



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, February 11, 2020

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January Merit Award Winners



tremendously over the past three weeks. These kiddos demonstrated great sportsmanship, team work and above all they had FUN! Volleyball ROCKS! @alcdsb

Indigenous Learning



OLM Volleyball Tournament



What a great day! A big thank you to @RevelleRick for making the trek to OLM to share his knowledge and wisdom with our junior and intermediate classes. Amazing furs, stories and learning! Miigwetch, Rick!
@alcdsb #indigenouslearning #handsonlearning



Oh what a day! So proud of these students 😊, their volleyball skills improved

School Council Meeting is tonight, Tuesday, February 11th.



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Our Pizza Day is **Thursday, February 13th**.
Please consider purchasing your child(ren)'s pizza
online.



The Faith Life Committee is hosting a
St. Valentine's Day Dance on
Friday, February 14th.

Primary/Junior will be at 11 a.m.

Junior/Intermediate will be at 1 p.m.

Permission forms for Grades 4 to 8 were sent home on Monday, February 10th. The cost of admission to the dance is \$0.50 if wearing pink, red or white, otherwise the price will be \$1.00. Pop and Chips will be available for purchase for \$1.00 each.

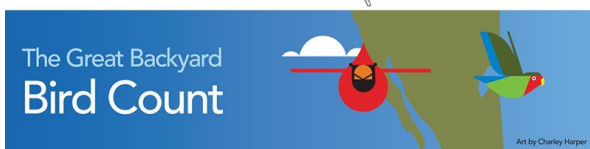
Family Day
Monday, February 17th
There will be no school this day.
Enjoy your family time!

Backyard Bird Count February 14-17

The Cornell Lab

Audubon

BIRDS CANADA
OISEAUX CANADA



The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBCC) was the first online citizen-science project to collect data on wild birds and to display results in near real-time. We invite you to participate! For at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count, **February 14-17, 2020**, simply tally the numbers and kinds of birds you see. You can count from any location, anywhere in the world, for as long as you wish! Anyone can participate from beginners to experts. It's free, fun and easy – and it helps the birds! Please visit <https://gbbc.birdcount.org/> for more information.



REPORT CARDS, (and IEPs as applicable), will be coming home on **FEBRUARY 19th**. Please see the letter enclosed with your child(ren)'s report card regarding the impact of labour negotiations on teachers' completion of report cards. Please note that the teachers may be contacting parents as well to set up an interview time. You may also contact the teacher(s) should you wish to have an interview.

Blessed Palms Needed



We are approaching the season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. At that time, we have ashes placed on our foreheads in the sign of the cross as a symbol of the season and a reminder of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross on Good Friday. These ashes are made by burning the blessed palms from Palm Sunday. Each year, we collect blessed palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday to be burned to use for the ashes on Ash Wednesday. **We are requesting that any families, who have their palms from last year, to please send them into the school.** We plan to burn the palms on Shrove Tuesday, February 25th.



Shrove Tuesday will be on Tuesday, February 25th. Pancakes will be served in the morning to ALL students.

A big THANK YOU to School Council and all the Parent Volunteers!

February 27th Our Polar Bears need our help!

Due to the reduced sea ice, polar bears have a loss of habitat and are access to prey. There is an increased level of human to polar bear conflict as the bears spend more time on land. The increase industrial activities with oil and gas exploration development can disturb denning females.

Please wear your Polar Bear Gear and consider supporting our Polar Bear Fundraiser with a donation of a toonie (\$2.00). See <https://www.worldwildlife.org/species/polar-bear> for more information.

ASH WEDNESDAY – February 26th



SCHOOL MASS IS AT 9 AM

Please come and join us.

OLM School History



Blessing of a New Church – 1961

Pink Shirt Day - February 25th



This year, Pink Shirt Day, or Anti-Bullying Day, is on February 26th. It is a day when people come together by wearing pink shirts to school or work to show they are against bullying. The focus for 2020 is "lift each other up."

INTERNATIONAL POLAR BEAR DAY & POLAR BEAR WALK



Parent Councils have been asked by the Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board to help compile a history of the schools. We are reaching out to the community to help us gather old photos, news articles or fun memories from past students. We would really like to showcase how wonderful our school is! Any help would be greatly appreciated. You can email flhpomer@alcdsb.on.ca or drop off any info at the school office. Thank you.

REGISTER ONLINE! FOR 2020-2021 KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM



ALCDSB is now able to accept online registration for Kindergarten students for the fall of 2020-

2021. To be eligible the child must be 4 years of age on or before Dec 31/20. Please see our webpage for the link.

GRADE 8 BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER



We are continuing to collect LCBO bottles and beer cans as a fundraiser for our end-of-year graduation trip. 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!



PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR RECYCLED BATTERIES!

Important INFORMATION

A Note from North Hastings Children's Services

To: Parents and Caregivers of School Age Children RE: Strike Days

Due to the teacher's rotating strike days, parents and caregivers have been wondering about temporary care. NHCS is offering a full day program at York River for North Hastings JK to Grade 6 students. Details are as follows:

1. We will not be charging for Before and After school care on strike days. If you have been charged under the pre-billing process then you will be provided a credit on your next bill.
2. Subsidy will pay for full day care for School Age children on strike days for parents/guardians who are currently on Subsidy and meet the eligible hours criteria for a full day. Parents/Guardians can contact their current Child Care Case Worker if they have any questions.
3. ****Tip** - If the parent/guardian's current subsidy approval letter includes non-instructional days and school holidays, parents/caregivers would be covered for a full day on a strike day.
4. Parents who are not currently on subsidy cannot apply for subsidy just for strike days, however they can be referred to contact Ontario.ca/SupportForParents or to call the Support for Parents Helpline at 888-444-3770 for financial support.
5. Students who do not currently attend the NHCS Before/After School programs are welcome to register and will be required to pre-pay \$37/day at the NHCS head office at 20 Hastings Heritage Way, Bancroft. The fee includes 2 snacks and lunch. The program runs from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. If your child attends a North Hastings school and you are interested in registering your child for the strike days, please contact Lisa Hess at lhess@nhcs.ca or call 613-334-0306 for more information. Regards,
Jessica Anderson, Executive Director

LABOUR DISRUPTIONS

Please visit our website, ALCDSB website or Twitter - @alcdsb_omer for ANY information on upcoming withdrawal of services.

2 LITRE BOTTLES WANTED



If you have any 2 litre bottles, please consider dropping them off at the school. Our students are making a special project. Thank you in advance!