



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, January 9, 2018

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Congratulations!



*Here are the winners of our
"12 Days of Christmas" Raffle.*

December 7, 2017

Gift Card Tree:
KRYSTAL LAKEMAN Ticket # 0806

December 8, 2017

Pamper Your Vehicle:
MELISSA BODDEN Ticket # 0892

December 9, 2017

The Great Outdoors:
JESSICA VANSTRIEN Ticket # 1545

December 10, 2017

The Maintenance Group:
TANYA LLOYD Ticket # 0742

December 11, 2017

Hit the Slopes:
JENNY HUDDER Ticket # 0173

December 12, 2017

Be Prepared:
KYLAH KUSSMANN Ticket # 0042

December 13, 2017

Skating Party:
WAYNE YOUNG Ticket # 1037

December 14, 2017

Capturing the Memories:
CHRISTINE BELISLE Ticket # 0017

December 15, 2017

Build Me A...
JESSICA O'REILLY Ticket # 0548

December 16, 2017

Shape up/Change up:
WAYNE WHITE Ticket # 0078

December 17, 2017

When all Through the House:
VICKI COLE Ticket # 0526

December 18, 2017

Pamper Yourself:
TRACEY RUTLEDGE Ticket # 1281

December 19, 2017

\$300.00 Cash Prize
SHERRY SARARAS Ticket # 0963

Winner of TV Raffle: DANETTE RUSHNELL
Winner of Incentive Prize (TV):
WANNAMAKER FAMILY



MILK CARDS AND PIZZA ORDERS ON-LINE

Milk cards are available on-line, (as are pizza orders, on a monthly basis). To register for online purchases, please see our website, and scroll down to School News to “Register Now”.

REMINDER

Parents Reaching Out - Mental Health Information Session and Resource Fair: School Council is looking forward to tonight’s presentation by Dr. Dean Tripp, Queen’s University, as well as a number of contact / resource personnel from local agencies to help our parent / guardian community to build awareness around Mental Wellness as well as the local resources and pathways that are available to support their children as well as themselves. The costs for this information session are being covered by the Parents Reaching Out Grant that School Council successfully applied for in the spring of 2017.



Lost & Found clothing, etc., will be displayed on stage in the gymnasium this week until Friday, January 12/18. After that date, the remaining articles will be donated to a local thrift shop.

PIZZA DAY



We are offering pizza to our students for lunch on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 18th, 2017**, for \$2.00 per slice. Please have all orders and the allocated monies in by Monday, January 15. Thank you

SPAGHETTI LUNCH



School Council is offering all students spaghetti for lunch on Wednesday, January 24th

Outdoor Education Day



Mrs. Meszaros’ and Mr. Lalonde’s Grade 4 students will be travelling to Silent Lake Provincial Park on Friday, January 19th to participate in a one-day course in Outdoor Education. Mr. Mike Bibby, Special Assignment Teacher of Outdoor and Environmental Education from the Algonquin & Lakeshore C.D.S.B. will be leading the students in this all-day workshop of cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing and fire building. They will learn about preparing for safe winter excursions and survival techniques.

PUBLIC SPEAKING



Classes are beginning to prepare for the annual public speaking competition. Students in grades 4 to 8 are expected to deliver a memorized speech, three to five minutes long. Speeches should be delivered in class in the next few weeks with the OLM School Finals taking place in February. Parents can help their children by assisting them in researching a topic that is appropriate to their age, interests and ability. As you listen to your child practice, encourage them to pay particular attention to their pace, clarity, expression and gestures. Good luck to all!

BRRRRR!



Winter is definitely 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS: It is imperative that you inform the school immediately whenever a change occurs in your family information (e.g., change of address, telephone number, busing information, sitter information, etc.). Also, if applicable, the school must receive copies of legal documents. **The school can only enforce child custody orders by following written court directives.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS REGARDING STUDENT ABSENCES

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

Parents are required to call the school and/or write a note to the school explaining the reason for the absence or lateness of your child. You need not reveal any personal facts, just the general reason for the absence.



LOOKING FOR OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS

Are you are throwing out used Christmas cards? Please throw them our way. We will cut them into gift tags for next year's Santa's Workshop.

Food Bank Collection Thanks to You!



Thank you to Megan and Sarah who welcomed our guests and helped collect Food Bank donations. Thank you also to our Faith Life Committee, and Life Vest Inside Group who shared the sorting of food donations. All food donations were divided between our local food banks. We received **\$192.00** in Eats for Seats ticket sales, and **\$771.00** was collected at our two Christmas Concerts. We thank Mrs. Cannon's Faith Life Committee who also donated **\$75.00**, bringing our total to **\$1038.00**. Divided equally, cheques for **\$346.00** each, were given to North Hastings Community Cupboard, Maynooth & Area Food Bank, and the Central Food Network (Cardiff). Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

School Supplies



Just a reminder to parents to please do a regular check of your child's book bag to ensure they are equipped with the necessary school supplies to do their classroom work successfully (e.g., pens, pencils, pencil crayons, ruler, appropriate exercise books, lined paper, etc.).