

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



APRIL NEWSLETTER

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April 2017

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that Easter has come and gone! Time is flying by...ten weeks until the St. Mary's Class of 2017 will graduate...and eleven weeks until the end of this awesome school year! We have a busy schedule ahead of us! April is already upon us and there are many note worthy events happening or coming up. First, our spring chocolate fundraiser has ended and was a huge success. To date we have raised \$7000.00 with a few more boxes to collect. A BIG thanks to all families for your participation. Secondly, all families please join us on Wednesday May 3rd at WENDY'S for dinner 4:30-7:30. On April 20 & 21 the students will continue their roles as stewards of the earth by participating in "Pitch in and Clean Day" and observing "Earth Day" as an opportunity to care for our earth - God's gift to us. We are hosting a Spring into Clean the school yard day as well on Saturday April 22. Hope to see you all there. Time moves fast and we are already planning for the next school year. Kindergarten registration is ongoing and, if you will not be returning to St. Mary's, please contact Mrs. Fowler and let her know. God Bless, Mrs. K. Penrose



God of Mercy,
You have taught us that,
where two or three are gathered
in your name; you are here with
us. You call us to grow in our
knowledge of you, into
relationship with those around
us, and with the world you have
created. Deepen our faith as we
walk together, in understanding
and hope. Lead us to a future
that realizes your kingdom of
peace. May your love continue
to light the path we walk. We
make this prayer in the name of
Jesus, our brother and guide.

Amen



THANK YOU

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE spring fundraiser was a HUGE success! Our campaign is now over and if you have any outstanding boxes of chocolate or money please return to the office. Thank you to all who participated in making this event a great one. Our Early Bird Draw took place on April 3rd and our winners are as follows:

- (1) 5lbChocolateBar: O. Sorrentino
- (1) 5lbChocolateBar: D. Baldwin-Fox
- (1) 5lbChocolateBar: H. Schelling
- (1) Cineplex Movie Pass for 4: M. Casal
- (1) \$25.00 Cineplex Card: C. MacGregor

Our top sellers won fantastic prizes too! The top sellers and top class are as follows:

- (1) iPad mini plus \$25.00 iTunes card & \$25.00 Cineplex Card: Casal family
- (2) iPad mini: J. Laurence
- (3) \$100 Best Buy Card: A. Morris-Risk
- (4) Top Selling Class: Mr. Morris class - Class Sundae party & 5lb bar!!!

Spring yard clean up

We are hosting a spring school yard clean up on Saturday April 22 from 8-12. Please bring your own rakes, gloves and shovels. Coffee & treats will be provided.



MOVING OVER THE SUMMER?

Are you moving over the summer? If you are, just a reminder to contact Mrs. Fowler at the school office. This information helps with class reorganization over the summer months.

It's Time to Register!!

We encourage parents who are looking to register their child for Kindergarten to drop by the office to pick up their copy of the package, which includes a parent booklet & child's activity bag. You can also find all of the information on our board's website at www.smcdsb.on.ca/parents/kindergarten

GRADE 3 & 6 ASSESSMENT

The grades 3 and 6 classes will be involved in the annual Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics again this year. The grade 3 & 6 students will be writing from May 23rd to June 5th. The students will be working on the assessment tasks for about one or two hours each day of the assessment. If your child is engaged in the assessment, it is important to minimize interruptions on the aforementioned dates and please try not to plan any appointments during this time period. We appreciate your support in this respect. If you have any concerns please call the school to discuss.



SCHOOL BBQ

Please come out and enjoy some fun on June 1st, from 5-7. Our parent council and staff will be hosting a BBQ for the school families. We are having a magician perform and face painting too! Hope to see you all there.

BRADFORD GREENHOUSES GARDEN

GALLERY HELPS SMB Our school is happy to announce that we have again this year been chosen by Bradford Greenhouse Garden Gallery to participate in their community fundraising program. Starting April 15th, any purchases made can be directed to our school. In November, our school will receive a percentage of the sales in the form of a gift card that we can use to help improve our school gardens. We thank Bradford Greenhouse for this generous fundraising program. So if you are buying plants or shrubs, **remember to tell the cashier that you support St. Mary's School.** Spread the word to family and friends!

Last years sales generated ~ \$271.96!!!



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COFFEE SUNDAY

As part of our celebration of Catholic Education Week, St. Mary's School Community is hosting coffee Sunday at St. Mary's Church on April 30th. We are looking for donations of baked or bought muffins, cookies, cupcakes and other goodies. We will also need volunteers for the 8 & 10 am Masses to help serve coffee and treats. Please drop off any food donations to the school on Friday April 28th or on Sunday at the parish hall. We hope to see you on Sunday to celebrate our faith as a school community.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION 2017/18

We are in the midst of organizing our classes for the new school year. Please be aware that many things change during the summer months... families moving into and out of the school area. Generally, our small school population is such that we are subject to both straight and combined classes. Class organization is always a tentative venture based on our present student numbers and preregistrations and could easily change before September. That is one of the main reasons why we do not inform students (or parents) ahead of time who their teacher will be in case they are disappointed when they arrive at school on the first day with their heart set on a particular teacher, or, we have had to re-organize the class lists during the summer and/or first week of school due to an increase or decrease in enrolment. With that in mind, I would ask that if you have a concern about your son/daughter's academic performance that you put into writing, a description of the conditions under which your child works best. This is to be given to Mrs. Penrose at the office by Friday, May 19/17. As we prepare the class lists, your request will be given every possible consideration based on the needs of all the students in the class and in the school.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:
**WALKING
forward
together**

Apr 30 -May 5,

LOOKING FORWARD TO...

April 21	-	Grade 3/4, 4/5 & 6/7 to Science Center
April 22	-	Yard clean up 8-12pm
April 30	-	Coffee Sunday – 8 & 10 a.m. Masses
May 3	-	Wendy's night – 4:30-7:30p.m.
May 9	-	St. Mary's CSCC Mtg. – 6:00pm

