



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, November 2023

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RAFFLE TICKETS

Our Twelve Days of Christmas raffle is just about ready to begin! Our plan is to get the tickets home to you in the coming days. Please return any tickets that are you are not going to sell so we may pass them on to someone else. School Council thanks you for your co-operation with this fundraiser! This fundraiser is our main source of funding for end-of-year fieldtrips. **A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU** to our Local Businesses and Community Members for your very generous donations!



HALLOWEEN FUN!!

OLM Students enjoyed a fun-filled day of Halloween celebrations on Tuesday! We began with a school costume parade in the gym. Next, we visited the Hastings Centennial Manor to spread some Halloween cheer there. Primary students enjoyed a dance in the morning, while Junior / Intermediate grades enjoyed a dance in the afternoon. Thank you to everyone who supported celebrations by helping children with costumes, sending in treats, etc.!



MADAWASKA COFFEE FUNDRAISER



Madawaska Coffee orders will begin to go home beginning of November. Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS Nov. 5th



Progress Reports & I.E.P.s will go home **November 6th**. Teachers will be providing information to you regarding Parent/Teacher Interviews which will be held on November 14th. Report Cards & IEPs will be sent through School Messenger online.



Our next school council meeting is Wednesday, Nov 8th at 6:30 in the school Learning Commons. Please join us if you can!

Remembrance Day



We will be having a Remembrance Day observance facilitated by Grade 7 & 8 members of the Faith Life Committee on Thursday, November 9th. There will be Two Minutes of Silence at 11 a.m. as well.

Please remember to directly support Canada's serving and retired Veterans and their families, while ensuring Canada never forgets.

Poppies have arrived from the Legion. Please consider sending a donation in so your child(ren) can purchase one and wear it in support of those who served and those who continue to serve.



The 2023 Legion fundraising campaign in Canada has begun online and on all digital devices at www.mypoppy.ca.

In return for a digital donation, the donor will receive via email a personalized Digital Poppy that can be posted to your social media platforms to show your support. Donations to the Poppy Fund will be dedicated to Legion programs and services for Veterans.

SPAGHETTI LUNCH



Tuesday, November 14th Our Lady of Mercy will be having a **FREE** spaghetti luncheon for all students. Thank you to School Council for providing the students a yummy lunch!!!

LUNCH DAYS!!!!

PLEASE PAY through CASHOnline for ALL of your food orders by November 13th. Sorry but NO orders will be accepted after this date.



Our Pizza Day will be on Thursday, November 16th.



Our Subway days will be Wednesday, November 1st and Wednesday, November 29th.



Pita Pit is available through CASHOnline (Lunch Box) every Friday. Please order before Sunday, the week before.

School Mass



We will be having a School Mass on Friday, November 17th at 9:00 am. All are welcome!

BUS SAFETY TRAINING



We are having a bus safety training event in our gym on Tuesday, November 21st. JK to Gr. 3 will be at 1:00 pm and Gr. 4 to Gr. 8 will be at 2:00 pm.

PICTURE DAY RETAKES



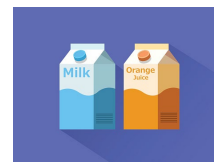
Picture retake day will be on Thursday, November 23rd. The Class pictures will be taken in the Spring.

IMMUNIZATIONS



Friday, November 24th is the Grade 7's date for their immunization needles. Please be sure that all permission forms were returned to the office.

MILK & JUICE SALES



White or Chocolate Milk, Apple or Orange Juice can be purchased monthly online using **CASHONLINE**. **Order deadline for the month of December is November 24th**. Due to the rising costs of items, we need to accurately account for the exact numbers of milk or juice purchased. Milk/Juice cards will no longer be used. Thank you for your understanding!

CURLING WORKSHOP



Monday, November 27th there will be a curling workshop for Grades 1 to 8.

Volleyball Tournament



Jr. Girls & Boys in Bird's Creek on

There will be a Sr Girls and Sr Boys Volleyball Tournament held in Belleville on Wednesday, November 29th.

Advent Wreath Workshop



Watch for forms to go home for our annual advent wreath workshop being held in the school on **Thursday, November 29th at 6:30 pm.**

MERIT AWARDS SEPTEMBER



OCTOBER



OUR NEW CUSTODIAN



Welcome our new Custodian, Wayne Augustine to Our Lady of Mercy!. Mr. Augustine has been working for ALCDSB for a number of years and is happy to be in this new position closer to home.

**THANK YOU
SO MUCH**

YOU ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

For the Breakfast Program donations and the many volunteers that run the program everyday.

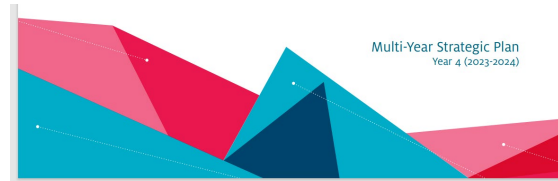
To Marc Gibson for engraving our new knives for the kitchen.

To Ed Sturgeon for donating our beautiful mums and pumpkins for the classes and the front door.

Blessed Beyond Belief



This year our Board's Pastoral Theme is "Blessed Beyond Belief". Our beautiful mural is displayed in the front hallway at school. Every student shared what they were thankful for and/or how they can share their blessing with others.



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The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board is committed to focusing on our new mission, vision and values to use our many blessings and resources to be more than just a great Catholic education system.