



# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, January 14, 2020

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



We hope you had a wonderful and blessed Christmas! Welcome to 2020.

### DECEMBER MERIT AWARD WINNERS!!!



**THANK YOU** to everyone for your participation in this year's Twelve Days of Christmas Fundraising Raffle and of course a **VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU** to our Local Businesses and Community Members for your very generous donations!

### *Congratulations!*

*Here are the winners in our "12 Days of Christmas" Raffle:*

**December 6, 2019**

Gift Card Wreath:

**Louisa Phillips Ticket # 1301**

**December 7, 2019**

Pamper Your Wheels:

**Elaine Sopher Ticket # 0032**

**December 8, 2019**

Whipping it Up:

**Debbie Esposito Ticket # 1093**

**December 9, 2019**

The Maintenance Group:

**Michele Packard Ticket # 1996**

**December 10, 2019**

Family Time:

**Laura Fideau Ticket # 0749**

**December 11, 2019**

Around The Yard We Go:

**Timothy Harker Ticket # 1099**

**December 12, 2019**

Double Dating:

**Don Foley Ticket # 1108**



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December 13, 2019

Be Prepared:

**Hillary Towns**

**Ticket # 0118**

December 14, 2019

Date Night:

**Jeremy Genrick**

**Ticket # 1184**

December 15, 2019

When All Through the House:

**Yvonne Parks**

**Ticket # 0939**

December 16, 2019

Relaxed & Pampered:

**Lauren Martin**

**Ticket # 1802**

December 17 2019

A Camping We Will Go:

**Talia Switzer**

**Ticket # 1344**

December 18, 2019

\$300 CASH:

**Randy Young**

**Ticket # 0145**

**Incentive Prize:** *Rink Rental & Granite GC*  
**The N. Bierworth Family**

**TV Raffle:** *Vizio 40" Ultra HD Picture*  
*(Donated by: Rocco Trucking & Excavating)*  
**Tanya Brown**

## Missed 5 Days or Less! Way to Go!!!



## Glimpses of Our Christmas Concert 2019

*Thank you to everyone for your generous donations of non-perishable food items and monetary donations for our local food banks. A total of \$900.00 was collected from the Seats for Eats Campaign, our two concerts and a generous donation from the Faith Life Committee. All donations will be shared with the North Hastings Community Cupboard in Bancroft, Maynooth & Area Food Bank, and the Central Food Network, Cardiff*

*School Council Meeting*

**SCHOOL  
COUNCIL**

**IS TONIGHT  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30 p.m.  
All are welcome!**



Our Pizza Days are **Thursday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please consider purchasing your child(ren) pizza online.



**Ms. Cole/Ms. Knopp JK/SK Class**





**Mrs. McCormack SK/Gr. 1 Class**



**Ms. Carrigan Gr. 4/5 Class**



**Ms. Raisanen Gr. 1/2 Class**



**Mrs. Ronholm Gr. 6/7 Class**



**Ms. Doney (Mrs. Meszaros) Gr. 2/3 Class**

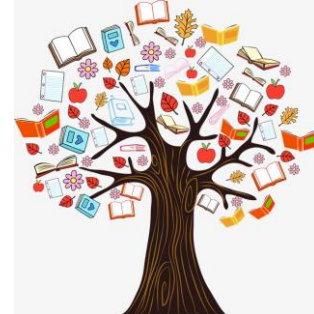


**Ms. Balemba Gr. 7/8 Class**



**Mrs. Rumleski Gr. 3/4 Class**

**“DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE LITERARY CHARACTER” SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY**



**MONDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup>**

## GRADE 8 BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER



We are continuing to collect LCBO bottles and beer 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!

## PUBLIC SPEAKING



Classes are preparing for the annual public speaking competition. Students in grades 4 to 8 are expected to deliver a memorized speech, three to five minutes long. Speeches should be delivered in class in the next few weeks with the OLM School Finals taking place **FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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!

## Important INFORMATION

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Many of our families have provided the school with a weekly schedule pertaining to after-school arrangements for their child(ren). It is **imperative** that you inform the school in writing if your child's weekly schedule changes.


### Sacraments for 2020



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](mailto:olmbancroft@gmail.com)

## Reuse Recycle

 Dear Parents/Guardians, If you had planned on recycling your **Christmas cards or gift bags**, please instead consider sending them to the school. We will reuse them as gift tags and wrapping for Santa's Workshop in December 2020. Thank you in advance! @ALCDSB @EcoSchoolsCAN





**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING IN  
YOUR RECYCLED BATTERIES!**

## Scholastic Reading Club

Discover the easiest,  
most reliable way  
to get your child  
excited about reading!



Scholastic Book Club is currently cutting back on the number of paper flyers they are sending. With this in mind, if you require a paper copy please let me know at the school and I will provide you with one.

Scholastic is promoting the use of their online ordering. To do this:

- Go to : [scholastic.ca/canadaclubs](http://scholastic.ca/canadaclubs) and connect to my account, Brenda Gabourie
- Select your books, pay online and checkout.
- I will receive confirmation of your order. The books will be shipped to the school.

## ATTENTION GRADE SEVEN PARENTS



As has been the practice for many years, each family with a child in Grade Seven is asked to donate \$25 toward the expenses connected with Graduation. Therefore, when your child celebrates graduation in Grade 8 all expenses are covered and you and your child can enjoy the evening festivities cost free. **YOU MAY MAKE THIS PAYMENT ONLINE IF YOU HAVE REGISTERED FOR SCHOOL CASH ONLINE.** Please look for the “Grade 7 Pre-

payment for Graduation”, as the item. Alternatively, you may send your donation (cash or cheque) to the office through your child’s teacher, if you are not registered. Please make this donation as soon as possible. If for some reason your child will not be graduating from our school in grade 8 (i.e., a move out of the area, or enrolment in another school), your money will be refunded. Thank you for your support.

## AUSTRALIA NEEDS OUR HELP!



OLM Polar Bears your help is NEEDED. Please consider bringing in your loose change, all monies collected will be directed to the Red Cross Disaster and Relief Recover Fund and World Wildlife Fund to help those affected by the devastating fires in Australia. Let’s make a difference. Donations will be collected until Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Blessed Palms Needed



We are approaching the season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 plan to burn the palms on Shrove Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.