

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

Message from the Office

This year's theme for Catholic Education Week was "Opening the Doors to Mercy" which was wonderfully celebrated at St. Angela Merici School. We began the week with our Recognition Assemblies, celebrating those students who demonstrated the qualities of a discerning believer. Many of our classes performed in the Mary Poppins Presentation and parents and other family members had the opportunity to enjoy this amazing show. The Marion Celebration was a wonderful way to welcome Mary into our hearts. Thank you to those classes for all their help in organizing this lovely event. The Town of Bradford was part of our "May the Fourth Be With You" Walk and Wheel event. It was great to see so many families walking and wheeling to school. The students enjoyed the "Big Apple Crunch" as a healthy treat for participating in this Walking Wednesday event. And lastly, Hydro One celebrated Arbor Day with our Grade 3 students. The students listened to information about the importance of planting trees and then had the opportunity to help plant two Crimson King maple trees that were provided by Hydro One. Each Grade 3 student took home a small tree sapling to plant in their yard.

The doors of Mercy were definitely open at St. Angela Merici School during Catholic Education Week. This was a time to celebrate all the wonderful things that happened in our Catholic schools and to highlight and to be proud of the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools make to our students, to our community, to our society, and to the province at large.

We hope that all of our St. Angela Merici mother's had a wonderful day with their families. We will continue to pray for you and for our Blessed Mother, Mary.

A Wish For You Mom

Just one little wish for you, Mom,
But it's loving and happy and true--
It's a wish that the nicest and best things,
Will always keeping coming to you!

Author: Anonymous

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Catholic School Community Council Meeting

Our next meeting and End-Of-Year social is scheduled for Monday, June 6, at 7:00 pm.



Not getting our eBlasts/eNewsletters? Sign up on our webpage at sam.smcdsb.on.ca

Volunteer Brunch

St. Angela Merici is so fortunate to have such amazing volunteers that help out in so many ways throughout the school. We would like to thank all our volunteers by hosting a Volunteer Brunch at St. Angela Merici School on Monday, June 13 from 10:15 -11:30. There will be more information to follow.

~ Volunteers are a gift to the school community ~
Thank you for all that you do!

EQAO 2016

This year's EQAO assessment will take place over a two-week period.

Grade 6 students will be writing their EQAO May 25 to May 27, in the AM & PM.

Grade 3 students will be writing their EQAO May 30 & 31 in the AM & PM, June 1 & 2 in the AM only.

We ask parents of grade 3 and 6 students to support us as we plan for the assessment by ensuring that your child(ren) will be at school during this period. Please avoid booking appointments or vacation time during these two weeks. Thank you.

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.

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.

Proof of Address

St. Angela Merici Catholic School is a "closed boundary" school. This means that our school population is over cap and we cannot accept children from addresses outside of our catchment area or school boundary. Having amalgamated two large groups from St. Charles and St. Jean de Brébeuf, as well as having received new registrations, we are now in a position where we need to review and confirm that all students reside within the St. Angela Merici boundary.

Please provide the school with recent proof of address documentation. This is a recent (less than 3 months old) utility bill, recent phone bill, etc. The form to complete and send back with a copy of your proof of address will be going home this week. *Please return by Friday, May 27, 2016.* Thank you for your assistance with this.

Electronic Safe Arrival Form

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

sam.schools.smcdsb.on.ca



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Safe Kids Week is May 30-June 5, 2016!

We all have a role to play in teaching our children to be safe as they explore, discover, and creatively problem solve at home and in the great outdoors!

At Home and at Play: Set age-appropriate guidelines and talk to your child about how to play with safety in mind, then let them get adventurous. Climbing trees, over rocks, running up hills, or watching the clouds can all be fun activities.

On the Road: It is never too early to start talking to kids about pedestrian and bicycle safety. Kids under the age of 10 do not have good depth perception or the ability to judge oncoming traffic speed. Teach your child how to safely cross roads and at traffic lights, watch for cars, and the dangers of texting while walking. When biking, ride with your child to help them learn to navigate safely around traffic, and make sure everyone wears a good fitting helmet.

2016 marks the 20th anniversary of Parachute Safe Kids Week. Learn more about how you can help keep our students safe by visiting: <http://www.parachutecanada.org/>

Bicycles, Scooters and Skateboards On School Property

Students who ride their bikes, scooters, or skateboards to and from school are reminded to walk them when on school property. Students must also wear a helmet – it's the law!

June Food Options

Food Option order forms for the month of June have been sent home this week. They are due back to the office by Friday, May 20. Late or incomplete orders will not be accepted and will be returned.

Moving?

If you will be moving over the summer and/or your children will not be starting at St. Angela Merici Catholic School in the fall, it would be most helpful to let the school know so that classes, staffing, and resources can be set up for September. Likewise, if you know of new families moving into our school boundary, please ask them to notify the school so they are included in our enrolment tally.

NO SCENTS PLEASE

Please be aware that we are a scent-free environment. We have a member on staff who reacts severely to scents. We are asking all staff and students to be mindful of this and to avoid wearing scents to school. All visitors to the school are also asked to adhere to this policy. Thank you for your help.

Birthday Treats

We would like to celebrate birthdays and other special events as they come up during the school year in an equitable way for all children. We have a number of students with a variety of food allergies who may be “left out” when birthday treats are brought to school; other students may feel awkward because their families may not be able to provide special treats. As well, the preparation and distribution of these food treats result in an interruption to valuable learning time. We kindly ask that no food items be sent in (*e.g. birthday cakes, cupcakes, etc.*). Each child celebrating a birthday has his or her name announced during morning exercises and is invited to the office during a recess break to collect a personalized card and a birthday pencil.

Late Arrivals

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time each day. Any student entering the school after the 8:50am bell in the morning and the 12:45pm bell in the afternoon, must first report to the office to obtain an admit-to-class slip. Arriving on time for school is a valuable life skill and should be strongly encouraged and supported by parents.

JK Registration Packages

Please remember to return your JK registration package to the school as soon as possible.

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Online School Calendar

Check out our online school calendar!

<http://sam.schools.smcdsb.on.ca/news/calendar>

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May

- 9 - Grizzly Cubs grade 8 trip to Georgian College
 - The Lunch Lady Day
- 10 - Invention Convention trip @ City of Barrie
 - Hot Dog Day
- 11 - Gr 8's leave for Bark Lake Outdoor Leadership Camp
 - Author visit for Azevedo, Rogers, Murray, Skillen, Vetro
- 13 - Pizza Day
 - Spirit Day - Spring Colours!
 - Mother's Day Tea - Grade 1 & 1/2 AM
 - Mother's Day Tea - Ms. Allan's class
- 16 - The Lunch Lady Day
- 17 - Mr. Sub Lunch
- 18 - New JK Registration - Parent Information Night @ 7pm
- 19 - Softball Tournament - Boys in Bradford, Girls in Alliston
- 20 - Choir Festival at St. Marie of the Incarnation
 - Pizza Day
 - Food Options for June DUE TODAY
- 23 - Victoria Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 24 - French Day with Mme. Bowen - Video Pal Project
- 25 - Grade 6 EQAO testing all day
 - Ms. Marchand/Ms. Hernandez visit Holy Trinity
 - Hot Dog Lunch
- 26 - Immunization Clinic - Gr 7 and 8
 - Grade 6 EQAO testing all day
 - Scientist in School - Mrs. Cesnik AM
 - Scientist in School - Mr. Carvalho/Mrs. Quinn PM
- 27 - Spirit Day - Twin Day! (Dress like a friend)
 - Pizza Day
 - Grade 6 EQAO testing all day
- 30 - The Lunch Lady
 - Grade 3 EQAO testing AM & PM
- 31 - Swiss Chalet Lunch
 - Grade 3 EQAO testing AM & PM



June

- 1 - Grade 3 EQAO testing AM only
- 2 - Grade 3 EQAO testing AM only
- 3 - PA DAY - School Closed
- 6 - The Lunch Lady
 - YLCC (Leadership Camp) trip - grade 7's
 - CSCC Meeting & Social @ 7pm
- 7 - Closing Mass @ Holy Martyrs of Japan Church
 - Mr. Sub Lunch
 - Swim to Survive - Mrs. Jeffries/Mrs. Veltri
- 8 - Hot Dog Lunch
- 9 - Zucca's Lunch
- 10 - Pizza Day