

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



MAY NEWSLETTER

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May 2019

Principal's Message

During this month of May we focus on our Blessed Mother, Mary. I thought that the following prayer would be helpful for you to reflect upon during the month of May. Mary, woman of charity, you were always responsive to God's overshadowing of you. God's Spirit chose you so that the Word made flesh might live among us. Pray for us Mary, that each of us may trust as you did; that God will also choose us to help hearts receive more fully the Word made flesh; and that He may live and love among us. Mary, woman of charity, you went forth to help, and love flowed through you and gently touched the life of Elizabeth, and the child not yet born. Pray for us, that we too may reach out to the old, the young, the helpless and the strong, so that through us they may experience God's ever-faithful love. Pray for us Mary that we may open our hearts each day to God's empowering Spirit, ever living and loving with us. Amen



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. You can also find all of the information on our board's website at

https://www.smcdsb.on.ca/our_schools/registration



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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.





Congratulations to our Junior Basketball team who are Recreational Zone Champions!!



Thank you to the Acosta and Marroquin families who came out on May 17 to clean up our schoolyard. They worked very hard and we filled 44 Leaf bags. It looks great!

BRADFORD GREENHOUSE 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!

GRADE 3 & 6 ASSESSMENT

The grades 3 and 6 classes are involved in the annual Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics again this Year. The grade 3 & 6 students will be writing from May 21 to May 31.

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.

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. However, with today's hectic early morning routines, many children miss breakfast. This means they have nothing to help fuel their energy until lunch. Therefore they will be tired, disinterested, irritable or hyperactive in the classroom. St. Mary's Catholic School has a very active grab and go snack program. If you are able to donate a few hours a week to help with grocery shopping, please contact Mrs. Penrose at 726-1843. Thank you for your continued support.

SCHOOL PIZZA PARTY

Please come out and enjoy some fun on May 30th, from 5-7. Our parent council and staff will be hosting a Pizza Party for the school families. We are having a magician perform, face painting and great raffle baskets too! Hope to see you all there.

LOOKING FORWARD TO...

May 30	-	Year end school Pizza Party
June 7	-	PA day
June 11	-	Year End Mass @ 9:30

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. 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, June 7. 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.

THANK YOU

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE spring fundraiser was a HUGE success! Thank you to all who participated in making this event a great one. Our Early Bird Draw took place on April 18th and our winners are as follows:

- (1) 5lbChocolateBar/Rainbow Gorilla: P.Gauthier
- (1) 5lbChocolateBar/Rainbow Gorilla: A. Pannella
- (1) 5lbChocolateBar/Rainbow Gorilla: L. Rushton

Our top sellers won fantastic prizes too! The top sellers and top class are as follows:

- (1) iPad mini: Morris-Risk/Gauthier family
- (2) Hoverboard: Magloughlen/Bishop family
- (3) \$150 Gift Card of your choice: Haverlock family
- (4) Top Selling Class: Mrs. Archer & Mr. Rousseau's class - Class Sundae party & 5lb bar!!!