

# ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWSLETTER

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#### School Hours

8:25am	Supervision Begins
8:40am	Learning Block #1
10:40-11:20am	Nutrition Break #1
11:20	Learning Block #2
12:40-1:20pm	Nutrition Break #2
1:20	Learning Block #3
3:00pm	Dismissal

## Message from the Office

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on Sunday, marks the end of Holy Week, is the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.

April promises to be an exciting month at St. Angela Merici School. Staff and students are gearing up for Easter, 'SAM I AM' performance, Earth Day, and the many other events happening in each of our classrooms. Our school community is working together to make SAM a place where good learning takes place.

We would like to wish each of you a wonderful Easter. May this Easter Season be filled with love and happiness.

In preparation for Easter, we pray:

God of our journey to Easter,  
With gratitude we move towards your deep love.  
Strengthen us for these days of suffering and wonder.  
We prepare to die with you, die to those unnecessary parts of ourselves at the crucifixion.  
Be we also rise. Rise into our true element.  
Leaving the land of fear and alienation and into your grace-filled embrace  
Your spirit carries into pure thankfulness.  
For the miniscule and the magnificent;  
For seconds and the eons;  
For the note and the symphony;  
For the single smile and a community of beauty.  
May our thankful hearts continue to be open to your love,  
To celebrate your Spirit of gratitude.  
Amen

### Catholic School Community Council Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1, 2017, at 7:00 pm in the school library. Please use the front doors.

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## SAFE ARRIVAL/ATTENDANCE

(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.

## Earth Day

Earth Day is celebrated each year on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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!

## Bus Loading Zone - Front of School

Please refrain from parking in the bus loading zone at any time. This area is reserved for busses and school vehicles. Thank you for your support and understanding.

## Umbrellas

On rainy days, students will be indoors during recess and do not need to take umbrellas outside. Umbrellas are to be used for before and after school only.

## Boxes, Boxes, Boxes!

Our Sam-I-Am production is quickly approaching and we are constructing our set items mostly out of cardboard. We are looking for large cardboard boxes that are three feet or bigger. The boxes can be flattened.

Other items that we are looking to be donated are:


- long ropes
- blue tarps
- umbrellas
- life preserver (circular)
- old comfortable chair

Please note that these items could be damaged or even go missing, so we are unable to guarantee their safe return. Thank you for helping us out.

## Online School Calendar

Check out our online school calendar!

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

Subscribe to email alerts by clicking 

## Meeting Spots

For the safety of all our students, supervision being key, please do not use the office as an after school meeting spot. The office is not an after school meeting spot.

## school-day - Online Payments & Forms

We have exciting news! Our school has been chosen to participate in a pilot project for the implementation of a new online payment and communication tool. The tool is called school-day and can be accessed from any web browser and gives parents real-time, secure access to up-to-date information.

Some benefits include the ability to:

- Receive email communications from your child's school (newsletters, etc)
- Approve permission forms on-line
- Register your child for extracurricular events
- Make online payments for sports fees, trips, hot lunches or other activities
- Update your mobile device with calendar events specific to your child
- Minimize the risks associated with sending money to school with your child ("backpack delivery") and
- Reduce the environmental impact of photocopying permission forms and announcements

Letters with sign up instructions have been sent home. The Secure-Match key can be used for both parents to sign up. Please contact the school if you did not receive this letter.

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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.

### **Mabel's Labels Fundraiser**

Please visit [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and search for our school name to place an order and support our fundraiser!

## **Sharelife**

Lucky chocolate coins were a hit this past March! As a school, we raised a total of \$565.00, which has been donated to ShareLife. Way to go SAM!

On behalf of the Spirit Team, we thank you for your generous contribution. In addition, we wish to extend our sincerest gratitude to the students on the Spirit Team (Taryn, Jocelyn, Leah, Samy, Katie, Trista, Olena, Nadia, Eizhel and Kira), for helping to assemble the chocolate coin orders.

A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Aray and Mrs. Scavuzzo for the donation of the chocolate coins.

## **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.

## **EQAO 2017**

This year's EQAO assessment will take place over a two-week period from Tuesday, May 23 - Monday, June 5. 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.

## **Catholic Education Week**

The 2017 theme, "Walking Forward Together", and its five sub-themes are drawn from three contemporary Catholic documents that address the need for reconciliation and renewal – in our lives, with our families, in our relationships with others and in our relationship with our environment and our common global future.

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

Monday:	Walking Forward Together with God
Tuesday:	Walking Forward Together with Our Families
Wednesday:	Walking Forward Together with Others
Thursday:	Walking Forward Together with Creation
Friday:	Walking Forward Together in Hope

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 'Walking Forward Together.'

## **Jump Rope for Heart 2017**

The results for this year's Jump Rope for Heart event are in!

Congratulations to the top fundraisers! Raising an incredible \$260.00 each are William and Gavin F., and raising an amazing \$180.00 is Bianca S. All the top fundraisers are grade 1 students. William, Gavin, and Bianca each received a Jump Rope for Heart t-shirt.

St. Angela Merici students should be proud of their contributions to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We raised a grand total of...\$4153.18!! Although this falls short of our goal of \$5000, it is still a remarkable feat for our first year participating in this event! We are confident that next year's event will be even better! Thank you to all who contributed so generously to the Heart and Stroke Foundation!

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## **Supply Noon-hour Supervisors Wanted!**

If you are interested in being a supply Noon-hour Supervisor, please email the school at [samoffice@smcdsb.on.ca](mailto:samoffice@smcdsb.on.ca). This is a paid position, 10:40-11:20am and/or 12:40-1:20pm. You also need to have a Criminal Background Check on file with the school.

## **Green Team Initiatives**

In April, we begin to think about our beautiful planet, as we locally begin to come out of the deep freeze that is winter. We also celebrate Earth Day in April and so it is natural that we begin to think of ways to help Mother Earth. With this in mind, our Green Team, led by Mrs. Cesnik, has some initiatives that it is promoting daily through morning announcements. We are hoping parents can support us as well:

- \* Munch Mondays: Litterless lunches (no garbage in lunches only reusable containers)
- \* Turn-off the Lights Tuesdays: turn off the lights for 1 hour on Tuesdays (whenever is convenient for you)
- \* Water Bottle Wednesdays: bring reusable water bottles (not plastic ones, no juice boxes, or pop cans)
- \* Tidy-up Thursdays: we will be cleaning up classrooms and surrounding areas; have your child clean at home as well
- \* Fun Fact Fridays: the Green Team will read some fun and interesting facts

Also, we have put a cardboard box in each of our classrooms. Students are asked to put plastic water bottles in these boxes and not into the blue bins. We are doing an experiment with these and will collect these weekly.

Thanks so much for your support with all of this.

### **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, students, and visitors to be mindful of this and to avoid wearing scents to school (hair products, hand/body lotion, perfume, etc.). All visitors to the school are also asked to adhere to this policy. Thank you for your help.

### **Lost & Found**

There are many clothing items in our Lost and Found bin. These items are on display on tables by the library. Please take a moment to review the items. Whatever remains end of day Friday, April 28, will be donated to charity.

## **Junior Math Olympics**

On Tuesday, March 21, 2017, four Junior (Grades 4, 5 and 6) students represented SAM at the Junior Math Olympics held at our Board Office. Our school's "mathletes" were phenomenal throughout all the activities they competed in. The day started with a Pairs Activity investigating their Logical Thinking. The second activity was Coding, where they worked together to make a Robot move through a maze and shoot a ball through hoops. The third activity was the most challenging for our team, as they were asked to work with "SOMA" cubes to build a variety of shapes and figures. The fourth activity was where they were able to shine individually as they wrote grade level tests. The day wrapped up with a team relay race. The team had to work together to answer questions before being able to move on to the next question. SAM should be proud of the hard work our team put forth throughout the day. They never gave up and always gave their best effort. Our team members were Quinn R, Sarah G, Michalea W, and Jack R. Special mention to Quinn, who won Overall Grade 4 and Grade 4 "KenKen". Also, our team as a whole did remarkable, placing 4<sup>th</sup> out of 18 schools! Well done, Archers!!! A special thank you to Mrs. Wood for coaching the team and accompanying our "mathletes" the day of the competition.

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- 3 - Pizza Nova lunch
  - The Lunch Lady lunch
  - Red Cross Swim - Carvalho/Cesnik (gr 4's only)
  - Catholic School Community Council Meeting - 7pm
- 4 - Play at St. Jean de Brebeuf:
  - AM - JK/SK
  - PM - Marchand/Jeffries/Veltri/Vetro/Bogardis/Silva Taucar/Ellis/M. Quinn
  - Tim Hortons lunch
  - Red Cross Swim - C. Quinn
- 5 - Play at St. Jean de Brebeuf:
  - AM - Azevedo/Rogers/Skillen/Carter/Cesnik/Carvalho/C. Quinn
  - Hot Dog lunch
- 7 - Pizza Nova lunch
- 10 - Chocolate Fundraiser kick-off assembly
  - Chocolate Fundraiser sent home
  - Pizza Nova lunch
  - The Lunch Lady
  - Red Cross Swim - Carvalho/Cesnik (gr 4's only)
- 11 - Caldense Bakery lunch
  - Red Cross Swim - C. Quinn
- 12 - Walking Wednesday
  - Chess Tournament
  - Subway lunch
- 14 - GOOD FRIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 17 - EASTER MONDAY \_ SCHOOL CLOSED
- 18 - Tim Hortons lunch
  - Red Cross Swim - C. Quinn
- 19 - Hot Dog lunch
  - Dual-language bookwriting project
- 20 - Swiss Chalet lunch
- 21 - Pizza Nova lunch
  - Spirit Day!! - wear blue, green, and brown for Earth Day. Earth Day activities
- 24 - Pizza Nova lunch
  - Dental Screening
  - The Lunch Lady
  - Red Cross Swim - Carvalho/Cesnik (gr 4's only)
  - Chocolate Fundraiser ends
- 25 - Dental Screening
  - Scientists in School - Cesnik & Marchand - AM
  - Scientists in School - Vetro - PM

- Officer Elisabeth to visit Gr 8's
- Fr. Mani to visit K-gr 4
- Bradford Valley Community Care - Mrs. Woods
- 26 - Walking Wednesday
  - Subway lunch
  - Dental Screening
- 27 - Immunizations - Gr 7 & 8
  - Reflective, Creative, Holistic Thinker
  - Recognition Assembly - FDK @ 9:30am
  - Recognition Assembly - Gr 1-3 @ 11:40am
  - Recognition Assembly - Gr 4-8 @ 1:20pm
- 28 - Pizza Nova lunch
  - 3:30pm - 10:00pm - Holy Trinity Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament



- 1 - Catholic Education Week
  - “Walking Forward Together with God”
  - Pizza Nova lunch
  - The Lunch Lady lunch
  - Council Meeting @ 7pm
- 2 - Catholic Education Week
  - “Walking Forward Together with Our Families”
  - Fr. Mani to visit Gr. 5-8
- 3 - Catholic Education Week
  - “Walking Forward Together with Others”
  - 7pm - Sam I Am performance
- 4 - Catholic Education Week
  - “Walking Forward Together with Creation”
  - Popcorn Snack Day
- 5 - Catholic Education Week
  - “Walking Forward Together in Hope”
  - Pizza Nova lunch