



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Final Newsletter, June 2018

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STAFFING FOR 2018/2019 SCHOOL YEAR:

Based on current enrolment for September, the following are the classroom designations for 2018/2019:

- JK/SK - Ms. Vicki Cole
- JK/SK - Mrs. Melissa McCormack
- Grade 1/2 - Ms. Tara McEnery
Maternity Leave for 2018-19
- Grade 2/3 - Mrs. Shauna Rumleski
- Grade 3/4 - Mrs. Sherry Meszaros
- Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Jennifer Pridie
- Grade 6/7 - Mrs. Kelli Ronholm
Maternity Leave LTO Until Dec. 2018
- Grade 7/8 - Ms. Chrissy Balemba
- F.S.L. - Ms. Casey O'Shea
- S.E.R.T. - Mrs. Lori Cannon
- K Prep & Planning - Mrs. Lori Cannon
- Itinerant Arts - Ms. Hali Letwin
- Youth Worker: - Mrs. Joanne Prentice
- E.C.E. - Ms. Jennifer Knopp
- Ms. Michelle Neumann
- Educational Assistants:
 - Mrs. Debbie Bowers
 - Mrs. Kim Grenier
 - Ms. Meaghan Zulik
- Library Resource Assistants:
 - Mrs. Brenda Gabourie
- Speech & Language:
 - Mrs. Brenda Gabourie

Please Note: These class allocations are based on current projections of enrolment and may change over the course of the summer. Student placements will be announced on the 1st day of school.

* Consumable lists are available on our school website.



Congratulations to our SK Graduates!



Congratulations to our Grade 8 Graduates!

REPORT CARDS, (and IEPs as applicable), are coming home today, June 28th.

**HEALTHY SNACKS
& BREAKFAST PROGRAM
VOLUNTEERS**



Merci to Mme. Peters for doing ALL of the shopping for our Breakfast Program. Thank you to Lisa MacKenzie for doing ALL of the shopping for our Healthy Snack Trays on Fridays. Thank you to Tanya Brown, Kelly Braun and Meaghan Doucette for preparing our Friday Healthy Snack Trays this year. Thank you so much ladies, for the generous gift of your time. Also thank you to the many parents and volunteers who take their turns for our Breakfast Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



TO OUR PASTORS: Father Casmir, Father Nwosu and Father Vic who have been uniquely called to service of our parishes and school. Under their guidance, the Holy Spirit is leading us toward new horizons.

TO ALL OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS who have given the precious gift of their time to help with special school events and activities.

TO ALL OF THE PARENTS for your kindness, co-operation and continued support.

TO OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE AND OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS for your ongoing and unselfish commitment to our school and students and for your financial support through your fundraising efforts. Because of these efforts, money was given to the school for class trips.

TO THE COMMUNITY for your support of our fundraising efforts and for your interest in our students and school.

TO OUR WONDERFUL STAFF for their dedication and commitment to the well-being and education of your children – our students. They touch the lives of our children with loving care and dedication every day.



Thank you to Ron Henning, Kelly Braun, Darlene Storey, Jaki McArthur, Tina McMann, Laura Hetu, Tanya Varney, Melissa Hughey, Virginia Plunkett, Joanne Prentice, Tara McEnery, Brendon Hicks and Joy Bible Camp Staff for their help with set up, serving, and take down; to Lisa MacKenzie, Kylah Kussmann and Kelley White our face painters; to Jenny Hudder for pre-ordering all of the food; to anyone who helped in any way to make our School Picnic at Joy Bible Camp a success. Special thanks to R & L Bus Lines, Hospice North Hastings, Food for Learning, Kawartha Dairy, Dempster's Bread and Bancroft Foodland for the donation of buses, tents, and food.



**Mr. Lalonde's FIFA World Cup Champions
Iceland over Australia in overtime!**



Wow! Three pitch was a blast. First thing, coaches Mr. Lalonde and Mr. Cousins brought us a long way from when we first started playing. They gave us so many great pointers to help us out. So thanks to them. We won our first and second game, lost our third but won our fourth game. Sadly we ran out of time so we didn't get to play our last game. Luckily there was a three way tie between Birds Creek, York River and us, O.L.M. The sportsmanship award went to Hermon. I think we did really well at 3 pitch and it was extra awesome that we tied for first with two other teams.

Raya L.

Social Justice Without Borders

Dear Staff and Students
Thank you all so much for your very generous donation to the Jourd family. They will enjoy choosing items for their children. Please know that you have made a significant contribution in welcoming the family to our community.
Sincerely,
Social Justice Without Borders



Don't forget to visit your local public library this summer to continue to read and enjoy all of the online resources available. Have a great summer.

Mrs. Gabourie, LRA

MILK PROGRAM



Thank you to all the students who supported our milk program over the school year. Unused or partially used cards will be honoured in September 2018.

Attention: Parents and Students
Looking for drivers - ages 9-14
NO COST, FUN ONLY



As part of the Wheels, Water & Wings Event, the **Knights of Columbus** are hosting their **4th Annual soap box derby**. The Race will be held on **Saturday, July 7th** from 11:30 - 1:30 on Flint Street. (Rain date – Sunday from 1:30to 3:30). The carts are provided by the Knights with Sponsors already established. Any students interested in participating must fill out a driver registration form. Get your forms and find out more about the prizes, the carts and the rules.

Visit the Stone Kitchen Jam Shop at 33 Sherbourne Street North, 613-332-6719, from Tuesday to Saturday 10 - 5.

First come, first serve. A waiting list will be compiled for any drivers that can't make it on race day. Come out and cheer the drivers!

We extend our thanks to Mr. Cousins, Mrs. Fitzgerald, and Mrs. Young for their time with us. We extend our best wishes to all of you and know you will be missed.

Best wishes to Mr. Fitzgerald, Mme. Peters, Mr. & Mrs. Lalonde upon their retirements.

See the reverse for their farewell messages.

Farewell

Dear Students and Parents of OLM,

I am so pleased to be able to write a few words to you today. As you may already know, I am retiring this week from a very rewarding career of teaching. I began my career teaching the Inuit population of Northern Quebec for five years. I moved to Bancroft after that and taught an adult class at the High School for five years. I was then hired on at the our board where I worked at St. Martin of Tours in Whitney for three years. I was then transferred to OLM and finally found a home in education. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents of my many students. I couldn't even imagine my job without your support, trust and generosity. Thank you so very much. My students wouldn't believe it, but I have learned so much from them. Although I have had a wonderful group of students this year, I have had so many groups that have enriched my career. Thank you to all of my current and former students who taught me more than they know.

With Gratitude,

Bob Lalonde

Our Lady of Mercy Community

The Sr. El, Maynooth, Bird's Creek,
Even B.P.S. feels like just last week.

But it's actually been 28 years,
12 of which with my current peers.

OLM has been my favourite school,
The community, staff and...these kids RULE!

French is a passion and I hope you'll find,
It will come to you easily when in a bind.

The Breakfast Club was a lot of work
But seeing the smiles was the really big perk!

The other big joy was the guy who rocks,
27 years of TERRY FOX!

It's time to go, this chapter's done,
The next will have some *different* fun.

Another Habitat build is defo in store,

Armenia, September and then perhaps more.

It's Peterborough for me, but no time to rest,
As I wave you Good-Bye, wish you all the best!

"Merci, bonnes vacances, bonne chance et au
revoir!"

Mme T. Peters

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As I prepare to bid a fond farewell, I am thankful to have been part of the staff of Our Lady of Mercy School for 19+ years. It was my privilege to work in classrooms for 15 years with terrific teachers and some wonderful students. I have also been honoured to serve as your Secretary for the past 4 years. I would like to thank the students and parents of OLM for many fond memories. I would also like to thank the staff of OLM for support, memorable times and lasting friendships. I will miss all of your smiling faces, and I wish you happiness and success.

With love,

Lois Lalonde



It is hard to believe that 30 years have passed since I first came to OLM as a teacher. I have many, many fond memories of my time at OLM; sports, plays, parades, trips, concerts, and of course, the annual Grade 8 Camping expedition to Algonquin Park. I cannot name all of the people that I have to thank for all they did to help me in my career. So many parents have helped with plays, trips, fundraising and supervising events and I am most grateful to them. I have had the pleasure of teaching so many great kids over the years, and I look forward to hearing from them in the future. I realize that I have been very blessed by God to be able to have such a full rewarding career for over 30 years. While I will miss it very much, I am also looking forward to retirement; working on the farm, spending time with my grandchildren, travelling with Judy, and relaxing on the back deck while listening to the birds.

God Bless!

Tony Fitzgerald