

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 2019

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



God of all that is good,
We give thanks to you today for the many blessings that await us this year. Remind us of the hope that lies within each one of us, and ignite this hope so that we may be a source of light and strength to everyone we meet. Help us to shine with faith and courage. Guide us to reflect your love in all that we say and do. Warm us with the joy that comes from knowing that with you, all things are possible. We look forward to a year full of promise and potential. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our friend and teacher. Amen

St. Mary's Catholic School WEBSITE

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

smb.schools.smcdsb.on.ca

View school content online and stay up to date. Also remember we use School-Day to communicate too!



Every year, our Board chooses a spiritual theme. For the 2019-20 school year, our theme is continuing as "Called To Be Our Story". We will look at it from some new angles that highlight important aspects of our Board's work. Our founding story is the story told in the Bible—and we are reminded that it begins with the story of God's Creation. Our story is the story of our planet, and of the entire universe around us, and so "BEING our story" calls us to stewardship and care for the environment—what Pope Francis calls "our common home". How can we, as believers, show respect and care for this world, in all its beauty, variety and richness? What are we being called to do? Our story in this part of North America is the story of centuries of encounter and relationship between European settlers and the First Nations who had lived here for thousands of years. Today, our Church calls us to recognize both the light and the darkness of those encounters, and to build bridges of respect, understanding and reconciliation with First Nation, Métis and Inuit communities. Being our story calls us to learn accurately about that history, and asks us to make our own contribution to healing and renewal.

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 JK/SK - 8 as a communication tool between home and school. The cost to each student this year will be \$5.00. Please pay online using School-Day.

CURRENT SCHOOL ORGANIZATION AND STAFF

JK/SK	Mrs. Archer & Ms. Savel(DECE)
Gr. 1	Mrs. Hanson
Gr. 2/3	Mrs. Schelling
Gr. 3/4	Mrs. Mullan
Gr. 4/5	Mrs. Chater
Gr. 5/6	Mrs. Lassaline
Gr. 7/8	Ms. Melanson
PREP (AM)	Miss. Kelly
Reading Recovery	Mrs. McDonald
FSL	Mme. Levesque
Educational Assistants:	Mrs. Mortiboys, Mrs. Haslam, Miss McCarthy & Mrs. O'Neill
SERT:	Mrs. McDonald
Office:	Mrs. Fowler
Custodians:	Mr. Frank & Mrs. Stone

DO NOT PARK IN THE FIRE ROUTE LANE

Parking is not permitted in the fire route lane when dropping off or picking up your child at dismissal time. We have been using the driveway loop as a "kiss 'n ride", however there is no parking allowed in this area. You may drop your child off and then leave immediately from that area. If you plan on staying until the bell rings you **must** park your vehicle in a designated spot. The following by-law applies: BY-LAW 89-86. A fine for violation of this is \$70.00.



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SCHOOL TRAFFIC LIGHT ON LEACOCK DRIVE

This traffic light is a crosswalk area for our students. When exiting our driveway onto Leacock Drive please come to a **COMPLETE STOP** at the **STOP** Sign. Look for students crossing the road in the crosswalk/lights area before turning left onto Leacock Drive. The light could be red giving pedestrians the right of way to cross. This light may not be visible to you as a driver when you are exiting the driveway onto Leacock Drive.

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 – Oct 1	- Book Fair
September 26	- Terry Fox school run day – 1:50
September 26	- Meet the teacher/Pizza Que ~ 5-6:30
September 27	- PA day
September 30	- Orange Shirt Day
October 1	- CSCC Mtg. – 6:00 – 8:00 pm
October 3	- Picture Day – 9:00
October 14	- Thanksgiving Monday – no school

Catholic Graduate Expectations

