

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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

September 2016

Principal's Message

Welcome Back! I hope this letter finds you all happy, healthy and ready for the new school year. Whether you took a family vacation or just slept in and enjoyed the summer, I sincerely hope your summer has been both joyous and relaxing, and that all of you are ready to venture into the new academic year filled with focus and success. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new and returning families to the St. Mary's Catholic School community.

As the principal of St. Mary's, I am proud to be a member of a community that is responsive and committed to students and their learning. Your involvement in your child's learning is vital in the teaching and learning process. I look forward to working with staff, students, parish and community and I trust that as we continue to work together we will once again find our time at St. Mary's a positive experience.

Have a great year!

Mrs. K. Penrose



A PRAYER FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Lord Jesus,
We ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our hearts and minds to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to our teachers and let us experience Your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us all to do our best this year!
Amen

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Every year, our board chooses a spiritual theme, which serves as our inspiration and spiritual focus. The theme for the 2016 - 2017 school year, *Celebrating God's Family*.

This is the second part of a two-year theme. Last year our theme was *Nurturing God's Family* - where we focused on fostering loving communities. This year's theme builds on that concept. Throughout the year, we will continue to work on recognizing, appreciating and using the special gifts and talents bestowed upon us by God. *Celebrating God's Family* is about cherishing diversity, acceptance and inclusion since we are all brothers and sisters created and loved by God.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Please remember to contact the school for any lates or absences. There is now an attendance form on our website for parents which sends an email to Mrs. Fowler. Please be aware that teachers should be informed about vacations of 3 days or more in writing. Please send notes to the teacher directly or call the office. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

BEING ON TIME IS A LIFE SKILL

It is important that each child arrives at school for our 8:50am start. This ensures that learning can happen for all without interruptions. Students who arrive late interrupt important teaching time and learning for the students. Students should arrive between 8:35 – 8:45am.

AGENDAS

School agendas will be used in Grades 1-8 as a communication tool between home and school. The cost to each student this year will be \$5.00. Please send money in with your child.

CURRENT SCHOOL ORGANIZATION AND STAFF

JK/SK	Mrs. Orieux & Ms. Black(DECE)
SK/1	Mrs. Mullan
Gr. 1/2	Mrs. Hanson
Gr. 2/3	Mrs. Schelling
Gr. 3/4	Ms. Levesque
Gr. 4/5	Mrs. Chater
Gr. 6/7	Miss. McGrath for Ms. Austin
Gr. 7/8	Mr. Morris
Reading Recovery	Mrs. McDonald
FSL	Mlle. Baskey
Teacher Librarian	Mlle. Baskey & Mrs. McDonald
Educational Assistants:	Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Haslam, Mrs. Travers & Mr. Lavoie
SERT:	Mr. McBride
Office:	Mrs. Fowler
Custodians:	Mr. Frank & Mr. McCue



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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 – October 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!



2016 - 2017

MASS BEGINS AT 5:00 WITH PIZZA DINNER TO FOLLOW

M.E.R.C.Y. night is 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, September 30, 2016	M.E.R.C.Y. Kick-off!
Friday, October 28th, 2016	"All Saints Party"
Friday, November 25th, 2016	"7 Corporal Works of Mercy"
Saturday, November 26th, 2016	"Christmas Concert" 7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 16th, 2016	"Carolling for Cans"
Friday, January 27th, 2017	"The Mass"
Friday, February 24th, 2017	"Movie Night - wear your PJ's and bring pillows and blankets!"
Friday, March 24th, 2017	"Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving - making prayer pretzels!"
Sunday, April 9th, 2017	"Stations of the Cross" at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 28th, 2017	"Resurrection Rolls"
Friday, May 26th, 2017	"Mary our Mother"
Friday, June 9th, 2017	"St. Mary's Got Talent!" Potluck and Talent Show for the whole family!

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On-Line Newsletter 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

LOOKING FORWARD TO...

September 12	- Milk program starts
September 14	- Pizza starts
September 27	- CSCC Mtg. – 6:00 – 8:00 pm
September 27	- Picture day
September 29	- Terry Fox school run day – PM
September 30	- PA day
October 6	- Opening school Mass @9:30 - Gym
October 10	- Thanksgiving Monday – no school