

# Saint Mary's School

## October 2016 Newsletter

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### SAINT MARY SCHOOL

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#### Thanksgiving Prayer



*Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, Please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.*

*Thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed upon us; our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends. This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen*

#### Chocolate Fundraiser



Mmmmm.... Chocolate! Yes, it is back! World's Finest Chocolate is being gobbled up by families, co-workers and neighbours of the Saint

Mary's School community - have you got your box to sell yet? This is an amazingly easy (and yummy) opportunity to help out with our fundraising efforts. Please complete the order form that was sent home with all students in late September to get your box to sell. If you don't have a copy of the form, put a note in your child's agenda and we'll send one home to you, or you may access it on our website [smh.schools.smdcsb.on.ca](http://smh.schools.smdcsb.on.ca)

#### Arrive on Time Please



A reminder that our school day begins at **8:45** and all children should be present at school at this time. The development of punctuality is an important lesson for children to learn. Please assist your child to this end by having him/her at school when the school day begins.

#### Safe End of Day Pick-Up Routine - THANK YOU to parents who...

- Send a note with your child in the morning to notify Saint Mary's staff that you will be picking him/her up at the end of the day.
- Wait in the designated pick up area (not your car and not on the street beside the school) - students are not dismissed from class until 3:15 pm
- **Plan ahead...** while we recognize that in the case of an emergency you may have to call the school to notify us of a transportation change, a note is the standard method of communication that is to be used by all parents



#### Saint Mary's School Mass

**Tuesday October 18 - 10:45 am**

All parents and community members are invited to attend our next school mass that will take place on Tuesday October 18, 2016, in the school gymnasium.



#### Sacramental Preparation Meeting - Tuesday October 4 @ 6:30 pm at St. Mary of the Assumption Church

On Tuesday October 4, Father John will be meeting in the church hall with all families of children who will be receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year. While this is traditionally received in Gr. 2, students from all grades are also invited to meet with Father John.



#### Terry Fox

Thank you to all staff and students who supported the Terry Fox Fundraising and Run! Together we collected almost \$1000 for cancer research! Thank You to all staff who donated to our first "Time and Talent" draw, we will be drawing the



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winners soon and I know the students will enjoy their time and fun with staff. A huge thank you to Ms. Payne and her amazing group of student helpers.

### **BATTERY BUSTERS**



ECO KIDS CANADA together with "CALL to RECYCLE" are again having a contest to gather used batteries to recycle and divert the batteries from landfills. Saint Mary's GREEN TEAM are registered and looking forward to collecting lots of used batteries. The contest this year runs only for **1 week October 17-23**. Please start collecting batteries from friends and family and send into school the week of October 17-23, 2016. This week is also National WASTE REDUCTION WEEK. Valuable cash prizes are to be won and of course the biggest winner the environment!

### **Family Literacy Night - Save the Date - November 15, 2016!**

We are very excited to be hosting a Literacy Night on Tuesday November 15 from 6 - 7:30. We are asking that you bring any books you would like to leave for an exchange to be held that same night at the school. Also, to both parents and students, please come dressed up as your favourite book character!

### **Breakfast Program - Volunteers Needed!**



We are hoping to get our Breakfast program running soon but in order to sustain the program we are in need of volunteers to help run it. If you have 1 hour (8:00 am - 9:00 am) a few times a month we would love to have your help! The format is a little different this year as we will be serving the food out of the gym every morning for students who are hungry when they arrive at school. Please call the school 705-789-6481 if you can help out. Volunteers must have an OPP Vulnerable Sector Screening completed prior to helping out. If you

need the forms to complete this, please come to the school office and we can help you out.

### **Catholic Education in Muskoka Parry Sound- We're All In It Together!**



We are blessed to have Catholic education in Muskoka Parry Sound from JK-12! Over the course of the year, students will take part in a number of educational activities and events to promote relationships between the Catholic schools in Muskoka Parry Sound. The Gr. 7 & 8 classes have already had one visit from St. Dominic CSS student services and the next planned event for students from Saint Mary's, Monsignor O'Leary and St. Peter the Apostle is an overnight camping trip to Muskoka Woods in late October, followed with "Be a Gr. 9 for a Day" on November 4, 2015

### **Catholic School Community Council - Monday October 3, 2016 @ 6:30pm**

We have a very committed group of parents who spend countless hours working towards making Saint Mary's School the best place for your child to be! Please consider coming out to the meetings to provide your input, find out about family/school events and maybe lend a hand. This is a great way to meet other parents and contribute to your child's school community.



### **Catholic Women's League Church Bazaar**

On Saturday October 29, the CWL will be holding their annual bazaar from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption Church. There will be a tearoom, bake table, and many handicrafts and other items for sale. Please come out to support this very worthy activity. 100% of the proceeds go to charity.



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### **Playground Update**

The kindergarten climbers have been repaired and are back in use and our new climbers arrived on Thursday September 29! We are thrilled and thank everyone for their patience!



### **From Our Trustee -**

#### **Mrs. Carol Corriveau -Truchon**

*I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.*  
Mother Teresa



I attended the Ontario Catholic School Trustee Association Regional Meeting with our Board Chair and Director in September. We began the day with a discussion of what Catholic Boards can do to help implement some of the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee. We were proud to report on the work being done by Linda McGregor (our Manager for First Nation, Inuit and Metis Education) and her team. They are providing SMCDsb students with opportunities to learn about and understand the rich culture of the Aboriginal peoples in Canadian history and the legacy of residential schools.

After discussing some of the challenges being faced by Catholic Boards in Ontario, we discussed some of our success stories, one of which is the great strides being made with communication between the Board and schools and families. With advancements in the use of social media like Twitter and Facebook, and the use of apps to communicate with parents, it is much easier for

parents to learn about their child's school day and be able to facilitate discussions about activities and curriculum.

One highlight for SMCDsb is the new app. Have you downloaded it yet? It's available free from iTunes and Google Play by searching SMCDsb. It is a great place to access calendars, school contact information, bus cancellations and to subscribe to notifications when important information is released by the Board and/or the specific schools your children attend.

October brings cooler, more colourful surroundings to Muskoka and Parry Sound, and a time to pause and be thankful for all of the gifts we have been given. I hope you have time to celebrate both your immediate family and God's family.

God Bless,  
Carol Corriveau-Truchon

### **Upcoming Dates**

Monday October 2	CSCC Meeting @ 6:30
Tuesday October 4	Sacramental Meeting
<b>Friday October 7</b>	<b>PA Day</b>
Monday October 10	Thanksgiving Monday
Tuesday October 18	Mass 10:45 am @ school
Wednesday October 19	Rosary Apostolate
Monday October 24	Science North Workshops
Wednesday October 26	Photo Re-Takes
Thursday October 27-	
Friday October 28	Gr. 7&8 Camping
Saturday October 29	CWL Church Bazaar
Monday October 31	Halloween