

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



JUNE NEWSLETTER

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

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Principal's Message

Another year draws to a close at St. Mary's School. The summer ahead is filled with a new kind of promise, a different kind of learning. For some, it will be a time of leisure walks, strolls along the beach, sleep-ins, late nights, family BBQ's and visits from relatives and friends and a time to rejuvenate one's spirit and look at life from a different perspective. We consider ourselves lucky to have had the opportunity to share the year with each of our students. We are fortunate in having been able to watch them grow and mature over the past ten months. They have blessed our lives with their youthful enthusiasm and fresh new ways of looking at the world. We have every good reason to be proud of our students and to be hopeful and optimistic about our future. We are truly blessed at St. Mary's. We are so fortunate to have such a fantastic Staff! I would like to thank the staff for the tremendous efforts and dedication they have put forth during the whole year. I wish each one of you God's Blessings as you continue in your vocation as teachers, early childhood educators, educational assistants and support staff. I am also amazed by the commitment of our Catholic School Council! Thanks to the parents and volunteers who have worked so hard for the betterment of all our students! I would also like to thank our parish partners whose presence in our school and at school Masses is so appreciated and important. June is a very busy month with trips, celebrations, hellos and good-byes and some work in there too! I hope everyone has a safe, peaceful, and enjoyable summer! At this time we also say farewell to three of our St. Mary's staff members Mrs. Beckett, Miss Varsava and Mrs. Crawford who will be moving to new schools in the fall. We wish you all the best in your new schools! Let us pray for a safe summer, and for the continued success of our staff and students. Have a safe and relaxing summer. May God's light continue to shine on you; may His spirit protect you; and may His love engulf you.

Mrs. K. Penrose

Welcome Summer Prayer

God of rest and relaxation, we welcome summer with joy and excitement in our hearts. Be with us as we enjoy activities, such as sleep-ins, late nights, family BBQ's, cottaging, camping, swimming, boating, and fishing. Bless us and grant us time to relax and enjoy life together, as we rejoice in You.

Amen



Mr. Morris Retiring!

On June 30, 2017 Mr. Morris is retiring from teaching at St. Mary's Catholic School. Mr. Morris's commitment, dedication and loyalty to the school and Catholic education has shone through in everything he has done. We are truly blessed to have had him as a teacher 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.



KINDERGARTEN

STUDENTS A reminder to parents that all of our **Senior Kindergarten** students will start their first day of school on September 5, 2017. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Fowler at the school office 726-1843.

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.

LIBRARY/TEXT BOOKS

Please remember to return all library/text books to the school before June 29/17. Please have your children go through their rooms and closets if you have received notice of an overdue book.

**GRADUATION**

Congratulations to our grade 8 class who celebrated their graduation on June 26, 2017. Good luck in High School!

NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS

We would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to our wonderful and dedicated group of Noon Hour Supervisors. Mrs. McCutcheon, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Everett & Ms. Kenny. We wish you a relaxing summer. In September we will require supervisors, please let us know if you think you might be interested.

St. Mary's Catholic School WEBSITE

Go Paperless! Get greener! Use our website for immediate access to newsletters, announcements, school council minutes, school forms, upcoming events and more!

smb.schools.smcdsb.on.ca

View school content online and subscribe to receive communication directly to your email. Please send your email address to the school with your family name and we will be sure to add you to our subscription service. You will be able to receive immediate alerts of events at St. Mary's. Keep yourself informed!!

THANK YOU!

FINAL REPORT CARDS

Report Cards were sent home on Monday, **June 26/17**. We ask that you return page three before June 29.

At this time, I would like to THANK the GREAT EFFORTS of Our School Council 2016-2017!

Mr. A. Zurawski
Mrs. E. Kempling
Mrs. M. Borchert
Mrs. D. Sorrentino
Mrs. S. Lopes
Mrs. S. Fowler
Mrs. C. Hanson

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The next meeting of the parent council is September 26. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend and new members are needed.

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.

EQAO PROVINCIAL TESTING 2017

Applause! Applause! For our Grade 3 and 6 students and their teachers: Mrs. Schelling, Mrs. Levesque, and Miss Varsava for all their hard work during the EQAO testing weeks. A special thank you also to, Mrs. McDonald for her support over the weeks. I know that our students did a marvelous job and we anticipate excellent results for their efforts!

STUDENT SUPPLIES FOR NEXT YEAR:

We are asking that your child please bring some materials with them in September. These are essential materials that your child will use in the classroom. We also discourage any sharing of these materials. A list of needed supplies will be enclosed with the final report card. It is our hope that providing these lists to you prior to summer holidays will help you during your "back to school" shopping. Thank you for your support.

Note: A French/English dictionary is **highly recommended** for all students in Gr. 5-8. **** Please use only the St. Mary's supply list and not the department store created lists.****

STUDENT AGENDAS

Student agendas have been ordered for students in Grades 1 - 8 for the 2017-18 school year. These agendas are used as a daily tool to help students organize their school responsibilities and maintain ongoing communication between home and school. We will be asking each student in grades 1 - 8 for \$5.00 in September.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO...**

June 29	-	Last Day of classes
Sept 21	-	Meet the teacher – Pizza Que – 5:00pm-6:30pm
Sept 26	-	CSCC Mtg. – 6:00pm
Sept 29	-	PA Day

