



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, February 2023

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KINDERGARTEN & NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



Kindergarten and new student registration is now open! Register today if you are interested in enrolling your child in Kindergarten for September 2023! Details: <http://bit.ly/3wasNrb>

pentakis dodecahedrons (polyhedron with 60 faces).



Here students are seen working on speeches and other writing assignments.

SNOW DAY FUN & LEARNING!



Snow days are perfect days for working on special projects and multi-grade learning. Here is a group of students from different grades working together to build a snowman made with three



Here Mr. Mulvihill is showing some younger students how to work through a number and 3D thinking problem.



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MILK & JUICE CARDS



Updated Information regarding the school milk and juice program.

We are very pleased to say that our school program has been rapidly expanding. In the past our school would usually order approximately 80 milks for two weeks now we are in the range of 300 milks being ordered in two weeks. As we are growing, we have had to reassess the ordering system in place to avoid the school incurring a cost with over ordering milk which has an expiration date or running out of milk products before the next milk order time slot. We are now selling 5 unit and 20 unit milk/juice cards and ask that you select which beverage your student will be ordering (White or Chocolate Milk, Orange or Apple Juice). This is in an attempt to provide us with more accurate numbers to enable us to correctly forecast the upcoming milk orders in two week cycles. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work on improving the milk/juice program. Also a huge thank you to our volunteer grade 7 and 8 student milk crew who delivers the milk and juice orders daily.

Sincerely,
Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Copland and Mrs. Berthelot

YUMMY SUB DAYS

Thanks again to Bancroft Leons & Bancroft Subway for supporting our school with a free lunch of sub sandwiches!



OUTDOOR EDUCATION AT SILENT LAKE

Students in Grades 5 to 8, enjoyed a beautiful day at Silent Lake Provincial Park on January 24th and January 25th with our Board's Special Assignment Teachers, Mike Bibby and Steward Britton. They enjoyed snowshoeing along the edge of the lake, quinzee (snow shelter) building, and lunch around the fire.





PIZZA DAYS!!!!



Our next Pizza Lunches will be on Thursday, February 9th and Tuesday, February 21st. Bancroft Leons and Pizza Pizza once again is supporting a pizza lunch for the entire school on Tuesday, February 21st!



Our Sub days are February 14th and 28th. Leon's Bancroft and Bancroft Subway has generously offered to sponsor a sub for ALL students on February 14th. Again, thank you so much to Leon's Bancroft and Subway Bancroft for your generous gift and for all that you do for our community.



FRIDAY IS A P.A. DAY!

Friday, February 3, 2023 is a PA Day. Students do not come to school this day.



Please join us at our next school council meeting on Wednesday, February 8th at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons.

MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR JANUARY





Students are requested to wear red / pink on Valentine's Day. If students would like to bring in snacks or baked goods, please be sure that ALL items are nut free.

Faith Life will be holding a dance for all grades and pop and chips will be available to purchase for the Grade 4 to 8, at the dance for \$1.00 each.

Please consider bringing in a loonie or toonie. All donations will be sent to Sick Kids Hospital.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

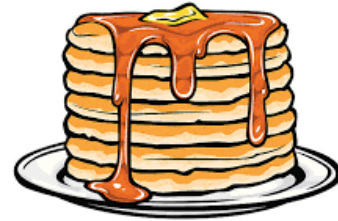


Public speaking contest will be held in our gym on Friday, February 17th. Times to be determined.



Family Day is on Monday, February 20th. Get outside and enjoy the day with your family!

Shrove Tuesday!



Pancake Day!




Bring your appetites because Tuesday, February 21st is Pancake Tuesday / Shrove Tuesday! Pancakes will be available for ALL students in the morning in the gym. Thank you to our School Council Members and Parent Volunteers for cooking up those delicious stacks!



Report Cards and IEPs will be going home **electronically via email**, on Tuesday, February 21st Parent – Teacher Interviews will begin on Wednesday, February 22nd.



Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 22nd. A School Mass will be held on this day. Time to be determined – stay tuned.

<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 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.

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

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.