



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, March 2024

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EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

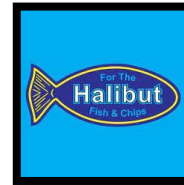
Figures below are calculated over the school year

5 minutes late each day	=	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	=	6.5 days lost
15 minutes late each day	=	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	=	13 days lost
30 minutes late each day	=	19 days lost

Please be on time for school !



Pita Pit is available through **CASHOnline** (Lunch Box) every Friday. The lunch next will be Friday, March 8th. Orders must be place by Sunday, March 3rd.



For the Halibut - Fish and Chips

We are offering small or large fish and chips every Friday for Lent. Purchase is through CASHOnline All orders must be received by Thursday (the day before) by noon.

LUNCH DAYS!!!!

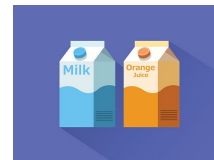
PLEASE PAY through **CASHOnline** for ALL of your food orders by March 4th. Sorry but NO orders will be accepted after this date.



Our Pizza Day will be on Thursday, March 7th



Our Subway day will be Wednesday, March 27th



White milk, chocolate milk and juice will be available on a daily basis beginning each month. White or Chocolate Milk, Apple or Orange Juice can be purchased monthly online using **CASHONLINE**. **April's deadline to order milk is on March 27th**.



Milk/Juice will be available on-line, as well as pizza orders and other school-related student fees. **ALL monies** should come through School Cash Online and **cash should not be sent to the school** except for certain circumstances. As per our Board Policy, Parents need to make payment through CASHOnline. To register for online purchases, please see our website, and scroll down to "Register Now".

Our Winners are:

Junior Division

1. Will B.
2. Taryn F.
3. Marshal B.

Senior Division

1. Harmony P.
2. Morgan B.
3. Liam M.
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Ms. Craig / Ms. Parking's Class Skating - March 5th.



Snowshoeing



The weather was perfect for Ms. Parking Class to go snowshoeing at Vance Park in February with our Board's Outdoor Education Staff. Grades four to eight students also participated in this fun event!



Public Speaking

Congratulations to our many participants in our public speaking contest on February 22nd.

Please know that the speak offs that were to occur at the Leion on March 3rd have been cancelled. We learned of the cancellation on February 8th.

Monday, March 4th - Crazy Hair

Tuesday, March 5th - Hat Day

Wednesday, March 6th - Occupation Day

Thursday, March 7th - Western Day

Friday, March 8th - P.J. Day



Daylight Saving time March 10th



MARCH BREAK- MARCH 11 TO 15TH



Take the time to unwind and enjoy this week with your family. School returns March 18th.

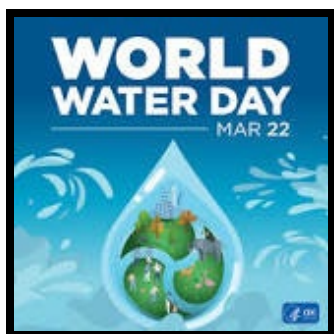


World Down Syndrome Day (WDS), 21 March, is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012.

The date for WDS being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.

#WorldDownSyndromeDay

Please show your support on March 21st by wearing your "fun" socks!



Water is one of the planet's most precious resources. World Water Day is observed each year on March 22 to promote the responsible use of water and access to safe water for everyone.

Can an hour change the world?



On **March 23rd** Earth Hour invites you to switch off and spend 60 minutes doing something - *anything*- positive for our planet.

Just 60 minutes? Yes, just one hour. It may not seem like much, but the magic happens when you, and those like you in Asia and Africa, North and South America, Oceania and Europe - supporters in over 190 countries and territories - all give an hour for our one home, creating the Biggest Hour for Earth.

Our Lady of Mercy will be observing Earth Hour on Friday, March 22nd by turning down the lights for an hour.

MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY





Sunday, March 24th is Palm Sunday. Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church welcomes you at 10:00 a.m.

Immunization Clinics

North Hastings PH office
Professional Services Building
1P Manor Lane, Bancroft

March 7, 21 & 28

hpepublichealth.ca/clinic/immunization-clinic/

Jam Fundraiser



Our Jam Fundraiser forms will tentatively go out on Tuesday, March 26th and jam will be delivered just in time for Mother's Day. Stay tuned for more information!

Basketball Tournament



Senior Boys and Girls will be participating in a Board Wide Basketball Tournament in Belleville on Thursday, March 28th.



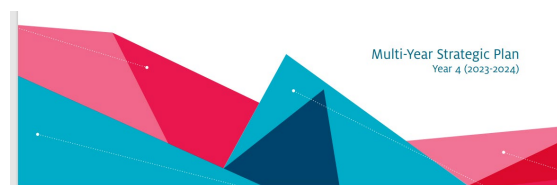
Thursday, March 28th, OLM will be celebrating a School Mass at 9:00 am.

There will also be a dramatization of The Stations of the Cross in the school gym that afternoon.

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 2024! Details: <http://bit.ly/3wasNrb>



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