

SAINT MARY SCHOOL

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Easter Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.
Amen



****3rd Notice** Additional PA Day on April 8, 2016**

As a result of the settlement reached with teacher federations during central provincial bargaining Regulation 304, "School Year Calendar, Professional Activity Days", has been amended with the requirement that an additional Professional Activity day is to be held during the 2015-2016 school year.

Please note that for the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, the date of the additional PA day is **Friday, April 8, 2016.**

Family Health & Wellness Night - Thursday April 7, 2016 6:00 pm -8:00 pm

You are invited to Saint Mary's School "Health & Wellness Night" on Thursday April 7, 2016 from 6:00pm - 8:00 pm at Saint Mary's School. This event will be highly informative for all ages, with interactive stations where you will learn about "Physical Activity for Health & Wellness" through Yoga and Zumba; "Healthy Habits" and "Health Snacks" with take away snacks for you to make on the spot; "Mindfulness Meditation"; "Healthy Family Relationships" with Muskoka Family Focus programs; and much more.

We hope you had time to do one or more of the "Health & Wellness Family Challenges that have come into your home recently. Don't forget that if you return the bottom portion, it goes into a draw for a great family prize that will support a healthy lifestyle. We look forward to seeing you on April 7 @ 6:00 pm!



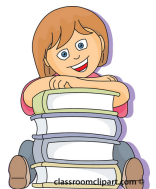
Saint Mary's School Mass **Tuesday April 26 - 10:45 am**

All parents, family and community members are invited to attend our next school mass that will take place on Tuesday April 26 in the school gymnasium. Thank you to Mr. Howard's Gr. 1 /2 Class for leading the mass



Race of the Readers

Mrs. Shisko is leading dedicated group of students who are voraciously reading books during the months of March and April. On May 10 our students will go head to head with students from some of the other schools in the Huntsville area to test their knowledge of the books they have read.



Guitar Club for Beginners

Mr. Howard is starting a new club for beginner guitar players that will take place on Fridays at noon. Students must supply their own guitar and parents will need to drop it off at school as large items aren't allowed on the bus. Your child doesn't need to know how to play - that's what Mr. Howard will help them with.



Spring Thaw

With the warmer temperatures, many students are excited to shed their winter coats, snow pants and

winter boots. Just a reminder that our yard becomes very sloppy during this time of the year. If winter coats are too heavy to wear during a soccer game, your child should have a long sleeved sweater, sweatshirt or jacket that he/she could wear instead. Slush pants should be substituted for snow pants and rain boots can replace winter boots. Also, it would be very helpful if parents **put a name inside of children's clothing** – our lost and found explodes at this time of the year!



2016-2017 School Registration Continues

Thank you to everyone for sharing information about Kindergarten registration for the 2016-2017 school year. The most effective method of promoting our school is the positive word of mouth comments that you share with family and friends. Our registration is on-going so if you know of a child of Kindergarten age, or of families who may be moving into the Huntsville area, please tell their parents to contact the Saint Mary's School office. Now is the time to complete the registration process by calling us or dropping in for a visit.



Save the Date ~ Saint Mary's Showcase



Silent Auction

On **Tuesday May 3** join us from 4:30 – 6:30 pm for a **family BBQ**, browse through the **Scholastic Book Fair** and take your chances in a **Silent Auction** to purchase some student made items or a service or item from one of the members of our Saint Mary's school community. We are looking for Silent Auction and Gift Basket donation items. If you would like to showcase your business by donating certificates for goods or services, new items to auction or to add to gift baskets, please contact katierowe@live.ca.

Saint Mary's Is Going for the Green (Environment that is!)



We are always working hard to protect our environment and to promote the 3 R's... Reduce, Reuse, Recycle through a number of initiatives that you can help with! We have a full composting and recycling program here that is run by a dedicated group of students so we have very little in the way of garbage already – let's see if you can reduce it even more!

Eco Kids Battery Busters Spring Clean-Up Contest

Saint Mary's Green Team has entered Canada's Eco Kids Battery Buster contest. The Green Team collects used batteries throughout the year, but we are making an extra drive to collect extra for the month of April. The batteries collected for the month of April will be weighed by Eco Kids in conjunction with the group "Call2Recycle". If Saint Mary's has collected the most batteries we could win \$2500 but the real prize is protecting our environment! By recycling single use batteries, Saint Mary's School Community can help save the environment. Please start saving your used batteries and send them to school in the month of April... and tell your friends to start saving their batteries too! We can make a difference!

Earth Day – Tuesday April 22

Weather permitting, we will have our neighbourhood clean up on Friday April 22, but stay tuned... April can be a tricky weather month!

Ink Cartridge & Cell Phone Recycling

Don't throw out your old cell phones, empty ink and laser cartridges and batteries! Bring them to Saint Mary's School and put them in the box located between the front doors! They will be safely and environmentally taken care of AND the school will receive money for your efforts. A win-win program

From Our Trustee

Mrs. Carol Corriveau-Truchon

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."
Blessed Mother Teresa

From April 28 – 30, Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board will play host to Catholic Trustees from across the province at Blue Mountain Resort when we co-host the Ontario Catholic School Trustee Association's Annual General Meeting and Conference. We are looking forward to the opportunity to showcase some of the good work that



is happening throughout our Board with presentations from Dr. Pat Carney on our Mental Health Strategy, Linda MacGregor on our First Nation, Metis and Inuit programming and Brian Beal on our partnership with Me to We and the Mission Trips our students are participating in.

Best wishes to all of the students who are preparing for First Communion and Confirmation in the coming months. On behalf of all of the Trustees, I would like to offer my congratulations as you take the next step on your faith journey.

With the nicer weather, there are some exciting evening programs coming up in schools throughout Muskoka and Parry Sound. I am looking forward to attending as many as possible between now and the end of June. I hope to see you there!

God Bless,
Carol Corriveau-Truchon

April 2016 Dates To Remember

- April 7 – Family Health & Wellness Night
- April 8 – PA Day
- April 15 – May Food Order Due
- April 15 – First Guitar Club Meeting
- April 18– Catholic School Community Council Meeting 6:30 pm in the library
- April 20 – Rosary Apostolate
- April 22 – Gr. 7&8 Confirmation Retreat
- April 22 – Earth Day Clean Up
- April 23 – Sacrament of Reconciliation @ St. Mary of the Assumption Church
- April 26 – School Mass
- April 28 – Gr. 3-6 French Presentation @ St. Dominic CSS
- April 29 – Jump Rope for Heart Campaign Kick-Off Assembly

