



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, January 23, 2018

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SchoolCashOnline

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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”.

SPAGHETTI LUNCH



School Council is offering all students a free spaghetti lunch tomorrow.



GRADE 4 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

The students all had a great time and were tuckered out at the end of the day! Thank you to Mr. Lalonde and ALCD SB Special Assignment Teacher Mike Bibby, who led the day of activities.

ATTENTION GRADE SEVEN PARENTS



As has been tradition for many years, each family with a child in Grade Seven is asked to donate \$25 toward the expenses connected with Graduation. Therefore, when your child celebrates graduation in Grade 8 all expenses are covered and you and your child can enjoy the evening festivities cost free. YOU MAY MAKE THIS PAYMENT ONLINE IF YOU HAVE REGISTERED FOR SCHOOL CASH ONLINE. Please look for the “Grade 7 Pre-payment for Graduation”, as the item. Alternatively, you may send your donation (cash or cheque) to the office through your child’s teacher, if you are not registered. Please make this donation as soon as possible. If for some reason your child will not be graduating from our school in grade 8 (i.e., a move out of the area, or enrolment in another school), your money will be refunded. Thank you for your support.

REMINDER
February 2nd, 2018 - PA Day
Staff will be engaged in
Professional Development on and off site.



April 4th, 2018 at North Hastings High School.



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On the evening of January 9th, we hosted a Mental Health Awareness and Resource Sharing for Parents / Guardians. Dr. Dean Tripp of Queens University shared his talk, "The Principled Child: How to do it ... I think". Our Board's Mental Health Lead, Alex Weedmark was present for networking and information sharing. We had a number of our community agencies present including: A. Raill, North Hastings Family Health Team; T. Kavanagh, Counselling Services of Belleville and District; T. McKinnon, Maggie's Resource Centre of North Hastings; J. Wiltshire, Children's Mental Health Services; S. Poste, Addictions and Mental Health; and N. Braybrook, A. Lavoy, J. Christie, North Hastings Community Integration. Childcare services were provided by North Hastings Children Services. Food and beverages were provided as well. We have ordered a number of recommended resources that will soon be available for borrowing by parents as well as staff members. All costs for the evening were covered by a Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant that School Council applied for this year. Thank you to all who attended and gave the gift of their time.

**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. You can also log on to www.triboard.on.ca, to check for cancellations or sign up for notifications of cancelled or late buses. Triboard also puts updates on Twitter @ triboardbus

PUBLIC SPEAKING



Classes are preparing 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 tentatively set for February 14th. 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!

**REGISTER ONLINE!
FOR 2018-2019 KINDERGARTEN
PROGRAM**



ALCDSB will soon be able to accept online registration for Kindergarten students for the fall of 2018-2019. To be eligible, the child must be 4 years of age on or before December 31, 2018.

Please stay tuned for more details as registration will be online by end of February.

If you have any questions, please call the school.

Why learn French?

"French is important because it is just another language like English except it has a different culture. It shows that we as people are different and the same."

-Michael, ALCDSB Grade 8 Student

Encourage your child to be a lifelong learner of French!