

St. Carthagh Catholic School Newsletter



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September 2018

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Dates to Remember

Sept. 14, Student Information Forms Due
 Sept. 11, Breakfast Club Begins
 Sept. 17, Milk Program Begins
 Sept. 13, Pizza Day Begins
 Sept. 13, Family BBQ & Open House 5-7
 Sept. 14, School Mass 9:30
 September 25, Parent Council 6:30
 Sept 27, Terry Fox Run
 Sept. 28, PA Day
 Oct. 1, Gr. 7 Vaccinations

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

Welcome, everyone, to another great school year at St. Carthagh Catholic School! Our dedicated staff have worked tirelessly throughout the summer to prepare for the many wonderful learning opportunities that await our students.

The start of a new school year can be both exciting and a little intimidating. It is a wonderful time to renew old friendship and offers the opportunity for new relationships where we may pray, work and learn together in Catholic Education. Parents always ask what their children need to have in order to be successful. The answer is very simple. Beyond the basics like a backpack, lunch, and indoor shoes, the most important thing to give your children is an endless supply of **FAITH**--- faith in your children's abilities to succeed and learn from their mistakes, faith in yourself as the parent who helped your children become who they are today, and faith in God and our school community as we work together for your children's spiritual, social, and academic development.

St. Carthagh Catholic School enjoys a strong tradition of support and collaboration with our parish, our families, and our community. I look forward to getting to know all of our students and families throughout this year of learning and growing in faith.

Lord, we thank You for this new school year and for all of the opportunities we will have to learn and grow with one another. We ask You to fill us with the wisdom and joy of Your Spirit. May everything we do begin with Your inspiration and be guided by the Holy Spirit. We make this prayer to You through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Yours in Catholic Education,
 Mrs. Wendy Hay, Principal

IMPORTANT - Newsletters & School Messenger

Monthly updates are posted the first week of each month on our website. Families can access all current information and events at, www.alcddb.on.ca/school/cart. We strongly encourage all parents to subscribe to receive our monthly updates by email. Information will be added as it occurs so check us out often. Emergency correspondence will continue to be sent home with students.

School Cash Online

School Cash Online is the method of payment for all schools in the Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board. In order to support this initiative we need all families to register to pay school fees online. Registering does not give us any access to your banking information, it is similar to shopping online: select your items, add to your cart and check out using debit, credit card or e-wallet. To register please go to: <https://alcddb.schoolcashionline.com>. Click on "get started today".

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 14th**. This form contains important information for parental contact in case of emergency.

School Mass

Please join us for our first school Mass on Friday, September 14th at 9:30 at St. Carthagh Catholic Church.

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 . Select Parents/Community, select Student Accident Insurance. If you have any questions please call us.

Welcome BBQ/Open House & Blessing of Outdoor Classroom

Our Family BBQ & Open House will be held on Thursday, September 13th from 5-7 p.m. We will begin with a short prayer service and blessing of our new Outdoor Classroom at 5 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 and you can visit your child's classroom. Please join us!

School Council Meeting

The first meeting of the 2018-2019 school year will be held on September 25th at 6:30 p.m. We will have elections and outline the goals for this school year. Please feel free to come and participate.

Milk & Pizza Weekly Program

Milk and pizza will be available to order each week again this year. Milk will only be available for weekly purchase. Parents will be notified through School Cash Online so make sure that you are signed up to receive items that are available. Pizza will start on Thursday, September 13th-**reminder orders must be placed by midnight on Tuesday prior**. Milk will begin on September 17th and orders must be placed by midnight **Friday prior**. Proceeds from these programs directly support our students.

Terry Fox Run & School BBQ

September 27th-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. A BBQ lunch will be available for students to purchase through School Cash Online. There will be no cash sales the day of the BBQ. All BBQ proceeds will support student activities.

Food for Learning

Welcome back to another great year at St. Carthagh! Breakfast Club will begin on Tuesday, September 11th 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.

Picture Day

Student and class photos will be on October 17th. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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. Please contact the office if you require a Criminal Background Check.

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 midriffs 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 . 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.

Public Health Free Parent & Caregiver Workshop

Public Health will be hosting a free mindfulness workshop to help parents and caregivers to learn new skills to help with self-regulation, decrease stress at home and school and help boost self-esteem. Workshops will run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. September 27th in Bancroft, September 19th in Belleville and September 20th in Trenton. Light refreshments will be served and childcare is available upon request. Parents can register at Eventbrite.ca 913-966-5500, ext. 223 / 1-800-267-2803, ext. 223.

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9	10	11 Breakfast Club Starts	12	13 Pizza Day Welcome BBQ/ Open House 5-7 Blessing of Outdoor Classroom 5:00	14 Student Information Forms Due School Mass 9:30	15
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23	24	25 Parent Council Meeting, 6:30	26	27 Terry Fox Run & BBQ Lunch	28 PA Day	29
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FUN FRENCH FACTS

DID YOU KNOW?

Students who speak several languages will increase their chances of finding a job, whether at home or abroad. Learning another language enriches the mind and opens up new horizons, both personal and professional. <http://bit.ly/2PclxUa>

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!

SchoolCashOnline

For safety and efficiency reasons, **ALCDSB** would like to reduce the amount of cash & checks coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Follow these step-by-step instructions to begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the *SUPPORT* option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

Step 1: Register

- a) Go to <https://alcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>
Click on "Get Started Today"
- b) Complete each of the three Registration Steps
**For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.*



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and *School Cash Online* account. The confirmation link will open the *School Cash Online* site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your children to your account.

- a) Enter the School Board Name. **Algonquin Lakeshore CDSB**
- b) Enter the School Name.
- c) Enter Your Child's First Name, Last Name and Birth Date.
- d) Select *Continue*.
- e) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select *Continue*.
- f) Your child has been added to your account.

Find Student

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1576
(Looking for a school in a different school board? [Click here](#))

School Name: Eagle High School

Student Information

Do you have the student number?

Student Number:

I don't have the student number.

First Name:

Last Name:

Birth Date: MM/DD/YYYY
Use format mm/dd/yyyy

[No students? Click here!](#)

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select *"Add Another Student"* and repeat the steps above. 8 children can be added to one parent account. If you do not wish to add additional children, select *"View Items For Students"* option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

September 4, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board (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. We believe that each person should be able to study, work and attend our Catholic schools in an environment that is safe and free from threats of violence. The ALCDSB acknowledges the importance of promoting and supporting appropriate and positive student behaviours in schools. It is our hope that all members of our community demonstrate respect for the dignity of all persons.

In 2011, the 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 that address threats of violence, threatening behaviour and instances where the emotional and/or physical safety of individuals may be at risk. Recognizing that violence prevention in our schools and neighbourhoods is a community responsibility, the risk/threat assessment process will be initiated by school administration and/or community partners when behaviours have been identified that pose a potential risk to an individual or to others.

Providing notice to parents/guardians of the risk/threat assessment process ensures that parents/guardians are aware that threatening or high-risk behaviours will be investigated. This also recognizes the important role that the parents/guardians have in supporting and participating in the process itself. For further information, the Community Threat Assessment Protocol (CTAP) document may be found on our website at <http://www.alcdsb.on.ca/Board/Policies/Lists/Documents/CTAP2016.pdf>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theresa Kennedy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "T".

Theresa A. Kennedy

Superintendent of School Effectiveness