



### From the Principal's Desk

My Dear Parents,

We are well into the 2016-2017 year. Cardinal Carter CHS continues to be actively involved in clubs, committees and sport teams.

The School Innovation and Improvement Learning Cycles for Student Achievement and Well-being (SILCSAW) will continue to examine student achievement data to improve student achievement wellness, EQAO and OSSLT scores. In addition, Cardinal Carter CHS is participating in the Ministry of Education "Achieving Excellence in Applied Courses 2016-2017" programme. Diana Santos and teachers of the Mathematics Department are taking part in workshops and in-services to apply strategies to achieve excellence in math applied type courses.

We would like to wish a warm welcome to Ms. Luisa Rocca to Cardinal Carter CHS. Ms. Rocca replaces Ms. Phyllis Vander Doelen who has been promoted to Principal of St. Augustine CHS.

Please find listed below important information regarding communication with the school to foster student success and well-being in our school community:

#### **Administrative School Contacts:**

Ms. L. Rocca	Surname: A-F
Ms. C. Rosenberger	Surname: G-O
Ms. W.B. Lechman	Surname: P-Z

#### **Guidance Counsellor For Students:**

Ms. C. Hails	Surname: A-CO
Mr. M. Crescenzi	Surname: CR-F
Ms. J. Nyitrai	Surname: G-L
Ms. D. Ritchie	Surname: M-Q
Ms. G. Cantarutti	Surname: R-Z

**Student Services:** Ms. C. Steiner

**Chaplaincy:** Ms. P. Gagliano and Mr. G. Lambropoulos

A "warm" welcome to new members of staff to the Carter family:

**Vice-Principal:** Ms. L. Rocca

**Teaching Staff:** F. Ali, G. Amelio, R. Cannon, J. McCarthy, L. Merlino, S. Pingitore, L. Spicer, J. Ceci., L. DeCastro, A. Bonomo, R. Hancock, A. Senger, S. Cundari, H. Amadori, M. Mansell, R. Machala, R. Pali

**Librarian:** J. Casa-Todd

Cardinal Carter CHS will continue to serve its community with commitment to excellent service. As a school, we strive for good faith and justice in our day to day interaction with you.

Peace and Light,

Richard C. Maurice

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Cardinal Carter Catholic High School is a Christ-centred community called to help each person achieve full potential and a supportive and caring environment.

### **The Meaning of the 12 Days of Christmas**

Some carols are written as catechism songs for young Catholics. Here is one, please enjoy...

1. The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ
2. Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments
3. Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love and for the three persons in the Holy Trinity
4. Four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
5. Five golden rings recalled the Torah of Law, the first five books of the Old Testament
6. Six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation
7. Seven swans a-swimming represented the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contributing, Leadership, and Mercy
8. Eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes
9. Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control
10. Ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments
11. Eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples
12. Twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed

Merry Christmas from the Administration, Staff and Students from the Cardinal Carter CHS school community



### **Cardinal Carter Catholic School Council Update**

Your Catholic School Council is an advisory organization and consists of parents (the majority of members), teachers, principals and vice-principals. We work with the Principal and Teachers to support education and parent involvement initiatives. Meeting dates are on the school calendar and are always open to parents. With our budget we provide support to teachers and host an annual event for parents. This year on November 1<sup>st</sup> we hosted an evening on “Raising Financially Literate Teenagers”. Our host, Tricia Barry of Money School Canada, provided tips and tools to help parents identify “real life” opportunities for teaching our kids to be smart money managers. Watch for our annual Silent Auction to take place this Spring.

On behalf of your Catholic School Council, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Dorothy Greechan, Chair  
Maria Komljanec, Vice Chair



## ***Christmas Greetings from your Trustees***

*Christ is born for us, let us rejoice in the day of our salvation! Let us open our hearts to receive the grace of this day, which is Christ himself. Jesus is the radiant “day” which has dawned on the horizon of humanity. A day of mercy, in which God our Father has revealed his great tenderness to the entire world. A day of light, which dispels the darkness of fear and anxiety.*

*A day of peace, which makes for encounter, dialogue and, above all, reconciliation. A day of joy: a “great joy” for the poor, the lowly and for all the people.*

### ***Pope Francis Christmas Message, 2015***

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Students and staff in our schools are enthusiastically preparing for the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, through a variety of activities, special events, and coursework.

Our Catholic schools provide all the members of our Catholic learning communities with a wonderful opportunity to reflect together on the true meaning of Christmas. We are reminded of our commitment to care for the poorest and the neediest among us, as students and families proudly live their faith by participating in a wide variety of charitable initiatives. We are so proud of the great work being done for our communities and we sincerely thank all of you for giving so generously during this advent season. We would also like to say thank you for the amazing support and guidance that we receive from our spiritual leaders and parish partners both during advent and all year long.

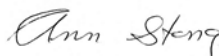
As your School Trustees, we also thank you for choosing Catholic education. Your support for Catholic Education is a blessing that allows our students and staff to grow in the light of Christ, and to recognize that God is with us, always.

May you enjoy good health and happiness during the Christmas break, and may the spirit of Christmas fill your hearts and homes with peace and joy as you rejoice in our Saviour’s birth.

We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Dominic Mazzotta  
Trustee, Richmond Hill



Ann Stong  
Trustee, Richmond Hill



Elizabeth Crowe  
Vice-Chair of the Board &  
Trustee, Aurora/King/Whitchurch-Stouffville



Teresa Ciaravella  
Trustee, Maple/Kleinburg

## GUIDANCE NEWS

Over the last 4 months, guidance counsellors have met with many students on a variety of issues: transitioning to grade 9, maintaining strong learning skills, meeting with academic success, social / emotional wellness, preparing for post-secondary pathways, etc.

We would also like to introduce you to our vibrant 2016-2017 Peer Leaders. Peer leaders have been busy helping transition our grade 9s to Carter as well as continuing to heighten our community around mental health and wellness.



Grade 12s have been busy researching and planning their post-secondary destinations. As such, we would like to remind our students of the following deadline dates:

University application to the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC)

Deadline for equal consideration - **Jan. 11, 2017**

Students apply using their PINS - these are found on their personalized access letters from OUAC distributed in October.

College application to the Ontario Colleges Application Services (OCAS)

Deadline for equal consideration - **Feb. 1, 2017**

Students apply using their Ontario Education Number (OEN). This can be found on their report cards

We would like to also remind our grade 12 students that the Christmas holidays mark an opportune time to complete community service hours. Students can visit [yorkinfo.ca](http://yorkinfo.ca) OR [neighbourhoodnetwork.org](http://neighbourhoodnetwork.org) for volunteer opportunities.

Lastly, this is a reminder that night school registration is now open for semester 2. For registration details, please visit [coned.ycdsb.ca](http://coned.ycdsb.ca)

We wish the entire Carter community a very blessed Christmas. We pray for a peaceful and healthy 2017.

## Athletics

**Congratulations to our Junior Boys Soccer Team for winning GOLD! You are the Tier 2 Champions. This is the first soccer championship that our school has won in over 15 years! Thank you Mr. McMurray for all of your hard work with the boys. Go CELTICS!**



**Congratulations to our Senior Boys Volleyball Team for winning GOLD! You are the Tier 2 Champions. Thank you Mr. Hulshof, Ms. Anzil and Ms. Gagliano for all of your hard work with the boys. Go CELTICS!**



## Social and Environmental Department

On November 21st, Ms. Hardyck's and Mrs. Manzerra's grade 11 Anthropology, Psychology and Sociology classes engaged the school population in testing their senses in either a senses or perception experiment. The event was an excellent and fun learning opportunity for both students and the experimenters!



## Religion Department

Jean Vanier once wrote, *“Every human activity can be put at the service of the divine and of love. We should all exercise our gift to build community.”*

In our department, we believe that religion is something you do, not just something you believe in. With this in mind, we are trying to teach our students through action: whether it’s an assignment based on random acts of kindness; making virtue commercials; cooking a special meal and praying with your loved ones; raising money and awareness for various charities; or finding real-life scenarios to apply Jesus’ Beatitudes. We want to show our students how our faith is relevant, practical and applicable in our modern world. We respect and teach about diversity among different faiths, cultures, and worldviews, all within the context of compassion and love. Consequently, the work that our students do is amazing! We are very proud of our Carter students, and we truly enjoy working and practicing our faith together with you as we build community.

For the second semester, we are planning some big things--keep an eye out for some new, fun and engaging stuff!

We wish that everyone has a safe and blessed Christmas holiday with their loved ones.

Peace and Light,

Mr. Lambropoulos



Cooking In Class



A Trip Downtown

## ART'S DEPARTMENT SEMESTER IN REVIEW

It has been a hectic time in the Arts Department. All three veins of the Arts have been active in the creation of a unique arts culture within our school, one that celebrates the artist within each student.

Dramatic Arts Council's large project is the mounting of our school play entitled ***Love/Sick*** on February 22, 23, 24 , 2017. The show is a romantic comedy which rehearses every Wednesday on the stage. Thanks go out to all members of the council along with Ms. Pasquariello for an amazing first semester. Please come out and see the show next semester.

In the month of November, Music Council along with Dramatic Arts Council and Visual Art Council provided beautiful tributes to our fallen soldiers at our **Remembrance Day Assemblies**. This was lead by our very own Ms. Ellis-Mobbs who did a stellar job organizing the event.



### **Remembrance Day Band**

In December, Arts Council has been busy hosting **Arts Week** and running our civics day and other activities. Visual Arts Council has contributed with their displays and henna tattoos during lunches. Also, drawn masterpieces and photos have been beautifying the halls. Many thanks go out to Ms. Glyn-Williams and Mrs. Bonomo for all their hard work.



Music Council has gone above and beyond this semester. In November **The Marching Band** lead by Ms. Ellis-Mobbs, performed in the Richmond Hill, Newmarket and Aurora Santa Claus Parades. The band captured our hearts and brought out our Christmas spirit as they played for the surrounding communities. **The Choir** lead by Miss. Bortoluzzi performed at the Christmas Fair on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Aurora Legion for the city of Aurora's Christmas Party/Luncheon on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks go out to all members of the council and teachers for their leadership this semester.



### **Marching Band at The Aurora Santa Clause Parade**

This semester has been bittersweet knowing that at the end of it we say good-bye to one of our most beloved music teachers, Ms. Ellis-Mobbs. Ms. Ellis-Mobbs is a passionate advocate for the music program at Carter. Her vision and hard work is what lead to the development of a very successful Music Program at our school. She is leaving Carter to take on an Arts Headship at another school in our board.



We wish her success and joy in her new placement. You will be dearly missed.

# Photography Trip To Toronto





**CARDINAL CARTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE 2016-2017

2016-2017

**COLLECTION:**

		<b># of Students</b>	<b>Fee</b>	
<b>Total Enrolment:</b>	Grade 9-12	1448	\$100.00	\$144,800.00
	Grade 12 (One Semester)			
*Gr9-9 Gr10-19 Gr11-37 Gr12-43	*Deficit (Unpaid SAF)	*108	\$100.00	\$10,800.00
	<b>TOTAL for Disbursements:</b>			<b><u>\$134,000.00</u></b>

**Less Catholic School Council Contribution:**

(Based on Amt Collected)

Grade 9	364	\$5.00	\$1,820.00
Grade 10-12	976	\$20.00	\$19,520.00
Grade 12 (One Semester)			

**TOTAL**

**\$21,340.00**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

**TOTAL**

**\$112,660.00**

<u>Activity</u>		<b># of Students</b>		<b>Amt p/student</b>
Religion Retreats	Grade 10-12	1075	\$12.50	\$13,437.50
Student Agenda Book		1340	\$6.00	\$8,040.00
Career Cruising/Website Maintenance/Online Newsletter		1340	\$5.00	\$6,700.00
Student Government/Presidents Council		1340	\$12.00	\$16,080.00
Monetary Support for Students (extenuating circumstances)		1340	\$4.00	\$5,360.00
Athletics		1340	\$10.00	\$13,400.00
Student Conferences		1340	\$1.00	\$1,340.00
Locks Grade 9		373	\$7.00	\$2,611.00
Retreats & Leadership Activities		1075	\$3.00	\$3,225.00
Grade 9 Orientation Activities		373	\$2.00	\$746.00
University & College Presentations		710	\$2.50	\$1,775.00
Yearbooks		1340	\$29.00	\$38,860.00

**SUBTOTAL**

**\$111,574.50**

**OTHER ACTIVITIES & CLUBS**

**\$1,085.50**

Academic Contests	Graduation	Student Awards
Guest Speakers/ Special Events	ACT	Terry Fox Run
Awards Night	Liturgies & Assemblies	Friendship Games/Special Olympics
Drug Awareness Week	Field Trips & Excursions	Best Buddies
Tech Crew		

**TOTAL**

**\$134,000.00**

**IB FEES**

		<b># of Students</b>	<b>Fee</b>	
Total Enrollment:	Grade 9	99	\$150.00	\$14,850.00
	Grade 10	75	\$350.00	\$26,250.00
	Grade 11	65	\$1,250.00	\$81,250.00
	Grade 12	42	\$1,250.00	\$52,500.00

Deficit (Unpaid IB Fees)

**TOTAL**

**281**

**\$174,850.00**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

<u>Activity</u>		<b># of Students</b>	<b>Amt p/student</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Annual Fee to IBO	Grade 9-12	281	\$63.00	\$17,703.00
Courier Fees	Grade 9-12	281	\$6.00	\$1,686.00
CAS Coordination	Grade 9-12	281	\$10.00	\$2,810.00
Staff Training/ Extended Essay	Grade 9-12	281	\$100.00	\$28,100.00
Supplemental Classroom Resources	Grade 9-12	281	\$143.00	\$40,183.00
Student IB Exam Registration	Grade 11	65	\$500.00	\$32,500.00
Student IB Exam Registration	Grade 12	42	\$1,100.00	\$46,200.00
Other Student Support Initiatives/Contingency: On-Line programmes, Managebac Lic., Turnitin Lic., IBSO Annual Fee				\$5,668.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>\$174,850.00</u></b>

Note to Parents - It is important to note that all fees which have been collected from students are directed exclusively to support student related activities. These amounts, however, do not cover all of the expenses incurred, but are to help defray the costs.

Richard Maurice  
Principal

**\*\*The school can only provide yearbooks, agendas, etc. to students who have paid the Student Activity Fee\*\***

**\*Presented to School Council on Monday  
October 3 2016\*\*\***

## Changes to the Winter School Site Maintenance Program

The York Catholic District School Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan identifies four commitments to our stakeholders. They include: the Integration of Catholic Faith, the Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement, the Effective Use of Our Resources and Engaging Our Communities. Faced with increasing financial restraints, these commitments continue to guide the Board's decision-making on new investments and areas for cost reductions.

During the spring 2016 budget development process, the Board of Trustees approved \$4.4 million in cost reductions as well as \$630,000 in new investments. One area for cost reduction included Winter Maintenance at YCDSB schools. This new procedure aligns with the long-standing winter maintenance practices at the York Region District School Board and many other school boards across the province. The York Region District School Board has maintained this practice since 2004.

At York Catholic District School Board, the safety and well-being of all students is our top priority. School snow clearing will continue in the following areas:

- Entrances to the Child Care and Before and After School Program

- All fire exits and exterior entrances

- Pathway in the kindergarten play area from the school exit to the corresponding gate exit

- Portable steps, landings, ramps and pathways

- School sidewalks

- Six foot path on the hard surface adjacent to the school in the playgrounds (excluding kindergarten and/or child care enclosures)

To address budget restraints and to reduce the impact of salt on the environment, hard surface play areas will **not** be plowed or salted this winter. The exception to this procedure would be at schools with portable classrooms or when severe weather (i.e. ice storms) occurs. Schools with portable classrooms will have a section of hard surface maintained throughout the winter to provide safe access for those students and staff using portables.

For more information on the York Catholic District School Board's 2016-17 Approved

Budget, please visit: <http://www.ycdsb.ca/about/budget-finance/>.