

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

## Catholic School *Newsletter*

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### June 2019 Newsletter

#### Prayer for Fathers



God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

We ask your blessing on all those to whom you have entrusted fatherhood. May your Holy Spirit constantly inspire them with justice and mercy, wisdom and strength, fidelity and self-giving love. May they receive your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in your presence in the life to come. Amen

#### Year End Reflection and Farewell

Each day students, staff, parents and volunteers at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School contribute positively to our school community, using their gifts and talents to demonstrate our mission statement that calls us to contribute to a school community that loves, learns and respects one another by living Christian values and nurturing every student's growth. Indeed, we are blessed to belong to a strong and vibrant school community at OLMC!

Highlights from 2018-2019 include the creation of our Lip Dub, I Care Week activities, ECO Schools projects, Shrove Tuesday Breakfast, A Night on Broadway, Arts Olympics, monthly masses, various field trips and student participation in a variety of extra-curricular activities every day, where our focus on building relationships has influenced positive interactions and support for each other. Each day, all members of our school community are reminded to demonstrate care and respect for others, as we are all created in the image and likeness of God.

This year, our students have worked hard to show what they know on rich and engaging tasks to reinforce the essential skills of collaboration, critical thinking, communication, creativity and inquiry, while nurturing friendships that extend beyond school. Indeed, we have worked on our goal to prepare students for the rapidly changing, technology driven, globalized world around them. We believe that each student will experience success and demonstrate high levels of student achievement and well-being in an

environment where everyone feels they belong.

Students should be proud of the good work they have done to meet the demands of curriculum expectations and to reach their full potential on meaningful assignments. In June we look forward to continued engaging instruction as well as field trips, graduation and year end celebrations, while maintaining consistent routines to manage the excitement.

Thank you to parents and caregivers who have worked closely with the classroom team to support your child's success at school this year. Ongoing communication with the school is necessary for individual student success. We look forward to continued student success and well-being, celebrating student achievements well into June.

It has been a pleasure to serve the OLMC Catholic School community during the past year. We wish all students and families well as they continue their learning journey at OLMC with a very talented and dedicated staff. Best wishes for a lovely summer break at the end of June!

*Karen Moran*

### **Staffing Update**

We welcome Mrs. Tammy Hulton to OLMC as Principal in September. Mrs. Hulton is currently the Principal at J.J. O'Neil Catholic School in Napanee. We are pleased that Ms. Fragozo will continue to serve as Vice Principal.

We are currently in the process of finalizing staffing for 2019-2020. Thank you to families who have shared information about potential moves as well as new registrations. We anticipate that our staffing needs will continue to change throughout the summer.

As we do not yet know the number of Educational Assistants who will be returning to OLMC in the fall, we wish to extend a big "Thank you" to the following EAs who have served the OLMC community this year: Mrs. Bell, Ms. Fillion, Ms. Young, Ms.

Follow, Ms. Storms, Mrs. Beaubien and Ms. Hamilton. In addition, we say thank you and farewell to Long Term Occasional Staff: Mr. Grimston, Mme Dennie, Mrs. Latham, Mrs. Lattanzio, Ms. Barbosa, Ms. Joyce and Mrs. Clarke for their contributions to our school community. Thank you also to Youth Worker, Robin Bartlett who will be moving on to other assignments as well. We wish you well in future endeavors and perhaps you will return to OLMC one day!

### **June Mass**

Our June Mass is scheduled to take place on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.



### **School Council Update and Meeting**



A big "Thank you" is extended to OLMC School Council for the purchase and installation of two Buddy Benches and Picnic Tables on the Junior-Intermediate yard. They are located just behind the portapacks and are well enjoyed by the students.

Our last School Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons. Everyone is welcome to attend. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all Parents/Guardians who come out to our monthly meetings in

support of student achievement and well-being at OLMC. It has been a real pleasure working with parents/guardians on projects that benefit all of our students. Thank you to the 2018-2019 OLMC School Council Executive: Jennifer Barrie, Marie Nolan, Angie Hollett and April Smart for their work, commitment and contributions to School Council this year in support of OLMC students. It has been a pleasure working with you!

### **Safe Arrival Program and End of Day Communication**

We remind Parents/Caregivers of the important task of informing the school if your child will be absent for the day. To ensure that all students are accounted for and safe, Parents/Caregivers must call the school or leave a message on the answering machine (anytime) indicating their child's absence and the reason for the absence before morning attendance is taken. This will significantly reduce the number of calls that our Office staff need to make at a busy time in the day. Remember that even if you have reported the absence to the teacher, it is essential that all parents contact the Office with this important information. Similarly, at the end of the day, please call the school in advance if you plan to pick up your child early for an appointment before dismissal at 3:25 p.m. In order to protect instructional time, appointments should be scheduled outside of the school day. Again, this will reduce the amount of time our Office staff is focused on locating students. Alternatively, scheduling early pick-ups during natural breaks in the day such as afternoon recess at 2:45 p.m. is less distracting for students and staff. Thank you for your diligence in helping our school to run more smoothly at the beginning and end of day!

### **Call for members of Multi Year Strategic Plan Committee**



The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board is inviting members of the school board community, including students, staff, parents, guardians and caregivers to be a part of the Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) Steering Committee.

The MYSP Steering Committee will meet 3 – 4 times annually and will be responsible for providing feedback, input and direction on what the Board's priorities will be for the next 5 years. Trustees will use this information to create a Multi-Year Strategic Plan that will guide the Board on its operational decisions in order to continue to provide quality, Faith-based Catholic education that promotes student success and well-being.

The MYSP Steering Committee will be comprised of:

- Two (2) Trustees
- Two (2) School Administrators (1 elementary and 1 secondary)
- Two (2) Parent/Guardian Members
- Two (2) Parish Priests/Clergy Members/Sisters
- Two (2) Students of the ALCDSB
- Two (2) Community Stakeholders
- Two (2) Coordinators/Special Assignment Teachers
- One (1) CUPE 1479 member
- One (1) Support Staff Association Member
- One (1) OECTA – Algonquin and Lakeshore Unit Member
- One (1) – three (3) Post-Secondary Education Partners

Committee members will be asked to engage in discussions and provide feedback and input that will assist in the creation of the MYSP. The MYSP Steering Committee will

be comprised of a wide-range of voices from various stakeholders in our Catholic learning communities. The purpose of the committee will be to develop a consultation strategy, distillation of priorities, consultation on the new Board mission, vision and values and the marketing and promotion of the above to all stakeholders. In addition, an ancillary goal of the MYSP Steering Committee will be to align Board priorities with strategic partners in the community.

Interested applicants will submit a written expression of interest outlining why they wish to be a part of this important initiative to:

Attention: Secretary of the Board Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board at 151 Dairy Avenue, Napanee, ON K7R 4B2 Email: [info@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:info@alcdsb.on.ca) Phone Inquiries: 613-364-2255 x448

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 14, 2019**

### **Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart Event**



Thank you to the OLMC school community who raised \$416.00 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation by skipping, hula hooping and shooting hoops on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Mrs. Lattanzio and her Grade 7-8 Class for coordinating the event!

### **Hot Lunch Program**



Thank you to Mrs. Kattie Scriver for coordinating the Hot Lunch Orders

throughout the past year with Pappa's Pizzeria. This is an important task that our families come to enjoy. In addition, we wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Simpson who volunteers their time each week to deliver the hot lunch food to all children who order throughout the year. This is a big job and well appreciated by our families! Thank you again for volunteering your time! It is appreciated!

### **Kindergarten Open House- June 10<sup>th</sup>**

Parents/Guardians and children who will be beginning school in September are invited to our Kindergarten Open House on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 p.m. In addition to visiting the classrooms and speaking to educator teams, a number of community partners will be available to consult with regarding services they offer to young children. Parents who have not already done so are asked to complete the registration process, by bringing in their child's Birth Certificate, Immunization Card and Baptismal Certificate. We are looking forward to seeing our newest students on June 10<sup>th</sup>!

### **Grade 8 Graduation**

Our Grade 8 Graduation is scheduled to take place on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 beginning with Mass at 4:30 at Blessed Sacrament Church. Following the Mass, there will be a Graduation Ceremony at the Church. Our Grade 8 Students will then board a bus to take them downtown for a boat cruise on the Island Queen that sets sail from 8:00-10:00 p.m. from Crawford Dock, Kingston at 1 Brock Street. Pick up from the same dock is at 10:00 p.m. sharp. In the coming days, all Grade 8 Parents/Guardians will receive an information letter with all of the exact details. If you do not receive this letter, please ask your son/daughter to bring one home or stop by the Office to pick one up. Looking forward to celebrating the fine accomplishments of our Grade 8 students after many years of hard work and school spirit at OLMC!

## **June Provincial Report Cards**

Please note that June Provincial Report Cards will be sent home with all Kindergarten-Grade 8 students on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. If for some reason your child is not able to attend school on June 27<sup>th</sup>, your child's report card will be mailed to the address we have on file. If you are moving, please provide us with a forwarding address so that you receive the report card. Thank you for your attention to this detail.



### **FUN FRENCH FACTS**

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

"The learning of a second language is in itself an excellent pursuit, not least because it develops an appreciation of the act of communicating with others, the subtleties that must be expressed in words, the importance of listening."

*Dr. André Obadia*

<http://bit.ly/2KcAk1O>

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

