

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

Happy Advent! Are you ready?

Advent is a joyful time of preparing for special family gatherings and celebrations. There are parties to plan, gifts to shop for and cookies to bake. In this time of preparation, however, we must take care to prepare our hearts as well as our homes for the birth of our Lord, Jesus. By reflection and prayer, reading and meditation, we can prepare our hearts for the birth of the Prince of Peace.

On behalf of all the staff at St. Angela Merici Catholic School, we would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas.

Advent Prayer

During Advent we remember how
you were born so many years ago.
We wait for your coming into our
hearts in a special way at Christmas.
Help me to watch and wait for you
with hope and joy.
In your blessed name, we pray.
Amen



Catholic School Community Council Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9 at 7:00 pm in the school library. Please use the front doors.

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NO SCENTS PLEASE

Please be aware that we strive to be 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.

Skating News - Grades 1-8

All students are required to wear a CSA-approved hockey helmet while skating. Permission Forms have gone home already. The following are the skating dates:

Ms. Azevedo, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Skillen - January 17, 31 and February 14
Ms. Carter, Ms. Allen, Mr. Bouchard - January 18, and February 1, 15
Ms. Foster, Ms. Hasler, Ms. Marchand - January 19 and February 2, 16
Mrs. Jeffries, Mrs. Veltri, Mrs. Vetro, Mrs. Cesnik (grade 3 only) - January 24 and February 7, 21
Mrs. Cesnik (grade 4 only), Mr. Carvalho, Mrs. Quinn - January 25 and February 8, 22
Mr. Hodgins, Mrs. Beninati (grade 5 only) - January 26 and March 10
Mrs. Beninati (grade 6 only), Mrs. St. Peters, Mrs. Wood - February 28
Ms. Bogardis, Mrs. Silva-Taucar, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Quinn - March 2

If you were not asked to volunteer, please do not go to the arena as only parents contacted to volunteer are permitted to attend. Selected volunteers may not bring younger children with them.

Countdown to JK Registration!

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 31, 2017) are encouraged to call the school to be placed on our registration list. A package would then be sent home with a sibling who is already at the school. On Monday, February 6, a package will be sent home with a sibling who is already at school. Parents new to the school can come by the office, beginning February 6, to pick up the 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 (current utility bill). We are here to answer any questions and help you prepare. Please contact us at 289-231-2085 for more information and to reserve your package.

Registration packages will be available Monday, February 6.

Parking Lot/Kiss 'n Ride

When dropping off your child in the morning, please use the "Kiss 'n Ride" north entrance.

Supervisors will greet your child(ren) and will assist them out of the vehicle and escort them to their appropriate yard.

Please do not park and leave your vehicle running to drop off your child or pass another vehicle in the "Kiss 'n Ride" loop.

At 3:00, the "Kiss 'n Ride" entrance will be CLOSED.

We must all work together to ensure the safety of all our students.

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.

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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!

Keep Us Updated

If you will be moving or have moved recently, please let the school know as soon as possible so that we can update your child's file. Also, if you have other information such as phone numbers or new medical/emergency information for your child, please contact the office.

Arriving At School On Time

Just a reminder to parents and students of the importance of arriving at school on time each and every day. By arriving on time, students develop a crucial life skill that will serve them well in their futures. Students are also less anxious about coming to school because they are involved in social interactions with their peers before the start of school. Students who arrive late, miss this important aspect of daily school life. In addition to feeling responsible for disrupting the class when they arrive, they have to wait for a moment when the teacher (or DECE in our Kindergarten classes) is free to get the child caught up.

If you find you are arriving consistently late, please adjust your schedule so you arrive on time. Plan for a slower Kiss N' Ride drop off on rainy days (or worse, on snowy days).

Thank you for helping us out with this.

Terry Fox Update

The Terry Fox pledges are all in and the money has been counted and recounted! We are pleased to announce, through the generosity and compassion of the students and staff of St. Angela Merici Catholic School, that we have raised....

....\$7385.40!!!!

This exceeds our goal of \$7000 and is \$38.50 more than we raised last year!! All the money we have raised goes directly to the Terry Fox Foundation, and this money helps researchers worldwide to better understand, diagnose, and treat cancer.

The top fundraisers, and winners of a Terry Fox t-shirt, are:

- from grade 5, raising \$335.00 — Avery M.
- from JK, raising \$300.00 — Kyle N.
- and from gr. 1, raising \$290.00 — Bianca S.

Other top fundraisers, and winners of a Terry Fox poster, are:

- from JK, raising \$210.00 — Grace L.
- from SK, raising \$170.00 — Hayden M.
- from grade 2, raising \$140.00 — Milena C.
- from grade 2, raising \$130.00 — Kara K.
- from grade 4, raising \$130.00 — Kia K.
- from grade 4, raising \$170.00 — Rilyn M

Special mention goes to Mrs. Bianchet/Mrs. Savel's class who, by far, raised the most amount of money. Together, they raised \$990.00!! Thank you to Mrs. Ferguson for coordinating this very successful event and to our community for its incredible generosity!

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.

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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Online School Calendar

Check out our online school calendar!

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

Subscribe to email alerts by clicking 

Snow Days: Know Your Zone!

Our school community is located in the South Zone inclement weather zone.

If your child is bussed to school, it is important to be aware of the inclement weather zone for our community. As always, you can visit our board website at www.smcdsb.on.ca and the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium at <http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/> for bus cancellation notices, including partial cancellations in an inclement weather zone.

Please note that on days when buses are not running, students in attendance will continue to receive the same level of supervision as on any other school day. Regular classroom programs, however, may be suspended when a large number of students or staff are absent.

Please note: If buses are cancelled, all food options for that day will be cancelled and rescheduled for a later date.

Snow Valley

Grades 6-8 have the opportunity to go skiing, snowboarding or tubing/snowshoeing on the following dates: January 20, February 10 & 24. Permission forms will be going home shortly.

Holy Martyrs of Japan Church News

EDGE NIGHT!!!! Tell Your Friends!!!!

Our Parish invites our youth (grades 6-8) to join in on Mondays at 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Hall for Edge Night! Bring your friends! ALL ARE WELCOME!

November 21 – EDGE Survivor

November 28 – For the Love of God

December 5 – With the Eyes of Christ – A Night on Self Image

December 12 – A Door to My Heart – Visiting the Sick

December 19 – Christmas Social – Bowling

Family Skate Event

Saturday, January 7, 2017

from 11:30am - 12:30pm

BWG Leisure Centre - Green Arena

Advent/Christmas Church Events

December 17, 2016 6:30pm-Tree Blessing Ceremony followed by Caroling and Hot Chocolate

December 24, 2016 – CHRISTMAS EVE – 6:00pm, 8:00pm, and 12 Midnight, 9:30pm Spanish Mass

December 25, 2016 – CHRISTMAS DAY - Mass Schedule 8:30am, 10:00am and 11:30am

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IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

- 1 - DARE - Hodgins & Beninati
 - Swimming - PM - St. Peters
- 2 - Swimming - AM - Hodgins
 - Pizza Nova lunch
 - Spirit Day! Christmas Sweater Day
- 5 - Pizza Nova lunch
 - The Lunch Lady
 - SAM's 12 Days of Giving - one bag of sugar
- 6 - Swimming - AM - Beninati
 - Grade 2 First Confession @ 7pm @ Holy Martyrs of Japan Church
 - SAM's 12 Days of Giving - one box of cereal
- 7 - Swimming - PM - Wood
 - Hot Dog lunch
 - SAM's 12 Days of Giving - one jar of jam
- 8 - DARE - Hodgins & Beninati
 - Swimming - PM - St. Peters
 - Science Olympics at St. Marie of the Incarnation
 - Caldense Bakery lunch
 - SAM's 12 Days of Giving - one package of drinking boxes
- 9 - Swimming - AM - Hodgins
 - Pizza Nova lunch
 - SAM's 12 Days of Giving - one can of fruit
- 12 - Pizza Nova lunch
 - The Lunch Lady
 - SAM's 12 Days of Giving - one bottle of salad dressing
- 13 - Swimming - AM - Beninati
 - Advent Mass @ 10am in the school gym
 - Mr. Ellis health trip to Zehrs
 - Tim Hortons lunch
 - SAM's 12 Days of Giving - one jar of instant coffee
- 14 - Walking Wednesday!
 - Swimming - PM - Wood
 - Subway lunch
 - SAM's 12 Days of Giving - one package of tea bags
- 15 - Kindergarten Christmas Concert - AM - more info to follow
 - Swimming - PM - St. Peters
 - Swiss Chalet lunch
 - SAM's 12 Days of Giving - one can of soup
- 16 - Spirit Day!! Christmas Hat Day
 - Pizza Nova lunch
 - Swimming - AM - Hodgins
 - SAM's 12 Days of Giving - one box of hot chocolate packets
- 19 - The Lunch Lady
 - Pizza Nova lunch
 - SAM's 12 Days of Giving - one box of snack crackers
- 20 - Joe's Portuguese lunch
 - SAM's 12 Days of Giving - container of condiments
- 21 - Hot dog lunch
 - Family Advent Mass @7pm @ Holy Martyrs of Japan Church
 - Recognition Assemblies - Effective Communication
- 23 - Board Holiday - School Closed
- 24 - Jan 8 - Christmas Holidays - School Closed

JANUARY

- 9 - Pizza Nova Day
 - The Lunch Lady
 - Catholic School Community Council meeting @ 7
- 11 - "Hansel & Gretel" presentation - AM - JK/SK to gr 2 - more info to come
 - Hot Dog lunch
- 13 - Pizza Nova lunch
- 16 - The Lunch Lady
 - Pizza Nova lunch
- 17 - Skating - Azevedo/Rogers/Skillen - AM
 - Tim Hortons lunch
- 18 - Scientist in the School - Jeffries AM/Veltri PM
 - Skating - Carter/Allan/Bouchard - AM
 - Subway lunch
- 19 - Skating - Foster/Hasler/Marchand - AM
 - Swiss Chalet lunch
- 20 - Snow Valley - grades 6-8
 - Pizza Nova lunch