, their feet bitterly cold;
And the freezing winds whipped by, piercing their very souls.

But alas, their hardships hadn't ended, only just begun;
And carving sharp blades and arrows, they did in the glum.
And then came the appalling moment, its stillness ringing sore;
But the silence suddenly shattered, by the distant calling of war.

Marching to their very fates, they did towards the sound;
Armed with all their weapons, but how their hearts did pound!
Brutal were the years ahead, clasped firm in painful darkness;
Hate bursting forth in torments, and in all its utter rashness.

Never in all eternity, will we fail to recall their sacrifice;
For after four disastrous years, by a truce, war did demise.
And even though the breath of life, was swept away from many;
We'll never forget their fearless spirits, that rescued our country.



*"Education is not
the filling of a
bucket, but the
lighting of a fire."*

W. B. Yeats
AUTHOR & POET



Cross Country!

Early in the school year, our cross country team participated in an event at Beavermead Park. A special congratulations to Ethan D. and Connor D. who placed 6th and 9th respectively. They will both be going on to compete at the next level.

Sports News

High School Basketball Tournament in Ottawa!

At the end of November, our boys High School basketball team played an incredible tournament in Ottawa at the Rideau Community Hub. Excellent game; well done boys!



Our New Staff



Teacher Profile: Donald Collins

Grade 3/4 Teacher

Donald is a conscientious educator with a passion for active and inquiry based learning and exploration. Having established strong connections with his students and their families, he has easily become a much-loved member of the Wayside community. He shares fully in – and is often the architect of – the laughter, creativity, joy and wonder that each day brings.

B.A. Hon. Spec. with distinction, Philosophy, Western University
Ph.D Candidate, Western University



Teacher Profile:

Clifford

Clemotte

Grade 5/6 Teacher,
Philosophy

Clifford has quickly become an integral and dynamic member of our school community. With his warm, considerate and polite disposition, he is a wonderful role model to his students and the Wayside community at large. His genuine interest in each student makes him keenly aware of each child's gifts, strengths and needs. He takes great pleasure in opening up the possibilities and potential in the young lives of his students.

B.A., Philosophy, Summa Cum Laude,
Christendom College



Teacher Profile:

Maria

McDonald

High School
Humanities, Drama

There is none other like Maria! Her vibrant, animated and fun-loving attitude have made her a favourite among the students and their families. She is truly gifted at story-telling, drama and lively exchanges with all her students while supporting their desire to learn and explore. She brings a fervent faith, warmth and a positive attitude to our school, and to everyone who has the pleasure of interacting with her.

B.A., History, Trinity Western University
& Catholic Pacific College



Teacher Profile:

Sister Maria

Faustina

Kindergarten
Teacher

Let us not love in words only, but in works and in truth - 1 John 3:18

Sister Maria Faustina brings a wealth of knowledge, joy, patience and love to the youngest of our Wayside students. Filling their days with song, play, interactive lessons and learning, is it any wonder the children love her right back?! She is a caring and positive teacher who is truly a blessing on the students in her care, and the entire Wayside community.

B.A., Theology, Philosophy minor,
Franciscan University (Steubenville)



Staff Profile:

Tom

Wigglesworth

Custodian

Impressing us daily with his knowledge, education, positivity and personality, Tom is a real blessing to our school. AND, DID YOU KNOW? Tom is a thespian! He's been Franz the turncoat butler (The Sound of Music) and Dr. Grimwig (Oliver!) with the Peterborough Theatre Guild. Tom has also been the dual roles of Mr. Darling and Mr. Smee (Peter Pan) with the Academy Theatre in Lindsay.

Diploma of Technological Education, O.I.S.E., University of Toronto; Mechanical Engineering Tech. Dipl. (Honours), Mohawk College; Certificate of Qualification, Industrial Mechanic, Ministry of Trades Training



Teacher Profile: Geoff Butler

Artistic Director & Conductor

Starting as a professional tenor, followed by an impressive music career, Geoff is now the artistic director of the 150-voice Toronto Choral Society, and also conducts the North 44° chamber ensemble. We're beyond pleased to have such a kind and accomplished musical talent join our staff.

IN HIS OWN WORDS: Throughout my career there were people who gave me things. Gifts of their expertise, their experience and of themselves. Wayside is a place where I can pass along what has been given to me as well as other experiences that I picked up along the path of a life in music. B.A. Music Performance, University of Toronto

"The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things."

Pope St. Gregory the Great



What fun Mrs. Peeters' grade 1 & 2 class had; climbing trees to pick apples, and then spending the afternoon making delicious warm, cinnamon applesauce. Here's the amazing recipe she used:

Mrs. Peeters' Chunky Applesauce Recipe

Ingredients:

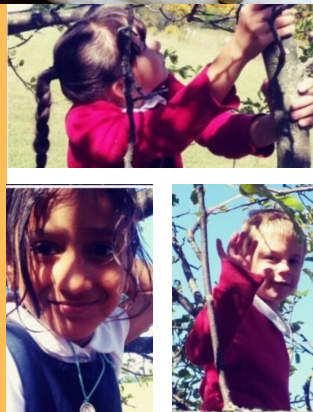
5lbs tart apples	2 cups sugar
1/2 cup water	2 tsp cinnamon

Directions:

1. Peel, core and cut apples into 3/4-inch chunks;
2. Place apples in a large, heavy saucepan;
3. Add water. Bring to a boil and reduce heat. Simmer, covered, for 15 minutes;
4. Add sugar and cinnamon while stirring gently;
5. Continue cooking while occasionally turning the apples over gently. Rough stirring will make the applesauce mushy.
6. Enjoy!



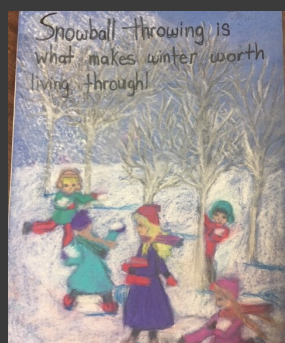
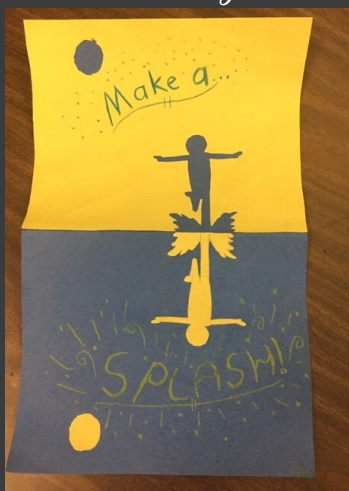
*"A sunbeam,
a sunbeam;
I'll be a
sunbeam for
Him."*



Irish Kitchen Prayer

Bless us with good food, the gift of gab & hearty laughter.
May the love and joy we share be with us ever after.
Amen.

Artwork by our talented students: (Sophie, Mary, Naomi, Kevin, Luke, Greg & Rebekah)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Spaghetti Dinner & Fundraiser

Jan. 17, 2020

High School Pilgrimage to Italy

Mar. 9-19, 2020