
NEWSLETTER

Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board

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Students First....Excellence For All

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(Please check the school website for current announcements.)

Principal: Ms. D. Beers

Vice-Principal: Ms. W. Hay

Pastor: Rev. T. Harrison

Trustee: J. Brisbois

Superintendent of Education: Ms. T. Kennedy

School Council Chair & Co-Chair: Mrs. T. MacDonald; Mrs. K. Martin

WELCOME BACK!

Principal's Message

St. Mary Catholic School is an exciting school with challenging and vibrant academic programs. Students are engaged on a daily basis in unique and interesting programs that are supported by the latest in technology and resources and, more importantly, by an outstanding and dedicated staff of talented and inspiring teachers!

We are very proud of our school, its history, and our Catholic faith tradition. We work hard each day to ensure that every student is offered a wide range of learning opportunities designed toward the enhancement of success and the building of their futures. I am very proud of the staff and students as they work together to meet the requirements of education in the twenty-first century.

On behalf of the school administration, teachers and support staff, I would like to welcome you to St. Mary Catholic School.

We ask all students to remember the 3R's:
Respect, Responsibility, and Relationships

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Parent/Teacher Bar B-Q - September 14th: 5:30 starting in the gym

MEET THE TEACHER - We look forward to meeting our students' parents/guardians at our informal 'Meet the Teacher' evening on September 14 from 5:30-7:00. Please feel free to bring a blanket, lawn chair, and refillable water bottle. **Come enjoy a free BBQ (hamburger or hot dog). We look forward to meeting all parents/guardians.**

Thank you to the School Advisory Council for providing dessert.

Thank you to Mr. Smylie of the Independent Grocer for his continued support and generous donation.

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ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**SAFE SCHOOL TEAM AND
THE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

PRESENTS: Ron Morris

SPEAKING ON: The Secrets of Discipline

September 21, 2011 5:30 - 7:30

Mr. Morrish has written and published three books. His first book,

Secrets of Discipline, discusses twelve keys for raising responsible children, without deal-making, arguments, and confrontations.

COME OUT AND JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIVE EVENING

SYNREVOICE

This electronic system enables messages from school council members, administrators and teachers to be easily and quickly delivered to a large number of parents by phone and e-mail. It is hoped that consistent, regular communication throughout the entire school year will result in positive collaboration between teachers and parents in order to benefit students. **If you have not already done so, please provide the school with your e-mail address. Thank you.**

Policies and Procedures: Parents are asked to go over the contents of the school agenda with their children. Please refresh your child's memory regarding the Mission of the school, homework guidelines, code of conduct and school practices. Please ensure that the front of the agenda is signed indicating that you and your child have reviewed the contents.

We recommend that all electronic devices be left at home. **The school assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen property.**

Dismissal Procedures: Do NOT leave with your child until he/she has been dismissed by the teacher.

- Parents picking up students are asked to meet their child in the Knights of Columbus parking lot. Kindergarten students parents are asked to park in the Knights of Columbus parking lot, then proceed to the kindergarten door on Campbell Street to meet their child.
- Please mark the bus number for your child on the front of their backpack in large numbers.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS: Commencing with the October newsletter, we will be posting all newsletters on our school website. If you wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletters, please let the school know.

Safe Arrival Program

Parents are asked to phone the school prior to 8:00 a.m. to report an absence. After attendance is taken, school staff attempt to contact the parents of children who are reported as absent. A parent phone call before school will save time and worries. Parents can leave messages between 4 pm and 7:30 am if they know their child will be absent the following morning.

Student Safety

St. Mary Catholic School is a safe school but improvements can always be made. If you see a situation which could jeopardize the safety of anyone in our community please forward this concern to the principal. Please follow these procedures to improve our school safety: **Avoid driving into or exiting the school parking lot at entry or dismissal times; avoid walking through the parking lot, use the walkway instead.**

Noon Hour Notes

If you feel your child must leave school property at noon, written parental permission is required by the school. If your child goes home each day, one note for each semester is required. As some students have made poor choices while being off school property, each note must contain the phrase, **"I assume all responsibility for my child's behaviour and safety during the noon hour"**.

Severe Food Allergies

Some of our community members, staff and students, have severe allergic reactions to certain foods. Currently salmon and nuts (including nut products) are not to be brought to St. Mary Catholic School. The affected staff, students and their families certainly appreciate your cooperation.

St. Mary Catholic School Staff

Some staffing changes have occurred during the summer months. Your children will certainly benefit from the energy and professionalism of each of our staff members.

Father Harrison	Pastor
Ms. D. Beers	Principal
Ms. W. Hay	Vice-Principal
Mrs. D. Miller	Kindergarten (A & B Day)
Mrs. M. Green	Kindergarten (A day)
Mrs. A. Bashall	Grade 1
Mrs. V. Legassic	Grade 1
Mrs. J. DeWitt-Plante	Grade 2
Mrs. L. Haker	Grade 2
Ms. C. Kelly	Grade 3

Ms.. J. Whitney	Grade 3/4
Mr. J. Pacheco	Grade 5
Mrs. S. Malone	Grade 5/6
Mrs. K. Wright	Grade 6
Mr. M. Gilbert	Grade 7
Mrs. K. Hoddinott	Grade 7/8
Mr. J. Devenish	Grade 8

Mrs. B. Harris	Kindergarten F.I.(A & B Day)
Ms. L. Charette	Kindergarten F.I. (B Day)
Mrs. Istead/Ms. M. Buettner	Gr. 1 & 1/2 F.I.
Mme. B. Duchesne	Grade 2 F.I.
Ms. Kondruk/Ms. H. Buettner	Grade 3 & 4 F.I.
Mrs .M. Green	Special Education
Mrs. J. Tees	Special Education
Ms. A. Boden	Core French
Mrs. Van den Hoeven	Core French
Ms. S. McDonald	Prep and Planning
Mrs .M. Roy	Secretary
Mrs. J. Thieman	Secretary
Mrs. J. Connor	Child Youth Worker
Mr. D. Eyes	Library Resource Assistant
Mrs. M. Smith	Educational Assistant
Ms. M. Crozier-French	Educational Assistant
Mrs. K. Cornect	Educational Assistant
Mrs. N. Robidoux	Educational Assistant
Ms. F. Thurston	Educational Assistant
Ms. R. Meens	Educational Assistant
Ms. S. Cayer	Educational Assistant
Mrs. K. Serino	Educational Assistant
Ms. S. Boese	Educational Assistant
Mr. M. O'Connor	Educational Assisstant
Mr. Arsenault	Custodian
Mr. Badgley	Custodian
Mr. T. Bell	Custodian

St. Mary School

Sept. 14 Meet the Teacher / Family Bar-B-Q
5:30 Welcome/Prayer/ BBQ
6:30 - 7:00 Classroom Visit

Sept. 22 Legion Awards

LIBRARY: Volunteers are needed in the library to assist with entering the books into our electronic library data system. If you have 1 hour per week (days flexible) that you can assist Mr. Eyes, or require more information, please call him at the school, 613 392-3538, ext. 244. Thanks!

School Day Schedule

Yard Supervision Begins	7:50
Entrance Bell	8:05
Morning Recess	10:05-10:20
Lunch	11.40 - 12:40
Afternoon Recess	2:20 - 2:30
Dismissal	2:35

Students are not allowed in the school in the morning to drop off back packs, lunches, projects, helmets, skateboards, etc.

Healthy Active Lifestyles

To improve the health of the students and staff, we are taking steps to become a more healthy active school community. Water bottles are replacing fruit drink packages on the desks. Nutritious snacks are being emphasized. Recess activities that do not promote physical activity are discouraged.

STUDENT'S LUNCHES:

Parents are asked to remember to pack **spoons and/or forks** for their child's lunch. The office does not have a supply of these items. Thank you for your assistance!

PICTURE DAYS

Monday, September 19

Tuesday, September 20

RETAKES: - October 21

Head Lice - IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO CHECK all students please call the school (613) 392-3538. The school will arrange for you to be instructed on the process.

LUNCH HOUR MONITORS

If you would be able to supply for the lunch hour supervision, please contact the school for more information.

Guitar/Ukulele Lessons

Music can transport us to new heights and to places we have never been. It inspires us and calms us, fills our hearts and soul with love. Tell us to BELIEVE.

Guitar - ukulele and more! \$19 private 1/2 hr. lesson. Family rates & tax receipts. Instruments provided at school. For more information, call Lori Lynch's Music 613 398-0581

St. Mary's Martial Arts Club

Sensei Magwood would like to welcome back all the returning students to the Tuesday after school martial arts program and to invite new students to join the club. Registration will be on Tuesday, September 13th at 2:35 pm. The cost will be \$35 per month, plus a \$10 annual insurance fee. Martial Arts classes are one of the best ways to boost your child's confidence while learning practical self defence and street proofing skills. The skills learned in Martial Arts can have beneficial effects in all parts of your child's life.

For more info contact Sensei Greg Magwood at 1-613-473-5351 magwood@yahoo.ca.

St. Peter Church News

Children's Choir - Students in grades 2 to 8 ready to make a commitment to practice and to sing at the Sunday 9 am Mass are invited to join. Practice will take place during the school day. Registration forms will be sent home soon.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM:

The St. Mary School Breakfast Club will begin on Monday, October 3, 2010. It will run from 7:50 am to 8:05 am., so that students will be to class on time.

Any donations of peanut-free items would be appreciated.

If you require further information, please contact Mrs. Connor, Youth Worker, at the school

BUS CONDUCT: To maintain a high standard of safety of our students while travelling on the school bus, we ask that all parents be aware of the rules of conduct for our students. You, as parents, can assist us immeasurably by being aware of the regulations and making sure your children understand and follow them. **Riding a school bus is a privilege. This privilege may be withdrawn if a student behaves in a manner that threatens his/her safety or the safety of others. Let's work together to protect all our students.**