



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, January 29, 2019

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As our new Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Martie Bethelot gets comfortable in her new role at Our Lady of Mercy, parents, please introduce yourself whenever you are visiting OLM. It is always nice to put a familiar face to everyone's name. Thank you!

THINKING ABOUT OUR FUTURE



Thinking about our future, and all that is possible. Thank you to NHHS Co-op class for sharing your experiences with the Grade 7/8 students. Enjoyed seeing familiar faces and learning about local opportunities and businesses that support student growth.

Ms. Balemba ~ Grade 7/8 Teacher

School Council Meeting

SCHOOL COUNCIL

**IS THIS EVENING
(6:30 p.m.)**

All are welcome to attend!

**GRADE 8 BOTTLE DRIVE
FUNDRAISER**



We are continuing to collect LCBO bottles and cans as a fundraiser for our end-of-year graduation trip. Bottles can be dropped off at the school by the shed at the east side of the school across from the propane tanks.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this fundraiser! We appreciate your support!



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

Staff will be engaged in Professional Development on and off site.



Please remember to sign in and out when your child(ren) are brought in late or leave early in the day. Your co-operation is very much appreciated!



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The MDI (Middle Development Instrument)

As per the information that was sent home to parents before Christmas, students in Grades 4 and Grade 7 will be completing the instrument in Early February. In order to facilitate the survey completion, students will have use of individual devices here at the school.



January 30th

Bell Let's Talk Day is January 30. Join the conversation and help us surpass a billion total messages of support for mental health and \$100 million in total Bell funding.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th
At York River Public School
(alternate date is Friday, Feb. 8th)
More information to follow

PUBLIC SPEAKING



Classes are preparing for the annual public speaking competition. The OLM Finals will take place on **February 13th** at 1:00 p.m. Good luck to all! The Legion Competition is scheduled for **February 17th**.



VALENTINE DANCE

Our Valentine's Day Dance will take place on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14th**. The JK to Grade 3 student dance is from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (No charge). The Grade 4 to 8 student dance is from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (additional information and permission forms for the 4-8 dance will be coming home shortly).



REPORT CARDS, (and IEPs as applicable), will be coming home on **FEBRUARY 20th**. If you wish an appointment for an interview, please contact your child's teacher to set up a mutually convenient time to meet. Please note that the teachers may be contacting parents as well to set up an interview time.

NEW DATES FOR THE INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE PROGRAM WORKSHOPS



Monday, February 4th:

Mrs. McCormack's/Ms. Walsh's JK/SK students and Mrs. Ronholm's Grade 6/7 students.

Monday, February 11th:

Mrs. Kirkaldy's & Ms. Knopp's Kindergarten Students and Ms. Balemba's Grade 7/8 students.

Sacraments for 2019



Please note that parents are asked to register their children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation as soon as possible in order for us to start preparations.

Please contact Our Lady of Mercy Parish at 613-332-2954 or you can email the Parish at olmbancroft@gmail.com

Outdoor Education Day



The Grade 4 students' Outdoor Education Workshop has been rescheduled to **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th**.

REGISTER ONLINE! FOR 2019-2020 KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM



ALCDSB will soon be able to accept online registration for Kindergarten students for the fall of 2019-2020. To be eligible the child must be 4 years of age on or before. **Dec 31/19** Stay tuned for more information.

Favourite Literacy Character – Jan. 25th



Much creativity was displayed by our Students (Parents) & Staff as we dressed as our Favorite Literacy Characters today. Thanks for the photos from home too! [@alcdsb](https://twitter.com/alcdsb) [#omerscholarship](https://twitter.com/omerscholarship) [#familyliteracyday](https://twitter.com/familyliteracyday)

Jump Rope For Heart – Jan 25th



A big thank you to Sandra Barnes from [@HeartandStroke](https://twitter.com/HeartandStroke) for kicking off Jump Rope For Heart at OLM! We learned about how to tell if someone is having a stroke, and how to help. Looking forward to our Jump event on February 15th! [@ALCDSB](https://twitter.com/ALCDSB) [#omerdiscipleship](https://twitter.com/omerdiscipleship)

Vaccination Assessments & Suspensions

Letters were sent home to some families with outdated child immunization records on January 17th.

Please submit the most recent immunization record to:

Hastings Prince Edward Public Health

FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Vaccination Assessments & Suspensions

Important Dates for Principals and Administrators for 2018-2019

Hastings Prince Edward Public Health (HPEPH) is required to collect and review immunization records for all students attending school. If the parent or legal guardian fails to update missing information, the student may be suspended for up to 20 days from school.

Month	Year	Key Event	Details
Jan	2019	PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION REQUIRED	LETTERS DELIVERED: Letters are delivered to schools for students who do not have up-to-date immunization records or a valid exemption on file with HPEPH.
Feb	2019	VACCINATION CATCH-UP	Students with incomplete immunization records should see a physician or visit a public health clinic to get vaccinations up-to-date.
Mar	2019	VACCINATION CATCH-UP	Week of March 4th reminder letters sent through school courier to students who are still not up-to-date. March 22 The deadline for elementary school students to submit updated immunization records to avoid an order of suspension is March 22. Students can attend clinics at HPEPH offices. Additional catch-up clinics will be posted on our website. Visit hpepublichealth.ca or call 613-966-5500 ext. 221.
Apr	2019	ORDER OF SUSPENSION DELIVERED FIRST WEEK OF APRIL	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS SUSPENDED April 12 Elementary school students who still have incomplete immunization records will be suspended from school on April 12 until their records are updated or a valid exemption is filed with HPEPH.

QUESTIONS? 613-966-5500 EXT. 221