



# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, October 1, 2021

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To ALL the Parents/Guardians that returned your child(ren)s pink form to the Office in a timely matter. We appreciate it!

## Daily Screening Practices & Tools



Please remember to use the COVID-19 screening Tool each morning before sending your child(ren) to school each day. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>  
As outlined if your child does not pass the Covid Screening Tool, your child is NOT to attend school. Please inform the school of the reason for your child's absence. If you have questions about your child's medical and underlying conditions, please reach out to your health care provider.

**This screener also provides information about who should self isolate as well as under what circumstances a child can return to school.**

*Thank you for your understanding and adherence to these Public Health Protocols.*

## TERRY FOX RUN



OLM's 37th year of participation in the Terry Fox Run was September 29<sup>th</sup>. The students gave their all to keep Terry's dream alive. Thanks to Mrs. Gabourie for organizing. Donations can be made at [@alcdsb](http://terryfox.ca/ourladyofmercy) We raised over \$2000.00 !!!

## MILK & JUICE PROGRAM START UP



Our milk/juice program is expected to begin October 12<sup>th</sup>. Families can purchase milk through Cash Online for \$5.00 or \$20.00 increments. Milk/Juice is \$1.00 each. Please visit <https://alcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> to purchase and/or register.



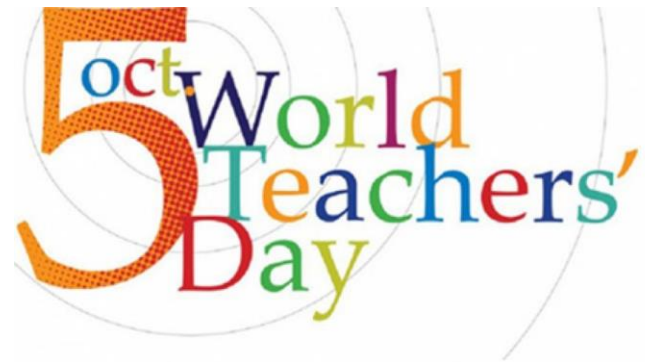
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## ORANGE SHIRT DAY



A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO OUR AMAZING TEACHERS!



*"I touch the future, I teach". ~ C. McAuliffe.*  
Happy World Teachers' Day to all the wonderful educators out there!



Our students spent time listening (Sept 30<sup>th</sup>), learning, reflecting & discussing what Truth & Reconciliation (TRC) is about. Miigwetch to all who shared resources & ideas to help us learn about & honour the importance of the TRC Calls to Action. [#EveryChildMatters](#) @alcdsb #ALCDSBBeloved

## MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER



## WEEK OF OCTOBER 3-9<sup>TH</sup> FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



This year's FPW campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™" works to educate everyone about the simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves, and those around them, safe in the kitchen.

### Did you know?

A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. You should evacuate the structure and call 9-1-1. Remain outside.



Our first meeting of the year was held virtually on September 29<sup>th</sup>. We are pleased to share that our School Council Executive for 2021-2022 are **Jenny Hudder and Laura Hetu**, Co-Chairs, **Lindsay White**, Treasurer and **Susan Sinclair**, Secretary. We are always looking for new members so please consider joining us for our **next meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>**.

### Waste Reduction Week



The Eco- club looks a little different this year at OLM. We encourage you to participate with us at home in **Waste Reduction Week**. We will be learning how to reduce waste each day of the week. Post your efforts on Twitter and tag @alcdsb\_omer and #WasteReductionWeek so we can see your efforts! Go to <https://wrwcanada.com/en/theme-days> for more information.



### WEAR PURPLE ON OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>



Every October Children's Aid Societies across the province raise awareness about the rights of children and youth to safety and well-being, and the responsibility of adults and community services to help children, youth, and families who need support. We all join together to share this positive message that help is available and to celebrate the community that cares for kids and families.

### MEDICAL CARE PLANS

Please return all draft and/or Medical Care Plan notes to Mrs. Rumleski as soon as possible so that this valuable information can be uploaded to your child's profile. Thank you to those of you who have already returned the forms.

**Finalized Medical Care Plans & Draft Individual Education Plans (IEPs) will go home on October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Please sign and date the Parent Involvement Form no later than Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance.

*Sauna Rumleski, SERT*



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Council  
12 Days of Christmas Raffle  
Our School Council is working out the details about what kind of Christmas Fundraiser that can

be done safely and adhering to the Public Health Protocols. Stay tuned for more information !

## INDOOR SHOES



A reminder, that all students must have indoor shoes at school to put on when they come in from the yard. Outdoor shoes/boots are taken off when they enter the school. If there is a real emergency situation that requires students to evacuate, there is not time for students to put on their shoes before exiting the school.



Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic Education Foundation (ALCEF) is a registered charity that raises funds and provides financial support to assist families within our schools during times of crisis or poverty. This assistance may include the provision of eye glasses, medical supplies, accommodations, food, clothing, or transportation. For more information, please visit: <http://www.alcddb.on.ca/Board/Pages/Foundation.aspx>



### Safe Schools:

#### *Fair Notice:*

ALCDSB and our community partners are committed to providing safe and caring school communities and learning environments for students, staff, school visitors and community members. In 2011, ALCDSB and its community partners adopted the ALCDSB Community Threat

Assessment Protocol (CTAP). This risk/threat assessment process is designed to be a proactive and multi-disciplinary approach to developing intervention plans. As part of this process we are obligated to give parents / guardians notice that school administration and/or community partners will initiate the risk/threat assessment process when behaviours have been identified that pose a potential risk to an individual or to others. For more information about please visit [CTAP](#).

#### *Evacuation / Shelter In Place / Hold & Secure / Bomb Threat / Explosive Incident & Lockdown*

ALCDSB has a primary responsibility to ensure the safety of students and staff inside Board buildings and on the Board property. In partnership with emergency services in the area, a Board-wide plan has been developed to address threats to school safety. This plan includes procedures known as Evacuation, Shelter in Place, Hold and Secure, Bomb Threat / Explosive Incident and Lockdown. In order for all students and staff to become familiar with expectations during a threat to school safety, our schools will be practising threat response procedures as we do with fire drills. For the safety of our students and staff, two lockdown practices and one bomb threat practice will be held during the school year. The dates of these drills are not yet determined as dialogue is needed with our community partners. Notice of the drills will be provided through our usual communication channels – e.g., our school newsletter, Twitter and the use of School Messenger. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

