

ST. ANGELA MERICI

NEWSLETTER

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School Hours

8:35 am	Supervision Begins
8:50 am	Entry Bell
10:50-11:05 am	AM Recess
11:45-12:05 pm	Eating Lunch
12:05-12:45 pm	Lunch Recess
2:05-2:20 pm	PM Recess
3:20 pm	Dismissal

Principal's Message

Recently, the weather has been mild enough to allow for family walks. The snow and ice have started to melt and the chatter of birds can be heard, promising the return of spring, a time of new growth and rebirth. We know that winter is not done with us and we certainly expect more cold and snow, but the promise of spring returning is comforting (written prior to the recent dumping).

Our journey through this Lenten season is similar to our journey through winter and culminates with the death and resurrection of Jesus. With Jesus, we experience a rebirth!

The month of March promises to be a busy one, filled with great learning opportunities for our students and staff alike. Some highlights include:

- Junior in-school public speaking contest for grade 4 and 5 students
- FDK trip to St. Francis of Assisi C.S.
- our school's participation in the Junior Math Olympics
- Passion Play organized by Mrs. Weeks
- students continue to participate in skating trips to the BLC
- Winter Carnival
- Seder Meal with Sister Jean for our grade 2 students, in preparation for their First Holy Communion

More information will follow for some of these items.

Recently, students received their first term report cards. We hope that you have had a chance to review the report card with your child. Please highlight all the great things your child is doing and celebrate his/her many accomplishments. With your child, identify one or two goals to focus on for next term. Monitor your child's progress and support him/her to achieve these identified goals.

Finally, we have March Break to look forward to. On behalf of the staff at St. Angela Merici, Mrs. Newman and I would like to wish our students and families a safe, restful, and fun-filled March Break. For those who are traveling south to warmer climates and sunny destinations, we invite you to return with sunshine and warmer weather. March Break is Monday, March 14 to Friday, March 18, 2016. The school will be closed for the week.

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Boys Basketball

The St. Angela Merici Senior boys basketball team travelled St. Thomas Aquinas on February 16 to participate in the annual regional basketball tournament. The boys faced some tough competition throughout the round robin play and finished with a record of 1-2.

Unfortunately, they did not have enough points to reach the tournament playoffs. The boys finished 5th out of 10 teams and they held their heads up high knowing that they tried their best. Mr. Carvalho wants to thank all the boys for the hard work throughout the season.

Thank you to Mr. Carvalho for coaching the team.

Catholic School Community Council Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7, at 7:00 pm in the school library. Please use the front doors.

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Lost and Found

The Lost & Found bin is once again overflowing with clothing items, including snow pants, sweaters, and other winter-related clothing items. Students will be encouraged to look for lost items. Parents, if you notice your child has been missing something in particular, please come in to the school and have a look. Any items remaining after Friday, March 11, will be donated to charity.

Girls Basketball

From the start of the intermediate girls' basketball season, the team brought perseverance and dedication to the court. Every single practice, the girls came eager to learn new skills and work on their lay ups and shooting techniques. From the first time they dribbled a ball to the last game of the tournament, the girls grew together as a team, showing how much they improved beating FX O'Reilly. What a way to end our Archers season, with a win! We look forward to seeing the returning girls for a promising next season!

Mr. Mantulak, Ms.Allan, and Mrs.Wood

Snow Valley Rescheduled Date

The rescheduled date for Snow Valley date is Wednesday, March 9.



Food Option order forms for April/May went out this week. The orders are due to the office by Wednesday, March 9. Late or incomplete orders will not be accepted and will be returned. Remember to send in exact cash or, better yet, send in a cheque.

New Skating Dates

The skate dates for the following groups have been rescheduled to the following:

Mrs. Rogers & Mrs. Skillen - Tuesday, April 5

Mrs. Vetro & Ms. Hasler - Wednesday, April 6

Just a reminder that all students are required to wear a CSA-approved hockey helmet while skating.

Absent or Late (289) 231-2085 option 5

If your child is going to be either LATE or ABSENT from school for any reason, please call the school BEFORE 8:30am and leave a message on our 24-hour answering machine: (289) 231-2085 option 5.

Electronic Safe Arrival Form

The Safe Arrival button can be found on our school webpage. It can be found at:

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Congratulations to Our Prize Winners

As part of our Big Box Birthday Card Fundraiser, Council awarded each grade a \$25 Cineplex card as a "thank you" for participating. Congratulations to our winners:

JK: Michael M	SK: Julia N	Grade 1: Noah C	Grade 2: Jeanelle A
Grade 3: Olivia S	Grade 4: Helen G	Grade 5: Amanda C	Grade 6: Christian C
Grade 7: Leah V	Grade 8: Alejandro F		

Two classes also received a Pizza Party prize for being the top earners: Mrs. Vetro's class raised an average of \$137 per student and Mrs. Vanderloo's class raised an average of \$96 per student. Awesome!

The profits from this fundraiser will help to pay for gym matting. This matting will protect our students when collisions occur with the walls. Extra high padding will be placed directly behind the basketball net.

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser!

School Bus Cancellations: Question & Answer

Q: What weather zone is our school in?

A: All Bradford schools are located in the South Weather Zone.

Q: Where Can I find information about bus cancellations or delays?

A: Visit the direct link: www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca.

Q: My child takes the bus to school, do I have to call the school to say he/she is not coming?

A: No you do not, bus students are marked inclement weather.

Q: My child is a "walker" but I do not want to send him/her to school on a bus cancellation day. Do I need to let the school know that he/she will not come in?

A: Yes. Since they are "walkers" they are expected to attend school on a bus cancellation day. Please call the school, 289-231-2085 option 5 or our [online safe arrival form](#).

Playground Activity Leaders in Schools is coming to SAM!

P.A.L.S. is a program that provides Student leadership at recess to engage younger children in organized activities. P.A.L.S. is valued because it supports positive student mental health, engagement, and Safe Schools initiative. We know that P.A.L.S. :

- * promotes physical activity during leisure time
- * reduces bullying behavior on the playground
- * provides leadership opportunities

ADDITIONAL PA DAY

Friday, April 8

As a result of the recent settlements with teachers' federations in the province, school boards across Ontario received direction from the Ministry of Education to add an additional PA day to their 2015-2016 school year calendar. In response to this requirement, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board (SMCDSB) has identified Friday, April 8, 2016 as a PA day for all of its school (elementary and secondary).

Teachers and other staff will be using this PA day for occupational health and safety training as well as professional learning on Ministry of Education priorities.

We ask all parents and guardians to please make note of this change on their calendars. We are communicating this date well in advance so parents and guardians have ample time to make any necessary arrangements for their families.

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Family Skate Night

On Saturday night, February 20th, we held our first ever Family Skate Night at Bob Fallis Arena, sponsored by our Parent Council. The event was a huge success and it was wonderful to see so many students and parents at the event. A special thank you to our parent organizers who helped make the evening such a success and to everyone who donated items for the auction tables. Thanks also to members of the SAM staff who participated. We have plans to make this an annual event, so, if you didn't make it out this time, make plans to be out next year!



- 4 - Pizza Day
- 7 - Lunch Lady
 - Spirit Day! - PJ Day
- 8 - Skating Bouchard & Allan
 - Hot Dog Lunch
 - Spirit Day! - Canada Colours
 - Play @ St. Francis of Assis - JK/SK
- 9 - Snow Valley - gr 6-8 (rescheduled from snow day)
 - Skating Foster & Jeffries
 - Spirit Day! Wear your sports/activity ribbon or medal
 - Walking Wednesday - more information to follow
 - Scientist in School - grade 4
- 10 - Skating - Veltri & Carvalho
 - Spirit Day! - Wear winter colours (blue/white/grey)
- 11 - Pizza Day
 - Winter Carnival Day! Grade 1-8, dress for outside activities
- 14 - 18 - March Break - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 21 - Lunch Lady
- 22 - Skating - Cesnik & C. Quinn
 - Seder Meal with Sister Jean - Hasler & Foster (gr 2 only)
- 23 - Skating - Hodgins & Beninati
 - Hot Dog Lunch
 - Seder Meal with Sister Jean - Hasler
- 24 - Tiffen Conservation Area - grade 3 - information to come
 - Skating - Wood & Malone
 - Seder Meal with Sister Jean - Bouchard & Vetro (gr 2 only)
- 25 - Good Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 28 - Easter Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 29 - Mr. Sub Lunch
- 30 - Skating - Bogardis & G. Ellis (gr 7 only)
- 31 - Skating - G. Ellis (gr 8 only) & M. Quinn

Supply Noon-hour Supervisors Wanted!

If you are interested in being a supply Noon-hour Supervisor, please contact the school at 289-231-2085. This is a paid position 11:45am-12:45pm. You also need to have a Criminal Background Check on file with the school.



Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board is now on Twitter! Check it out at <https://twitter.com/SMCDSB>

The Lunch Lady News

Starting this month, The Lunch Lady will be doing on-line ordering only, paper copies will not be available. If you have given The Lunch Lady your email address, you will receive an email when the new menu is available. Please email suev@thelunchlady.ca for late orders or inquiries.

Milk Bags Wanted!

We are still collecting clean milk bags. The bags are intertwined and woven into useful mats. The mats are then donated to Africa and the homeless in Toronto.

Swiss Chalet Correction

There is a correction to be made for the Swiss Chalet Chicken Fingers. The description is supposed to be 2 Chicken Fingers, not 3. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.



- 1 - Pizza Lunch
- 4 - Lunch Lady
- 8 - Pizza Day