

# St. Carthagh Catholic School Newsletter



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**September 2017**

## **Staff**

Mrs. Wendy Hay	Principal
Mrs. Jill DeMille	JK/SK
Mrs. Sarah Cassidy	SK/Gr. 1
Mrs. Kate Farrell	Gr. 2/3
Mrs. Keri Kerby	Gr. 2/3
Miss Katie Allen	Gr. 4/5
Mr. Charlie Aarts	Gr. 5/6
Mr. Arthur Allore	Gr. 7/8
Miss. Nicole Black	SERT
Mr. Denis Francoeur	FSL
Miss. Nicole Black	Itinerant Arts
Mrs. Lynne Gunter	ECE
Mrs. Liz Sagriff	EA
Mrs. Angela McGuire	EA
Ms. Jade Farrington	EA
Mrs. Karen Vilneff	EA
Mrs. Theresa Brennan	LRA
Miss. Megan Prevost	CYW
Mrs. Connie Lessard	Secretary
Mr. Chris Georgiou	Custodian
Mr. Sean Gray	Custodian

## **Dates to Remember**

Sept. 14, Student Information Forms Due  
Sept. 11, Breakfast Club Begins  
Sept. 12, Milk Program Begins  
Sept. 14, Pizza Day Begins  
Sept. 14, Family BBQ & Open House 5-7  
Sept. 22, School Mass 9:30  
Sept 28, Terry Fox Run  
Sept. 29, PA Day  
Oct. 12 Picture Day

## **Daily Time Schedule**

School Entry	9:20
Recess	11:20-11:40
Lunch	12:40-1:25
Recess	3:25-3:40
Dismissal	3:40

## **Principal's Message**

The summer seemed to fly by and now it is time for another exciting school year to begin. What a wonderful time to renew old friendships and offer the opportunity for new relationships where we may pray, work and learn together in Catholic Education. A warm welcome back to all returning staff and a special hello to Mrs. Kerby, teaching Grade 2 & 3 until Mrs. Montgomery's return in October. Also, Ms. Prevost will be our new Youth Worker and Mrs. Brennan the new Learning Resource Assistant. We are thrilled about working together with our parents in the education and faith formation of the students entrusted to us.

Over the summer months some updates to the school have been completed, including a new phone system and some painting to the front entrance hall as well as the office area. Mr. Georgiou and Mr. Gray have been making the school floors shine. Please stop by and have a look at the re-organized office area for Mrs. Lessard. Thank you to all of the teachers for their hard work over the summer months preparing classrooms for the September 5<sup>th</sup> start.

## **IMPORTANT - Newsletters & School Messenger**

September will be the only paper issue of the school newsletter and calendar. Families can access all current information and events on the school webpage, [flhpcart@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:flhpcart@alcdsb.on.ca). We strongly encourage all parents to please visit our webpage and subscribe to receive our monthly updates. Information will be added as it occurs so check us out often. Emergency correspondence will continue to be sent home with students.

**Also**, parents must sign and submit the Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation Consent Form to allow us to send you important school information and announcements via our call home system (School

Messenger). Your consent is required to comply with the Anti-Spam Legislation for calls not related to student safety. Form is attached.

## **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS-Student Insurance**

Pamphlets for student insurance will no longer be sent home with students. Parents who wish to purchase student insurance should visit [www.alcdsb.on.ca](http://www.alcdsb.on.ca), select Parents/Community, select Student Accident Insurance. If you have any questions please call us. See attachment for information.

## **Elementary Student Information Forms**

Today you will receive a Student Information Form and Freedom of Information Form for each of your children attending St. Carthagh's. **Please make any corrections/changes and return to school by September 14<sup>th</sup>**. This form contains important information for parental contact in case of emergency.

## **Welcome BBQ**

Our Family BBQ & Open House will be held on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. The BBQ will be served from 5-6 and classrooms will be open from 6-7. Proceeds will support our Food for Learning program. Parent Council will also have fun events for families to participate in. Please join us!

## **School Council Meeting**

The first meeting of the 2017-2018 school year will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We will have elections and outline the goals for this school year. Please feel free to come and participate.

## **School Mass**

Please join us for our first school Mass on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 at St. Carthagh Catholic Church.

## **Picture Day**

Student and class photos will be on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information.

## **Peanuts are Welcome!**

At this time St. Carthagh will allow students to bring peanut butter products to school in their lunches. This year we have no students who have an allergy. If this were to change we will notify families.

## **Milk & Pizza Program**

Milk and pizza will be available for purchase weekly or monthly. Order forms will be sent home with students. Please make cheques payable to St. Carthagh Catholic School. Proceeds from these programs directly support our students.

## **Administration of Medication/Epi Pen**

Student permission forms must be submitted every school year. Medication, where applicable, must be brought to the school with the doctor's forms and kept at the office. No medication will be administered without the appropriate forms completed by parents and physician.

## **Safe Arrival/Dismissal**

To ensure a safe environment for the students we ask that all parents and visitors come directly to the office and sign in.

Students being picked up during the day must be signed out by an adult.

**REMINDER**-the parking lot running along the school is **one way only**, running south. Parents are asked not to park in this bussing zone before or after school. It is not safe for students or adults to be walking through this bussing zone. Parents can use the bus route to drop off students at the back gate in the morning if they follow in line with the busses. Students being picked up by car can be picked up at the back gate beginning at 3:30. Walkers are asked to walk through the school in the morning for safe entry onto the yard.

**Absence**-Please call the school before 9:15 if your child will be absent. Attendance is taken first thing in the morning and calls are made to verify all absences if we have not heard from you. You may leave a message on the answering machine any time.

**Yard Supervision**-There is no supervision on the yard prior to 9:00 so students should not enter the yard prior to this time.

**After School**-For safety reasons, students should be picked up at the office or at the back gate. Walkers are reminded to promptly exit the school and school property following the 3:40 dismissal.

**Lunch Hour**-Students may not leave the school during the day without being signed out by an adult. Students leaving school to go home for lunch may do so only if they go home regularly with adult supervision. Please send a note to indicate if your child(ren) will be walking home for lunch on a regular basis. It is the school's expectation that all students will remain at school for lunch unless being picked up by a parent.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in keeping our school safe for our students.

## **Terry Fox Run**

September 28<sup>th</sup>-We are excited to take part in the annual Terry Fox Run once again! As well as encouraging physical fitness, we will also be raising funds for cancer research. Each student from Kgn to Gr. 8 is encouraged to keep Terry's dream alive by participating in this worthwhile event. Pledge sheets will be sent home soon.

## **Food for Learning**

Welcome back to another great year at St. Carthagh! Breakfast Club will begin on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and run every morning. **We Need You**

-become a volunteer and donate your time. As little as one hour a week can make a difference

-monetary donations, every little bit helps

-consider donating healthy snacks or breakfast foods

Please help to ensure that all students have the nutrition they need to learn at school. For more information please contact the school.

## Valuables

Please discourage your child(ren) from bringing valuable items to school as the school assumes no responsibility for damage or loss. Due to privacy issues, cameras are not permitted on the school yard.

## School Messenger

At St. Carthag Catholic School we use the Synvoice Program 'School Messenger' which is an automated calling system used to announce important messages and events to our school community. These messages are sent to your home phone and e-mail if we have your address in our system. We also direct these messages to cell phone numbers as some of our parents no longer have landlines. If you miss the call, the system will continue to call you back until 9:00 p.m. Reminder-please complete the attached Anti-Spam form in order to receive our calls.

## Volunteers

We warmly and enthusiastically welcome volunteers to St. Carthag Catholic School! A number of parents have already either phoned or dropped by the office offering to volunteer in various ways. We greatly value and appreciate any time you can share with us.

Please note, by law, all volunteers must have Criminal Background Checks before being allowed to work with our children in our schools. These are valid for 3 years from time of issue.

## Appropriate Dress Guidelines

No short skirts or short shorts (hemlines must reach fingertips of arms by sides). Tops-no inappropriate language or slogans, no spaghetti straps, no midribs showing; sleeveless is fine but no racer back or backless tops. Flip flops are dangerous on playground equipment. No hats or caps to be worn inside the school.

## Bus Conduct

To maintain a high standard of safety for our students while travelling on the school bus, we ask that all parents be aware of the rules of conduct for our students. You, as parents, can assist us immeasurably by being aware of the regulations and making sure your children understand and follow them.

RIDING THE BUS IS A PRIVILEGE. This privilege may be withdrawn if a student behaves in a manner that threatens his/her safety or the safety of others. Let's work together to protect all our students. For information on busing check the Tri-Board Student Transportation website: [www.triboard.on.ca](http://www.triboard.on.ca). You may check your child's bus by using his or her OEN (Ontario Education Number) which can be found on their Report Card.

Sign up on the website to receive regular cancellation and late updates regarding your child's bus.

 <p><b>Gateway Community Health Centre</b> <i>Everyone Matters.</i></p> <p><i>Gateway CHC</i></p> <p><i>Youth Jazz Ensemble</i></p>  <p><i>In memory of Alberta Young</i></p> 	<h1>JAZZ THINGS UP!</h1> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Play a musical instrument this year</li><li>• Make new friends</li><li>• Learn about leadership, dedication and the value of hard work</li><li>• Gain confidence</li><li>• Perform for friends and family</li><li>• Grades 5-8 –No experience necessary</li><li>• Program starts in September and ends in May</li><li>• Rehearsals are Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm</li></ul> <p><b>Call 613-478-1211 to register</b></p>
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## Why learn French?

*"I think it's important to learn French because you can get a better job when you are older. Also, if your family went on a trip to a foreign country where they speak French you could talk to people and ask for directions or for help. Everyone deserves to learn our country's 2 official languages."*

*-Jack, ALCDSB Grade 3 Student*

*Encourage your child to be a lifelong learner of French!*



Volunteering with Food for Learning can provide you with opportunities to build meaningful relationships in our school, develop new skills and experience and be a positive role model for our students. Volunteer time commitments are flexible, it is up to you how much time and when you want to contribute.

For more information, and to begin making a positive difference in your community please contact the school today!

### Tryouts for Belleville Spirits Boys

All tryouts are at Nicholson Catholic College, 301 Church Street. Please use the John Street entrance. There is no cost to attend these tryouts. For more information contact the coach listed in the information below:

**U12 -- born in 2006 or later**

**Sunday, September 17 -- 10:00 AM until 11:45 AM**

**Sunday, September 24 -- 10:00 AM until 11:45 AM**

**Coach -- Marc Ray -- [golf@cgtf.com](mailto:golf@cgtf.com)**

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**U14 -- born in 2004 and 2005**

**Sunday, September 17 -- 12:00 PM until 1:45 PM**

**Thursday, September 21 -- 8:00 PM until 9:30 PM**

**Sunday, September 24 -- 12:00 PM until 1:45 PM**

**Coach -- Corey Rump -- [rump@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:rump@alcdsb.on.ca)**

### **Spirits House League Basketball**

The Belleville Spirits are accepting registrations for house league basketball for boys and girls of all skill levels in grades 3 to 8. The league runs on Friday nights from September 22<sup>nd</sup> to November 17<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$75 which includes a team t-shirt. Please visit [www.spiritsbasketball.net](http://www.spiritsbasketball.net) for further details or email [bellevillespirits@gmail.com](mailto:bellevillespirits@gmail.com)

### **Spirits Basketball Tryouts**

The Belleville Spirits Basketball Club will hold tryouts for its Under 14 and Under 12 girls rep teams beginning on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. The U12 tryout begins at 1:00 p.m. at St. Theresa Catholic Secondary School and the U14 tryout will follow at 2:30. Please visit [www.spiritsbasketball.net](http://www.spiritsbasketball.net) for further details or email [bellevillespirits@gmail.com](mailto:bellevillespirits@gmail.com)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Labour Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Breakfast Club Starts	12 Milk Starts	13	14 Family BBQ & Open House 5-7  Pizza Day  Student Information Forms Due	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 International Day of Peace  Pizza Day	22 School Mass	23
24	25	26	27	28 Terry Fox Run & BBQ  No pizza due to Terry Fox BBQ	29 PA Day	30