



# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, April 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>

## TRIP TO ALGONQUIN PARK



On March 3<sup>rd</sup> all of our Kindergarten to Grade 4 students went to Algonquin Park to hike, feed

the birds and explore the Visitor's Centre! Thank you so much to our School Council for sponsoring this wonderful trip. Thank you also to our volunteers!

## RIGHT & ACUTE ANGLES IN NATURE



On March 22 Ms. Smith and Miss Ladouceur's JK/SK Class joined their Grade 8 inquiry buddies for outdoor learning. The Grade 8 buddies taught them about right angles and acute angles when finding items in nature.



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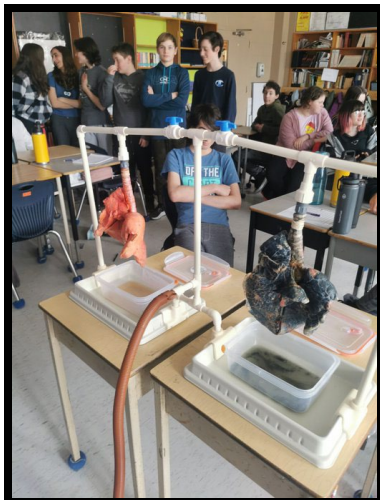
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## INDIGENOUS SACRED MEDICINES



On March 7<sup>th</sup>, Miss Dianne taught classes participating in the Algonquin Language Classes about the four medicines that are Sacred to Indigenous culture: Ceremonial Tobacco (Nasema), Cedar (Kijk), Sweetgrass (Nokwewashk) and Sage (Apabowask).

## VAPING & SMOKING PRESENTATION



On March 27<sup>th</sup> Christina from Public Health demonstrated the health implications of vaping or smoking. The Grade 5 to 8s learned about the

importance of being mindful of what they put into their lungs.

## Palm Parade



Students in the JK/SK classes enjoyed learning about how we commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. They also enjoyed sharing their homemade palms to ALL our classes on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> during their palm parade!

## Congrats Polar Bears!!



Congratulations to our Junior and Senior Boys and Girls Basketball Teams! Our Junior team came in

2<sup>nd</sup> place in their tournament on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Senior boys and girls also did very well at their tournament in Belleville on March 28<sup>th</sup>. All teams played well and showed great teamwork! Way to go Polar Bears!!

## RESURRECTION GARDEN WORKSHOP



Don't forget! Tonight, **Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** is our Resurrection Garden Workshop. Please be at the school by 6:30 pm. if you have registered.

## Skating



Students from Ms. Smith, Ms. Parking, Ms. Craig, Mrs. Perkins, Ms. Doney and Mr. Mulvihill's classes will be skating at the North Hastings Community Center Arena in the morning on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. Please ensure permission forms are returned by tomorrow!



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church Mass Schedule:

Holy Thursday – 4:30 pm.  
Good Friday – 4:15 pm. Stations of the Cross  
5:00 pm. Mass  
Easter Sunday – 10:30 am.



Our next School Council Meeting is Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. in the Learning Commons. All are welcome.

## International Day of Pink



ON APRIL 12, 2023 LET'S TALK ABOUT COURAGE!  
The International Day of Pink started in 2007 when a teenager faced bullying at a Nova Scotia high school for wearing a pink t-shirt. Students organized to wear pink as an act of solidarity. It is now a day of action on the second Wednesday in April every year. We encourage students to wear pink on April 12<sup>th</sup> to take a stand against bullying and harassment.

## PIZZA DAYS!!!!



Our next Pizza Lunch will be on **Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** Bancroft Leons and Bancroft Pizza Pizza once again are supporting a pizza lunch for the entire school on this day.



Our Sub days are **Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**. Leon's Bancroft and Bancroft Subway have generously offered to sponsor a sub for ALL students on April 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Congratulations to our**

## MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR MARCH



## DON'T FORGET PICTURE DAY!



Senior Kindergarten and Grade 8s & Classroom Pictures will take place on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Bring your smiles!



The Earth Day 2023 theme is 'Invest in Our Planet'.

This theme is designed to persuade businesses, governments and citizens around the world of the need to invest in our planet to improve our environment and give our descendants a better and safer future.

Our "Earth" themed days are:

- Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> - Earth Week Assembly
- Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> - Trashless Tuesday
- Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> - Water Bottle Wed.
- Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> - Lights Out Thurs.
- Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> - Earth Day Clean Up

## HAPPY ADMINISTRATIVE DAY April 26<sup>th</sup>



Thank you **Mrs. Berthelot** for ALL that you do!



If you have received a letter from Public Health and still have questions or don't know what to do, please reach out to the office for direction.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK April 30 – May 5

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

**WE ARE  
MANY,  
WE ARE  
ONE**



"We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another."  
(Romans 12:5)

### Celebrating Catholic Education at the ALCDSB April 30 - May 5, 2023

Each year during the first full week of May, the ALCDSB celebrates the significant contribution that Catholic Education has made to the community, the province and to Canada. Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations challenge our students to articulate in society those fundamental values that underpin Catholic education.

Stay tuned for activities at school throughout the week!

## JAM ORDERS



Our jam order forms went home March 29<sup>th</sup>. Money and order forms are due April 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all of you for supporting this School Council Fundraiser to help raise money to support special events, activities and purchases to benefit students in our school!



Some of you may have noticed that we have posted 3 donation spots on Cash Online to donate \$5, \$20 or \$50 towards our Nutritional Program. Thank you so much for the parents that have already donated. Our Food for Learning Program is now running 5 days per week, thanks to our awesome volunteers!!

## END OF THE DAY CHANGES PICK UP / BUS CHANGES

As you can imagine our office is very busy at the end of the day getting students ready for the bus or pickup. Please send in a note to the office in the morning so we can make the necessary changes. If you need to make a last minute change, all calls **MUST be made before 2:00 pm.** It is very challenging to accommodate last minute changes at what is a very busy time of the 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.