



# The Wednesday File

## Grade 2 Mystery Reader Program

February 17, 2016



There are many little ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all.  
–Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

For the past five months the Grade 2 class has eagerly awaited every Tuesday’s Character Corner period. Who will show up? What book will it be? Is it mom? Dad? Or will it be a teacher? These are just some of the questions that get asked throughout the day leading up to 3:25. Once the special guest arrives in the class, he or she is greeted with seven enthusiastic young boys cheering, clapping, and vying for the closest spot to the special chair. The mystery reader has arrived and its time to read.

So what is a Mystery Reader? Well, Mystery Readers are special guests who come to our classroom to read a story to students. Mystery Readers can be parents, grandparents, older siblings, or other relatives. But wait, why do you do it? Students love to see their parents, grandparents, and special friends get involved in the classroom. The Mystery Reader program allows anyone who wants to become involved because it requires little time, but the memories will last forever for the surprised students!

Aren’t the boys a bit old for this? While many of the boys in grade two are now reading chapter books, this program has returned all of them to those warm memories of lying in bed and having mom or dad sit beside them before bedtime and read their favourite book. From Munch to the Brothers Grimm, or Icarus to Hercules, each reader has brought tales of heroes, morals, and magical settings. With each read the boys plunge down the rabbit hole into another story that fosters a love of literature. Once again, books are cool.

This program has been tremendously successful this year and the benefits of being read to are numerous. Reading aloud builds listening skills and imagination. It helps students build their vocabulary, enhances the ability to concentrate, and promotes a positive association with books. In a world so gripped by technology, it is paramount that we build on the skills that were taught to your son when he was a baby, and give him the knowledge that books unlock a world far more interesting than any app.

So one question still remains. Who will come next week? Remember, if you choose to come, keep it top secret until the big day!

The Grade 2 class would like to extend a huge Thank You to the following Mystery Readers and to those who are yet to read.



Mrs. Lowry	Mr. Lowry	O. Lowry
Mrs. De Martin	Dr. Sheridan	Mrs. McGrath
Mrs. Poole	Mrs. Dallas	Mrs. Padolina
Domenica De Martin		

I would like to thank my lovely wife for introducing me to this program.

**Scott Mascarenhas**  
Curriculum Director and Grade 2 Teacher



# NORTHMOUNT SCHOOL FOR BOYS

Date: Thursday, Feb 18, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Come One ! Come All !  
A fun evening with food,  
faith, and friends from  
your Northmount Family  
School.

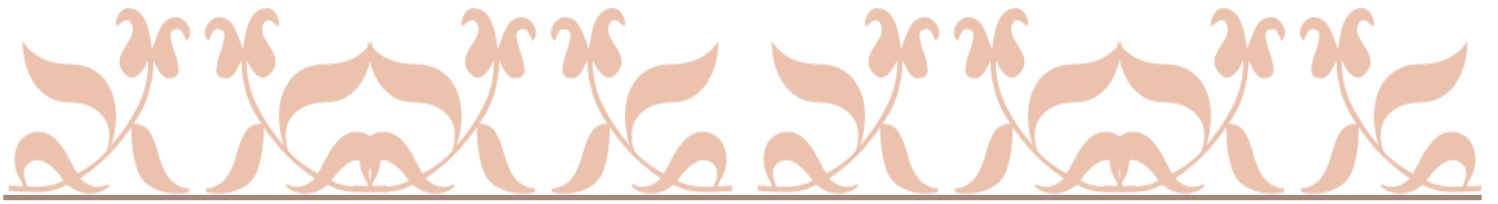
AGAINST THE GRAIN  
URBAN TAVERN,  
LEASIDE LOCATION,  
87 LAIRD DRIVE.

Contact person: Mrs. Withers

PLEASE R.S.V.P. TO:

416-449-8823 Ext. 114

FAMILY NIGHT



# *Northmount Gala 2016*

## *Denim and Diamonds*

**NEW DATE!**

**Saturday, May 7th, 2016**

Against The Grain, Corus,  
25 Dockside Drive.



## Character Corner

As we observe the season of Lent, here is a thought-provoking examination of conscience...

### What Children's Confessions Reveal...

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/pursuedbytruth/2015/03/what-childrens-confessions-reveal.html>

## Mass Schedule

### Friday, February 19, 11:25am

Celebrant: Fr. Dominic Borg, O.C.D. (Associate Pastor, Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima)

Altar Servers: Team St. Aloysius (Oliver L., Rory M., Finn A.)

### Wednesday, February 24, 11:25am

Celebrant: Fr. John Agundez (Assistant Chaplain, Ernescliff College)

Altar Servers: Team St. Tarcisius (Tyler T., Stefano V., Mitchell B.)

*Parents, families, and friends welcome*

## EQAO Discussion

On March 9 at 4:45 p.m., please join us to discuss last year's EQAO results. The meeting will take place in the library. Please bring your son's results and any questions you may have.

## Great Lake Ecology Presentation

As part of science learning initiative, we will be having a guest speaker from Lake Ontario Waterkeeper ([www.waterkeeper.ca](http://www.waterkeeper.ca)), come and present to our students on Friday Feb 19th at 2:49pm (period 9) on the issues surrounding the conservation of our great lakes. With direct tie-ins to our science curriculum from grade 3 to 8, there is a real value to having this presentation at our school.

## Badminton Club

Northmount's first eight-week Badminton Camp is coming to its conclusion. During this time, 14 Northmount students have learned the rudiments of the game in our very own gym. This has taken place on Thursday afternoons from 4:15 – 5:45 p.m. under the tutelage of Coach Troy Chandra, the owner and coach of Suria Badminton Centre. The enjoyment of the boys and the success of this camp has provided an opportunity to offer another eight-week camp during the months of March, April, and May. If you are interested in providing this opportunity for your son, please sign up with Mrs. Withers in the Main Office by 4:00 p.m. on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, February 18, 2016**

Friday, February 19, 2016

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Friday, February 26, 2016

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Monday, March 14, 2016

Monday, March 28, 2016

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

**FAN Night (Moms and Dads Invited)**—Against the Grain, Leaside - 7:00 p.m.

Great Lake Ecology Presentation

Parent/Teacher Conferences—4:00-8:00 p.m.

Parent/Teacher Conferences—4:00-6:30 p.m.

Hot Lunch and Casual Dress Day

Class Coordinators Meeting—8:25 a.m.

Clubs End

Oratory Art Oratoire—4:00-5:30 p.m.

March Break Begins

Easter Monday—School Closed

Classes Resume