



# The Wednesday File

January 27, 2016



## Getting Parents Involved: The Northmount Parents Association

An exciting initiative is underway at our school - the first Northmount Parents Association! Its aim is to organize the Northmount parent community so that it can best support the mission of the school. Here are some answers to questions you might have about this new initiative.

### Why do we need a Parents Association?

Northmount was founded by parents, and parents have always been an integral part of the school community. However, we currently lack a parent-led organization that represents parents' perspectives and coordinates parent initiatives in the school. Through the new Parents Association, we hope to involve more parents in our school.

### What will the Parents Association do?

The role of the Parents Association will include:

- liaising with the School Administration and the Board of Governors;
- enhancing communication between the school, the board, and the parent community;
- coordinating parent volunteers;
- organizing school events;
- promoting fundraising; and
- enhancing community and school spirit.

### Who's in charge of establishing the Parents Association?

A steering committee of 12 Northmount families has been formed to establish a framework for the association, including its organizational structure and committees. The two co-chairs for this committee are Patricia Arocena (Grade 7) and Scott Lowry (Grade 2 and 6). The committee is busy getting things in place so that nominations for the 2016-17 Parents Association can be put forward by May.

### How can I find out more?

If you have suggestions or questions about the Parents Association, please feel free to contact the steering committee at [parents.northmount@gmail.com](mailto:parents.northmount@gmail.com).

**The Steering Committee  
Northmount Parents Association**



# Parent Call to Action: Northmount Admissions

Northmount's greatest strength lies in the quality of the families that make up our community. It is with great pleasure that I report that our enrolment continues to grow – up by 30% since September 2014. Importantly though, it is not just in number that we have grown, but in quality too. This is a testament to the top quality *Catholic Education* that the boys are receiving here at Northmount.

Admissions is an ongoing process and the most important resource at our disposal is, by far, you, the parents. Your thoughts and opinions about your son's school go significantly further than any other recruiting strategy. This is where I am asking for your help.

## Ways to Participate

### **Become a Parent Ambassador**

On Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding an Open House event from 9:30 – 11:00a.m. We would like at least one parent per grade on hand to answer questions. If you are interested, please contact your class rep.

### **Join the FAN (Family Admissions Network)**

The FAN is an informal group of parents who make a concerted effort to reach out to appropriate families. They make first contact, and then forward contact details to the Admission's office for follow up. I would like to invite you to a fun and informative FAN Night that is being held at Against the Grain, Leaside, on *Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup>*. This will be a great opportunity for first time "FANs" to learn more about the program and veteran "FANs" to refresh their memories. It is of course a great excuse for a fun social occasion as well!

### **Follow us on Social Media**

In today's connected world many of us regularly use social media ... and so does Northmount! Please, *Like our FB page, follow us on Twitter and connect with staff on LinkedIn*. Taking this simple step will increase our reach significantly.

### **Share your Testimonial**

We are always looking for written testimonials to give a personal touch to everything prospective parents witness during their visits. As we continue to refresh our website and marketing materials, personal stories and testimonials are vital to making a connection to potential new parents.

Don't forget ... The best way you can help is to simply tell a friend about Northmount. Thank you for all of your ongoing help and support and please know that it is very much appreciated.

**Chris Ruch**  
**Director of Admissions**

# Character Corner

## HOW CAN I GET THEM TO LISTEN?!? The Secret of Cultivating Discipleship Hearts In Your Children

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/faithonthecouch/2016/01/how-can-i-get-them-to-listen-the-secret-of-cultivating-discipleship-hearts-in-your-children/>

## Attention Kiwanis Singers!

Looking for a way to rehearse for Kiwanis in the comfort of your own home? Well now you can with the following links:

### 1. CANON OF PRAISE:

Choir:

<https://youtu.be/aysb-skIgx0>

Study Parts: (with music score)

<https://youtu.be/rpMUPIQD9mY>

### 2. TARZAN MEDLEY: (Selected songs only)

High School Men Version

<https://youtu.be/ohv44rAYq3o>

Mixed Voices:

<https://youtu.be/sY1u280FzWU>

We're singing these selections from Tarzan.

1. Son of Man
2. Strangers Like Me
3. Two Worlds Reprise and Finale

## Curling

Northmount Curling Team, faced off against Montcrest School on Thursday January 14th. The Curling Team had a great time participating in their first ever Curling Bonspiel. Four games were played; three were tied and one lost. The boys played well, learned more about strategy and were very gracious hosts to the Montcrest Team.



## Northmount 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bears

Need a Great Valentines gift for someone special? Northmount 25th Anniversary Bears are still available, but hurry—there are only 16 left! Pick up yours today at the front office, \$25.00 each.



## Canadian Tire Money

Listening to and working with parents is very much the Northmount way. Taking advantage of a parent idea and the fact that we often do not know what to do with our Canadian Tire money, Northmount School for Boys is asking parents to donate these bills. The donations will help the school purchase a myriad of items at Canadian Tire that might otherwise come out of budget dollars. Please help support Northmount and let us support a Canadian company through necessary purchases. There is a bin set up on the front counter where you can donate any bills. Thank you for your support!

## Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 28, 2016	Spirit Week—Crazy Tie Day Grades 7-8 Camping Trip
Friday, January 29, 2016	Spirit Week— House Colours Day K-6 Trip (AM) and Talent Show (PM) Grades 7-8 Camping Trip
Tuesday, February 9, 2016	Pancake Breakfast—7:30 a.m. Mid-year Report Cards Mailed
Friday, February 12, 2016	Faculty Workshop—School Closed Northmount Day Camp (registration closes Feb. 5th)
Monday, February 15, 2016	Family Day—School Closed
Tuesday, February 23, 2016	Parent/Teacher Conferences—4:00-8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 24, 2016	Parent/Teacher Conferences—4:00-6:30 p.m.
Friday, February 26, 2016	Hot Lunch and Casual Dress Day Class Coordinators Meeting—8:25 a.m.

# Spirit Week Photos

