



Archbishop O'Sullivan Catholic School Newsletter - December 2020



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Learn
Reflect
Change
Grow



*Advent:
 A Season
 of Hope
 and
 Anticipation*

Happy Retirement

On behalf of the students and staff I extend warm wishes to Mrs. Rodrigues on her retirement. She has touched the lives of many students, staff and families. As a community, we express our gratitude for her contributions to the academic and spiritual life of the Archbishop O'Sullivan Catholic School community.



Advent Prayer for Hope

Lord Jesus Christ, who is, who was, and who is to come, we pray for the virtue of hope, that amidst the trials and difficulties of this world, we may keep our hearts fixed upon you, who reigns over the cosmos. May your grace enliven us, strengthen us, and defend us, as we await your coming in glory.
 Amen David Bennett

Coming soon to AOS

Safe Arrival Reporting System

Safe Arrivals Program – Report your Child's Absence
Archbishop O'Sullivan Catholic School will launch the Safe Arrivals Program on Monday, December 7, 2020 which will allow parents/guardians to report their child's absence in a new, more convenient way.

Using the SafeArrivals Program, parents/guardians will be able to report daily absences (such as an illness, medical appointment, etc.) and even schedule upcoming absences in one of three ways:

- SchoolMessenger mobile app
- SchoolMessenger website
- Calling toll-free 1-844-445-4505

Please note that all student absences or late arrivals will need to be communicated via the new system after our launch date. **Please refer to our school website or to the letter attached for information about using the SafeArrival Absence Reporting System.**



Please mark your calendar; **School Photos** will be on **Thursday, December 10th**. We will be following all established health protocols. There will be no class photos taken at this time.



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 @alcdsb_abos

Archbishop O'Sullivan's school web page is a great way of keeping current and up-to-date with what is going on at our school.

School email: flhpabos@alcdsb.on.ca

Web site: www.alcdsb.on.ca/school/abos



Giving and Sharing ~ With the Advent Season upon us, we are thinking about how we can prepare for the coming of Jesus. During this season, we ask for support of our Advent/Christmas project to help our own school community's families. Students are asked to bring in things such as non-perishable food, hats, mittens, socks or hygiene items that will go into making up Christmas baskets. **We will begin collecting these items on Nov. 30th until Dec. 11th.**

St. Paul the Apostle Parish ~ News ~

First Eucharist: Congratulations to our students who made their Sacrament of First Communion in November.

Edge: Activities for children in Grade 5 to 8 have begun over Zoom on Wednesdays, 7-8 pm. Sign up and additional information is available at <https://www.stpaulkingston.com/familyandyouth>

Working Together for School Safety

Yard Supervision: Please be aware that students may not be on the school yard before 8:55 a.m. as it is unsupervised until this time. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Buses are not unloaded until 8:55 and students walking or being dropped off should plan to arrive between 8:55 and 9:10. Please ensure that you do not enter our bus loading zone prior to or at the end of day. I recognize during inclement weather it may save a few steps, however we need to prioritize the safety of all our students and bus drivers.

Dispensing of Medication at School

We recognize that from time to time, your child may require medication to be dispensed at school. Please note that the school requires to be informed of any medication coming to school with your child. All medication is to be in the original container and to be stored at the office. There is a Parent/Guardian form and a Physician statement to be signed prior to any medication being dispensed.



Indoor Shoes

With the wet and snowy weather, we are asking that all students have a pair of indoor shoes. Students will also require appropriate footwear for physical education classes.



Please ensure that you can access your child's D2L platform. Each class has set up this learning platform. Your child will be able to help you navigate and share their learning. As a reminder, all our classes are using this D2L platform

SCHOOL COUNCIL



There is no School Council meeting scheduled for December. Our next Catholic School Council virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, January 20th at 6:30 pm**. All are welcome. ☺ If you are not currently on the Catholic School Council contact list and would like to attend, please email the school and we will send you the link. Thank you to our Catholic School Council who generously support our Christmas Giving and Sharing.



YMCA of Kingston Before/After School Care
We offer both an Extended Day (Kindergarten) and a School-Aged program. The hours are: 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. and 3:20 - 5:30 p.m. The contact is April Kilpatrick, Supervisor 613-546-2647 x 237

Supporting Healthy Schools

Hand Hygiene

The first line of defense!

As the cold and flu season draws nearer, remember that hand hygiene is the single most important way to control the spread of infection. Teach your child how to clean their hands properly and re-enforce the message often.

Clean your hands before:

- preparing or eating food, or
- visiting someone who is sick.

Soap or Sanitizer?

If hands look dirty, use soap and water. If they don't, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

Clean your hands after:

- using the bathroom,
- coughing, sneezing, wiping or blowing your nose,
- handling foods,
- handling garbage,
- outdoor activities, or
- playing with pets.

For more information, visit www.kflaph.ca

★ Tips

How to wash your hands:

