



# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, December 2022

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🐦 We had a wonderful evening making fresh Advent Wreaths at OLM last night (November 24<sup>th</sup>) with families of our school community! We now have some beautiful focal points for our homes for Advent! Thank you to School Council for sponsoring this workshop!

## RAFFLE TICKETS

**THANK YOU** to everyone for your participation in this year's Twelve Days of Christmas Fundraising Raffle and of course a **VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU** to our Local Businesses and Community Members for your very generous donations! ALL Raffle tickets are due on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our first draw will be on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. We will announce all the winners before Christmas Break.



## ADVENT CANDLE ASSEMBLY

### Advent Wreath Workshop



Father Casmir Lighting our first Advent Candle

Father Casmir joined us at our assembly on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> to bless our Advent wreath. He explained the symbolism of the colours and what they mean.



## MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER



Our Faith Life Committee is organizing our Food Drive this year. Food Drive items requested are: grains, dry proteins, canned vegetables and fruit. Our Faith Life Committee is sponsoring a pizza party for the class with the most items brought in. The pizza party will take place in January.

## Remembrance Day Posters Contest Winners



### In School Winners:

Cohen B., Serena O., Addie M., Cyrus A., and Lina M. (missing: Vyvyan P., Violetta H. & Kiana R.)



Congratulations to the students that submitted their posters to the Legion and won! Students received a dairy queen gift certificate for great their efforts.

### Winners:

*Brianna C.      Adelaide M.*  
*Troy H.        Abigail H.*  
*Bradley E.     Sophia L.*  
*Leah S.        Julia B.*

## Algonquin Language Classes



Student enjoyed singing and drumming during their first Algonquin Language class to Algonquin songs. Thank you to Diane Martin from NHCS and the Algonquin Inodewiziwin Program for teaching us how to look after the drums.



## SR. GIRLS/BOYS VOLLEYBALL



Both Sr. Girls and Boys OLM Students will be heading to Belleville for a volleyball tournament on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>


## JR. GIRLS/BOYS VOLLEYBALL



Both Jr. Girls and Boys OLM Students will be going to Bird's Creek Public School for a volleyball tournament on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

## OLM Spaghetti Luncheon



 Thank you so much to all of the cooks and other volunteers who worked together to provide a free spaghetti lunch for everyone at OLM on Wednesday! (November 23<sup>rd</sup>) It was delicious and the students were so excited to have their first whole-school hot lunch in a few years!



## PIZZA DAYS!!!!



Our next Pizza Lunches will be on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cheese only pizza is now available and will be sold for \$2.75 / slice. The cheese pizza comes individually boxed. Please pay online through CASHONLINE.

**PIZZA WILL BE PAID FOR  
ONCE PER MONTH BY**



Leon's Bancroft has generously offered to sponsor a free pizza day for ALL students once per month until the end of the school year. (up to 2 slices each). Thank you so much to Leon's Bancroft for your generous gift and for all that you do for our community.

## SANTA'S WORKSHOP



Please drop off any gently used items /salable items for our Santa's Workshop on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Student may purchase items for their immediate family (those that live in their households) for 25 cents each. Santa's elves will be busy wrapping the gifts for the students on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> for your children to bring home and share at Christmas. ***If you have wrapping or gift bags to donate, those would be much appreciated!***

# OLM Christmas Concert



Our Christmas Concert will be on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

**Matinee Performance** 1:00 p.m.

**Evening Performance** 7:00 p.m.

**Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.**

*Admission is free, however we would appreciate a small monetary donation or a food item donation for our local food bank.*

## BAKE SALE DONATIONS NEEDED



The School Council would like to hold a Bake Sale at the Christmas Concert. Baked goods with nuts will be accepted only if put in a clearly marked and completely sealed container. Please pre-price your goods, if at all possible. ALL donations are very much appreciated!

## OUR LADY OF MERCY CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



### Solemnity of Christmas

Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m.  
Christmas Day: 10:15 a.m.

### Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 1<sup>st</sup>: 10:15 a.m.




## Spirit Week

Friday, Dec. 16 Christmas Crazy Clothes Day  
Monday, Dec. 19 Twin Day  
Tuesday, Dec 20 Dress Up- Christmas Concert  
Wednesday, Nov 23 Red & Green Day  
Thursday, Nov. 24 PJ / Comfy Clothes Day

## ALCDSB News

### Year 3 Multi-Year Strategic Plan:

We are pleased to announce the release of our MYSP Year 3. Visit our [MYSP web page](#) to view a video message and to learn more about all the amazing progress and achievements being made in the ALCDSB.

<p>SchoolMessenger Mobile App</p>  <p><b>SchoolMessenger</b></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><b>go.schoolmessenger.ca</b></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><b>1-844-445-4383</b></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 the 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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**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.**

**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.

**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 be aware if you do not open your emails from Tri-Board they may begin going into your junk or clutter folders.**