



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, November 1, 2021

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MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR OCTOBER



Daily Screening Practices & Tools



Please remember to use the COVID-19 screening Tool each morning before sending your child(ren) to school each day. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

As outlined if your child does not pass the Covid Screening Tool, your child is **NOT** to attend school. Please inform the school of the reason for your child's absence. If you have questions about your child's medical and underlying conditions, please reach out to your health care provider.

This screener also provides information about who should self isolate as well as under what circumstances a child can return to school.

Thank you for your understanding and adherence to these Public Health Protocols.



RAFFLE TICKETS

Our plan is to get the tickets home to you on Thursday, November 4th (but it may end up being the 5th) Please return any tickets that are you are not going to sell so we may pass them on to someone else. School Council thanks you for your co-operation with this fundraiser! **A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU** to our Local Businesses and Community Members for your very generous donations!

HALLOWEEN PARADE



The Polar Bears were thrilled to visit Hastings Centennial Manor today (Oct 29th) for their Costume Parade. Thanks to R & L Bus Lines for transporting our youngest learners & to Mrs. Meszaros for her work to organize our visit. Have a safe Hallowe'en!! @alcdsb #ALCDSBBeloved



Progress Reports & I.E.P.s went home today, November 2nd. Teachers will be providing information to you regarding Parent/Teacher Interviews. Please look for that information in your child's Progress Report envelope.

Remembrance Day



We will be having a Remembrance Day observance facilitated by Grade 7/8 members of the Faith Life Committee. Classes will be invited to visit the Remembrance Day/artifacts in the gymnasium during the day.

There will be a Two Minutes of Silence at 11 a.m. as well.

Please remember to directly support Canada's serving and retired Veterans and their families, while ensuring Canada never forgets.

Poppies have arrived from the Legion. Please consider sending a donation in so your child(ren) can purchase one and wear it in support of those who served and those who continue to serve.



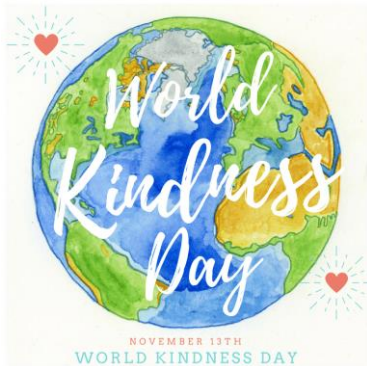
The 2021 Legion fundraising campaign in Canada starts October 29th, online and on all digital devices at www.mypoppy.ca.

In return for a digital donation, the donor will receive via email a personalized Digital Poppy that can be posted to your social media platforms to show your support. Donations to the Poppy Fund will be dedicated to Legion programs and services for Veterans.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS Nov. 7th



Our next virtual School Council meeting will be on November 9th at 6:30 p.m.



World Kindness Day 2021

World Kindness Day is a global day that promotes the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself, and to the world. The purpose of this day, celebrated on November 13 of each year, is to help everyone understand that compassion for others is what binds us all together.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY – NOVEMBER 18TH



Individual student pictures will be held on November 18th for any students that missed picture day or require a retake picture.

MILK & JUICE PROGRAM START UP

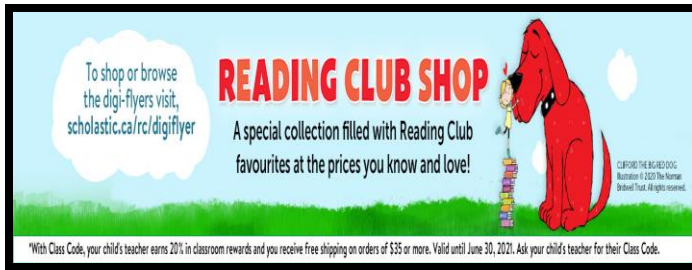


Our milk/juice program began October 12th. Families can purchase milk or juice through Cash Online for \$5.00 or \$20.00 increments. Milk/Juice is \$1.00 each. Please visit <https://alcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> to purchase and/or register.

Sunday, November 28th is



Mass is at 4:00 p.m. Saturday & 11:15 a.m. Sunday



Scholastic Reading Club gives back to our school. Place your order online with our school's code:

RC208823


and we will earn 20% in rewards and you get free shipping to your home on orders of \$35 or more. All orders are placed online and shipped to your home!

Any questions, please contact me at the school. Mrs. Gabourie



Great news!

We will be having a Scholastic Book Fair for students, in the Learning Commons this year. The Fair will be open Friday, December 3 to Friday, December 10. More information will be coming soon.



**THE TERRY FOX
FOUNDATION**

Congratulations OLM ! We collected \$3495.80 in pledges for our 37th Terry Fox Run. Way to go Polar Bears!!!

BRRRRR!






Winter is here! Please be reminded that outdoor recess during the lunch period is 40 minutes and there can also be a lengthy wait at the end of the day for individual buses to arrive. **Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor play at school; snow pants; warm, water-proof gloves/mittens, warm scarves & hats; and of course, boots. It is also a good idea to send in extra pairs of dry mittens and socks.**

INCLEMENT WEATHER BUS DELAYS & CANCELLATIONS



Parents of bussed students are reminded to review/update their emergency contact information with the school and listen to local radio stations for bus delays/cancellations. Parents can also log onto the Transportation Department's website at www.triboard.on.ca, look at "Is My Bus Running" at the top left side of the webpage. Select a school and view the status of all routes into that school OR type in a bus number and view the status of that individual bus route. Click on the "sign up" area on our home page (upper right area of home page) to receive an email/text notification of cancellations/delays affecting the bus you sign up for.

Please remember to use the School's Safe Arrival APP, Website or 1-888# to report your child's absence.

<p>SchoolMessenger Mobile App</p>  <p>SchoolMessenger</p> <p>Download the app from the Apple App store or Google Play store.</p> <p>Sign up to create your account.</p> <p>To report an absence, select Attendance, then Report an Absence.</p>	<p>SchoolMessenger Website</p>  <p>go.schoolmessenger.ca</p> <p>Sign up to create your account.</p> <p>To report an absence, select Attendance, then Report an Absence.</p>	<p>Call toll-free</p>  <p>1-844-445-4383</p> <p>Call the toll-free number at 1-844-445-4383 to report your child's absence.</p> <p>You will be asked to enter your phone number that you have registered with the school.</p> <p>Follow the prompts to report your child's absence.</p>
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HEAD LICE



What Are Head Lice?

Head lice are tiny wingless insects. They live among human hairs and feed on blood from the scalp.

Head lice are a common problem, especially for children. They spread easily from person to person, and sometimes are tough to get rid of. Their bites can make a child's scalp itchy and irritated, and scratching can lead to infection.

Head lice are annoying, but they're not dangerous and they don't spread disease. They're not a sign of poor hygiene. **It's best to treat head lice right away to prevent them from spreading.** From Kidshealth.org

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Dear Parents:

This year students in Grades 3 and up, who have not received their First Holy Communion are invited to make preparations to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion for the first time. This is an exciting time for them as they make this big step in their relationship with Christ and His Church. The children do, of course, learn about the Sacraments in their religious education program at school; however, the Christian life also requires the commitment to join with the community to worship God together on Sundays, which is why we have our Sacramental preparation in the parish.

If you would like to register your child, please fill out the attached form and return it to the parish office as soon as possible and prior to the end of November.

Dates will be set once we find out how many children are registered. The resource being used for catechesis this year is "Blessed", which has been produced by Dynamic Catholic. If you would like to know more about the program, please visit: www.dynamiccatholic.com/blessed.

Thank you for your time and your commitments to helping your child grow in his or her relationship with Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Casmir Muobike, SMMM

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**Registration form
Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
And
Sacrament of First Eucharist (Holy Communion)**

Name of Child: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Name of Father: _____

Name of Mother: _____

Address of Parent/Guardian: _____

_____ (Postal Code) _____ (Telephone #)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Place of Baptism: Bancroft _____ Other _____

Please check one of the above, if applicable.
If your child was not Baptised in our parish, a Baptism Certificate is required from the Parish where the child was Baptised. OBTAIN ONE BY PHONING OR WRITING IMMEDIATELY TO THAT PARISH.

Parish Registration: _____ or _____
(Our Lady of Mercy Church) (Other Parish)