



# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, December 1, 2021

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## MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER



Dear OLM Families,

This year the Faith Life Committee is spearheading a Christmas Food Drive during the Advent Season. Individual food hampers will be placed in classrooms to collect non-perishable food items from **December 1 - 13**. Students from each class are encouraged to bring in a food item to help fill their hamper. The food items collected then will be sorted and divided to be distributed to our local food banks. Let's continue to spread KINDNESS and help spread Christmas joy during this Season of Advent. Pizza party for the class with the most weight of food!!



## RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets were due **November 30<sup>th</sup>**. Daily draws for the Twelve Days of Christmas Raffle begins on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Winners will be called on the phone. Good luck to everyone! **School Council thanks you for your co-operation with this fundraiser!**

## OLM Christmas Candy Kebobs



**Christmas Candy Kebobs** order form was sent home on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Candy Kebobs will be available to purchase until December 8<sup>th</sup>. They are \$3.50 each. They can be purchased through Cash Online or submit cash with your order form. The Kebobs will go home with your child on December 16<sup>th</sup>.



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**Save The Date!**

Dear families,



Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to our school!

So save the date! Our **Scholastic Book Fair** will take place on:

**December 3 to December 9, 2021**

All students and staff at school will be giving a preview of the Book Fair. A shopping wish list will be sent home with students in JK/SK, S/K/Grade. 1, Grade. 1/2, and Grade 2/3.

And for parents, friends and family that can't join us in the school, be sure to join us online with our **Virtual Book Fair Extension!** Our online shop will be open on the first day of our Fair, but you can view a selection of the books you'll find here:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5160458>

Watch for news leading up to our **Scholastic Book Fair!**

*Thank you for your continue support of our Learning Commons. Mrs. Gabourie LRA*

**LEST WE FORGET**



Remembrance Day Poster Contest winners. Thank you to Ms. Parking and the beautiful display of artwork she assembled in the gym. Thank you to all students JK-Gr.8 who participated. @alcdsb #ALCDSBBeloved #ALCDSBMYPSP #Remembrance Day2021

**Virtual Advent Wreath Workshop**



Thank you to @mcenery\_tara for once again virtually leading the OLM families in the creation of our Advents Wreaths. Thanks to the OLM School Council for sponsoring this special evening. Come Long Expected Jesus!! @alcdsb #ALCDSBBeloved



Our next virtual School Council meeting will be on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**



**Merry Christmas**  
Wear your favourite flannel or wear **red & green**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**



**Jingle Bells**  
Show off your best holiday **BLING!**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**



**Deck the Halls**  
Get decked out in your hippest holiday shirt/sweater

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**



**Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer**  
Wear Santa hat, elf hat, antlers, Christmas socks or scarf

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**



**Silent Night**  
Prepare for a perfect Christmas break in your comfiest PJ's or cozy attire

**Christmas Mass Schedule**



Times will be forthcoming via School Messenger.



December 20<sup>th</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>

First Day back to School is January 3<sup>rd</sup>

**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](http://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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