

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 2018

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, thank you for inviting us to be part of your story— the story of your love for us, for all people, and for all your creatures.

Help us to live our faith each day with love, generosity and joy, so that we can BE that story for others, and help others to know and love you. We ask this, Jesus, in your name. Amen.

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Every year, our Board chooses a spiritual theme. For the 2018-19 school year, our theme is "Called To Be Our Story".

Over the past year, we have been reflecting on the history of Catholic education in our part of Ontario. Each of our school communities has a unique story that we are proud of and will serve to guide us confidently into the future.

We also share a collective story within our school board - it is the story of God's love for our world, and the story of Jesus' life, teaching, death and resurrection. Through baptism, each one of us becomes an important part of that story, and we make it our own. This year's theme challenges us to be that story - to take what we hear and what we learn and make it a way of life.

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.



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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. Archer & Mr. Rousseau (DECE)
Gr. 1/2	Mrs. Hanson
Gr. 2/3	Mrs. Schelling
Gr. 3/4	Mrs. Mullan
Gr. 4/5	Mrs. Levesque
Gr. 5/6	Mrs. Chater
Gr. 7/8	Mr. Ross for Ms. Austin
PREP (AM)	Mrs. Turpin
Reading Recovery	Mrs. McDonald
FSL	Mme. Mullen (Temporary)
Educational Assistants:	Mrs. Mortiboys, Mrs. Haslam, Mrs. Travers, Miss McCarthy & Mrs. O'Neill
SERT:	Mrs. McDonald
Office:	Mrs. Fowler
Custodians:	Mr. Frank & Mr. McCue

SCHOOL-DAY IS COMING!

We're excited to announce that our school will be using School-Day for online cashless transactions and related communications.

School-Day can be accessed from any web browser and gives you real-time access to up-to-date information, and the ability to:

- View announcements, news, and school information
- Approve permission forms online
- Register your child for extracurricular events
- Make online payments

We look forward to using this new system with you, and we are certain that you will find the School-Day portal very useful.

More information about how to register will be provided in

Please look for the introduction letter coming home with your child's unique sign up code to get registered. We will be conducting our school Teacher interview sign-ups using this online tool - School-day.
(You must be registered to sign up for an interview time)

Effective Date: September 18

Benefits for Parents?

School communication on-line, approve permission forms online, make on-line payments!

SCHOOL-DAY.COM

school-day

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!

LOOKING FORWARD TO...

September 25	- Picture day
September 26 – Oct 1	- Book Fair
September 27	- Terry Fox school run day – 1:50
September 27	- Meet the teacher/Pizza Que ~ 5-6:30
September 28	- PA day
October 2	- CSCC Mtg. – 6:00 – 8:00 pm
October 8	- Thanksgiving Monday – no school

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

Catholic Graduate Expectations

