



# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, October 6, 2020

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To ALL the Parents/Guardians that returned your child(ren)s forms to the Office in a timely matter. We appreciate it!

**Important**  
**INFORMATION**

**Daily Screening Practices & Tools**

A new [Covid Screening Tool](#) was communicated to Parents/Guardians on Friday, October 2, 2020. As you know you, as parents / guardians / caregivers, are to use the Covid Screening Tool before sending your child(ren) to school each day.

As outlined if your child does not pass the Covid Screening Tool, your child is NOT to attend school. Please call the school to inform us of the reason for your child’s absence. If you have questions about your child’s medical and underlying conditions, please reach out to your health care provider.

Thank you for your understanding and adherence to these Public Health Protocols.

## TERRY FOX RUN



OLM’s 36th year of participation in the Terry Fox Run was September 29<sup>th</sup>. While things looked a little different the students gave their all to keep Terry’s dream alive. Thanks to Mrs. Gabourie for organizing. Donations can be made at [@alcdsb](http://terryfox.ca/ourladyofmercy)



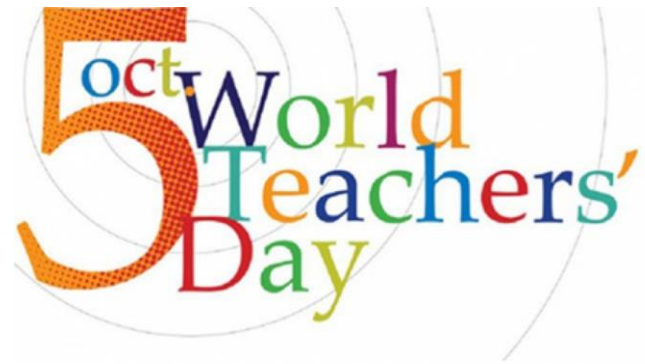
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## ORANGE SHIRT DAY



A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO OUR AMAZING TEACHERS!



*"I touch the future, I teach". ~ C. McAuliffe.*  
Happy World Teachers' Day to all the wonderful educators out there!



There were a lot of orange shirts being worn by our Students & Staff on September 30<sup>th</sup> in recognition of the impact Residential School system on Indigenous language, culture & freedoms. @alcdsb #reconciliACTION #EveryChildMatters

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 4 – 10 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



## MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER



This year's FPW campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!™" works to educate everyone about the simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves, and those around them, safe in the kitchen.

### Did you know?

Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the kitchen.



Our first meeting of the year was held virtually on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are pleased to share that our School Council Executive for 2020-2021 are **Jenny Hudder**, Chair, **Laura Hetu**, Vice Chair, **Lindsay White**, Treasurer and **MaryAnne Hicks & Susan Sinclair**, Secretary. We are always looking for new members so please consider joining us for our **next meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>**.

## Waste Reduction Week

Celebrate #WasteReductionWeek  
October 19 - 25, 2020



WRWCanada.com

The Eco- club looks a little different this year at OLM. We encourage you to participate with us at home in **Waste Reduction Week**. We will be learning how to reduce waste each day of the week. Post your efforts on Twitter and tag @alcdsb\_omer and #WasteReductionWeek so we can see your efforts! Go to <https://wrwcanada.com/en/2020-theme-days> for more information.



WEAR PURPLE ON OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>



Every October Children's Aid Societies across the province raise awareness about the rights of children and youth to safety and well-being, and the responsibility of adults and community services to help children, youth, and families who need support. We all join together to share this positive message that help is available and to celebrate the community that cares for kids and families.

### DRAFT MEDICAL CARE PLANS WENT HOME WITH THE STUDENTS IN SEPTEMBER

Please return all Medical Care Plans to Mrs. Cannon as soon as possible so that this valuable information can be uploaded to your child's profile. Thank you to those of you who have already returned the forms.

**Finalized Medical Care Plans & Draft Individual Education Plans (IEPs) will go home on October 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Please sign and date the Parent Involvement Form no later than Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance.

*Lori Cannon, SERT*





Unless we are able to hold a dance outside (weather permitting), we will not be having a dance. However students can come to school wearing their costumes. The wearing of costumed related masks should not occur as their usual mask that they wear at school must be worn.



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic  
School Council  
12 Days of Christmas Raffle

Our School Council is working out the details about what kind of Christmas Fundraiser that can be done safely and adhering to the Public Health Protocols. Stay tuned for more information !

## INDOOR SHOES



A reminder, that all students must have indoor shoes at school to put on when they come in from the yard. Outdoor shoes/boots are taken off when they enter the school. If there is a real emergency situation that requires students to evacuate, there is not time for students to put on their shoes before exiting the school.



Catholic Education Foundation  
"Helping To Alleviate Poverty"

Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic Education Foundation (ALCEF) is a registered charity that raises funds and provides financial support to assist families within our schools during times of crisis or poverty. This assistance may include the provision of eye glasses, medical supplies, accommodations, food, clothing, or transportation. For more information, please visit: <http://www.alcfsb.on.ca/Board/Pages/Foundation.aspx>



### Just Notice

**Notice 5 things you can see.**

**Notice 4 things you can hear.**

**Notice 3 things you can feel/touch.**

**Notice 2 things you can smell.**

**Notice 1 thing you can taste.**

**Keep In Mind**

- Just notice is an example of a grounding practice.
- Grounding is a way to focus your attention to the sensations you are experiencing in this moment.
- Grounding is good to practice at any time but especially helpful when your emotions or thoughts are stressing you out.

School Mental Health Ontario    Santé mentale en milieu scolaire Ontario    We work together with Ontario school districts to support student mental health. [www.umhr.on.ca](http://www.umhr.on.ca)



## **Safe Schools:**

### *Fair Notice:*

ALCDSB and our community partners are committed to providing safe and caring school communities and learning environments for students, staff, school visitors and community members. In 2011, ALCDSB and its community partners adopted the ALCDSB Community Threat Assessment Protocol (CTAP). This risk/threat assessment process is designed to be a proactive and multi-disciplinary approach to developing intervention plans. As part of this process we are obligated to give parents / guardians notice that school administration and/or community partners will initiate the risk/threat assessment process when behaviours have been identified that pose a potential risk to an individual or to others. For more information about please visit [CTAP](#).

### *Evacuation / Shelter In Place / Hold & Secure / Bomb Threat / Explosive Incident & Lockdown*

ALCDSB has a primary responsibility to ensure the safety of students and staff inside Board buildings and on the Board property. In partnership with emergency services in the area, a Board-wide plan has been developed to address threats to school safety. This plan includes procedures known as Evacuation, Shelter in Place, Hold and Secure, Bomb Threat / Explosive Incident and Lockdown. In order for all students and staff to become familiar with expectations during a threat to school safety, our schools will be practising threat response procedures as we do with fire drills. For the safety of our students and staff, two lockdown practices and one bomb threat practice will be held during the school year. The dates of these drills are not yet determined as dialogue is needed with our community partners. Notice of the drills will be provided through our usual communication channels – e.g., our school newsletter, Twitter and the use of School Messenger. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.