



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, May 14, 2019

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APRIL MERIT AWARDS



Congratulations to the Merit Award Winners for April!

EQAO

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

ARTS OLYMPICS



Congratulations to team “You Can’t See Us” (OLM & J.J. O’Neill) for placing 4th overall in the board’s first every Arts Olympics at St. Theresa Catholic Secondary School! We had a blast!
Ms. Letwin

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MASS



Living in Community & We All Belong. A beautiful celebration of Mass was held on Tuesday, May 7th at St. Joseph Church in Belleville to observe Catholic Education Week.

HYDRO ONE FORESTRY DAY



Thank you to Hydro One Forestry for coming to our school last Wednesday to talk to our students about Arbour Day and the job that the foresters do. They also planted two lovely maple trees in our yard and had a white spruce seedling for each student.

BEST FOOT FORWARD



On Friday May 3rd 2019 five representatives from our Eco Schools group attended the Best Foot Forward conference at the Frink Centre. Once there they received gold certification in recognition of their achievements and commitment towards caring for the earth. The Eco Schools group is responsible for composting, conservation efforts and for

incentives throughout the year such as Earth Hour. Thank you to all of the Eco Schools students who take time each and every week to help our planet. You are making a difference!



Madawaska Coffee Fundraiser!

School Council is running a fundraiser in partnership with Madawaska Coffee. The forms went home on May 8th and are due back on **May 29th** (not June 7th as stated in the covering letter). **Orders will be ready for pickup on June 7th**

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS



TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO SECURE A VOLUNTEER CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

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.



THIS FRIDAY, MAY 17th

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



**Monday May 20th
Victoria Day Holiday**



Students have been working hard to prepare presentations to answer such questions as, "What is fair trade?" "Why does fair trade matter?" "What products can I purchase that are fair trade?" You will learn about how simple products, such as coffee, cocoa, and sugar, have a direct impact on the lives of many people around the world. Classes will be divided into small groups and circulate around to each presentation. Parents are invited to join at any time throughout the afternoon of May 27th beginning at 1:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

School Council Meeting



IS TUESDAY, MAY 22nd

6:30 p.m.

(All are welcome to attend.)

**SOCIAL NETWORKING & ONLINE SAFETY
PRESENTATION**



Thank you to Paul Davis for inspiring our student & informing them about how to go online and be safe. Thank you to everyone who came out to the presentation evening on May 2nd. Congratulations to the winner of the iTunes gift certificate was Mr. Luke Hetu.

TRACK & FIELD DAY



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).

**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!

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.

If your child(ren) is missing an item, now is the time to have a look. All items will be donated to charity at the end of June.



Please take note that our Pizza Lunches will stop at the end of May. There will not be any pizza in June because of the many planned school trips. Thank you for your understanding.



Parents please come and have a look in our Lost and Found Box (located in the front lobby) The box is filled with unclaimed items.