

# Holy Rosary Catholic School

November 2017



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## YOU ARE NOT HERE BY MISTAKE

Around the world and down through the ages, there has never been another you, and there will never be another you. The miracle of your existence is now in your hands. You are here for a purpose. You have something that you can give to the world. Take time to consider what that is.

## A PRAYER FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Father of all mercies, we ask that you would bless the youngest and littlest of learners, the most helpless and powerless of persons,



with Your infinite and loving mercy, granting them the strength to learn, to concentrate, and to act in love towards their teachers and fellow students. We also ask that You would watch over them at home and at school, and give them proper direction so that they may learn of Your wonderful virtues. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING AND CARING FOR OTHERS

The students and staff of Holy Rosary celebrated all that we are thankful for in a beautiful Mass in October, prepared by Mrs. Melbourne, led by accomplished readers, and accompanied by the beautiful voices of Mrs. Terpstra's choir. The food drive in the week leading up to Thanksgiving proved to be a bountiful harvest for the Gleaner's Food Bank of Belleville, with over 439 kg of food donated. Thank you to all who were able to contribute toward our goal of caring for others. Special thanks to the students in Mrs. Darling's and Miss McMahon's classes for their hard work in collecting, tallying data, organizing packaging, and promoting our collection.



THANK YOU  
FOR CARING + SHARING



## PROGRESS REPORTS

The Ontario Progress Report is designed to give parents and students an early indication of what strengths have been determined and what areas for improvement are required so that children will best be able to show what they know and can do for the February report card. Progress reports will be sent home with students on November 7th. Parent-Teacher interviews have been scheduled for the evening of November 8th.



**SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION - Catholic parents, guardians, electors and supporters** are encouraged to continue to ensure that they are registered as English-Separate Supporters. The support of residential ratepayers is directly linked to attendance rights and indicates a firm commitment to the system essential to maintaining the existence of Catholic schools in Ontario. If you are not listed as a Separate School Supporter and wish to remedy this please visit our web site [www.alcddb.on.ca](http://www.alcddb.on.ca) and choose the link named "Direction of Tax Support" for information. Thank you!

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair returns! Mrs. McLelland is preparing the bookroom for the arrival of many crates of new and exciting Scholastic books and goodies. The book fair will run from November 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> and will also be open during evening interviews.



## BUS SAFETY AND LOADING ZONE

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 of our students. For information on bussing, Tri-Board Student Transportation's website is [www.triboard.on.ca](http://www.triboard.on.ca). Please sign and return all pink incident slips from bus drivers to the office the next day.



## MILK

White and chocolate milk are available on a daily basis for \$.75/250 ml. If you would like to pay for your child's milk in advance, milk cards may be purchased through the office for a short period or the remainder of the term. Cheques are payable to Holy Rosary Catholic School. Please send the cheque or cash in an envelope or plastic bag, clearly indicating your child's NAME, GRADE and TEACHER.



**PIZZA is sold at lunch every Thursday for \$3.00 a slice. Pizza must be pre-ordered by Tuesday each week.**

## CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS WITH VULNERABLE SECTOR

Believe it or not, school trips are already happening and we are always in need of volunteers to accompany us. In order for adults (including grandparents) to volunteer on school trips or within the school, we must have an **original** Criminal Background Check with Vulnerable Sector on file at the school. The school will provide you with a letter to obtain this check. There is a fee associated with getting a check from the Belleville Police Services or Picton OPP.

## Remembrance Day

An annual day of commemoration for Canada's war dead began after the First World War. With some 60,000 Canadians killed, the war produced a profound sense of loss in a country whose greatest military tragedy to date had been 267 dead in the South African War of 1899-1902. The huge cost of the so-called "Great War" was truly stunning for Canada, as it was for all combatant nations. (Canadian War Museum website)



We will gather on **November 10<sup>th</sup>**, to honour the brave men and women, past and present, who have dedicated their lives to protecting our freedom. Our peace liturgy will take place in the gym, beginning at 10:30 and be led by Mrs. Melbourne's class. The school will pause for a moment of silence at 11:00, in keeping with the tradition that is honoured throughout Canada.

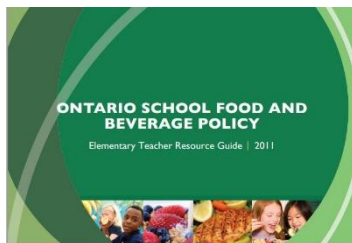


### PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)

Parents are asked to frequently check their child's head for pediculosis. We are appreciative of the parent calls to the school informing us of any findings of head lice. Should your child have head lice, you will be notified by school personnel and asked to treat your child's hair. **The child may return to school the next day if there is no evidence of nits.** Information about how to remove them is available from your **family doctor, board website, health unit and most pharmacies.** Letters to parents will be sent home if head lice is present in their child's classroom so that they can keep a close eye out. Please remember that head lice are a social nuisance and not a health hazard. However, they are very difficult to get rid of and your cooperation in notifying us is greatly appreciated.

## HEALTHY AND ACTIVE SCHOOLS

**Holy Rosary school staff are diligent about protecting student health and safety by reminding parents to refrain from sending in food such as cupcakes or candy for school celebrations, including birthdays and special holidays.**



Parents may want to acknowledge their child's special day with themed pencils or stickers. This also allows parents of students with severe allergies to rest at ease, knowing that food that could possibly contain allergens won't be consumed by their child. The Ministry of Education's School Food and Beverage Policy (PPM 150) is a step in creating healthier schools. Educating students and parents about healthy eating will also translate into healthier citizens, contributing to a reduction in chronic diseases such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and certain types of cancers.

**Please note that any treats sent to school for sharing that do not meet the standards of PPM 150 will be returned home.** Thank you for your cooperation in helping us help your children become healthy, active, and contributing citizens.

## Medications

It is important that the school is aware if your child has a severe medical condition. **School staff may**

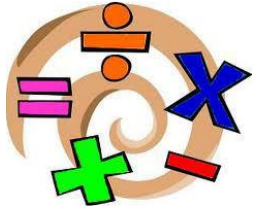


**only administer medication to students with written authorization from the parent/guardian and the prescribing physician. This includes antibiotics that must be taken during the school day.** If you require medical forms for this school year, please contact Mrs. Ackerman at the school to discuss your child's medical condition and to obtain the **Medical Information and Consent forms.** These forms must be signed by a physician. All medications must be clearly labelled in their original containers and stored in the main office. Thank you for helping to keep

all of our students healthy.



## Math Homework Help



Students from grades 7 to 10 can get free online math tutoring through the Ontario Ministry of Education's Homework Help website at <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/>. Tutors will be available Sundays through Thursdays from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. Your child will need his/her OEN (Ontario Education Number), which can be found at the top of the report card, in order to register at this site.

## CHRISTMAS YARD SALE



Are you purging closets of good quality items that would be appropriate for a gift for a mom, dad, sibling, or grandparent? Do you have extra Christmas wrap, festive gift bags, or tape hanging around? We are starting to collect these good-as-new items in preparation for our annual Christmas Yard Sale. At our yard sale, students will be able to purchase treasured Christmas gifts for their family members at a very small cost. Proceeds from the sale will be used to support families in our community through our Christmas Sharing Program. If you have donations, please send in to Mrs. Darling's class. The date for our Yard Sale is yet to be determined, but volunteers to help us with choosing and wrapping will be most welcomed!

### Did you know?

Kids who eat well tend to be better learners.



For good nutrition, encourage children to follow Canada's Food Guide by enjoying a variety of foods from the four food groups. Try to include foods from at least 3 of the 4 food groups at each meal. Check out [www.canadasfoodguide.net](http://www.canadasfoodguide.net).

Healthy eating gives kids the nutrients they need to grow, be active, stay healthy and do well at school!

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[www.yourhealthunit.ca](http://www.yourhealthunit.ca) 613-966-5500



Help your kids start the day ready to learn.

Walk them to school!

It is a great way to fit in some physical activity and to share some family time.

October is International Walk to School Month.

[www.saferoutestoschool.ca](http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca)



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## GUIDING HAND

I dreamt I stood in a studio and watched two sculptors there.  
The clay they used was a young child's mind and they fashioned it with care.  
One was a teacher – the tools he used were books, music, and art.  
The other, a parent, worked with a guiding hand, and a gentle, loving heart.  
Day after day, the teacher toiled with touch that was deft and sure.  
While the parent laboured by his side and polished and smoothed it o'er.  
And when at last, their work was done, they were proud of what they had wrought.  
For the things they had molded into the child could neither be sold, nor bought.  
And each agreed they would have failed if each had worked alone.  
For behind the parent, stood the school,  
And behind the teacher, the home.



# SCHOOL COUNCIL MONTHLY UPDATE

## Up and coming Events

**CHRISTMAS SEMI-FORMAL DANCE!!!** Friday, December 15th, 2017 at St. Theresa Catholic Secondary School. Students in Grades 6-8 in the ALCDSB are invited. Fun DJ, canteen and lots of parent-volunteer chaperones.



**Hallowe'en Dance:** Thank you to everyone who participated in and attended our annual Hallowe'en Dance. There was a lot of dancing, great costumes and mixing and mingling with old friends and new. An especially huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers -- from organization, decorations, working tables and activities, set-up and clean-up.

Thank you so much for your dedication to our school and its improvement for our students.



**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 21st at 6:15 pm in the Bookroom. Everyone is welcomed and invited! Child-care can be available with advance notice. Please come out and see what School Council is all about!

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Inclusion is not a program but a  
guiding philosophy for making decisions about  
where and how we educate students.

From *The Principal's Handbook for Leading Inclusive Schools*,  
by Causton & Theoharis





*Interlink Rehearsal with Mrs. Terpstra's class and the seniors from the Richmond Retirement Residence*

Shared reading time with friends



Exploring faith and growing our team at Faith Day 2017

We met our Roots of Empathy baby, Aralynn!

GIVING THANKS



## **NOVEMBER 2017**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
			<b>1</b> HPV, HepB and Menaetra vaccinations for grade 7	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Bus patroller training at Holy Rosary Church - am	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Picture retakes in the am	<b>7</b> Progress Reports and <u>IEPs home</u> Terrific Kids <u>9:30</u> Book Fair	<b>8</b> <u>Book Fair</u>  Interviews in the evening	<b>9</b> Book Fair	<b>10</b> Remembrance Day liturgy 10:30	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Mistletoe Magic at Albert College – artisan show and sale, raffle to support Food for Learning	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> School Mass at Holy Rosary Church 10:00	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> First Communion parent meeting at the church 4 or 7 pm	<b>17</b> Grade 6/7/8 to see the movie Wonder today	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Belleville Santa Claus parade	<b>20</b> Lions Club vision and hearing screening	<b>21</b> School Council meeting 6:15 pm	<b>22</b> SR Volleyball Tournament Boys – NCC Girls – St. T's	<b>23</b> JR Volleyball Tournament – <u>NCC</u>  Confirmation parent meeting at the church 4 or 7 pm	<b>24</b> <b>PA DAY</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> SR Volleyball Alternate Date	<b>30</b> Nativity Exhibition at Holy Rosary Church <hr/> JR Volleyball Alternate Date		

**December dates to remember:**

**December 5:** Terrific Kids @ 9:30

**December 7, 14, 21:** Advent liturgies @ 9:30 in our gym

**December 12:** Cinderella's Frog Prince play

**December 19:** Christmas concert

**December 20:** snow date for Christmas concert

**December 21:** St. John Ambulance therapy dogs visit

**December 23 to January 7:** Christmas holidays