

# SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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

November 2018

### Principal's Message

Especially during the month of November, we allow ourselves time to reflect on the wonderful gift of freedom in our country. We owe this to the men and women who sacrificed their lives to preserve this freedom so that we may continue to live in peace. Let us ask God to help us appreciate and preserve this freedom. Let us also pray that God grant us peace in our hearts, our families, our school, our community and our country so that we may appreciate our different gifts and that we may live in harmony with others.



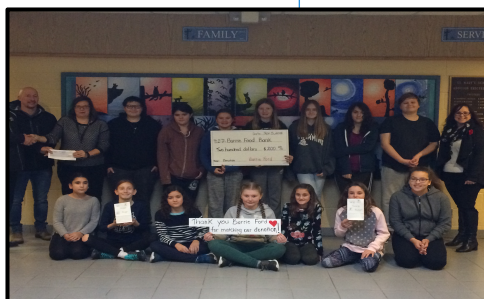
#### Prayer

God our Creator, Teach us to appreciate the virtue of patriotism; A true and Christian love of our country. Let us grow in a love for our country that consists not of following the easy path, But of working together to make Canada the land of goodness that it should be. Let our patriotism be such that it will not exclude other nations but include them in a powerful love. God, we know that You want our world to be a happy home for the entire human family. Please help us to reach out in Christian kindness, charity and unity to make this world a better place for all Your children. Amen.



#### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

St. Mary's Thanksgiving food drive - a huge success! Thank you to our social justice club for organizing this event. We collected 335 pounds of food. Thank you for your generous donations. Barrie Ford generously matched our boo gram sales of \$200.00. We are a small school with a Big Heart ❤️ !!



#### 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

**ANNUAL COAT DRIVE** ~SHARE THE WARMTH~ St. Mary's School collected gently used coats and donated them to the Barrie Bayside Mission. Thank you to everyone for participating in this social action project.

**PREPARING FOR HIGHSCHOOL**

Mark your calendars. St. Joe's registration packages and student presentations ~ Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Grade 8 parent information night at SJO ~ Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30-8:00pm



**CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE**

Mark Wednesday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> on your calendar! The Candle Light Service is a liturgy held at St. Mary's School at 6:00pm. Please join us for a bake sale, craft sale and raffle. Admission is a donation of food or a new toy to Christmas Cheer.



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**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, OR subscribe directly on our website. You will be able to receive immediate alerts of events at St. Mary's. Keep yourself informed!!

**CROSSWALK SAFETY**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all students of safe crossing practices:

- Wait on the sidewalk until you see the **WALK** sign. Look both ways for traffic before you enter the cross walk
- Cross directly; don't walk slowly or play in the cross walk
- Always walk your bicycle across the crosswalk

If you follow these simple rules you will arrive at school and at home safely.



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**HALLOWEEN DANCE** On Wednesday,

October 31, 2018 St. Mary's School held our annual Halloween Spirit Dance. We would like to thank our Parent Volunteers for the wonderful job they did. The gym looked spectacular!! The DJing was supplied by Justin, Ayden and Monica. They did a fantastic job!! A good time was had by all!



**REMINDER** Pizza for January and February will be coming to school-day for payment soon. **Cash will not be accepted at school!**



**Mrs. Travers Retiring!**

On Dec 21, 2018 Mrs. Travers is retiring from St. Mary's Catholic School as an Educational Assistant. Mrs. Travers' commitment, dedication and loyalty to the school and Catholic education has shone through in everything she has done. We are truly blessed to have had her as an EA 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.*

**UP-COMING DATES**

- ~ First Sunday of Advent Dec 2
- ~ Advent Liturgy Dec 3
- ~ Candle Light Service – 6:00 Dec 5
- \*\*\* @St. Mary's School
- ~ St. Mary's Parish concert Dec 14
- @ 7:00PM
- ~ Advent Mass – 9:30 Dec 20
- ~ Christmas Holidays Dec 24-Jan 6