

St. Mary Catholic School



SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

Principal: Mrs. Terry Marquez
Secretary: Mrs. Mary Ruckstuhl

<http://www.alcddb.on.ca/school/stms>

Welcome Back

On behalf of our school team, I welcome our students back to school! What a wonderful summer we have had with lots of sunshine and outdoor activities.

We are excited to begin a new school year with all of you. We will do our best to support your children as they grow spiritually, academically and socially. Our school is a great community of learners and educators working together in support of one another.

Thank you to our support staff – Mrs. Ruckstuhl and Mr. Roach at the school

who have worked tirelessly to create a learning environment that is clean and organized for our start up. As well, thank you to the Teaching and Support Staff who have been working the last couple week in August to move classrooms, prepare learning spaces and set up classes for the beginning of the school year. As well, we recognize the work you, our parents have done, to ensure that your child is prepared for the first day of school. Now that the material items are in place, I encourage you to continue to support your children by talking about

the school day and supporting them to work hard and persevere even when it is hard.

Open communication between school and home is essential to success. If you have a concern, please contact your child's teacher by note or phone call. They are your first contact to seek clarification and or assistance when required.

The staff of St. Mary looks forward to working with each of you as we work to ensure a school year built on the foundations of respect, acceptance and care.

Terry Marquez,
Principal

Peanut Safe School

St. Mary is a peanut safe school! We have students who are allergic to peanuts.



In order to keep our students safe, we are asking for your assistance by not sending snacks or lunches that contain nuts. This may sound simple, however, it requires an extra effort to read labels to ensure that food taken to school is peanut/nut free. Thank you for your diligence.

September PA Day

Please note that **Friday, September 28th** is a PA day. There will be no classes for students that day.

Staff List

Principal

Mrs. Marquez

Secretary

Mrs. Ruckstuhl

Caretaker

Mr. Roach

SERT

Mrs. Patterson

Kindergarten

Mrs. Durepos

ECE

Mrs. Slack

Grade 1/2

Mrs. Watson

Grade 3/4

Mrs. Craig

Grade 5/6

Mr. McEwan

Grade 7/8

Mr. Shannon

FSL

Mme Trousdale

Mme. Garrett

Itinerant Arts

Ms. Hicks

Child Youth Worker

Ms. Prevost

Educational Assistants

Ms. Yeldon

Ms. Hearn

Mr. Carmichael

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Yard Supervision

9:05 AM Supervision
9:20 School Begins
11:20 – 11:35 Recess
12:35 – 1:35 Lunch
3:35 – 3:45 Recess
3:45 Dismissal



Ride the Bus Safely

It is a new school year and everyone wants it to be a safe one. If you ride the bus, please remember to follow your bus driver's instructions and rules to ensure the safety of all students. Please review the bus expectations with your child which are outlined in the student/parent handbook in the Agenda.

Pizza, Milk & Subs

We are happy to continue offering pizza lunches on Mondays and a daily milk program. Once again, this year, we will ask parents to order and pay monthly using School Cash Online at

www.alcddb.schoolcashonline.com.

We will also offer subs on Wednesdays this year. Subs can be ordered each week again using School Cash Online.



School Cash Online

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board is now offering School Cash Online as its preferred method of payment for all school fees, everything from field trips to yearbooks. School Cash Online allows parents to pay school related fees safely, quickly and easily. By using School Cash Online, you help increase efficiency and security at schools. Teachers and secretaries are then able to focus on helping students, and not counting cash.

School Cash Online shows all of the school fees available to your student online for purchase. You can also stay informed of upcoming events and keep track of which school fees require your attention. St. Mary Catholic School will begin using School Cash Online exclusively for all items purchased through the school. **No money will be accepted at the school from students.** If you have any questions regarding School Cash Online, please contact the office and we will be happy to help.

School Website and Newsletter

School information, news and calendar will be **posted on the school website**. We can be found by going to the ALCDSB website, Find a School and using the drop down menu to select St. Mary. Alternatively, this is the address: <http://www.alcddb.on.ca/school/stms/Pages/default.aspx>

We encourage families (mom,

dad, grandparents) to use our school website in order to keep up with school news. We will post feature stories to keep you up to date with current school events. A calendar will show upcoming school and classroom activities such as field trips, pizza days, mass days and so forth.

Please register to receive emails alerting you of new information

by signing up for the newsletter on the school website. When you sign up, you will receive a confirmation email. You will not be fully registered until you accept the confirmation email. You can unsubscribe from the newsletter when your child/children no longer attend St. Mary Catholic School.

If you require assistance, please contact the office.

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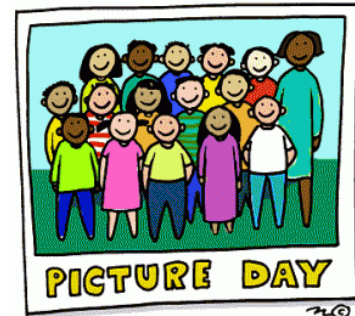
Open House

Our Open House is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday, September 18 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** We invite families to join us for a barbeque and your child can show you invite you his/her classroom. We look forward to seeing you on September 19th.



Picture Day

Students will have their school pictures taken on **Friday, September 21st**. Picture retakes will take place on Friday, November 2nd.



Safe Arrival & Signing In/Out at the Office

Parents/Guardians are **reminded to call the school** to let us know if your child will be absent or late on any particular school day. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. You can leave a message if you need to before or after office hours.

If your son/daughter is late for school, they **MUST** be signed in at the office. If your child has an appointment and needs to leave early, they **MUST** be signed out at the office. For safety purposes it is essential that we know when students arrive and when they leave.



Family Information Forms

Family Information Forms have been sent home today. **Please highlight changes on the form and return it by Friday, September 21st.** It is essential that we have one form on file for each child. Please inform us of any changes to telephone numbers or emergency contact information.



Criminal Background Check

The Board requires that parent volunteers produce a Criminal Background Check that is current (within 3 years). If you anticipate that you would like to serve as a volunteer in our school, or be a chaperone for a school activity or field trip, you are encouraged to initiate the process as soon as possible in anticipation of a possible delay.

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School Councils provide a vital role in the education system in Ontario. St. Mary Catholic School Council is an advisory group that is mandated by the Ministry of Education to provide a forum through which parents/guardians and other members of the school community can contribute to improve student achievement and school performance. Membership on School Council includes representation from parents/guardians, the parish, the community, teaching and non-teaching staff and school administration. The role of any school council is to work, as part of the school community, to improve student learning.

The St. Mary School Council is a dynamic and integral part of this school community. All parents are encouraged to become involved with School Council. As vital members of this school community, your involvement and input are encouraged to help meet the needs of all our children.

**Our first Catholic School Council Meeting will take place on
Monday, September 17, 2018 at 6:00.
All are welcome to attend.**

Special Guest Speaker

On Thursday, September 27 Holy Name of Mary and St. Mary's, Read will be having a special guest speaker. Elsie Morden, musician and motivational speaker will be coming to our school to speak to student at 1:30 p.m. and parents at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Name of Mary in the gymnasium. Ms. Morden speaks and writes music about anti-bullying and empowerment. We encourage you to visit her website at elsiemorden.com to read about her and listen to her music.

This event is free of charge and will be a fun family night.



We're on the Web! Sign up for a newsletter email!

<http://www.alcdsb.on.ca/school/stms/Pages/default.aspx>

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Belleville Spirits Basketball

1) The Belleville Spirits House League will start on Friday, September 21. Registration can be done online at <http://spiritsbasketball.net/>

2) U12 and U14 rep team tryouts for boys and girls will start in mid-September. Please



Lunch Supervisor

St. Mary Catholic School is looking for a lunch supervisor. This individual will be part of the school team supervising students Monday to Friday from 12:35 to 1:35 for lunch and lunch recess. If you are interested in this **paid position**, please contact St. Mary Catholic School at 613 396 5430.