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# NEWSLETTER

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## Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board

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### Students First.....Excellence For All

Website: <http://schools.alcdsb.on.ca/stmt>

(Please check the school website for current announcements.)

Principal: Ms. D. Beers

Vice-Principal: Mrs. W. Hay

Pastor: Rev. T. Harrison

Trustee: J. Brisbois

Assist. Supt. Of School Effectiveness: Ms. T. Kennedy

School Council Chair & Co-Chair: Mrs. K. Martin & Mrs. K. Norman

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**NOTICE: FUTURE COPIES OF THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER WILL BE ON OUR SCHOOL WEB PAGE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PAPER COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL. THANK YOU.**

### CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

The Board requires that parent volunteers produce Criminal Background Checks. Recently the RCMP has changed the screening criteria for Vulnerable Sector Checks such that it can take a significant amount of time to complete the screening process. This can result in a delay of several months before a Criminal Background Check can be produced. If you anticipate that you would like to serve as a volunteer in our school, or be a chaperone for a school activity, you are encouraged to initiate the process as soon as possible in anticipation of a possible delay. Police check applications are available at the school office. Thank you in advance.

### SCHOOL SAFETY / SECURITY

#### SAFE ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL PROGRAM

**VISITORS/PARENTS:** To ensure a safe environment for our students and to maintain an awareness of people entering and exiting the school building, we ask **THAT ALL PARENTS AND VISITORS COME DIRECTLY TO THE MAIN OFFICE TO SIGN IN AND PICK UP A VISITOR'S BADGE.**

A Visitor's Pass must be worn by parents, volunteers, and community agency members who are in the school supporting school initiatives. If you are dropping off lunches or forgotten items, please bring them to the office in order to avoid interrupting classroom instruction.

**PLEASE DO NOT GO TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM OR ON TO THE YARD.**

Any changes to your child's schedule, especially those pertaining to after-school routines, should be relayed to the classroom teacher at least a day in advance, whenever possible. If last minute changes are required, please try to call the school before 1:30 p.m. in order to ensure the message gets to your child(ren). If you get the answering machine late in the day, please persist with your call until you reach the secretary so we can be certain your child gets the message.

**Absence:** Please call the school before 7:50 a.m. if your child is absent from school. Attendance is taken first thing in the morning and calls are made to verify all student absences if we have not heard from you regarding your child's absence.

If coming in late, or when the bell rings, parents are asked to leave their child/ren at the school entrance or office and allow the child to proceed to his or her classroom on their own. Of course, if the child is in kindergarten, they will be escorted to their class by a staff member.

### SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Congratulations to the new members of our 2011-2012 School Advisory Council:

Chair – Mrs. K. Martin

Co-Chair: Mrs. K. Norman

Secretary – Ms. T. Montgomery

Treasurer - Mrs. S. McMahon

Members: M. Aho, K. Bolduc, K. Ireland, T. MacDonald, R. Oakes, J. Meloche, A. McGeorge, C. Toth, D. Wright, C. Perry, N. Parsons.

Teacher Rep.: M. Buettner, Non-teaching Rep.: D. Eyes

Please feel free to contact any member of the council if there are any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you all for your continued support in the school fundraiser. We are looking forward to a great year!

## Electronics and Valuables:

Please discourage your child(ren) from bringing valuable items and electronics (DSs, Ipods, MP3s, cell phones, etc.) to school. Such devices are not permitted to be used during the school day. If you allow your child to use these items while walking to and from school or while riding the bus, note that the school assumes no responsibility for damage or loss. Due to privacy-related issues, cameras are also prohibited on the school yard.

## Royal Canadian Legion:

Last spring our school nominated students for the Royal Canadian Legion Merit Awards. These students were formally recognized on September 22 at the Legion. This award is presented to students who have exhibited aspects of good citizenship, a desire for learning and have shown consideration for the feelings and property of others. Winners from St. Mary Catholic School were: Logan Lloyd, Paige Sanders, Denver Ross, Jacob Jones, Sarah Shannon, Alyssa Hubbard, Taylor Whaley-Smith, Sabrina Dopking, Jared Harland, Morgan Desgroseilliers, Dillon Broadbent, Cole Cormier.

## Terry Fox Run/Walk:

Many thanks to Mrs. Malone, Mrs. Wright, Ms. McDonald and those supporting this event. The money raised was amazing! The total amount collected was \$3,010.80. We all feel better when we do things to help others. Many, many thanks to the parent volunteers who counted and rolled the money.

## HALLOWEEN CANDY

Each year after Halloween, we ask students to bring in any extra Halloween candy that we can ship to the Canadian Food For Children in the Third World. We are, once again this year, asking for your support and help in this endeavour.

## St. Mary School News

Oct.10	Thanksgiving Day, no school
Oct. 12	Pizza Day
Oct. 13	Pizza Day - B-day Kindergarten students
Oct. 21	Picture Re-takes
Oct. 24	PA Day, no school
Oct. 26	Terrific Kids, 12:45

## St. Peter Church News

**Convert Class:** began Wednesday, September 28, 7 pm in the Parish Centre (Queen St. Entrance) and continues on Wednesdays. This class is for non-Catholics wanting to find out about the Catholic faith. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) then follows for those wishing to become a catholic. Info or to register, call the Parish (613 392-3767)

**Monthly Community Dinner:** Thursday, October 13, 5-7 pm, K of C Hall, 57 Stella Crescent. Adults: \$10; under 12 years \$5; 6 years and under free. All are welcome. Tickets at the door.

**New Translation of the Mass:** Thursday, October 13, 7 pm, St. Peter's Church. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, GIRM/New Translation of the Mass. All Parishioners welcome. No cost. Beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, November 27, our Catholic Church in Canada (and US) will be using newly translated text of Mass Prayers. For more info, please visit: <http://www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca>.

**Baptismal Preparation Class:** Monday, October 17, 7 pm in the Parish Centre. Parents wishing to have their children baptized are asked to call the Parish Centre to register.

## St. Mary School Student Council

Congratulations to all candidates who spoke last Friday. It takes courage to get up in front of a group, and everybody spoke so well. What great ideas came forward, which made it tough for everybody to choose. We have great leadership at St. Mary's! Student Council members are (in no particular order): Owen Fleming, Maitland Galetzka, Jacob Page, Eli Shannon, Alyssa Houle, Cayla DeBattista, Jaydon Hamilton, Abigail Lucas, Megan Reid and Julia Tees.

**Spirit Basketball: Tryouts for Spirits Basketball 2011-2012 - Tryouts will take place at St. Theresa Secondary School.** [www.spiritsbasketball.net](http://www.spiritsbasketball.net).

For more information about Spirits basketball see the About Us page on the website.