



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, February 2, 2021

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MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR JANUARY



OUTDOOR EDUCATION



Tomorrow, FEBRUARY 3rd the Grade 4/5, Grade 1/2 and Grade 7/8 students will be participating in an Outdoor Education Course with Mr. Bibby, Special Assignment Teacher of Outdoor & Environmental Education from the Algonquin & Lakeshore C.D.S.B.

On Thursday, FEBRUARY 4th the Grade 3/4, Grade 2 and Grade 6/7 students will participate in their Outdoor Education Course also with Mr. Bibby.

The students will be participating in a variety of outdoor activities at Vance Farm Park. Students are reminded to dress appropriately for the outdoors (coat, snowpants, boots, hat, extra gloves/mittens, etc.), and to bring a filled water bottle and sunscreen.

NATIONAL SWEATER DAY



Our school will be taking part in National Sweater Day on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4th! National Sweater Day is an annual event organized by World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Canada. On National Sweater Day, WWF asks Canadians from coast to coast to turn down thermostats by two degrees Celsius at home, at school and at work to highlight the role that energy conservation plays in preventing climate change. Our school buildings will be a little chillier on February 4th, so we are asking that all students wear or bring a sweater to school. Through participation, we hope to understand how everyday actions affect our planet's future.

We are looking forward to a cozy day in the classroom!



Photo Day has been rescheduled to FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12th for the SK Graduation Class, Grade 8 Graduation Class and for any students that missed the first photo day in November (including those students that were Remote Learners). *Please note that there will not be any re-takes or sibling photos this year.* **NOTE: Due to COVID-19 related health & safety standards, students are asked to arrive to the camera wearing their own collared shirt (white is suggested) and a tie if they wish. Gowns only will be provided.**



WWF POLAR BEAR WALK 2021



On **FEBRUARY 27th**, students will be participating in the Polar Bear Walk. Students are asked to bring in a toonie to support the polar bear population. Polar bears need snow and ice to survive. Your donation can help tackle the impact of climate change.

BLESSED PALMS NEEDED



We are approaching the season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, **FEBRUARY 17th**. Normally at that time, we have ashes placed on our foreheads in the sign of the cross as a symbol of the season and a reminder of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross on Good Friday. These ashes are made by burning the blessed palms from Palm Sunday. Each year, we collect blessed palms from the previous year's is Palm Sunday to be burned to use for the ashes on Ash Wednesday. We are requesting that any families, who have their palms from last year, to please send them into the school. We plan to burn the palms on Shrove Tuesday, **FEBRUARY 16th**.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15th



**REPORT CARDS AND IEPs
WILL BE COMING HOME ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th**



Our next virtual School Council Meeting will be on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd at 6:30 p.m.**



Scholastic Reading Club The school Reading Club is available for online orders.

Remember use code **RC208823** when ordering. Thanks for your support of our classrooms and Learning Commons.

<http://scholastic.ca/canadaclubs/why-clubs/why-reading-club-home.php>

BRRRRR!



Winter is definitely here! Please be reminded that outdoor recess during the lunch period is 40 minutes and there can also be a lengthy wait at the end of the day for individual buses to arrive. Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor play at school: snow pants; warm, water-proof gloves/mittens, warm scarves & hats; and of course, boots. It is also a good idea to send in extra pairs of dry socks.