



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, November 27, 2018

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S O.L.M. ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTEST WINNERS:

Primary Colour Poster

LILLIAN H.	FIRST
HOPE C.	THIRD

Junior Colour Poster

HAYDEN L.	FIRST
HOLLY L.	SECOND

Junior Black & White Poster

SHELAGH P.	SECOND
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Intermediate Black & White Poster

CLORISSA N.	FIRST
ELIZABETH C.	SECOND
FRANCISCO S.	THIRD

Intermediate Poems

MEGAN J.	FIRST
FRANCISCO S.	SECOND
QWIN G.	THIRD

Intermediate Essay

HUNTER D.	FIRST
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BUS SAFETY PRESENTATIONS



The Junior/Intermediate students enjoyed friendly competition while learning about school bus safety at the Rider Role Model Program presentation.



The Primary students enjoyed a visit from Buster the Bus who taught them all about bus safety.

Thank you Intertrain



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Christmas Calendar Raffle



The Raffle Ticket Sales are well underway. Please return all sold and/or unsold tickets no later than **MONDAY, DECEMBER 3rd**. If you know now that you cannot sell all or part of your tickets, please return them as we have others who would like additional tickets. Thank you all for your participation in this annual fundraising event.

FREE SPAGHETTI LUNCH



School Council will be offering a Free Spaghetti Lunch for ALL students **TOMORROW**

Advent Wreath Workshop



IS THIS THURSDAY
6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.



IS THIS FRIDAY

Staff will be involved in Professional Development Workshops both on and off site.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th

Our Grade 7 & 8 Students will be walking to the North Hastings High School at 1:00 p.m. to participate in the annual Co-Op Fair.

SENIOR VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



Great job Senior Boys! Lots of fantastic plays, awesome moves and positive vibes on the court! Gooooooooo Polar Bears!!

Ms. Balemba
Boys' Volleyball Coach



The Senior Girls Volleyball team competed hard, and had a lot of fun at the annual Senior Girls' Volleyball Tournament held at St. Theresa's C.S. in Belleville. The team was able to win three sets at the tournament. Congratulations to all members of the team and thank you for putting in your time and effort during practices.

Mr. Cousins
Girls' Volleyball Coach



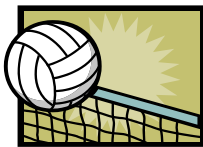
As part of the new ALCDSB Indigenous Knowledge Program, our Grade 3/4 and 4/5 classes will be participating in a Metí Jigging Dance and a Finger Weaving Workshop. Due to the snow day on Monday, the workshop was cancelled and has been rescheduled for **MONDAY, DECEMBER 10th**. The cost per student is \$3.00 to cover the materials for their Finger Weaving Craft. Please be sure to submit the craft fee to your child's teacher for this special workshop.



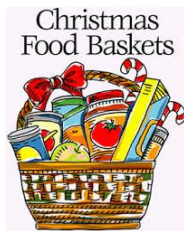
The **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** is fast approaching. The Fair will run from **MONDAY, DECEMBER 3 to FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7** in the Learning Commons. Students can shop during recess. As well, the Book Fair will be open Monday to Thursday from 8:30-8:45 and 3:15 to 3:45 for families and parents to visit the fair. Purchases from the Book Fair can be cash or a personal cheque made out to Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School.

All proceeds from the book fair benefit our school Learning Commons.

JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL



The Junior Volleyball Tournaments will be held on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5th** (or alternate date of Thursday, December 6th). The Boys will be playing at Our Lady of Mercy C.S. and the Girls will be playing at Birds Creek P.S. Permission forms and additional information will be coming home with the team members shortly.



Seats for Eats Campaign

Information is coming home to families today!

SANTA'S GIFT SHOP RETURNS



DECEMBER 12th

The children in our school will have the opportunity to do their Christmas shopping again this year at Santa's Workshop. Starting the week of December 3rd, we are asking parents and students to start gathering donations. Any clean, gently used items that could be given as Christmas gifts, including toys, books, games and/or any item that would be appropriate for adults. The children will be buying items to give to their parents and siblings as gifts. As the items are given for gifts, it would be very much appreciated that all items donated be as clean as possible. We often have a shortage of "Dad Themed" items so any donations that would be appropriate for "him" would be appreciated. All purchases are 25 cents each. We do ask that donations not be dropped off before December 3rd as our storage space is limited.

INCLEMENT WEATHER BUS DELAYS & CANCELLATIONS



Parents of bussed students are reminded to review/update their emergency contact information with the school and listen to local radio stations for bus delays/cancellations. Parents can also log onto the Transportation Department's website at www.triboard.on.ca, look at "Is My Bus Running" at the top left side of the webpage. Select a school and view the status of all routes into that school OR type in a bus number and view the status of that individual bus route. Click on the "sign up" area on our home page (upper right area of home page) to receive an email/text notification of cancellations/delays affecting the bus you sign up for.



PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE) CONTROL

We have been informed by some families that head lice has been found. We have had some isolated cases found here at the school as well. Please be vigilant in checking your children on a regular basis. If you discover evidence of lice, please inform the school immediately and we will continue to check here at school as well.

Head lice feed on blood and cement their eggs, commonly called nits, to strands of hair at the scalp. The nits take approximately 7-10 days to hatch. The bite of a louse causes itching, which can be aggravated and infected by scratching. If you find evidence of head lice or nits, information about how to remove them is available from your **family doctor, health unit and most pharmacies.**

BRRRRR!



Winter is here! Please be reminded that outdoor recess during the lunch period is 40 minutes and there can also be a lengthy wait at the end of the day for individual buses to arrive. Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor play at school; snow pants; warm, water-proof gloves/mittens, warm scarves & hats; and of course, boots. It is also a good idea to send in extra pairs of dry mittens and socks.

DECEMBER SCHOOL MASS



FRIDAY, DECMEBER 7th
9:00 a.m.
(Please come and join us.)

LOST AND FOUND



Our Lost and Found Box is overflowing. If your child is missing any articles, please be sure to check our Lost and Found Box in the school lobby.