

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Nurturing faith, illuminating minds, inspiring hearts, and empowering hands - we are working together to transform our world.

January 2019

Principal's Message

I hope all of the families of St. Mary's Catholic School had a joyous and wonderful holiday season! I would like to thank all of the families that contributed to our Christmas Cheer campaign. Helping to raise money for the less fortunate at Christmas time. Our Social Justice team planned many activities, which were fun for the students to participate in. Our Social Justice Team students truly demonstrated the real meaning of Christmas through their enthusiasm to help raise money for these families. Thank you to Mrs. Schelling and Mrs. Levesque, and all our staff who helped make this event successful. Everyone at St. Mary's lived out the Catholic value of "Who is my neighbour"? I wish all of our families a Happy New Year! May 2019 be a year of prosperity, peace and good health.



Groundhog day and so

much more! It is also Candlemas. Forty days after the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph take the infant to the Temple for a blessing, as was Jewish custom. When in the temple he is recognized as special and they announce him as "the Light." Farmers believed weather could be forecast based on the conditions on Candlemas Day. "If Candlemas be fair and bright, Winter has another flight. If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, Winter will not come again."



Kindergarten Registration Begins January 28th!!

Welcome to Kindergarten

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting and special time for parents and children. Our entire Catholic school community looks forward to welcoming our youngest students as they begin a lifelong journey of faith-filled learning. We believe there is something truly unique and special about learning that is rooted in faith and spiritual growth. By choosing a faith-filled education, we know you share that belief with us.

All the Information You Need

To help parents and students get ready for this important milestone, our board has developed an award-winning package. We encourage parents who are looking to register their child for Kindergarten to drop by the office to pick up their Welcome Bag and Kindergarten information package. You can also find all of the information on our board's website at www.smcdsb.on.ca. We also encourage you to check out our [Welcome to Kindergarten Video on YouTube](#).

English as a Second Language (ESL)

We have resources and information available for families whose first language is not English. Please inquire at your school for more information or visit the [ESL Resources](#) on our website. We are here to answer questions and help you prepare. Please contact Mrs. Sandy Fowler at 705-726-1843 for more information.



Mr. T. McCue is Cruising into Retirement!

On January 31, 2019 Mr. McCue is retiring as our custodian at St. Mary’s Catholic School. Mr. McCue’s commitment, dedication and loyalty to the school and Catholic education shone through in everything he did. We are truly blessed to have had his presence as a custodian at St. Mary’s.

In Gratitude...

As you move on into the next amazing chapter of your life, Know that you will be missed, Know that our very best wishes and thoughts go with you, Come and visit us often – For this is farewell and not goodbye. May God’s Grace shine upon you in your retirement.



Pictures with Santa a huge success! Thank you to all who supported the grade 7/8-year end trip to Ottawa fundraiser. \$737.00 was raised altogether with pictures, bake sale and gingerbread house raffle!



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UP-COMING DATES

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| ~ Grade 8 Grad photos – 9:00 | Jan 31 |
| ~ PA day | Feb 1 |
| ~ JK- 6 class trip to Tiffin | Feb 15 |
| ~ Family day holiday – no school | Feb 18 |
| ~ Report Cards sent home | Feb 22 |
| ~ CSCC meeting @ 6pm | Feb 26 |



Our school choir performing at the St. Mary’s Parish Christmas concert. Thank you Mrs. Levesque for preparing the kids for this event. They were fantastic!

WINTER WEATHER WATCH-KNOW YOUR ZONE

The winter weather will be with us for a while. For the most up to date information about bus cancellations and our weather zones please continue to check the board web site www.smcdsb.on.ca. The school bus consortium will announce the cancellation of transportation on www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the **Central Weather Zone. St. Mary’s Barrie is a walking school so bus cancellations do not affect our school.** Please monitor our twitter and the board website for any school closure information. Our school will remain open when busses are cancelled, unless otherwise announced. The decision to send your child/children to school or keep them home is yours. At this time of year and throughout the winter Mrs. Fowler is kept very busy with Safe Arrival calls. **It is your responsibility to call the school if your child is going to be late or absent.** You must call on inclement weather days too! We ask everyone to please remember that if your child is going to be late or absent to make a phone call to the school 705-726-1843. The school has an answering machine so a message can be left at any time of the day or night. You can now also use the icon on our website smb.schools.smcdsb.on.ca which will generate an email to Mrs. Fowler. We thank you for your cooperation.



On-Line School News Sign Up

Please fill in the information and we will gladly add you to our e-newsletter database.

Email: _____

***Send back to office with your child