



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, September 17, 2019

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If you are currently receiving the Newsletter and Calendar in hard copy form and would like to be added to our electronic version of the Newsletter and Calendar, please go to the home page of our school's website and the link is on the front page. (see address above)

Please wear Blue for International Day of Peace:

Saturday, September 21st is the International Day of Peace. Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. 2019 Theme: "Climate Action for Peace". The theme draws attention to the importance of combatting climate change as a way to protect and promote peace throughout the world. In our efforts to acknowledge this day, we are asking staff and students to consider dressing in blue on Friday, September 20th.

FAMILY BBQ TONIGHT



Our families are all invited to a BBQ and Meet the Teacher Night hosted by the School Council on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th**, beginning at 5:00 p.m. This is an informal evening to give parents an opportunity to meet the Teachers and the current School Council Members and to visit their child's classroom. We hope that everyone will be able to attend.

School Mass



*Friday, September 20th at 9:00 a.m.
(Please come and join us!)*



We are looking for parents to join our School Council for the 2019-2020 school year. Please consider attending the first meeting on **NEXT TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th at 6:30 p.m.** School Council Elections will be held at this first meeting. Please return all nominations forms ASAP.



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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 24th**. Permission forms and additional information will be coming home with the team runners.

Miss Carrigan, Cross-Country Coach

TERRY FOX RUN



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!



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th is a designated P.A. Day. Staff will be involved in in-school workshops.

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 on Friday, October 4th.

ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD SURVEY

We Want To Hear From You!

Help us build the future of Catholic education through this quick survey!

Your participation is important to how we move forward with a Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

The Multi-Year Strategic Plan is the Board's way of ensuring that our students continue to receive quality faith-based education and prepare them to be caring and contributing members of their community.

The Multi-Year Strategic Plan is comprised of strategic directions and initiatives, which are constantly being reviewed and checked by senior administration to ensure that these continue to meet the Board's goal of quality Catholic education.

As we embark on creating a new Multi-Year Strategic Plan, we want your input!

You will be asked to share your thoughts on one open-ended question.

To join the conversation, visit www.alcddb.on.ca and complete our survey through Thoughtexchange. Thank you for your participation.



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Your input is valuable to our Students' Success. Please consider the answering a short survey. Postcards with further information are being sent home this week.

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.

SchoolCashOnline
KEVGROUP

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".

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS 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.



LISA

We extend our thanks to Lisa McKenzie who has kindly given of her time for the last six years to shop for groceries for the Friday Snack Program. Lisa informed us this week that she will no longer be able to shop for us so we wanted to extend our thanks and gratitude for her commitment to the Friday Snack Program.

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



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

on
MONDAY, 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.