



# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, October 2, 2018

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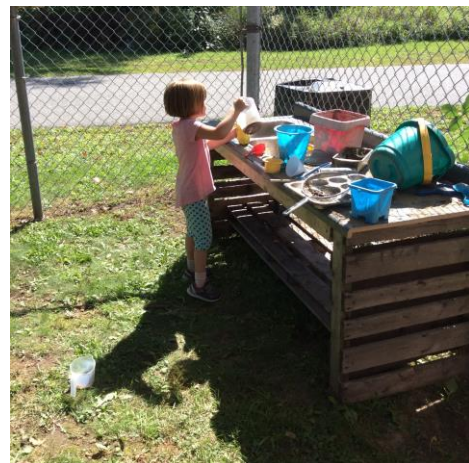
## WATER SUSTAINABILITY OUTDOOR EDUCATION DAY



On September 26th, the Grade 7/8 students travelled to the H.R. Frink Centre for a full day learning experience about water sustainability and stewardship. With the support of Quinte Conservation, students had the opportunity to reflect on water run-off and treatment, and to conduct water testing scenarios. We found bio-indicators (Bugs!) and tested for pH levels in the Moira waterways. Students also participated in interactive activities highlighting the need for clean drinking water in our global community.

*Ms. Balemba, Gr. 7/8 Teacher*

## KINDERGARTEN HAS A NEW “MUD” KITCHEN



**A BIG THANK YOU** to **MR. & MRS. McCORMACK** for building our new mud kitchen and to **MR. & MRS. BOWERS** for donating the sink and countertop.



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## ANNUAL TERRY FOX RUN



Our Annual Terry Fox Run was held last Thursday and it was a great day! Thank you to everyone for your support in helping to keep Terry's dream alive. I will be accepting additional pledges up until **THIS FRIDAY**. Final total raised will be shared by the end of the month.

*Ms. Balemba*  
*Event Coordinator*

## ORANGE SHIRT DAY



*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. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DRESSED IN ORANGE TO SUPPORT THIS SPECIAL DAY!*



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
SEPTEMBER STUDENT MERIT AWARD  
WINNERS.**

## PIZZA DAY



**Pizza day is THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11th**  
**order forms are coming home today. Please**  
**note that the deadline to order is Monday,**  
**October 8<sup>th</sup>.**

## SchoolCashOnline

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To register for online purchases, please see our website, and scroll down to School News to "Register Now".



**Catholic Education Foundation**  
*"Helping To Alleviate Poverty"*

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.alcdsb.on.ca/Board/Pages/Foundation.aspx>



## EQAO RESULTS

The results of Primary and Junior EQAO Assessments, that were held in May of 2018, will be coming home with our Grade 4 and 7 students who wrote the assessments by the end of week.

## Reminder This Thursday, October 4th



**1<sup>st</sup> HPV and Hep B & Meningococcal  
Vaccinations for Grade 7 & 8 Students**

## FREE SPAGHETTI LUNCH



School Council will be offering a free spaghetti lunch for ALL students on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup>.

**SAY CHEESE!**



Student photos (Kindergarten to Grade 8) will be taken on MONDAY, OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*School Council Meeting*

**SCHOOL  
COUNCIL**

**IS TUESDAY OCTOBER 23rd  
6:30 p.m.**

(All are welcome to attend.)

## INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS FOR PLANNED SCHOOL EVENTS



Often times, planned sporting events and/or other school events are cancelled last minute due to inclement weather. Please check our school website, our Twitter account, or, if your child's teacher has a class website, relevant cancellations will be posted there. **Please always come into the school when you are dropping your child(ren) off and also when you are picking them up. This way you will be fully informed about any changes to the day.**

## FUN FRENCH FACTS

### DID YOU KNOW?

Canada's largest francophone community outside of Quebec is Ontario! The Franco-Ontarian community has over 400 years of history, starting when Samuel de Champlain explored Ontario in 1615. Over 612,000 francophone people celebrate Franco-Ontarian Day on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

*Encourage your child to be a  
lifelong learner of French!*