



Archbishop O'Sullivan Catholic School Newsletter - November 2020



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Let us always remember those who fought and continue to fight for freedom, as we pray for peace in our world.

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other. Mother Teresa



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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



2020-2021 School Schedule

Period	Time	
1	9:10-9:50	Instructional Time
2	9:50-10:30	
3	10:30-11:10	
Recess 1	10:50-11:05	Kindergarten (Millan/Morgan), Rodrigues (Yard A), McLaughlin (Yard B), Pacheco (Yard A), Mignault (Yard B)
Recess 2	11:10-11:25	Kindergarten (Vaudry), Watts (Yard Primary), Machado (Yard B-P), Oriecuia (Yard C), Gaudet (Yard A), Hulton (Yard B)
4	11:25-12:05	Instructional Time
Lunch A	12:05-12:25	Inside: Kindergarten (Millan/Morgan), Rodrigues, Machado, Oriecuia Outside: Kindergarten (Vaudry), McLaughlin, Gaudet, Pacheco
	12:25-12:45	Inside: Kindergarten (Vaudry), McLaughlin, Gaudet, Pacheco Outside: Kindergarten (Millan/Morgan), Rodrigues (Primary), Machado (Yard A/B), Oriecuia (Yard C)
Lunch B	12:25-12:45	Inside: Kindergarten (Vaudry), Watts, McLaughlin, Gaudet, Pacheco, Mignault, Hulton
	12:45-1:05	Outside: Watts (Primary), Mignault (Yard C), Hulton (Yard A/B)
5	1:05-1:45	Instructional Time
6	1:45-2:25	
Recess 1	2:25-2:40	Rodrigues (Kindergarten Yard), McLaughlin (Yard A), Machado (Yard B), Oriecuia (Yard C), Gaudet (Yard A), Pacheco (Yard B)
Recess 2	3:05-3:20	Kindergarten-M (Yard B), Kindergarten-V (Yard A), Watts (Primary), Hulton (Yard A/B), Mignault (Yard C)
7	2:40-3:20	Instructional Time

The Ontario Progress Report is designed to give parents and students an early indication of what strengths have been determined and what areas for improvement are required so that children will best be able to show what they know and can do for their First Provincial Report Card. Progress Reports will be sent home with students on November 3rd. A Parent-Teacher conference form will be included with your child's Progress Report. If follow-up communication is required, please complete this form and return no it to your child's teacher **no later than Friday, November 6th**



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



St. Paul the Apostle Parish ~ News ~

First Eucharist: Our students who did not make their First Eucharist in the spring are currently preparing for this Sacrament at the school. First Eucharist will be on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 pm. at St. Paul the Apostle Church. Father Amato is preparing a letter outlining the process that will be coming home shortly.

Parish/School connection: Father Amato creates a monthly video to remain connected with his four elementary schools. It is shown to the students in class and can also be found on the Parish website.

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>

**~Safe Arrival Program~
Every School Day Counts**

Parents/guardians are asked to call the school at **613-389-1891** whenever your child will be late or absent. A message may be left at any time on the answering machine. Please indicate your child's name, grade and teacher. If no call is received, office staff will use the contact information provided to locate the child or the parent regarding the absence. If you know in advance that your child will be absent from school for an extended period of time, please submit a letter to the school.

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.



Grouse Street entrance: The gate to the back walkway will now be opened from 8:55-9:10 and again after school until 3:30. We are excited about our new gate and wooden fence.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

There is a School Council virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, November 25th 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.



As a staff community one of the ways we are supporting the United Way is with casual dress on Fridays. Our student leadership group had organized a various fundraisers with all proceeds to support the United Way. Students are invited to bring in a donation for the following spirit days:
Nov 4th – Jersey and Hat Sports
Nov 5th – Throwback (retro clothes and hair, 70s, 80s....
Nov 6th – PJ Day



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.

Our Director of Education, David DeSantis came for a visit and had the honour to make a special presentation. He was even dressed for the occasion on the eve of Halloween.

During my school visit @alcdsb_abos, I had the pleasure of presenting "Highway for Heroes Cleanup Recognition Certificates" to Emma, Ella and Tessa on behalf of @MarkGerretsen this morning. Well done and thank you for your responsibility and stewardship!
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Please ensure that you are able to 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 platform and FreshGrade is no longer in use by our primary classes.

Spring and Fall are the seasons when **HEAD LICE** commonly infest school children. Please check your child's head weekly. If you find evidence of head lice or nits, information about how to remove is available from your family doctor, school, health unit and most pharmacies. Information pamphlets are also available at the school.

Thank you to the Kiwanis club and our local Staples store for providing our school with 20 chromebooks. "It takes a village" We are so appreciative for thinking of us
 😊 @StaplesCanada





AOS has been a proud partner of the Play! Gaming & Entertainment organization for many years, and we continue to be grateful for the financial support this fundraising opportunity provides to support all of our students. Thank you to our Catholic School Council, especially to our Bingo Coordinator, Paul Chaves. In addition, to Mrs. Logan who provides significant support.



Archbishop O'Sullivan Catholic School

Archbishop O'Sullivan Catholic School, located in central Kingston, was officially opened and blessed on May 3, 1979. As a school with the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board we have students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Our school community has approximately 250 students. Our mission statement confirms that: "The community of Archbishop O'Sullivan Catholic School, united in faith and love and guided by the Holy Spirit, strives to make our school a place where each person is treated with love and respect in a just manner and is encouraged to become all that she or he can be."

Completing the triad of Catholic Education, parents/guardians are valuable partners in our school community, especially through volunteerism in various programs and initiatives. An instrumental aspect of our school community is our Catholic School Council. Our Executive and members have an active role in the life of our school community, especially with efforts in organizing various events and activities. In addition, our Catholic School Council fundraising initiatives directly benefit all students as money is generously put towards events, activities, and resources that enrich an overall school experience.

A committed group of adults from the Archbishop O'Sullivan Catholic School give generously of their time to volunteer at Play! Gaming & Entertainment. As a Catholic School Council fundraiser with Play!, our AOS community is fortunate to be one of the organizations that benefit from these lottery funds. Our volunteers spend a couple of hours each month to volunteer at the gaming centre. Our school partnership with Play! provides extensive supports, some of which include:

- Portion of the cost of school agendas for each student
- Two fully subsidized cost of bus transportation per class
- Classroom enhancements (educator spending allotment for additional supplies)
- "Lollar Rink" enhancements
- Supplement technology
- Reading is Fun Program initiatives
- School celebrations ~ Advent Mass, Literacy Week, End of year BBQ
- Sporting and the Arts initiatives

Our ongoing partnership with Play! Gaming & Entertainment makes these valuable opportunities possible for our school community.

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