



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, September 18, 2018

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

I wanted to share with you the news that Mrs. Patti Greer will be assuming the VP role this year. Mrs. Greer is retired ALCDSB Principal who brings many years of experience in our schools in the Belleville area. The current plan is that she will be at Our Lady of Mercy so I can be present at St. Martin of Tours.

The details of her schedule at Our Lady of Mercy has not been fully fleshed out but the current plan is that she will be present 2 days per week (likely Tuesdays and Thursdays) to begin. I know that you join with me in welcoming Mrs. Greer to our school communities.

Mrs. Flagler-Edwards, Principal

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT & FAMILY BBQ



What a fantastic turn-out for our Meet The Teacher Night and School Council sponsored Family BBQ. Thank you to **DOUG EDWARDS** and **JEFF POOLE** for cooking all the fantastic hamburgers and hot dogs; to **DARLENE STOREY** for food shopping, setup, preparation of posters; to **JEN PRIDIE, SHERRY MESZAROS, MELISSA McCORMACK & VICKI ARMSTRONG** for looking after our ticket sales; to our kitchen staff **LAURA HETU, JAKI McARTHUR, HEATHER GUNTER, JENNY HUDDER, RENEE WEALCH, LORI CANNON & PAT FLAGLER-EDWARDS**; to our clean-up staff, **JEFF POOLE, LUKE HETU & DOUG EDWARDS**; to **CAROL BARNES** for looking after the float and money; to **CHRISSEY BALEMBA** for arranging our Twitter Contest; and to anyone who helped out in any way to make this night such a great success.



CONGRATULATIONS to our Twitter Contest winners: **THERESA PREGENT** for signing-up; to **JAMES FORDE, KRYSTAL WEST & ADAM KAVANAGH** for retweeting our BBQ tweets. Each contest winner received a \$10.00 Tim Horton's Card.



School Mass



*This Friday at 9:00 a.m.
(Please come and join us!)*



We are looking for parents to join our School Council for the 2018-2019 school year.

Please consider attending the first meeting on **NEXT TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th at 6:30 p.m.** School Council Elections will be held at this first meeting. Please return all nominations forms ASAP.

CROSS COUNTRY MEET



Our cross country runners will be traveling to J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School to compete in a cross country run on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th**. Permission forms and additional information will be coming home with the team runners.

*Mr. Cousins, Cross-Country
Coach*

TERRY FOX RUN



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This year's run will be held at the school on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th**. Please return all pledge forms as soon as possible and help keep Terry's dream alive!

GRADE 6 FAITH DAY



Our Grade 6 students have been invited to attend this year's ALCDSB Witness: Grade 6 Faith Day. The conference will be held at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Belleville.

HEALTHY SNACK TRAYS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Every Friday, we prepare healthy snack trays for all students. If you can help with the preparation of the fresh fruits, veggies, cheese, etc. please contact the school.



NEXT FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th is a designated P.A. Day. Staff will be involved in in-school workshops.

MILK & JUICE SALES



White milk, chocolate milk and juice is available on a daily basis. Milk cards can be purchased weekly at a cost of **\$5.00** or monthly at a cost of **\$20.00**. Consider registering for our Cash-On-Line payment system.

Milk cards will be available on-line, as well as pizza orders and other school-related student fees. To register for online purchases, please see our website, and scroll down to School News to “Register Now”.



WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR ORANGE SHIRT DAY: EVERY CHILD MATTERS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1st
(The official date for Orange Shirt Day is
September 30th)

*Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for
Indigenous peoples, local governments,
schools and communities to come
together in the spirit of reconciliation
and hope for generations of children to
come.*

STUDENT HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS

Parents/guardians should inform the school **immediately** of any health issues that we should be aware of (e.g., severe allergies, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, physical limitations, etc.).

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION MEDICAL CARE PLAN – PPM 161 REMINDER TO PARENTS

In the next few weeks teachers will be drafting a Medical Care Plan according to PPM 161 to promote the safety and well being of those students who have been diagnosed with ASTHMA, DIABETES, and/or EPILEPSY and/or are at risk for ANAPHYLAXIS. If you have any questions regarding PPM 161 please do not hesitate to contact your child’s classroom teacher or myself.

*Lori Cannon
Special Education Resource Teacher*

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS



If you require a Police Check to be a volunteer at our school, please come to the school office with your identification. We will provide you with the appropriate form for you to take to the OPP Office for the Criminal Police Check. Please know we need to see you in person to verify your identity on the form.