



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, October 2022

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Great afternoon participating in the Terry Fox Run (Sept. 22) at @alcdsb_omer. Our school raised over \$2300! (**NOW \$3279.85**) Way to go Polar Bears. Big thanks to @MissRSmith and Ms. Craig for organizing. @alcdsb.

To ALL the Parents/Guardians that have already returned your child(ren)s information forms to the Office. We appreciate it!

Terry Fox Run

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION ORANGE SHIRT DAY



Throughout the week but especially today (November 30th), our students took part in learning about the sorrowful history of residential schools and ways we can work toward reconciliation. Our Grade 3 class was especially privileged and grateful to be able to take part in our communitys National Day for Truth and Reconciliation event at Milenium Park.



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MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR OCTOBER



MEET THE TEACHER



What a fabulous Meet the Teacher night! (Sept 28th) It was wonderful to be able to visit with so many of our families! Thank you to the many people who helped! @alcdsb #ALLCDSBFormed

GRADE 8S GO GOLFING



Had a blast today (Sept 30) at the @alcdsb golf tournament at Briar Fox Golf Club. Thank you so much to the organizers and golf course staff!! @alcdsb_omer



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Our Grade 8 Students will be Canoeing at Silent Lake with Mr. Bibby, our School Board's Special Assignment Teacher of Outdoor Educating on Tuesday, October 4th. Our Grade 5 – 7 Students will also be attending Silent Lake for some Outdoor Education fun with Mr. Bibby on Wednesday, October 5th.

AMAZING SHOUT OUT TO OUR TEACHERS FOR ALL THAT THEY DO!!!!



Our Lady of Mercy wishes you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving on Monday, October 10th.

"I touch the future, I teach". ~ C. McAuliffe.

School Mass



Our first School Mass will be on Friday, October 7th at 9:00 am. All are welcome!



OCTOBER 9TH TO OCTOBER 18TH

This year's campaign, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape™", works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires.

Did you know?

A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. You should evacuate the structure and call 9-1-1. Remain outside.

Our local Bancroft Fire Department will be bringing the inflatable Fire Safety House to OLM on Tuesday, October 11th.



School Council is pleased to offer Madawaska Coffee for sale. Order forms will be going home the first week of October and are due October 11th (right after Thanksgiving)



Please join us in person for our School Council Meeting on Wednesday, October 12th @ 6:30 pm in the School Learning Commons. For those who are not able to attend in person we can provide a Teams link to attend virtually.

PIZZA IS BACK!!!!



We are very pleased to announce that our pizza program has returned and will start up on Thursday, October 13th. Forms will be going home shortly. Pizza is \$2.50 / slice and is ordered online through CASHONLINE.

To register for online purchases, please see our website, and scroll down to School Cash Online "Register Now".



PRIMARY DIVISION GOES TO THE PUMPKIN PATCH

Our Grades Kindergarten to Grade 3s will be travelling by bus to McLean Berry Farm on Monday, October 17th. Forms will be sent home shortly.

If you would like to volunteer with your child(ren) class or at the school please remember that you need to have a Vulnerable Sector Check completed by the OPP. Please contact the school to receive a letter to submit with your online application.

INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANS AND MEDICAL CARE PLANS go home on Monday, October 17th



We are very excited to announce that our Breakfast Program is returning to Our Lady of Mercy and will begin on Tuesday, October 18th. **Breakfast Program days will run on Tuesdays & Thursdays. On Fridays there will be snack trays delivered to the classroom. All students are welcome to come to the gym on Breakfast Program Days before class begins.**



Take Me Outside is a non-profit organization committed to raising awareness and facilitating action on nature connection and outdoor learning in schools across Canada. For more information go to: <https://takemeoutside.ca/about-us/>

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH IS A



Students DO NOT come to school this day as Staff will be in Professional Activities.



Every October, Children's Aid Societies across Ontario raise awareness about the important role that individuals and communities play in supporting vulnerable children, youth, and families through the provincial Dress Purple Day campaign. The campaign is more important than ever, since the COVID-19 pandemic has created additional stressors for families, and in some cases has increased risk for the well-being and safety of children and youth.

This year, Dress Purple Day will take place on Thursday, October 27, 2022.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN






Classroom Halloween Celebrations will take place on Monday, October 31st. Students may wear their costumes and bring in peanut free snacks to share with their classmates.

INDOOR SHOES



A reminder, that **all** students must have indoor shoes at school to put on when they come in from the yard. Outdoor shoes/boots are taken off when they enter the school. If there is a fire drill or a real emergency situation that requires students to evacuate, there is not time for students to put on their shoes before exiting the school. Please ensure that both indoor and outdoor shoes are appropriate for Physical Education activities.

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS REGARDING **STUDENT ABSENCES**

We are required to report all student absences (e.g. an illness, parental permission, bereavement, medical appointment, etc.).

Please download the Mobile APP, go to the SchoolMessenger Website or CALL 1-844-445-4383 to report your child(ren) absence. Please DO NOT call the school with your child's absence.