



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, March 2023

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KINDERGARTEN & NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



Kindergarten and new student registration is now open! Register today if you are interested in enrolling your child in Kindergarten for September 2023! Details: <http://bit.ly/3wasNrb>

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Smiles and syrup were overflowing the morning of Feb 21 at our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast! Thank you so much to our incredible volunteers who made this happen! A special THANK YOU to Ildaco Rutledge who made all of the pancakes!! We even managed to get our junior basketball team fed before they headed out!

VALENTINE'S DAY SMILES 😊



Students enjoyed sharing snacks and cards in their classrooms on Valentine's Day! Later they dance their "hearts" out in the gym for the Valentine's Day Dance. Students raised almost \$200 which will be donated to Sick Kids Hospital! Way to Go!!!!!!



PETE THE CAT WAS HERE



Miss Smith's and Miss Ladouceur's Class celebrated the 100th School Day in style by dressing as though they were 100 yrs. old and building a tower out of 100 cups.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION AT ALGONQUIN PARK



Students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 4 will travel by bus to Algonquin Park on Friday, March 3rd. Students will visit the Algonquin Visitor's Center as well as go hiking on a few trails and feed the birds.



'It's all good'...as Pete the Cat says! Mrs. O'Brien and Ms. Knopp's Kindergarten class was engaged in the planning and creation of a Pete the Cat van (with a surf board on top of course). [#alcdsb](#) [#ALCDSBFormed](#)

ONE HUNDREDTH DAY IN SCHOOL



Social Worker Week March 6 -- 10



We recognize the week of March 6th as Social Worker Week. Thank you to Mrs. Batchelor for all that she does to help our students and school!

International Women's Day



Wednesday, March 8th we celebrate International Women's Day!



School Council Meeting is Wednesday, March 8th at 6:30 pm. in the Learning Commons. All are welcomed.

FREE SPAGHETTI LUNCH MARCH 8th



Don't pack a lunch on Wed. March 8th because our staff is preparing the sauce and our wonderful School Volunteers will be dishing out the pasta!

PIZZA DAYS!!!!



Our next Pizza Lunches will be on Tuesday, March 7th and Thursday, March 30th. Bancroft Leons and Pizza Pizza once again is supporting a pizza lunch for the entire school on Thursday, March 30th.



Our Sub days are Tuesday, March 21st and Monday, March 27th. Leon's Bancroft and Bancroft Subway have generously offered to sponsor a sub for ALL students on March 21st. Again, thank you so much to Leon's Bancroft and Subway Bancroft for your generous gift and for all that you do for our community.

Congratulations to our MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY



DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD!



Daylight Savings starts on Sunday, March 12th



March Break is March 13 to 17th. Students come back to school on Monday, March 20th.

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY



World Down Syndrome Day (WDS), **Tuesday, March 21st** is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012.

The date for WDS being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.

Let's come together and show our support by wearing different, colourful socks!

#WorldDownSyndromeDay

WORLD WATER DAY



World Water Day is Wednesday, March 22nd. Always try and bring a reusable water bottle wherever you go!! (Students should always bring a reusable water bottle as our water fountain is not in use.)

EARTH HOUR



Earth Hour is Saturday, March 25th. To celebrate this day our school will be turning off our lights to conserve energy on Friday, March 24th.



In the spirit of giving for LENT our school will be collecting can and dry goods for the local food bank. Boxes will be set up in the lobby of the school. Thank you in advance for your donation.

JAM ORDERS



Our jam order forms should be going home on Wednesday, March 29th. Jam will be ready to go home before Mother's Day.



Some of you may have noticed but we have posted 3 donation spots on Cash Online to donate \$5, \$20 or \$50 towards our Nutritional Program. Thank you so much for the Parents that have already donated. Our Food for Learning Program is now running 5 days per week, thanks to our awesome volunteers!!

ALCDSB News

Year 3 Multi-Year Strategic Plan:

We are pleased to announce the release of our MYSP Year 3. Visit our [MYSP web page](#) to view a video message and to learn more about all the amazing progress and achievements being made in the ALCDSB.