



Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School

STUDENT AGENDA 2017-2018

"Carpe Diem"

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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MTS MISSION STATEMENT

“Each Life is Precious to God”, affirms the dignity and respect of every human person, recognizing “Christ” in them. On our journey of faith with its path built on Gospel values, this school exists to provide a quality education in a caring community that enables the individual to become a contributing member of the Church and society.

LDCSB MISSION STATEMENT

To serve our students through excellence in Catholic education.

Our Vision: Inspired by Christ. Learning together. Serving together.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Students and Family Members,

It is with great pride that I welcome you to a new school year at Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School. We are excited about the new journey that lies ahead and we invite you to follow our school motto "Carpe Diem" and make everyday a great day. As you know, Mother Teresa students are highly regarded for their achievements in academics, the arts, athletics and in community service. This year we are looking for you to make your contribution to the excellent reputation of this school.

Our dedicated staff is here to provide you with the opportunity to learn and grow in a Catholic education environment. They are committed to doing whatever it takes to make your years as a member of this community the most fulfilling they can be. We are truly blessed to have these committed and talented teachers as part of the Spartan journey. This academic planner is our gift to you and has been developed with an aim to providing you with a tool that will make your school year more rewarding. Using this planner will keep you informed of the general policies and practices that make Mother Teresa a very safe and enriched secondary school experience.

As you begin a new school year, I hope that you find success, fulfillment, and new friendships. Thank you and May God bless you and our school.

Ana Paula Fernandes
Principal



ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

The graduate of a Catholic School is expected to be:

1. **A discerning believer** formed in the Catholic Faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living.
2. **An effective communicator**, who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively, and responds critically in light of gospel values.
3. **A reflective, creative and holistic thinker** who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.
4. **A self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner** who develops and demonstrates her/his God-given potential.
5. **A collaborative contributor** who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work that respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good.
6. **A caring family member** who attends to family, school, parish and the wider community.
7. **A responsible citizen** who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

CHAPLAINCY

Chaplaincy at Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School serves the needs of students and staff by providing opportunities for faith development through liturgies, prayer services, classroom visits, retreats, and outreach programs. In all that we do, groups, teams, and individuals are invited to assist in facilitating many of the Chaplaincy-related activities. As well, Chaplaincy offers a listening ear in a safe, confidential place. Our school's Chaplaincy Team works throughout the year in service to our school and the community around us. This team is open to any student and staff members, and is a great way to get involved and meet others.

Our school chapel is always open for personal prayer and reflection.

Mass/Liturgies

Mass and liturgical celebrations are an important aspect of our growth as a student and a person. They are scheduled as part of the day, when they occur, with no interruption to classes. All students at Mother Teresa are required to attend and participate respectfully in all liturgies and prayer services, and to respect prayers whenever said in classes, assemblies or over the PA.

SCHOOL AND BOARD POLICIES

Inspired by Christ. Learning together. Serving together.

Catholic secondary schools strive to provide an environment that reflects and promotes Christ's teachings. Every individual within a Catholic school will be assured a safe, secure environment that fosters respect and dignity.

Accordingly, the school board has created the Code of Behaviour entitled **For the Good of All**, as a guide to help students develop as persons and avoid problems related to misconduct. It summarizes the conduct expected of students and describes the procedures, which school administrators, teachers and other school staff will use for responding to student behavioural problems. The code is in keeping with the obligation of the school and the Board to exercise their authority under the Education Act to maintain order and discipline in the school.

Parents and students can access this link for Board information on Safe Schools and Code of Behaviour

<http://www.ldcsb.on.ca/Programs/SafeSchools/Pages/default.aspx>

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Students are accountable for their actions.**
 - Students are responsible for following the rules of their home school when attending any school or board-sanctioned event, regardless of location.
 - Students will respect and comply with all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws.
- 2. Students agree to accept, from the school, discipline as exercised by a kind, firm and judicious parent.**
 - If a student refuses to follow school rules or comply with disciplinary action, the matter will be treated as a serious infraction.
 - Any disagreement with the disciplinary actions of a school representative may be appealed to the Principal or Vice Principal by the student and/or parent.
- 3. Students are expected to act as responsible members of the Catholic Community.**
 - Students will respect that their actions reflect dignity for self and others and demonstrate honesty and integrity in their actions.
 - Students agree to be courteous to other students, to staff and to visitors. Insults, disrespect, and other hurtful acts disrupt learning and teaching in a school community.
 - Students will respect differences in people, their ideas and opinions.
 - Students will respect and treat others fairly, regardless of their race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, citizenship, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age or disability.
 - Students agree to use appropriate language while at school, or when participating in any school-sponsored activity.
 - Students agree to respect the need of others to work in an environment of learning and teaching.
- 4. Students agree to respect property.**
 - Destroying or defacing property will not be tolerated.
 - The student agrees to pay for repairs resulting from acts of willful damage.
 - The student will take proper care of school materials.
- 5. Students agree to comply with their school dress code/uniform policy.**
 - The student acknowledges that repeated uniform violations will be treated as serious infractions.

6. **Students are responsible for attending classes.**
 - Students who do not attend classes regularly will be reported to the Board's Attendance Counsellor.
 - Students are expected to be on time for classes.

7. **Students are responsible for putting a strong, consistent effort into their studies.**
 - It is expected that students will participate in daily learning activities and will complete homework and assignments as required.
 - Students with difficulties in their studies are encouraged to seek help from their teachers or other staff members.

8. **Violence, or the threat of violence, will not be tolerated.**
 - All incidents of threats or acts of violence will be acted on.
 - Students must not inflict, or encourage others to inflict, bodily harm on another person.
 - Students must seek staff assistance, if necessary, to resolve conflict peacefully.
 - Students agree that prohibited materials are not allowed at school or school-sponsored events. These materials include drugs, alcohol, weapons or articles intended for use as a weapon, sexually explicit material, racist or sexist material, material glorifying violence and any other materials prohibited by law.
 - Our schools will work cooperatively with police, drug and alcohol agencies to promote prevention strategies and, where necessary, respond to school members who are in possession of, or under the influence of, alcohol or illegal drugs.
 - The student acknowledges that sexually explicit, racist or sexist materials undermine the respect and dignity everyone in our Catholic community deserves. Display or possession of such materials at the school or school-sponsored events will be considered in the same manner as an act of violence.
 - Physical, verbal or sexual harassment, and sexist or racist actions will be considered in the same manner as an act of violence.

ACADEMICS

Academic Expectations

Students are expected to attend all classes daily and punctually. It is important to be prepared by bringing all notebooks, textbooks, and required materials to class. Since a great deal of student assessment and evaluation takes place during class time, students must be present in order to demonstrate their understanding of the course curriculum. At the beginning of each course, teachers will provide students with a course outline listing the subject's evaluation policies and requirements. All assigned homework needs to be completed and submitted on due dates. Regular review and organization of notebooks enable students to be better prepared for tests and examinations. Parents are strongly encouraged to review course outlines to learn of the specific course expectations and assessment and evaluation breakdown. The assessment and evaluation of students in all courses will be conducted in accordance with the Assessment and Evaluation Policy and Guidelines of the London District Catholic School Board which can be found at <http://www.ldcsb.on.ca/Programs/Assessment-and-Evaluation/Pages/Default.aspx>

Textbooks

Textbooks are provided by the school board at no cost to students. Students must hand in all equipment/books loaned to them by the school, prior to the final exams. Students will be held responsible for the replacement cost of lost or damaged textbooks.

Library

The library is open daily from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. **Students on lunch or study period and those supervised by their classroom teacher(s) are permitted to use the library.** Students are expected to assist the librarian in keeping the library running smoothly and to act with courtesy e.g., treat books with care, work quietly. Books are to be returned promptly. If a library book is lost or damaged, the student must repay the school the cost of the book.

Academic Misconduct

Academic misconduct encompasses student actions such as skipping, cheating and plagiarism and will be dealt with according to the most current LDCSB Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting Procedures (September 2012).

Evaluation Policies

Assessment and evaluation policies are established to meet the essential learning outcomes or expectations as outlined by the Ministry and the School Board. These policies are particular to each department and to each course and can be found in the course outlines.

Final Evaluation

Final summative evaluations in the form of rich performance tasks are held near the end of each semester (January/June). Also, students typically write a final exam. Students must hand in all equipment/books loaned to them by the school prior to the final exam. The value of each performance task and examination varies according to grade level and subject and is indicated in the course outline. In all cases, the final evaluation constitutes 30% of the course mark. Therefore, attendance is critical.

Final Exams

Examinations must be written on their scheduled dates. **Students must wear the Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School uniform while in attendance and during their final examinations.** Only absences due to illness, accompanied by a medical certificate or a serious family crisis/exceptional circumstance are acceptable reasons for altering final examination dates. In these circumstances, parents/guardians must contact the vice-principal immediately.

Requests to reschedule final examinations due to vacation cannot be granted.

Final exams will be written on the following dates:

Semester 1: January 26 to February 2, 2018

Semester 2: June 22 to June 28, 2018

Reviewing Exams

Students may attend school on the morning of February 1st for Semester I and June 28th for Semester II to review exams with their subject teachers.

Course Mark Appeal Policy

When a student's final mark is appealed, the student/parent must follow these steps:

1. Speak to the teacher
2. Speak to Department Head
3. Submit a written request to appeal the mark to administration

The initial appeal must be accompanied by a written request stating the reason for the appeal. The specific deadlines for the appeal process are the following:

At midterm: up to 5 days after report card distribution"

Semester One: end of February

Semester Two: end of September

The final decision rests with the Principal.

Full Disclosure

In Grades 11 and 12, all courses passed, failed, attempted, or dropped will be recorded on the student's transcript as per Ministry of Education regulations.

Report Cards

Mid-term and official report cards will be distributed as follow:

Mid-term Report Cards: November 24th and April 27th

Final Report Cards: February 9th and July 9th

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

All students are encouraged to participate in the Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School athletic program. The school must abide by the rules of eligibility as outlined by the Thames Valley Regional Athletics (TVRA), Western Ontario Secondary School Athletic Association (WOSSAA) and Ontario Federation Secondary School Athletics (OFSAA), provided the student is registered as fulltime. Any new student who has transferred from another high school and wishes to participate in a sports program must be made eligible by the TVRA [Eligibility Committee](#). OFSAA eligibility forms can be obtained from the Athletic Director. A team fee [will be charged](#). [These fees will be explained and outlined in a parent letter upon successfully making a team](#). Some teams purchase their own team uniform; in this case, the athlete pays for it and owns it. A deposit [will be required](#) for using a team uniform and item(s) which are loaned to the student for the season. A post-dated deposit cheque will be required and will be held until the uniform is returned at the end of the season.

NOTE: Athletics are made possible by the generous commitment of teacher and community coaches and supervisors. Tryouts will be announced over the P.A. system during morning announcements and on the school website. [Team members will be chosen based on criteria set out by each coaching staff](#). [The criteria and/or expectations for tryouts will be communicated at the time of the first tryout](#). Any concerns during a sports season should be brought to [the coaching staff or to the Athletic Director immediately](#).

Code of Conduct for Athletes

St. John Paul II taught us that, "Every Christian is called to become a strong athlete of Christ, that is a faithful and courageous witness to His Gospel." As "athletes for Christ", we are called to use these unique opportunities to demonstrate our faith in action.

All athletes must demonstrate:

- An understanding of the responsibilities involved in being a team member, in terms of willingness to participate in practices, games and maintaining good academic standards;
- Generosity in winning and gracefulness in losing;
- Knowledge and understanding of the rules of the game;
- That winning is desirable but to win at any cost defeats the purpose of the game;
- Fair play, dedication, pride, team spirit and leadership;
- Courtesy and respect towards officials, coaches, teachers and support staff;
- That fighting, instigating, threatening, intimidation and/or any initiation practices are not acceptable behaviour;
- That obscenity, inappropriate language or other forms of verbal abuse directed at coaches, officials, players or spectators are not acceptable.

Each student athlete will be required to sign the MTS Athletic Code of Conduct prior to being considered for participation in any school athletics.

Failure to behave according to the above code will result in disciplinary actions and possible removal from the team. Refer to the London District Catholic School Board Code of Conduct for Student Athletes.

All co-curricular activities are intended to enrich the education of the individual student. Through the pursuit of excellence in these activities, students also enhance the reputation of the school and benefit all of the members of the school community. In deciding to participate in these activities, students agree to meet the following standards as representatives of our school:

1. First commitments are to their studies. In order to be eligible for participation in co-curricular activities, students must remain in good academic standing.
2. Students may not participate in a co-curricular activity on a day when there is an unexplained absence from any class. **Chronic unexcused absenteeism may result in students being denied the opportunity to participate in co-curricular activities.**
3. Regardless of outcome, students participating in competitive activities are expected to show respect for all officials, teacher/moderators or coaches from any school, spectators, teammates, opponents, and for the rules of the game or activity in which they are participating.

On game days student athletes may be permitted to wear their school-acquired team wear with prior approval from administration.

CLUBS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The following lists is a sample of clubs at Mother Teresa:

Archery	Anime Club	Board Games
Ceramics Club	Chaplaincy	Choir
Computer Programming	Concert Band Dance	Environment Club
Fishing Club	Math Contests	Mural Club
Peer Support	Prom	Radical Readers
Robotics	Rowing	Science Olympics
Social Justice	Table Tennis	

ATTENDANCE

1. Regular Day Schedule

Morning Exercises	8:00 – 8:05	
Period 1	8:05 – 9:20	
Period 2	9:25 – 10:40	
Period 3	10:45 – 12.00	
Period 4	11:30 – 12:45	
Period 5	12:50 – 2:05	
First Lunch:	Period 3	10:45 - 11:25
Second Lunch	Period 4	12:05 - 12:45

2. Attendance Policies

Under the Ontario Education Act, all students are expected to be in full attendance for the entire school day. Daily attendance on the part of the student is considered vital to the learning process. Students who fail to attend class regularly can expect their achievement level to suffer proportionately. A process of informing parents as well as counselling for students for whom attendance is a problem forms part of the regular administrative routine of the school.

3. Attendance Procedures

Telephone the Attendance Line at **519-675-4433**.

- **The attendance line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**
- The Education Act requires that parents notify the school with respect to the reason for the absence.
- Valid absence includes: illness, medical appointments or a crisis at home etc.
- A note signed by the parent/guardian to verify the absence is required on the day of their return.
- Any student 18 years of age or older signing their own note must follow the proper attendance procedures as well.
- Failure to do so will require phone calls made to the parent to verify the unauthorized absence.

Absence from Classes

Any student who is absent from class needs to obtain an admit slip from the attendance office upon the day of their return to get back into the class(es) which he/she has missed. Absences not validated will be considered truant.

Appointments (e.g. medical, dental)

Families are encouraged to schedule all appointments outside of school hours. Otherwise, a demit slip must be obtained at the Attendance Office before 8:00 a.m. Demit slips must be supported with a note or a call received before 8:15 a.m.

Illness during the Day

Students who are ill during the day must report to the attendance office to contact a parent/guardian. The student will remain in the main office until a parent/guardian reports to the office to pick up their son/daughter or advises the main office of arrangements for the student to go home.

Exceptional Circumstances

Parents, or students over 18, are asked to inform the Vice-Principal of any significant issues that may affect a student's regular attendance.

Extended Absences Due to Exceptional Circumstances

Parents, or students over 18, are required to promptly inform the appropriate Vice-Principal of any significant absences due to exceptional circumstances. Family vacation and/or outings should only be scheduled during calendar school breaks. Please note that requests to reschedule final examinations for this reason cannot be supported.

Late Policy

Students will be considered late if they are not in the classroom prior to the bell sounding. Students arriving to class after the first 15 minutes must report to the attendance office for an admit slip. To avoid being late students should avoid going to their lockers between periods. Teachers will refer students who consistently arrive late for class to the vice-principal and will contact the parent/guardian.

Truancy

Habitual lateness and truancy may result in suspension and the notification of the Board's Attendance Counsellor.

Signing Out

Students who sign out must have parental approval (unless 18 or over) and must leave the school property immediately, as indicated on the demit slip.

Students 18 and Over

Being 18 is an age of responsibility. Any students 18 or over must phone in before 8.00 a.m. on the day of absence. All absences not cleared or verified will be listed as truant and may result in detention or suspension.

Non-Compliance of Attendance Policy

Non-compliance of the attendance policy may result in one or more of the following consequences:

- Verbal warnings
- Detention and/or suspension
- Written warning and notification of Parent or Guardian, if under 18
- Parent Interview, if under age 18.
- Notification to Attendance Counsellor if under age 18.

PED POLICY for MTS STUDENTS

The school remains an environment that supports, promotes and embraces the teaching – learning process. Personal electronic devices may be used during instructional time only with the permission of the classroom teacher in a manner that supports this process. Students are free to use PEDs in an appropriate manner in the forum, cafeteria and library.

The listed inappropriate uses of PEDs by students may result in disciplinary actions up to and including confiscation, detention, suspension or expulsion and possibly the involvement of police services:

- Use in any way that compromises the academic integrity of student assessment and evaluation (e.g., Using PEDs during exams, tests, quizzes, assignments, projects, etc.)
- Use in any way that interferes with or disrupts the instructional day or the teaching/learning environment
- Use in any way that facilitates the commission of a crime
- Any other use of PEDs that compromises an individual's reputation or character or interferes with school security, personal safety, individual dignity and privacy or academic integrity.

COMPUTER SYSTEM USAGE

The computer system has been designed to support the students of Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School in all areas of the school curriculum. The effective, ethical and safe use of the school computer system, including the Internet, is the responsibility of all. In order to access the Internet resources of the school, parents, guardians or students must complete the Student Application for Internet Access. This form will be kept on file and students who fail to comply with regulations established by the Board and the school may have their computer privileges revoked.

Each student will receive enough print credits to complete assignments and projects for the year. For students who exceed the allotment, additional print credit may be purchased from the school librarian at a fixed cost. This policy is intended to encourage responsible use of the print and paper resources of the school.

SAFE SCHOOLS

As a Catholic School Community we support belonging and tolerance consistent with the fundamental beliefs of Christianity. We promote peace and love for one another, the belief of working for the good of the community and the belief that a community is greater than the sum of its individual parts. (1 Corinthians 12:12-26)

SCHOOL PICTURES

As a safe school measure, **ALL** students **MUST** be photographed for school records, yearbook, student I.D. cards, etc. on Picture Day. Additional photo packages may be purchased. A flyer will be made available explaining this in detail. **Student photo I.D. cards are mandatory for all students riding school buses.**

CHANGE OF INFORMATION

It is imperative that a parent/guardian notify the school when a change of address, telephone number or other pertinent information occurs. Updated information is required to better serve the needs of the students.

SCHOOL OPERATIONS

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES

Student Activity fees are \$50.00 for each school year . Cheques must be made payable to Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School. Students attending one semester only pay \$35.00.

The activity fee is distributed to cover the cost of the:

- Yearbook/Student Cards,
- Club & Activities
- Student Agenda Planner
- Student Council
- Chaplaincy
- Athletics
- Academic Awards
- Co-op
- Student Retention

Activity fees must be paid in full in order to participate in field trips, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities.

STUDENT CARDS

All students must have a current photo student card. Students must carry their ID card while at school and school sponsored events. This card must be presented at the request of any school staff or service provider in order to access services or privileges, e.g., bus driver, librarian. Students must report to the main office, to replace a lost or stolen student card. The replacement cost is \$5.00.

LOCKERS

Lockers are the property of Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School and the London District Catholic School Board and at any time may be searched by an administrator. Students will be issued a locker in Grade 9 and which will be retained until graduation. Lockers will be inspected at the end of each school year and restitution will be made for damages. A Dudley combination lock with a serial number must be purchased from the school at a cost of \$7.00. Each student is responsible for his or her assigned locker. **Lockers may not be shared and students are not allowed to change their assigned locker.** Do not give your combination to any other student. **The school will not assume responsibility for any lost or stolen articles.**

LOST AND FOUND

All lost and found articles should be brought to the main office. Lost items not retrieved are given to a charity at the end of each month.

STUDENT PARKING

1. All students wishing to use school parking facilities must obtain a \$20.00 parking permit, which is to be prominently displayed on the dashboard.
2. A Parking Application form accompanied by **\$20.00** must be completed and submitted to the Main Office.
3. Vehicles must only enter and exit via the Sunningdale driveway.

SUSPENSION POLICY

Suspension from school is an acceptable consequence to address unacceptable student behaviour. At times suspension may be used as a consequence to unacceptable student behaviour.

Suspension is one step in a progressive discipline process which is used to:

- Caution students and deter them from continuing with or repeating unacceptable behaviour;
- Prevent other students and staff from being exposed to or involved in dangerous or damaging activities;
- Discipline students who have broken the rules of the school;
- Alert parent(s)/legal guardians of a potentially serious discipline problem.

When warranted, police will be involved, in accordance with Police/Board Protocol.

During a suspension

Students who are suspended from Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School are also suspended from engaging in all school related activities for the duration of the suspension. The suspension also applies to all school buildings, grounds, school buses, school functions, activities, and trips. Students must report to the main office and meet with their Vice-Principal before returning to class. In accordance with the Board and school's Safe Schools Policy, school work is available for pickup in the main office by an individual other than the student on suspension.

UNIFORM POLICY AT MOTHER TERESA

By choosing to attend Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School, students and parents have made a serious and long-term commitment to Catholic Education. The uniform is part of that commitment. It is a reflection of who we are and how we see ourselves as well as how others see our school. As a student at Mother Teresa, you are an ambassador of all that Mother Teresa symbolized. Because of this, the uniform **MUST** be worn proudly and in good repair. Though we recognize our individuality, the uniform at Mother Teresa is what unites us as a community.

There are variations within the prescribed style. Like everything else in a larger society, there are rules and regulations pertaining to the uniform. Since you agree to the wearing of a uniform by coming to our school, we ask you to respect, understand and comply with this policy.

The MTS 10 "Uniform" Commandments:

1. All students are to be in full **R.J. McCarthy Ltd.** uniform every day upon arrival at school until after bus dismissal. While on the school property, there will be no changing into other attire during school lunchtime or study periods. No substitutes are allowed for **any** part of the uniform.
2. Coats and jackets, and hoodies are not to be worn in the school unless the student is entering or exiting the building. These items are not a substitute for a school sweater.
3. Baseball caps, hats, and/or assorted headgear are not to be worn at any time during the school day. These items, if worn to school must be removed and stored in the student's locker during school hours.
4. A plain white, grey, or black T-shirt may be worn under a golf shirt or rugby shirt, zip sweatshirt, bench style jacket or V-neck sweater. PLEASE NOTE: the vest must be worn with a golf shirt or an Oxford dress shirt.
5. The McCarthy black uniform pant must have the logo visible at all times. The same expectation applies to the new Khaki pants and capris with the logo.
6. The new McCarthy khaki walking shorts must have the logo visible at all times. Shorts cannot be rolled or hemmed to alter the length. No tights, leotards or any other legwear is to be worn with the shorts.
7. The uniform is to be kept clean and in good repair (no cut off hems or sleeves, no rips).
8. Footwear must be appropriate and in good repair. It should be noted that wearing sandal type footwear is hazardous with stair climbing and related school activities. The school is not responsible for any personal injury related to the wearing of sandal type footwear.
9. Any clothing, accessories, symbols, jewellery depicting drug emblems, tobacco and alcohol beverages or suggesting an association with a gang or considered to be obscene or offensive must not be brought to school, worn at school or in any way present at any school-related event.
10. Specific programs (e.g. Phys. Ed., Tech, and Science) may require other articles to be worn for safety reasons.

If a medical concern exists, for which the student may be out of uniform for an extended period of time, a note from the family/attending physician is required. The school may request an update of the situation if the student is out of uniform for a lengthy period of time.

Uniform Non-Compliance

Students who do not comply with the code will be expected to meet the dress code requirements before admittance to class. The school has some uniform pieces that students may borrow in order to enter class. If students choose not to use these pieces or if appropriate pieces cannot be found, students will be required to call parents/guardians in order to obtain correct uniform pieces. Repeat uniform offences will be addressed by progressive discipline.

Step 1 - Staff request student to change.

Step 2 - If student is not able to change, student will be directed to the Main Office.

Step 3 - If not able to be accommodated at the office, student will call home to have uniform piece brought to school.

Final decision for non-compliance will be made by the Principal or Vice-Principal.

All articles of the uniform must be purchased from McCarthy
No substitutes are allowed.
431 Newbold Street, London
519-646-2913
www.mccarthyuniforms.ca

"CIVVIES" DAYS

The expectations of appropriate attire, which govern all of us, are still in place during all Civvies days. Articles of clothing which do not comply with the principles outlined in the Student Code of Behaviour as defined by the London District Catholic School Board, and the moral standards of our school, are unacceptable at all times. Clothing worn on a 'Civvies' Day should be modest and appropriate to the Catholic School/classroom environment. Spirit Wear may be worn on Civvies Days. Students who disregard these expectations will be sent home to change.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

Mother Teresa students are expected to be in full physical education uniform during their physical and health education classes. The Physical Education uniform is purchased through the respective Physical Education teacher at a cost of \$25.00. The Ontario Physical and Health Education Association guidelines stipulate that jewellery of any kind is not to be worn during physical education classes, including piercings.

VISITOR PASSES

All visitors must report to the main office to sign in and acquire a visitor's pass. Administration approval for student guests to Mother Teresa will need to be received prior to the day requested. All visitors must comply with the school code of conduct as well as both school and board policies.