

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

There is definitely an upbeat feel at St. Angela as spring finally begins to usher in warmer days and sunny skies. There is much excitement also as a result of the many activities that we have going on at the school. Everyday, students are engaged in different opportunities, whether it be learning Spanish with the Spanish Club, learning to knit, or weaving mats from donated milk bags for the homeless in Toronto. A team of teachers has organized and has successfully launched our PALS program (Playground Activity Leaders in Schools). Student leaders organize daily games for our younger students, teaching them new games and encouraging positive interactions.

Other activities in April include:

- Earth Day activities at the school, whereby classes will be working to beautify our school grounds and doing their part to raise awareness about our responsibility as stewards of the earth
- grade 3 and 6 students continue to review and refine their skills to be successful during this year's EQAO assessment. The two-week assessment window is May 25 to June 8
- our grade two students have celebrated their First Communion and will now be full participants in our school masses. Congratulations!
- students continue their love affair with books as they participate in the Forest of Reading program.

Indeed, this is a busy time and it will only get busier as we begin to pick up speed heading to the finish line. It's hard to believe we only have two-and-a-half months of school left. I encourage all of our students to remain as focused on their studies as ever and to make this term the best they have ever had. I know you can do it!

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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.

EQAO 2016

This year's EQAO assessment will take place over a two-week period from Wednesday, May 25 - Wednesday, June 8. 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.

MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU WALK & WHEEL WEDNESDAY

After three successful Walking Wednesday events, St. Angela is partnering with the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to plan a really big event: Walk & Wheel to School. This event will take place on Wednesday, May 4th. Students, parents, and staff are all encouraged to join the fun by dressing up as their favourite Star Wars character (May the 4th be with you) and then walk to and from school. Students may also ride their bikes (will need to secure their bikes with a lock) or scooters. Students will need to have properly-fitting helmets.

BIKE RODEO

To support our May 4th Walk & Wheel event, we are also hosting a Bike Rodeo at the school on Saturday, April 30th. Students are encouraged to come with their bikes and helmets from 1 PM to 3:00 PM. Officer Karen and Officer Elisabeth, with other police support from South Simcoe Police, will be on hand to check bicycles and helmets. A fun obstacle course will be set up for students to test their skills. Come on out and be part of this great event.

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.

Catholic School Community Council Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2, at 7:00 pm in the school library. Please use the front doors.




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

Online School Calendar

Check out our online school calendar!

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

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Earth Day

Earth Day is celebrated each year on April 22nd. This year, we will be providing opportunities for students to help beautify our school grounds and to learn about the many different ways we can all help the Earth: reducing, re-using, recycling, conserving energy, using green bins, etc. We encourage our families to do the same at home. Together, we do make a difference!

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.

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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Playground Activity Leaders in Schools is now started at 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

Volunteering

As a parent, if you wish to help out in any way at St. Angela Merici Catholic School, please be aware that a current Criminal Background Check (CBC) with a Vulnerable Sector Screening is required to be on file with the office. This applies to all school-related activities including driving students, assisting around the school with hot lunch, or accompanying students on class trips.

The form can be picked up from the school office.

A Criminal Background Check is valid for one year. Each year thereafter, you may complete an Annual Offense Declaration (AOD) form through the office, at no additional cost.

Criminal Background checks were not transferred to St. Angela Merici from your child's previous school. You may wish to contact your previous school to pick it up. We will honour it here at St. Angela Merici Catholic School.

Catholic Education Week

Pope Francis has declared 2016 a "Holy Year of Mercy" as a way for the Catholic church to "make more evident, its mission to be a witness of mercy". The Holy Year began on December 8, 2015 and will be celebrated until November 20, 2016. Throughout the year, there will be a series of jubilee celebrations on the theme of mercy for teenagers, deacons, the sick and disabled, prisoners, catechists, and clergy.

As well, Pope Francis opened the Vatican's Holy Door on December 8th. The Holy Door is opened to evoke the concept of forgiveness which is the main focus of a Holy Year. The theme God's mercy is illustrated in fifteen of the sixteen bronze panels that make up the Vatican Door. There are seven such Holy Doors in the world, including one in Quebec City.

Catholic Education Week 2016 combines both the theme of mercy and the act of opening doors of reconciliation, mercy and forgiveness to all around us.

There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week:

Monday:	Mercy that Welcomes
Tuesday:	Mercy that Loves
Wednesday:	Mercy that Forgives
Thursday:	Mercy that Lives the Gospel
Friday:	Mercy that Rejoices

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) provides our Catholic schools with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week. Using these resources as well as our own developed activities we have prepared a series of activities which will highlight how our school is 'Opening Doors of Mercy'.

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The Lunch Lady News

The Lunch Lady is doing on-line ordering only now. 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.

Bradford Community Clean Up

Please note that the Town of Bradford has rescheduled the Community Clean Up to Saturday, April 16th. The event will start at 9:00 AM. Please visit the Town's web site for more information.



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.



- 18 - The Lunch Lady
- 20 - Hot Dog Lunch
 - Swimming - Gr 4's
- 22 - Spirit Day!! Earth Day Colours
 - Sainte Marie among the Hurons - Gr 5's
 - Pizza Lunch
- 25 - The Lunch Lady
- 26 - Swiss Chalet Lunch
- 28 - "Today WE Play" - Gr 8's at HTR
- 29 - Pizza Lunch
 - Spirit Day!! Crazy Hair Day
- 30 - Bike Rodeo at SAM



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

Don't Forget to Register for JK next year!

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting and special time for parents and children. Our entire school community looks forward to welcoming our youngest students as they begin a lifelong journey of faith-filled learning. We believe there is something truly unique and special about learning that is rooted in faith and spiritual growth. By choosing a faith-filled education, we know you share that belief with us.

Parents with children who are eligible to start school in September (turning 4 years old by December 31st, 2016) are encouraged to come by the school to pick up a registration package. The following documents are needed to register your child: child's birth certificate, immunization record, child or parent's baptismal certificate, current house tax assessment form and proof of address (utility bill).

We are here to answer questions and help you prepare. Please contact us at 289-231-2085 for more information.



- 2 - The Lunch Lady
- 4 - Walk & Wheel Wednesday! more info to come
- 5 - Arbor Day
 - Zucca's Lunch
- 6 - PA Day - School Closed
- 9 - "Grizzly Cubs" - Gr 8's visit Georgian College
 - The Lunch Lady
- 10 - Hot Dog Lunch
- 11 - Gr 8's leave for Bark Lake
- 13 - Pizza Lunch
 - Gr 8's arrive back from Bark Lake