



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, February 12, 2019

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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”.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART KICK OFF



A big thank you to Sandra Barnes from [@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 22nd**.

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Canada Flag Day is Feb. 15th
Spirit Day – Dress Red & White



Pink Shirt Day is Feb. 27th
Spirit Day – Please wear a pink shirt!

January Merit Award Winners



The Faith Life Committee is hosting a St. Valentine’s Day Dance on **Thursday, February 14th**.
Primary/Junior will be at 11 am.
Junior/Intermediate will be at 1 pm.



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BLESSED PALMS NEEDED



We are approaching the season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. At that time, we have ashes placed on our foreheads in the sign of the cross as a symbol of the season and a reminder of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross on Good Friday. These ashes are made by burning the blessed palms from Palm Sunday. Each year, we collect blessed palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday to be burned to use for the ashes on Ash Wednesday. **We are requesting that any families, who have their palms from last year, to please send them into the school. We will have a palm burning service on February 28th.**

PUBLIC SPEAKING



Classes are preparing for the annual public speaking competition. Students in grades 4 to 8 are now or soon will be delivering their speeches in class. OLM School Finals are set for February 13th, and the Legion Speak Off date is February 17th. 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!



Note: Pizza orders will be honoured for February 21st from Feb. 7th (Buses Cancelled)



Monday, February 18th

There will no be school this day.
Enjoy your family time!

Join the 21st Backyard Bird Count:



The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a joint partnership between Audubon and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, with Bird Studies Canada as the official Canadian partner. This year marks the 21st Anniversary of the GBBC and it will occur this year between February 16th to February 19th (Family Day Weekend). The GBBC engages birdwatchers of all ages across North America in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are. Anyone can participate, from beginners to experts. You can count for as little as 15 minutes on a single day, or for as long as you like each day of the event. It's free, fun, and easy - and it helps the birds!



The whole school will be skating at the arena on March 8th from 9:30 – 11:00. Permission forms will be sent home shortly. ALL Skaters must have helmets. Please contact the school if you would like to borrow one.

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!

REGISTER ONLINE! FOR 2019-2020 KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM



ALCDSB is 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 December 31, 2019.

If you have any questions, please call the school.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

The Immunization of School Pupils Act requires Public Health to have up-to-date immunization records for all students in Hastings and Prince Edward Counties. **If you received an immunization notification**, please update Public Health according to their request.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Due to the weather, our tournament to YRPS will be rescheduled for February 28th.

SENIOR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Girls & Boys will be February 25th.



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.

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be on February 27th

Outdoor Education Day

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

SCHOOL JAM FUNDRAISER!



Once again OLM will be having a Jam Fundraiser. Stay tuned for more information on dates. Thank you for your support.



In support of the upcoming Grade 8 Graduation trip, Grade 8 students will be selling raffle tickets for a gift card bundle prize. This is a parent-led initiative to help decrease the costs to students for our excursion to Montreal. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact the school, and we can direct you to one of the parent representatives. Thank you for your support!