



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, October 29, 2019

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TERRY FOX PRESENTATION



OLM students have spoken and elected Derek Sloan and the Conservative Party for Hastings-Lennox-Addington. Congratulations to all students for taking part in this important vote and thank you to [@CIVIX Canada](https://www.civix.ca) for this amazing opportunity! [@alcdsb](https://twitter.com/alcdsb)

PURPLE SHIRT DAY OCT. 24TH



Hilary Kellam of the Terry Fox Foundation presented our 35th year of participation banner to Mr. Crick (first organizer with Mr. Bishop) & Mme Peters (who organized during her time here). This year we raised **\$3851.25** of the \$95 358 raised to date.

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Thanks to Mrs. Gabourie for all of her work to organize this year's run!

OUR STUDENTS HAVE SPOKEN



Well done, Polar Bears... A large number of our staff & students dressed in purple today. Our wearing of purple acknowledges our support of the need for all children to feel safe.

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TOMORROW IS DENTAL SCREENING FOR JK/SK, GRADE 2, 4 & 7 PARENTS



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The Oral Health Nurses will be at the school on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30th** for Dental Screening and Fluoride Varnish Treatments. **If you do not wish your child to receive the dental screening and/or the Fluoride Varnish, you must inform the school in writing. Fluoride Varnish consent forms for JK & SK ONLY went home early October.**

TOMORROW IS PIZZA DAY



Our Pizza Days will be on Wednesday, October 30th. **PLEASE REMEMBER** that Pizza money is due with your child(ren) order, either cash or purchased online.



The Faith Life Committee is hosting a Hallowe'en Dance on Thursday

The Primary Dance – Ks to Gr. 3 will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

The Grade 4 – 8 Dance will take place from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Admission is 50 cents in costume, \$1.00 with no costume. Pop and chips will be sold during the Junior/Intermediate dance (Pop \$1.00 and Chips \$1.00).



FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Our annual raffle, "Twelve Days of Christmas" order forms will be coming home on Thursday, October 30th.

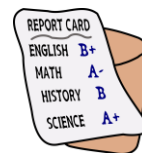


FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST is a designated P.A. Day. Staff will be involved in in-school workshops.



LOCKDOWN DRILL

The safety of our student is our number one priority. In partnership with the local OPP, we conduct two school lockdown drills each school year. A school lockdown alerts staff and students that an imminent danger exists inside or just outside the school. School personnel lock classroom doors and windows. Students and staff move away from the windows and doors and remain in their classrooms until directed by emergency personnel that it is safe to leave. Preparing for a possible emergency helps provide clarity to students and staff about their role and assurances that there are practiced steps they can take for their safety. We will be having our first drill the week of November 4th.



PROGRESS REPORTS, (and IEPs as applicable), will be coming home **NOVEMBER 5th**, for Kindergarten to Grade 8.

GRADE 7 VACCINES - NOVEMBER 7TH



Reminder – 1st HPV, Hep B & Meningococcal Vaccinations for the Grade 7s.

SCHOOL MASS



Friday, November 8th at 9:00 a.m.
Please come and join us!

REMEMBRANCE DAY



We will be having a Liturgy & Prayer Service at 11 a.m. as well as pausing to observe a minute of silence on **NOVEMBER 11th**. Poppies will soon be available in the school office for students to purchase.

Please remember our contributions directly support Canada's serving and retired Veterans and their families, while ensuring Canada Never Forgets.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY



Picture retakes will be taken on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12th**. Also Sibling pictures will be taken on this day (only with written request from parents prior to picture day).

School Council Meeting

**SCHOOL
COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12th
at 6:30 p.m.**

(All are welcome to attend.)

FREE SPAGHETTI LUNCH



School Council will be offering a Free Spaghetti Lunch for ALL students on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13th**.

SANTA'S GIFT SHOP RETURNS

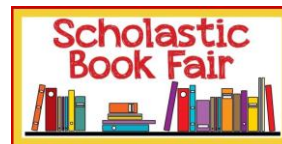


DECEMBER 13th

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 2nd, 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 2nd as our storage space is limited.



Our Scholastic Book Fair will run
December 2 – 6th

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.alcdsb.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 were sent home awhile ago.



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