



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, September 26, 2017

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Our Lady of Mercy has for the past number of years been part of the Eco Schools program. As part of this initiative, we continue to look at ways that we can reduce our use of paper as well as how we can communicate our school information through the use of electronic communication rather than through using paper.

Please see the important information sheet regarding changes to Newsletters & Calendars coming home today.

Please note that unless we receive a request for your family to receive paper copies, none will go home with your child.

CROSS COUNTRY MEET

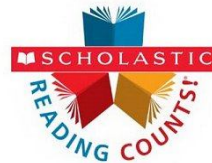


Our cross country runners will be traveling to J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary to compete in a cross country run on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th**. Please send in permission forms.

Mr. Fitzgerald, Cross-Country Coach

REMINDER:

If you require a Police Check to be a volunteer at our school, please come to the school office with your identification. Please know we need to see you in person to verify your identity on the form.



The Scholastic Reading Club is off to a fabulous start for the 2017/2018 school year. Orders totalling over \$800 were collected for September.

Please remember to clearly mark items requested, taking note of the **with tax total**. Please, when paying online with your credit card, the name of the teacher should read, Brenda Gabourie. As always, if an item is a secret from your child mark this clearly on the order form so I can share your secret and arrange pick up with you.

Thank you for your continuing support of our Scholastic Reading Club knowing that purchasing through the school ensures that new books and other items are available in your child's classroom and Learning Commons.

Brenda Gabourie, LRA



Please do your shopping at **Bancroft Foodland** this Saturday, September 30th, from 12:00 – 2:00 when **Food For Learning** is partaking in this campaign. All donations will go toward our area schools.



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**OUR SCHOOL'S TERRY FOX RUN
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th**



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**Please get your pledges in and help to make
Terry's dream a reality!**



NO CHILD WITHOUT

This program provides students, from age 4 to 14, with 24 hour protection of MedicAlert emergency information services at no cost. Some conditions emergency responders need to know are: Anaphylaxis, diabetes, food allergies, asthma, needs Epipen, Autism, ADHD. Please contact the school for the brochure that will allow you to order a MedicAlert bracelet/necklace.

**SCHOOL
COUNCIL**

Thank You!

We thank **Jenny Hudder and Tracy Allan** for continuing their roles in School Council, 2017–2018. Also a big thank you to **Suzy Shalla** for her dedication to our School Council these past years. A warm welcome to **Laura Hetu** as **Vice-Chair**, and **Mary Anne Hicks** as **Secretary**.

PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE) CONTROL:

Spring and fall are the seasons when **HEAD LICE** commonly infest school children. Head lice feed on blood and cement their eggs, commonly called nits, to strands of hair at the scalp. The nits take

approximately 7-10 days to hatch. The bite of a louse causes itching which can be aggravated and infected by scratching. Please check your child's head on a regular basis. If you find evidence of head lice or nits, information about how to remove them is available from your **family doctor, health unit** and **most pharmacies**. Our trained volunteers will be conducting pediculosis checks periodically throughout the school year.

STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS

Thank you to those who have sent in their updated Student Information Forms and Freedom of Information Forms for the 2017-2018 school year. **If you have not done so, please send in the forms with your child/children on their next day at school.** These forms must be updated every school year. **PLEASE SIGN AND MAKE SURE BOTH SIDES ARE COMPLETED. Thank you.**

FAIR NOTICE:

ALCDSB and our community partners are committed to providing safe and caring school communities and learning environments for all. We believe that each person should be able to study, work or attend our Catholic schools in that environment that is safe and free from acts of violence. We recognize that violence prevention in our schools and neighbourhood is a community responsibility and we will work with our community partners to use the risk/threat assessment process when there are behaviours that have been identified as posing a potential risk to an individual or to others. Please see our website for a copy of the letter written by our Superintendent of School Effectiveness, Theresa Kennedy, that outlines the provision of Fair Notice to parents/guardians of the use of the risk threat assessment process to investigate threatening or high risk behaviours.