



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, May 15, 2018

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Please Pick up Your Jam Orders



We still have a few jam orders for pick up. Please come and get your orders to distribute to the customers who ordered from you. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser.



We would like to thank, **MEREDITH CARD, MEAGHAN DOUCETTE, JENNY HUDDER, VIRGINIA PLUNKETT & RENEE WEALCH** for volunteering their time to prepare Sloppy Joes last Thursday for lunch. Thanks also for the sauce donated by **TRACY ALLAN, PAT FLAGLER EDWARDS, JENNY HUDDER & TARA MCENERY**. And a big thank you to **Dempsters** for donating the buns.

THIS FRIDAY, MAY 18th IS A P.A. DAY.
There will be no classes for our students.
Staff will be on site.



The students were thrilled to share their writing with parents and family. Thank you for your support of the OLM Publishing Party 2018.



**Monday May 21, 2018
Victoria Day Holiday**

EQAO

EQAO assessments for grades 3 and 6, begin **Tuesday, May 22nd until May 25th**. Please ensure your children in these grades are in **full attendance for these three days**. Thank you.



Track & Field

We will be competing at York River PS on Tuesday, May 29th (raindate May 30th). Permission forms are coming home this week. Please return by May 28th.



SOCIAL JUSTICE WITHOUT BORDERS will be welcoming a Syrian refugee family, the Jarads, to Bancroft at the end of June. They recently held a “Welcome Wagon Shower” to help the family with their needs. Although we missed the Shower, the students at Our Lady of Mercy School want to show their support and so we will be running a fundraiser to help purchase supplies that are still needed. From May 15-June 1st, we will be collecting Canadian Tire money in an effort to help support the Jarad family. We also will welcome donations of money. Please help us give the Jarad family a warm, Bancroft welcome!

EQUITY AND INCLUSION – ACCESS TO INTERNET FOR OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



As part of Algonquin and Lakeshore’s work on Equity Education, each school in the Board was asked to look at equity issues within our

schools and to come up with an inquiry question pertinent to our communities.

Here at Our Lady of Mercy we chosen to look at the equity issues around Internet access, speed and its use. Mr. Tod developed a survey using Office 365’s Forms so we could gather information from our Grade 3 to 8 students about: 1) if they had Internet at home; 2) if the students had devices on which they could do their school/home work; 3) if their Internet speed was sufficient to do their school/home work; 4) what did the students used the Internet for; and 5) if there were any rules in their households around the access and/or use of the Internet.

The responses were very interesting and we think we have a better idea around the equity issue we chose to address. However, we would now like our parent community to complete a very similar survey to what your children completed. We would like to see how reliable the data is that we have gathered.

Additionally, we are considering offering an evening in the Fall of 2018 centred around sharing of best practices around Internet use and access as well as other issues that you, the parent community, identify as areas of need for you and your children. The last two questions in the survey are centred around gathering information about what you see as things you would like more information about and/or ideas for the evening.

We ask that you complete the survey by **Wednesday, May 30th** so we can collate responses and write the grant proposal that could provide funding for the evening that we are planning for this Fall.

Please follow this link to access the survey: <http://bit.ly/OLMparentfeedback>. The link is also live on Twitter. Please know that all responses are anonymous.



2018 Beacon of Hope

Learning French is Fun!

“It’s like a secret language that everyone in my class can speak. I like it.”

Ethan, ALCDSB Grade 3 Student

Encourage your child to be a lifelong learner of French!

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS



TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO SECURE A VOLUNTEER CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK



Join the Bancroft Turtle Walk 2018

Walk for turtles and raise awareness, funding, and hope.

Saturday May 26th – Start/Registration Desk at Riverside Park/Post Office off Station Street



Parish News:

Father Casmir, is looking for young people who would be interested in providing music for a Youth Mass.

Are you a singer or a guitar player who would be willing to help out?

Please contact the Parish at 613-332-2954

SUNDAY, MAY 27th 2018



For information call 613-332-4372

Bancroft Lions Club

or

www.walkfordogguides.com