

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



APRIL NEWSLETTER

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April 2018

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that Easter has come and gone! Time is flying by...ten weeks until the St. Mary's Class of 2018 will graduate...and eleven weeks until the end of this awesome school year! We have a busy schedule ahead of us! April is already upon us and there are many note worthy events happening or coming up. First, our spring Hewitt's Frozen Food fundraiser has ended and was a success. We raised \$794.70. A BIG thanks to all families for your participation. Secondly, all families please join us on Wednesday May 9th at WENDY'S for dinner 4:30-7:30. Time moves fast and we are already planning for the next school year. Kindergarten registration is ongoing and, if you will not be returning to St. Mary's, please contact Mrs. Fowler and let her know. God Bless,
Mrs. K. Penrose



OUR STORY ~ OUR JOURNEY



As the earth once again turns to face the sun we rejoice in this season of spring. We give thanks, O God, that each day grows longer in light and that the earth has been liberated from the grip of winter. We remember the resurrection of Your Son Jesus from the depths of death's decay in the tomb, we lift our hearts to You in gratitude. We thank You for the gift of a day and all the graces it holds. We ask for the grace, O God, to live in a new way. May Your peace rest upon all the members of the earthen family with whom You have made us one. Amen

THANK YOU

Hewitt's Frozen Food spring fundraiser was a success! Our campaign is now over and if you have any feed back on the product we would like to hear from you. Thank you to all who participated in this fundraising event we raised \$794.70 Our top sellers won fantastic prizes too! The 3 top sellers are as follows:
(1) \$100.00 Cineplex Card: Dumont family
(2) \$50.00 XPlay Gift Card: Shewell-Batters family
(3) \$25.00 Georgian Mall Gift Card: Cooper Family

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.

Spring yard clean up

POSTPONED - spring schoolyard clean up on Saturday April 21 from 8-12 has been postponed due to our non-spring like weather! Please stay tuned for a new date to be announced.

GRADE 3 & 6 ASSESSMENT

The grades 3 and 6 classes will be involved in the annual Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics again this year. The grade 3 & 6 students will be writing from May 22nd to June 4th. The students will be working on the assessment tasks for about one or two hours each day of the assessment. If your child is engaged in the assessment, it is important to minimize interruptions on the aforementioned dates and please try not to plan any appointments during this time period. We appreciate your support in this respect. If you have any concerns please call the school to discuss.

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, 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!

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION 2018/19

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. With that in mind, I would ask that if you have a concern about your son/daughter's academic performance that you put into writing, a description of the conditions under which your child works best. This is to be given to Mrs. Penrose at the office by Friday, May 18/18. As we prepare the class lists, your request will be given every possible consideration based on the needs of all the students in the class and in the school.



Showing our support for the Humboldt Broncos, wearing our jersey's in Mrs. Chater's Gr. 5/6 class

SCHOOL BBQ

Please come out and enjoy some fun on June 14th, from 5-7. Our parent council and staff will be hosting a BBQ for the school families. We are having a magician perform and face painting too! Hope to see you all there.



Intermediate Girls Volleyball Congratulations to the Int. girl's volleyball team for winning first place at the recreational tournament. Way to go Kayanna, Dakoda, Francine, Claire, Isabelle, Jessica, Campbell, Aiesha, Mya, Reilly, Sammi, Sam and Arianna. Also a big thanks to Ms. Melanson for helping with practice and coach Mrs. Schelling.

COFFEE SUNDAY

As part of our celebration of **Catholic Education Week**, St. Mary's School Community is hosting coffee Sunday at St. Mary's Church on April 29th. We are looking for donations of baked or bought muffins, cookies, cupcakes and other goodies. We will also need volunteers for the 8 & 10 am Masses to help serve coffee and treats. Please drop off any food donations to the school on Thursday April 26th or on Sunday at the parish hall. We hope to see you on Sunday to celebrate our faith as a school community.

LOOKING FORWARD TO...

April 27	-	PA day - No school
April 29	-	Coffee Sunday - 8 & 10 a.m. Masses
May 8	-	St. Mary's CSCC Mtg. - 6:00pm
May 9	-	Wendy's night - 4:30-7:30pm



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It's Time to Register!!

We encourage parents who are looking to register their child for Kindergarten to drop by the office to pick up their copy of the package, which includes a parent booklet & child's activity bag. You can also find all of the information on our board's website at www.smcdsb.on.ca/parents/kindergarten