

St. Carthagh Catholic School Newsletter



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September 2019

Staff

Mrs. Heather Healey	Principal
Mrs. Jill DeMille	JK/SK
Mrs. Nicole Boyce	JK/SK
Mrs. Amanda Coates	Gr. 1/2
Ms. Nettie Robertson	Gr. 1/2
Mrs. Michele Campbell	Gr. 3/4
Miss Rachel Weir	Gr. 4/5
Mrs. Stephanie McConnell	Gr. 6/7
Mr. Arthur Allore	Gr. 7/8
Mrs. Jill DeMille	SERT
Mr. Denis Francoeur	FSL
Ms. Carley Sutton	Arts
Mrs. Lynne Gunter	ECE
Mrs. Liz Sagriff	EA
Mrs. Angela McGuire	EA
Mrs. Karen Vilneff	EA
Mrs. Kailee Copland	EA
Mrs. Debra Robinson	LRA
Mrs. Chantelle McNab	CYW
Mrs. Connie Lessard	Administrative Assistant
Mr. Roger Brenay	Custodian
Mr. Blake Martin	Custodian

Dates to Remember

School Mass, Sept. 13 9:30
Open House & BBQ, Sept. 18
5-7 p.m.
Lockdown Drill, Sept. 24
Parent Council Meeting, Sept.
25 6:30 p.m.
Terry Fox Walk & BBQ, Sept. 25
Gr. 7 Vaccinations, Oct. 4
Picture Day, Oct. 8

Daily Time Schedule

School Entry	9:20
Recess	11:20-11:40
Lunch	12:40-1:25
Recess	3:25-3:40
Dismissal	3:40

Principal's Message

Welcome, everyone, to another great school year at St. Carthagh Catholic School! Our dedicated staff have worked tirelessly throughout the summer to prepare for the many wonderful learning opportunities that await our students.

The start of a new school year can be both exciting and a little intimidating. It is a wonderful time to renew old friendships and offers the opportunity for new relationships where we may pray, work and learn together in Catholic Education. This year, we will be focusing on the Catholic Graduate Expectation of being a Collaborative Contributor. God designed us to be part of a larger community of believers and we plan to celebrate all of the ways that TOGETHER IS BETTER!

St. Carthagh Catholic School enjoys a strong tradition of support and collaboration with our parish, our families, and our community. I am excited to join this wonderful community and I look forward to getting to know all of our students and families throughout the year.

Lord, we thank You for this new school year and for all of the opportunities we will have to learn and grow with one another. We ask that you help us to celebrate how fearfully and wonderfully we are made, and the way in which you designed us - giving us many gifts and strengths that are meant to be shared! Help us to build each other up and grow in our ability to accept and appreciate each person that you place before us.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Looking forward to a fantastic year of learning!

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. Heather Healey, Principal

IMPORTANT - Newsletters & School Messenger

Monthly updates are posted the first week of each month on our website. Families can access all current information and events at, www.alcdsb.on.ca/school/cart. We strongly encourage all parents to subscribe to receive our monthly updates by email. Information will be added as it occurs so check us out often. Emergency correspondence will continue to be sent home with students.

Paperless Goal-Going forward, newsletters will only be available by subscribing online via our school website. Please contact the office if you need a paper copy.

School Cash Online

School Cash Online is the method of payment for all schools in the Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board. In order to support this initiative we need all families to register to pay school fees online. Registering does not give us any access to your banking information, it is similar to shopping online: select your items, add to your cart and check out using debit, credit card or e-wallet. To register please go to: <https://alcdsb.schoolcashionline.com>. Click on "get started today".

Elementary Student Information Forms

Today you will receive a Student Information Form and Freedom of Information Form for each of your children attending St. Carthagh's. **Please make any corrections/changes and return to school by September 13th.** This form contains important information for parental contact in case of emergency.

School Mass

Please join us for our first school Mass on Friday, September 13th at 9:30 at St. Carthagh Catholic Church

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS-Student Insurance

Pamphlets for student insurance will no longer be sent home with students. Parents who wish to purchase student insurance should visit www.alcdsb.on.ca . Select Parents/Community, select Student Accident Insurance. If you have any questions please call us.

Welcome BBQ/Open House & Blessing of Outdoor Classroom

Our Family BBQ & Open House will be held on Wednesday, September 18th from 5-7 p.m. The BBQ will be served from 5-6 and classrooms will be open from 6-7. Proceeds will support our Food for Learning program. Parent Council will also have fun events for families to participate in. Please join us!

School Council Meeting

The first meeting of the 2019-2020 school year will be held on September 25th at 6:30 p.m. We will have elections and outline the goals for this school year. Please feel free to come and participate.

Milk & Pizza Weekly Program

Milk and pizza will be available to order each week again this year. Milk will only be available for weekly purchase. Parents will be notified through School Cash Online so make sure that you are signed up to receive items that are available. Pizza will start on Thursday, September 19th-**reminder orders must be placed by midnight on Tuesday prior**. Milk will begin on September 16th and orders must be placed by midnight **Friday prior**. Proceeds from these programs directly support our students.

Terry Fox Run & School BBQ

September 25th-We are excited to take part in the annual Terry Fox Run once again! As well as encouraging physical fitness, we will also be raising funds for cancer research. Each student from Kgn to Gr. 8 is encouraged to keep Terry's dream alive by participating in this worthwhile event. Pledge sheets will be sent home soon. A BBQ lunch will be available for students to purchase through School Cash Online. There will be no cash sales the day of the BBQ. All BBQ proceeds will support student activities.

Food for Learning

Welcome back to another great year at St. Carthagh! Breakfast Club will begin on Tuesday, September 10th and run every morning. **We Need You**

- become a volunteer and donate your time. As little as one hour a week can make a difference
- monetary donations, every little bit helps
- consider donating healthy snacks or breakfast foods

Please help to ensure that all students have the nutrition they need to learn at school. For more information please contact the school.

Picture Day

Student and class photos will be on October 8th. Watch for more information

Peanuts are Welcome!

At this time St. Carthagh will allow students to bring peanut butter products to school in their lunches. This year we have no students who have an allergy. If this were to change we will notify families.

Administration of Medication/Epi Pen

Student permission forms must be submitted every school year. Medication, where applicable, must be brought to the school with the doctor's forms and kept at the office. No medication will be administered without the appropriate forms completed by parents and physician.

Valuables

Please discourage your child(ren) from bringing valuable items to school as the school assumes no responsibility for damage or loss. Due to privacy issues, cameras and cell phones are not permitted on the school yard.

Cell Phones

Cell phones must remain in backpacks at all times. If a student does not follow this rule the phone will remain with Mrs. Healey until a parent can pick up.

St. Carthagh Twitter

Please follow us on twitter as staff will be posting regularly, [@alcdsb_cart](#)

Safe Arrival/Dismissal

To ensure a safe environment for the students we ask that all parents and visitors come directly to the office and sign in.

Students being picked up during the day must be signed out by an adult.

REMINDER-the parking lot running along the school is **one way only**, running south. Parents are asked not to park in this bussing zone before or after school. It is not safe for students or adults to be walking through this bussing zone. Parents can use the bus route to drop off students at the back gate in the morning if they follow in line with the busses. Students being picked up by car can be picked up at the back gate beginning at 3:30. Walkers are asked to walk through the school in the morning for safe entry onto the yard.

Absence-Please call the school before 9:15 if your child will be absent. Attendance is taken first thing in the morning and calls are made to verify all absences if we have not heard from you. You may leave a message on the answering machine any time.

Yard Supervision-There is no supervision on the yard prior to 9:00 so students should not enter the yard prior to this time.

After School-For safety reasons, students should be picked up at the office or at the back gate. Walkers are reminded to promptly exit the school and school property following the 3:40 dismissal.

Lunch Hour-Students may not leave the school during the day without being signed out by an adult. Students leaving school to go home for lunch may do so only if they go home regularly with adult supervision. Please send a note to indicate if your child(ren) will be walking home for lunch on a regular basis. It is the school's expectation that all students will remain at school for lunch unless being picked up by a parent.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in keeping our school safe for our students.

Volunteers

We warmly and enthusiastically welcome volunteers to St. Carthagh Catholic School! A number of parents have already either phoned or dropped by the office offering to volunteer in various ways. We greatly value and appreciate any time you can share with us. Please note, by law, all volunteers must have Criminal Background Checks before being allowed to work with our children in our schools. These are valid for 3 years from time of issue. Please contact the office if you require a Criminal Background Check.

Appropriate Dress Guidelines

No short skirts or short shorts (hemlines must reach fingertips of arms by sides). Tops-no inappropriate language or slogans, no spaghetti straps, no midriffs showing; sleeveless is fine but no racer back or backless tops. Flip flops are dangerous on playground equipment. No hats or caps to be worn inside the school.

KEEP KIDS WARM

Do you need help fitting your child with winter clothes? Keep Kids Warm program supports working families and those in need of assistance. Registration is Wednesday, September 11th-Friday, September 27th 8:30-4:00. Central Hastings OPP Detachment, 105953 Hwy. 7 Madoc, 613-473-4234. Please bring proper ID for custodial parent or guardian and child.

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 School Mass 9:30	14
15	16 Milk program begins	17	18 Open House & BBQ 5-7 p.m.	19 Pizza Day	20	21
22	23	24 Lockdown Drill	25 Terry Fox Run & BBQ Parent Council Meeting & Elections 6:30	26 Pizza Day	27	28
29	30	Oct. 4, Gr. 7 Vaccinations Oct. 8, Picture Day				

Bus Conduct

To maintain a high standard of safety for our students while travelling on the school bus, we ask that all parents be aware of the rules of conduct for our students. You, as parents, can assist us immeasurably by being aware of the regulations and making sure your children understand and follow them.

RIDING THE BUS IS A PRIVILEGE. This privilege may be withdrawn if a student behaves in a manner that threatens his/her safety or the safety of others. Let's work together to protect all our students. For information on busing check the Tri-Board Student Transportation website: www.triboard.on.ca. You may check your child's bus by using his or her OEN (Ontario Education Number) which can be found on their Report Card.

Sign up on the website to receive regular cancellation and late updates regarding your child's bus.

Public Health Free Parent & Caregiver Workshop

Public Health will be hosting a free mindfulness workshop to help parents and caregivers to learn new skills to help with self-regulation, decrease stress at home and school and help boost self-esteem. Workshops will run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. September 27th in Bancroft, September 19th in Belleville and September 20th in Trenton. Light refreshments will be served and childcare is available upon request. Parents can register at Eventbrite.ca 913-966-5500, ext. 223 / 1-800-267-2803, ext. 223.