



# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, April 2, 2019

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### Congratulations to our March Merit Award Winners



  
**EASTER CRAFT WORKSHOP**  
Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm

### STUDENT RECONCILIATIONS



**MONDAY, APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>**

### SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER IS TOMORROW, APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The event is being held at THE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH in support of the OLM Grade 8 Trip to Montreal. Enjoy a spaghetti dinner and there will be a 50/50 draw as well. Please come out and support the Grade 8s at this fundraising event. If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to contact Amanda McConnell at 613-334-5322 to by email [amanda1909@hotmail.com](mailto:amanda1909@hotmail.com).



**THIS FRIDAY IS A P.A. DAY**  
Staff will be engaged in Professional Development off site.

### EASTER MASS SCHEDULES



***Palm Sunday***

*April 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.*

***Holy Thursday***

***Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper***

*April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.*

***Good Friday***

***Celebration of the Lord's Passion***

*April 19<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m.*

***Easter Vigil***

*Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.*

***Easter Sunday***

*April 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 a.m.*



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## REMINDER ABOUT TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

WE ASK THAT ALL CHANGES FOR TRANSPORTATION OR PICK UP BE MADE IN WRITING. (Changes over the phone will be accepted in emergency situations only). Please avoid using the school's email address to send your requests as your message may end up in the junk email folder and we cannot ensure that will consistently be able to check the email inbox.

ALL REQUESTS FOR ALTERNATE BUSING [other than pre-authorized daily changes (i.e., daily day care arrangements)] must be submitted to the office in writing **FIRST THING IN THE MORNING**. The letter must contain the full name of the student, the full name of the person receiving the student at the destination address, the full drop-off location including the full 911 address, and an explanation of a valid reason for the requested change.

Students **WILL NOT** be dropped off at alternate destinations unless there is already a designated stop on the bus route.

Lastly, **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO ORGANIZE TRANSPORTATION** for students to attend non-school related special events [i.e., birthday parties, sleepovers, etc.]. **BUS PASSES WILL NOT BE ISSUED BY THE SCHOOL FOR SUCH EVENTS.**

Thank you for your understanding.

*Project Prom Coming to N.H.H.S.*

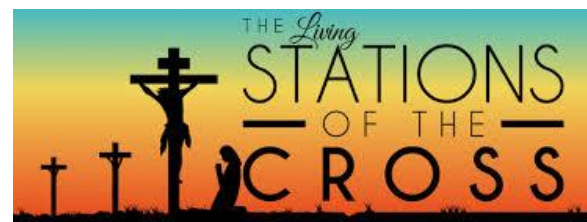


Prom Project makes gently used formal wear (dresses, suits & accessories), for girls and boys, available to all students for proms/formals and graduation. The clothing is provided **free of charge** and yours to keep. The shopping event will be held on **APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>** from **3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** at North Hastings High School gymnasium.

## JAM FUNDRAISER



Families are responsible for picking up their orders as well as for distributing the jam to their customers. The jam orders will be available for pickup at the school **APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**.



On **APRIL 18<sup>th</sup>**, Mrs. Ronholm's Grade 6/7 students will present the *Stations of the Cross* beginning at 9:00 a.m. Parents are welcome to join us!

*School Council Meeting*

**SCHOOL  
COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23rd  
(6:30 p.m.)**

(All are welcome to attend.)

## MAPLE SYRUP BUSH TRIPS



Our grade 1, 2 and 3 students will be travelling to Graphite Bible Camp to learn

about how maple syrup is made as well as other important factors as it relates to our French Canadian Heritage. The trips are happening on April 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have not returned your child's permission form, please do so as soon as possible.

**GRADE EIGHT  
GRADUATION PICTURES**



Photos will be taken on  
**MONDAY, APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>**

**SENIOR KINDERGARTEN  
GRADUATION PICTURES**



Photos will also be taken on  
**MONDAY, APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>**

**REGISTER ONLINE!  
FOR 2019-2020 KINDERGARTEN  
PROGRAM**



ALCDSB is now 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<sup>st</sup>, 2019**. Please see our website for more details. Please note that forms for busing are not currently available online. Forms will have to be picked up at the school for submission to Tri-Board.

**GRADE 8 BOTTLE DRIVE  
FUNDRAISER**



We are continuing to collect LCBO bottles and cans as a fundraiser for our end-of-year graduation trip to Montreal **until the end of May**. 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!

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT  
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY  
(Please take the time to read this in its  
entirety as it effects all of us.)**

I was recently asked to attend a meeting of the Bancroft Community Safety and Well-Being Committee at the Town Office. There were concerns raised about buses on the Bridge Street, W. hill and the congestion that is caused on the hill. It was also reviewed that the bus traffic sometimes backs up onto Monck Street. Possible adaptations and measures that could be used to alleviate the situation were discussed with the Town as well as the OPP and TriBoard Transportation.

There were also concerns raised about the motor vehicle traffic that also uses the street during the times when the buses are making their way to and from the school. It was noted that motor vehicles have been observed doing the following: 1) pulling out in front of buses, as well as across the oncoming path of the buses; 2) turning around into neighboring driveways; 3) parking on the hill in front of the fire hydrant; 4) stopping and/or parking across the road from the school (where the buses need to turn); 5) parking at the front corner of the school; and 6) using the designated Handicapped Parking area in front of the school.

All of these situations not only impede the flow of traffic in and out of the lot but also raises concerns about safety in many ways.

We remind parents to drive slowly through the parking lot between the church and the school. Please park there to let your children out so they can enter the school through the back gates. Alternatively, you can park your vehicles there and walk your children through the parking lot to the front of the school (e.g., the Kindergarten children who do not go outside at the beginning of the day). Pylons are placed in the first few spots in front of the church to intentionally discourage parking and then the reversal of cars into the path of other cars and/or buses that are entering and/or exiting the parking lot.

We ask that all people who are driving vehicles into our lot and the area of the school consider the impact of their driving / parking habits on the safe flow of traffic as well as the possible dangers that their habits have on the safe arrival of our students (your children).

*P. Flagler Edwards (Principal)*

**DID YOU KNOW.....**



That you can set controls that will allow you to turn on and off your home WIFI at a set time each day? Want to know more? If so, we invite you to Our Lady of Mercy C.S. to attend the MAY 2<sup>nd</sup> evening presentation by Paul Davis (<http://socialnetworkingsafety.net/>) and the accompanying information carousels. The presentation is free, as will be the food and beverages. There will be opportunities for child-care to allow parents to attend, All costs are being covered by the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant that was awarded to Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School. Parents from Maynooth Public School, York River Public School and Birds Creek Public School will be invited to attend too as all of the schools received PRO Grant funding to cover the costs.



A Reminder to take immunization updates to the Health Unit as per the letters sent home in February and again on March 7<sup>th</sup>. **There are still some outstanding immunization updates and the suspension process will begin next week.**

**FUN FRENCH FACTS**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

2019 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Official Languages Act*? #50yearsOLA

*Encourage your child to be a lifelong learner of French!*