



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, April 30, 2019

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Congratulations to our Beacons of Hope Recipient – Jasmine



(Portion of a letter from Mrs. Ronholm)

I am also truly impressed with your involvement in making the school a better place for everyone. As a dedicated helper in the Kindergarten room, the staff have noticed your natural ability in working with children. As an Intermediate student in our school, recess supervisors often comment on your helpfulness when others need assistance and the reassurance you provide to others. You have also emerged as a strong leader in our classroom. Your calming effect on others as you lead by example proves that leaders do not always have to be the loudest in the room; rather leaders must be patient and observant before taking action. As a beacon on a lighthouse provides light for others in darkness, I hope you will continue to shine and provide guidance in your peers as a Beacon of Hope.

Congratulations, Jasmine and shine on!
Mrs. Kelli Ronholm

Special Presentation - May 2nd

Social Networking & Online Safety



Do you know what your children are posting online? Do you know where they are posting and/or who their audience is? Want to know more? **If so, we invite you to Our Lady of Mercy C.S. to attend the MAY 2nd at 6:30 pm evening presentation by Paul Davis**
Please see the following links to view Paul's recent interviews:

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5191757/canadian-police-child-luring-warrants/>
<http://www.rcinet.ca/en/2019/04/23/canada-facebook-limit-mental-health/>

All costs are being covered by the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant that was awarded to Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School. Parents from Maynooth Public School, York River Public School and Birds Creek Public School have been invited to attend too as all of the schools received PRO Grant funding to cover the costs.



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Living as
Joyful
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Catholic Education Week
Living as Joyful Disciples
May 5th to 10th, 2019

“Our Catholic schools help to form joyful disciples as hearts and minds are opened to the transforming love of God and to the flame of faith in action. On a daily basis, Catholic schools demonstrate the joy of believing and witness the Good News to the communities that they serve.”

- Day 1: Rooted in Prayer
- Day 2: Living in Community
- Day 3: Doing Justice & Creating Hope
- Day 4: Journeying Together in Faith
- Day 5: Sharing the Good News

Please see the May calendar for more information on the special activities that are planned for Catholic Education & Mental Health Week.

Sugar Bush at Graphite Bible Camp



On April 16th and 17th, the Grade 1s to 3s had the opportunity to visit the sugar bush at Graphite Bible Camp as part of their cultural learning in French class. We had an awesome time outdoors all day; collecting sap, going on a scavenger hunts, etc.! Thank you to School Council for funding part of this excursion, the FSL grant for covering part of the cost, as well as parents, teachers, volunteers and students for coming along.

ThinkFast Thank You!



The Grade 6/7 class would like to sincerely thank our peers, parents, parish, and greater community for supporting our ThinkFast journey. We raised a total of \$935 for Development and Peace. Incredible!! We could not have done this without your generous support. Our ThinkFast day included prayer, reflection, and educational activities about social justice. For example, did you know we actually have enough food in the world to feed the entire population? Yet 800 million people are suffering from starvation. Furthermore, 1/3 of the world's food supply is wasted. Student reflections (shared on their FreshGrade portfolios) demonstrate how our ThinkFast journey has built a greater appreciation for the food that we have and the small things we can do to help feed the world, such as purchasing locally grown food or buying fair trade products. Stay tuned for our upcoming activities, including a "fair trade fair" in May!

Spirit Day – April 30th



Wear Your Hat and/or Chew Bubble Gum
Bring in a Loonie for one or Toonie for two



Hydro One will be coming by on May 8th to plant some trees in our yard. All classes will be invited to attend.

OLM Chess Club



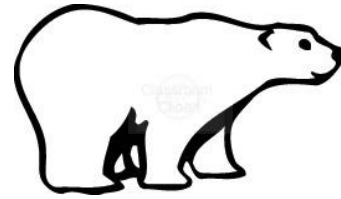
On Friday, May 10 the OLM Chess Club will be hosting a Chess Tournament in the Learning Commons. Any students, parents or community members that wish to compete are to contact Brenda Gabourie at the school. The Tournament will run from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. All levels of competitors are welcome to attend.



Madawaska Coffee Fundraiser!

School Council is going to be running a fundraiser in partnership with Madawaska Coffee. The forms will be coming home on May 8th and are due back on the 29th. More details to follow.

Wear Your OLM Gear – May 10th



School Council is planning on taking a group photo of all students on May 10th at 12:20. You are asked to wear your OLM spirit wear or dress in blue and white. If you would like to purchase one of our old uniforms shirts they are available for \$2.00 on a first come, first serve basis.

The rain date for this photo is May 14th at the same time (12:20).

EQAO

EQAO assessments for Grades 3 and 6, begin **Tuesday, May 21st until May 23rd**. Please ensure your children in these grades are in **full attendance for these three days**. Thank you.

SUNDAY, MAY 26th 2019



For information call 613-332-4372

Bancroft Lions Club

or

www.walkfordogguides.com

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.



Permission forms will be coming home soon for our Track & Field Meet. We will be competing at York River PS on Tuesday, May 28th (rain date May 29th)

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS



TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO SECURE A VOLUNTEER CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

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If you anticipate that you would like to serve as a volunteer in our school, or be a chaperone for a school activity/class trip, you are encouraged to initiate the process NOW in anticipation of a possible delay. The Board requires that parent volunteers produce Criminal Background Checks every two years. Do not wait until just before an event to request screening



Key Fob Found – A Key fob from a Jeep Vehicle (Vance Motors) has still not been claimed. It was found just before Christmas in front of our Entrance Doors. If you have lost a key, please come to the office to claim it.

FUN FRENCH FACTS

DID YOU KNOW?

French is a good foundation for learning other languages, particularly Romance languages (Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Romanian) and even English, since over half of modern-day English vocabulary is derived from French.

Encourage your child to be a lifelong learner of French!

FOR 2019-2020 KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM



ALCDSB is now able to accept online registration for Kindergarten students for the fall of 2019-2020. To be eligible the child must be 4 years of age on or before **December 31st, 2019**. Please see our website for more details. Please note that forms for busing are not currently available online. Forms will have to be picked up at the school for submission to Tri-Board.

GRADE 8 BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER



We are continuing to collect LCBO bottles and cans as a fundraiser for our end-of-year graduation trip to Montreal **until the end of May**. Bottles can be dropped off at the school by the shed at the east side of the school across from the propane tanks. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this fundraiser! We appreciate your support!