

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

On Sunday, January 29th, the people of Sainte-Foy, Quebec suffered a senseless and despicable act of terrorism against its Muslim community. This tragic incident reminds us that we are called to stand up to acts of violence and persecution against our brothers and sisters, regardless of race or religion. We are reminded that all of us are more alike than we are different and we are called to love, to accept, and to be inclusive. The victims of this particular attack were contributing members of their community and loving members of their families. The sudden and horrific loss of life left wives, brothers, sisters, children all grieving and mourning. In the wake of this tragedy, people are left feeling vulnerable and unsafe in their own communities. On behalf of the staff of St. Angela Merici we offer our Muslim brothers and sisters prayers for healing and words of encouragement.

Prayer for Quebec Mosque Shooting

As a Catholic community, let us join together in prayer for all of those affected by this tragedy.

Loving God, creator of all people
you are our hope and our consolation,
especially in times of tragedy.

Be with the people of Quebec in this time of sorrow.

Give all who are affected by this senseless act the strength to face these days with courage and hope,
especially our Muslim brothers and sisters.

We ask that you comfort the families and all who grieve for the victims.

May those who are injured know your care and healing.

When we are disheartened by violent acts,
help us to remember that you created the world and called it good.

Strengthen us in our resolve to respect all people and to honour the rich diversity of faith traditions in our one human family.

Show us the way to be peacemakers today and all days.

We ask this prayer through Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Catholic School Community Council Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2017, at 7:00 pm in the school library. Please use the front doors.

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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. 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 starting on Monday, February 6.

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.

Grade 8 Grad Photos

Green Apple will be at the school for graduation photos in March.

The grade 8 students will have their photos taken on the morning of Wednesday, February 22, starting at 9am.

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.

Family Day

On Monday, February 20th we will observe the statutory holiday, Family Day. It is a great opportunity for us to pause and to give thanks for the gift of our family and for families everywhere. Please note that the school will be closed.

Ash Wednesday

Fr. Mani will be at the school on Wednesday, March 1 to celebrate Ash Wednesday with our staff and students. The service will begin at 9:30am and will be in the gym.

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, February 17, will be donated to charity.



mabel's labels

Mabel's Labels Fundraiser

Please visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for our school name to place an order and support our fundraiser!

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Heart and Stroke Jump Rope for Heart

St. Angela Merici Catholic School is taking part in the Heart and Stroke Jump Rope for Heart event this year.

Why participate in Jump Rope for Heart?

-it gets our kids physically active and they learn important heart healthy tips and the value of goal setting

-our school can earn valuable resources, such as sports equipment, through the HeartSmart points programme

-your support will help us invest in the future health of Canadian children

In Jump Rope for Heart, students participate in fun skipping activities. Leading up to event day, kids are encouraged to raise funds (pledges) and, in return, earn thank-you prizes for their individual fundraising efforts. Each student is given a collection envelope they can use to raise pledges from family, friends, and neighbours. Students are also able to fundraise online at jumpropeforheart.ca! Sponsors donating online will receive an automatic tax receipt.

Our Jump Rope for Heart event days are Thursday, February 16 and Friday, February 17. Classroom teachers will advise as to which day your child will be participating.

Please return the collection envelopes and pledges by Tuesday, February 21.

Candygram Sales

Candygram sales were a hit again this past Christmas. As a school, we raised a total of \$1,000.00 and were able to purchase all of the remaining items on our Jesse Tree, along with seven \$100.00 Walmart gift cards (one per family). Way to go SAM!

On behalf of the Spirit Team, we thank you for your generous contribution in making Christmas a little merrier for 7 families in need. In addition, we wish to extend our sincerest gratitude to the many individuals who helped with making the candygrams.

A heartfelt thank you to Saeed at Walmart for the donation of the candy canes and to Angel from Zehrs for the donation of seven \$25.00 gift cards.

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, February 22.

We encourage you to spend some time with your child to review the report card. Celebrate the many successes and help your child establish goals to address areas needing improvement.

Interviews with the classroom teacher can be requested by either the teacher or the parents.

We welcome the opportunity to continue working with you to ensure your child continues to be successful at school.



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February

- 1 - Walking Wednesday
 - Skating - Carter/Allan/Bouchard
 - Subway Lunch
 - Jump Rope for Heart Kick-Off Assembly
- 2 - Skating - Foster/Hasler/Marchand
 - Intermediate Speech Competition @ 1:30pm
 - Ground Hog Day
- 3 - P.A. Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 6 - JK Registration Packages available
 - The Lunch Lady Day
 - Pizza Day
 - Scientist is School workshops - Cesnik/C. Quinn
 - Author visit - Session 1: grades 5-6
 - Author visit - Session 2: grades 3-4
 - Council Meeting 7pm
- 7 - Skating - Jeffries/Veltri/Veltro/Cesnik gr 3 only
 - Bill Tierney - Grade 8 grad photo chat - AM
 - Father Mani visiting the school
- 8 - Skating - Cesnik gr 4/Carvalho/C. Quinn
 - Grade 7 Confirmation Retreat
 - Hot Dog Lunch
- 9 - Scientist in School - Carvalho
 - Skating - Hodgins/Beninati
- 10 - Pizza Nova Lunch Day
 - Spirit Day - Scarf Day!!
 - Snow Valley - grades 6-8
- 13 - Pizza Nova Lunch Day
 - The Lunch Lady Day
- 14 - Valentine's Day - Spirit Day!! - wear red, white, and pink
 - Skating - Azevedo/Rogers/Skillen
 - Fr. Mani visits the school
 - Bradford Valley Community Care - Beninati
 - Tim Hortons Day
- 15 - Immunizations - gr 7
 - Skating - Carter/Allan/Bouchard
 - Subway lunch
 - Basketball Tournaments - Intermediate
 - National Flag Day of Canada
- 16 - Basketball Tournaments (snow date)
 - Skating - Foster/Hasler/Marchand
 - Jump Rope for Heart Event Day 1
 - Confirmation Mass @ Holy Martyrs of Japan @ 7pm
- 17 - Pizza Nova Lunch
 - Jump Rope for Heart Event Day 2
- 20 - Family Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 21 - Skating - Jeffries/Veltri/Cesnik gr 3 only
- 22 - Grade 8 Grad photos - AM only
 - Skating - Cesnik gr 4/Carvalho/C. Quinn
 - CWL Public Speaking Contest @ Holy Martyrs 7pm
- 23 - Scientists in School - Cesnik/Marchand
 - Skating - Hodgins/Beninati
 - Recognition Assemblies - Discerning Believer
 - Swiss Chalet lunch
- 24 - Snow Valley - gr 6-8
 - Spirit Day!! Crazy Sock Day!
 - Junior Speeches
 - Pizza Nova day
- 27 - Pizza Nova lunch
 - The Lunch Lady day
- 28 - Skating - St. Peters/Wood
 - Bradford Valley Community Care - Wood
 - Tim Horton's lunch

March

- 1 - Ash Wednesday Mass at 10:00am with Fr. Mani
- 2 - Skating - Bogardis/Silva Taucar/Ellis/M. Quinn
- 3 - Pizza Nova lunch
- 6 - Pizza Nova lunch
 - The Lunch Lady lunch
 - Council Meeting @ 7pm
- 7 - Skating - Azevedo/Rogers/Skillen
 - Fr. Mani visits the school
 - Bradford Valley Community Care - Beninati
 - Caldense Bakery lunch
- 8 - Skating - Carter/Allan/Bouchard
 - Hot Dog lunch
- 10 - Pizza Nova lunch
- 13-17 - MARCH BREAK - SCHOOL CLOSED