

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 2017

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

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

St. Mary's Catholic School WEBSITE

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smb.schools.smcdsb.on.ca

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OUR STORY ~ OUR JOURNEY

Every year, our Board chooses a spiritual theme and in **2017-2018 it will be *Our Story ~ Our Journey***.

As Christians, stories are an important way for us to communicate who we are and what we believe. The stories passed on through our Catholic faith tradition remind us of God's love and our responsibility to share that love with others. These stories are the foundation for Catholic education in our province and in our region. We know Catholic education is a special gift to be cherished and protected. We are on a journey in Catholic education to share our sacred stories through the faith-filled work we do in our schools.

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.



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CURRENT SCHOOL ORGANIZATION AND STAFF

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

FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE!

German ★ Mandarin ★ Ukrainian ★ Italian ★ Arabic
Greek ★ Portuguese ★ Polish ★ Spanish ★ Tagalog



Saturdays
9 - 11:30 a.m.

October to April
(excluding holidays and long weekends)

Offered at locations in Bradford West Gwillimbury and Barrie
Register online at continuinged.smcdsb.on.ca

(Late registrations are always welcome!)

High School
Student
Volunteers
Wanted! Earn
Community
Service Hours!

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!

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 13	- Milk program starts
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September 26	- CSCC Mtg. – 6:00 – 8:00 pm
September 26	- Picture day
September 29	- PA Day
October 6	- Terry Fox school run day – PM
October 9	- Thanksgiving Monday – no school
October 10	- Opening school Mass @9:30 - Gym