



# The Wednesday File

March 2, 2016



## Annual Fund 2015-2016: A Northmount Community Success

On November 1, 2015, Northmount School for Boys launched its Annual Fund campaign for this year. Established two years ago and identified as one of Northmount's most significant fundraising activities, the Annual Fund has witnessed tremendous success and financial generosity from the Northmount community. In its first two years, the Annual Fund generated approximately \$118,000 for the school which was invested in technology, the change room in the gymnasium, the music and art programs, and pedagogical tools for the classroom.

When the Annual Fund Committee met this school year in September, 2015, a new goal was set that the committee felt would be a healthy challenge for the Northmount community. To help meet this challenge of raising \$75,000, a request was made to the Lam family asking that they Chair this year's Annual Fund. With the Lam family's "down-to-earth" words of encouragement, a very generous anonymous matching gift from a Northmount family and several other families stepping forward to bring the "matching gift" to \$25,000, Northmount's ambitious goal was set in the cross-hairs.

GivingTuesday (December 1<sup>st</sup>) became a focal point for the campaign and what happened on this day is nothing short of remarkable. The generosity of the Northmount community was realized once again when the goal of \$75,000 was reached by mid-afternoon on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. The ability for any community to raise money is a testament to its stakeholders, but this level of generosity is something of which to behold. At the closing of the campaign on February 29th, the Annual Fund witnessed 93% participation and had raised \$80,000.

Thus far the school has used some of the funds to :

- Purchase Edsby
- Engage the services of Choirmaster Mr. Goody Cabral
- Hold a student song writing workshop with Musician Mr. Craig Cardiff
- Rent musical instruments
- Purchase sound equipment
- Sports Equipment & Ball Carts

Further purchases/investments will include:

- New stage pieces and cart
- Music room upgrades
- Athletic uniforms
- Server
- Staff tech development
- Staff faith development
- Faculty development on Boys' learning and pedagogy



Lastly, and for the first time in its history, the school proper will be able to allot a portion of the monies raised to a reserve fund for future capital expenditures. It is now the hope of Northmount's Board of Governors to allocate a portion of future fundraising monies, providing targets are met, to this reserve fund.

On behalf of the whole Northmount community, the committee would like to thank the Lam family for their energy and championing of this year's Annual Fund. Furthermore, we would like to extend our gratitude to our major donors for their significant donation to our campaign and for helping set the "matching gift" which pushed our community to give. Last but not least, the committee would like to express its sincere appreciation to all of the Northmount community members who participated and generously gave of their hard earned money to see that our students, school programs, and building itself take another step forward. Northmount School for Boys is blessed to have such a caring community to help foster its reputation of excellence and who support it in its endeavor to provide the most well-rounded educational experience for its students.

**The Annual Fund Committee**



# Gala Silent Auction Items Needed!

The Gala Committee is looking for donations of Silent Auction items. Please consider donating items yourself and/or consider approaching your workplace, vendors, and shops that you frequent with the attached [Donation Request Letter and Form](#) with a gentle personalized request. Hard copies of this letter are available at the front office.

## Past popular donations have included:

- Money cannot buy “experiences”
- iPads/iPods
- Maple Leaf, Raptors, and Blue Jay Tickets
- Concert/Event Tickets
- Children’s Items
- Rounds of Golf
- Designer Clothing & Bags
- Trips & Adventures
- Restaurant Gift Certificates
- Art Work & Photography
- Gaming Systems
- Hotel Gift Certificates
- Electronics
- Jewelry
- Weekend Get-Aways / Trips
- Sports/Fitness Equipment
- Household Items
- Spa/Beauty Certificates
- Wine

***Donate your Silent Auction item before March 29th to be entered into a draw to win a free limo ride to and from the Gala!***

Take advantage of the Early Bird Deadline and purchase your Gala ticket before Friday, March 11th either at the front office or online at [http://weblink.donorperfect.com/nms\\_gala](http://weblink.donorperfect.com/nms_gala)

## Character Corner

An interesting take related to *justice*, our habit of the month...

### Sometimes, Kids Don't Need to Share

*If we want to teach our children generosity, we shouldn't force them to take turns.*

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/women/2015/april/sometimes-kids-dont-need-to-share.html>

## Mass Schedule

### Friday, March 4, 11:25am

Celebrant: Fr. Thomas Murphy, L.C.

Altar Servers: Team St. Joseph the Worker (David D., Callum A., Nicholas H.)

### Wednesday, March 9, 11:25am

Celebrant: Fr. Pat O'Dea (Pastor, St. Edward the Confessor Parish)

Altar Servers: Team Bl. Jose Sanchez del Rio (Rodrigo G., Jordan C., Tyler T.)

*Parents, families, and friends welcome*

## Tuition Raffle Winner

**Congratulations to the McNally family!** They have won a \$2,000 reduction from their tuition. Thank you to everyone who returned their re-enrolment forms by the March 1st deadline. As the school continues to grow it is more important than ever that we have accurate numbers to begin planning for the 2016-2017 school year.



## 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.

# Noah's Ark Fundraiser

Student Council is organizing the annual Noah's Ark Fundraiser. Funds raised will go to purchase farm animals for families in developing countries. Student Council is running this charity drive during Lent in order to observe the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving:

- Fasting: As a family, eat a more simple meal (e.g. soup)
- Prayer: Fasting is a powerful prayer. When you fast as a family, offer your sacrifice as a prayer for those in need and for your own conversion of heart.

Almsgiving: With the money saved from fasting, donate that money to the Noah's Ark fund. Funds will be collected by Student Council every Friday until the March Break.

Thank you for your support.

**Student Council**

## Parenting CDs

Each year as a part of Northmount's partnership with parents, families receive one CD from Catholic Lighthouse Media. Families in the same grade all receive the same CD. We recognize that it is difficult to find the time to receive formation regarding our faith or parenting topics. The benefit of the CD format is that we can listen to the CD in our cars while we commute.

The homeroom teacher, with the help of the classroom co-ordinator, will then organize an evening where the homeroom teacher and the parents can all gather together for a family-oriented evening based around a discussion of the CD. Sometimes, the students have been included in the evening's plans. In past years, these evenings have been hosted at a family's home, or at the school. Usually the adults will gather in one place for the discussion, and if the students are part of the evening's plans, they will gather in another place for social time, e.g. playing street hockey.

**CD's were passed out last week during Parent-Teacher interviews. If you have not received your copy, please see your homeroom teacher.**

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

Thursday, March 3, 2016

**Friday, March 11, 2016**

Monday, March 14, 2016

Monday, March 28, 2016

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

Clubs End

Oratory Art Oratoire—4:00-5:30 p.m.

**Gala Early Bird Ticket Deadline!**

March Break Begins

Easter Monday—School Closed

Classes Resume