

# SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## JUNE NEWSLETTER

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### Principal's Message

Another year draws to a close at St. Mary's School. The summer ahead is filled with a new kind of promise, a different kind of learning. For some, it will be a time of leisure walks, strolls along the beach, sleep-ins, late nights, family BBQ's and visits from relatives and friends and a time to rejuvenate one's spirit and look at life from a different perspective. We consider ourselves lucky to have had the opportunity to share the year with each of our students. We are fortunate in having been able to watch them grow and mature over the past ten months. They have blessed our lives with their youthful enthusiasm and fresh new ways of looking at the world. We have every good reason to be proud of our students and to be hopeful and optimistic about our future. We are truly blessed at St. Mary's. We are so fortunate to have such a fantastic Staff! I would like to thank the staff for the tremendous efforts and dedication they have put forth during the whole year. I wish each one of you God's Blessings as you continue in your vocation as teachers, early childhood educators, educational assistants and support staff. I am also amazed by the commitment of our Catholic School Council! Thanks to the parents and volunteers who have worked so hard for the betterment of all our students! I would also like to thank our parish partners whose presence in our school and at school Masses is so appreciated. June is a very busy month with trips, celebrations, hellos and good-byes and some work in there too! I hope everyone has a safe, peaceful, and enjoyable summer! At this time we also say farewell to five of our St. Mary's staff members Mr. Gatrell, Mr. McCarthy, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Ross and Mrs. Turpin. We wish you all the best! Let us pray for a safe summer, and for the continued success of our staff and students. Have a safe and relaxing summer. May God's light continue to shine on you; may His spirit protect you.

Mrs. K. Penrose

#### Welcome Summer Prayer

God of rest and relaxation, we welcome summer with joy and excitement in our hearts. Be with us as we enjoy activities, such as sleep-ins, late nights, family BBQ's, cottaging, camping, swimming, boating, and fishing. Bless us and grant us time to relax and enjoy life together, as we rejoice in You. Amen



Thank you to Mrs. Schelling Grade 2/3 class for doing the gardens. They look beautiful!



#### **KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS**

A reminder to parents that all of our **Senior Kindergarten** students will start their first day of school on September 3, 2019. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Fowler at the school office 726-1843.

#### **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.

**LIBRARY/TEXT BOOKS**

Please remember to return all library/text books to the school before. Please have your children go through their rooms and closets.

**GRADUATION**

Congratulations to our grade 8 class who celebrated their graduation on June 24, 2019. Wishing you a wonderful summer. Good luck in High School!!

**NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS**

We would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to our wonderful and dedicated group of Noon Hour Supervisors. Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Ward, & Ms. Kenny and Mrs. Pope. We wish you a relaxing summer. In September we will require supervisors, please let us know if you think you might be interested.

**St. Mary's Catholic School WEBSITE**

Go Paperless! Get greener! Use our website for immediate access to newsletters, announcements, school council minutes, school forms, upcoming events and more!

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View school content online and 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. You will be able to receive immediate alerts of events at St. Mary's. Keep yourself informed!!

# THANK YOU!

**FINAL REPORT CARDS**

Report Cards were sent home on Tuesday, June 25/19. Check the backpacks for them!!

At this time, I would like to THANK the GREAT EFFORTS of Our School Council 2018-2019!

Mr. A. Zurawski  
Mrs. E. Kempling  
Mrs. M. Borchert  
Mrs. D. Sorrentino  
Mrs. S. Lopes  
Mrs. C. Benjafield  
Mrs. A. Rogers  
Mrs. K. Betancourt  
Mrs. M. Morales  
Mrs. A. Crabb  
Mrs. S. Fowler  
Mrs. C. Hanson

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the parent council is October 1. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend and new members are needed.

**SCHOOL ORGANIZATION 2019/20**

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.

**EQAO PROVINCIAL TESTING 2019**

Applause! Applause! For our Grade 3 and 6 students and their teachers: Mrs. Schelling, Mrs. Mullan, and Mrs. Chater for all their hard work during the EQAO testing weeks. A special thank you also to, Mrs. McDonald for her support over the weeks. I know that our students did a marvelous job and we anticipate excellent results for their efforts!

**STUDENT SUPPLIES FOR NEXT YEAR**

We are asking that your child please bring some materials with them in September. These are essential materials that your child will use in the classroom. We also discourage any sharing of these materials. A list of needed supplies was enclosed with the final report card. It is our hope that providing these lists to you prior to summer holidays will help you during your "back to school" shopping. Thank you for your support.

**Note:** A French/English dictionary is **highly recommended** for all students in Gr. 5-8. **\*\* Please use only the St. Mary's supply list and not the department store created lists.\*\***

**STUDENT AGENDAS**

Student agendas have been ordered for students in Grades JK/SK - 8 for the 2019-20 school year. These agendas are used as a daily tool to help students organize their school responsibilities and maintain ongoing communication between home and school. We will be asking each student in grades JK/SK - 8 for \$5.00 in September.



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**LOOKING FORWARD TO...**

June 27 – Sept 2	- Summer Holidays
Sept 3	- First day of school
Sept 19	- Me to We Day
Sept 26	- Meet the teacher – Pizza Que – 5:00pm-6:30pm
Oct 1	- CSCC Mtg. – 6:00pm
Sept 27	- PA Day

