

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

It seems like only yesterday that we were preparing for the first day of school at our new school, St. Angela Merici. When we opened the doors on our first day, we did not anticipate the amazing journey each of us would have had this year. Before the summer holidays begin, we have 4 weeks of learning that will bring this wonderful school year to a close. We will be celebrating the completion of EQAO, report cards, Grade Eight Graduation, Father's Day and our End of the Year Mass. Together, as a school community, we will work together to enjoy the many gifts that June has to offer.

A Father's Day Prayer

Bless all the fathers in the world.

Father, we ask that You
guide them to be good role
models and loving to their
children. We also ask that You
help them to be a father like
You are. Give them grace and
patience to handle situations
in a loving way.
Amen

Goodbyes

We would like to say good-bye to the following staff who will have been part of the St. Angela Merici school community: Ms. Aguanno, Mrs. Basso, Ms. Carruthers, Mrs. Desjardins, Ms. Hilton, Ms. Malone, Mrs. Marchione, Ms. Rae, Mrs. Vanderloo, and Mrs. Vernon.. Thank you for all your dedication and commitment to our students. We wish each of you best of luck in your next endeavor.

Fort McMurray

At St. Angela Merici, Mrs. Quinn's Grade 4/5 class in Bradford raised \$1000.00 dollars for Fort McMurray. The Canadian government is going to double this amount, which will make it \$2000.00. The reason we were doing this fundraiser, is to help the people who live in Fort McMurray. Everyone in Fort McMurray had to be evacuated. We decided as a class to sell lollipops for 1 dollar. That is how we raised our money. Thank you St. Angela Merici Catholic School!

Author: Brandon S

Catholic School Community Council Meeting

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

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Dress Code

With the warmer weather, students will be wanting to wear clothing that will offer some relief from the heat. Students are reminded to follow our Dress Code Policy when selecting outfits and footwear. The following are excerpts from the policy that we follow:

- pants/shorts/skirts must fit at the waist, and be worn at the waist
- shorts or skirts must be at least mid-thigh in length
- no spaghetti straps, midriff exposing or backless tops, muscle, halter or tube tops
- no clothing exposing undergarments

Appropriate dress attire is a positive reflection of our school community to our community at large. Thank you for helping us maintain a respectful learning environment.

Please take a moment to review the Dress Code with your child(ren). A copy has been included with this newsletter.

Balance Day Information

Beginning in September 2016, our school day schedule will change to a Balanced School Day. The Balanced Day schedule divides the school day into three significant learning blocks: 120 minutes, 80 minutes, and 100 minutes. Two longer nutrition and activity breaks are provided; one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Nutrition breaks provide 20 minutes for eating and 20 minutes for activity. The rationale behind the Balanced School Day is that it will improve academic achievement by increasing time on-task in the classroom setting. The benefit of a Balanced Day will provide more instruction and exploration time with less interruption allowing teaching and learning to occur at an optimum level.

Beginning September 2016, our school day schedule will be as follows:

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

Report Cards

Please note that Term 2 (June) report cards will be sent home with your child(ren) on Monday, June 27th.

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.

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.

If you haven't already done so, 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, June 17, 2016.* Thank you to everyone who has already sent this in.

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.

Electronic Safe Arrival Form

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

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End-Of-Year School Mass

Students and staff of St. Angela Merici will celebrate an End-of-Year mass at Holy Martyrs of Japan Church on Tuesday, June 7th at 10 AM. Please note the date change, which originally was set for June 9th. Parents are welcome to join us at Holy Martyrs.

Used Holy Trinity Uniform Sale

Holy Trinity Catholic High School will be having a used uniform sale on Tuesday, June 28 from 3:00pm - 6:00pm and Monday, July 4 from 12:00pm - 4:00 pm. Lots of gently used uniform pieces will be available!

Lost and Found

The Lost & Found bin is once again overflowing with clothing items, including snow pants, sweaters, and other winter-related clothing items. Students will be encouraged to look for lost items. Parents, if you notice your child has been missing something in particular, please come in to the school and have a look. Any items remaining after Wednesday, June 29, will be donated to charity.

Spelling Bee

On Wednesday, May 4th, The Knights of Columbus hosted its annual spelling bee for grade 5 students at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish Hall. St. Angela Merici was well represented by two talented participants! J-Mary had the misfortune of drawing "satellite" (I had to consult the dictionary on that one). "Celery" ended Michaela's progress. It was an exciting affair, right to the end. Congratulations to J-Mary B and Michaela W for their strong showing, finishing 5th and 2nd respectively.



Healthy Schools Certification

We are proud to announce that St. Angela Merici has received Silver Healthy Schools Certification from OPHEA (Ontario Physical and Health Education Association). We are the only school in our Board to have earned this distinction. Congratulations to all staff and students, especially Mrs. Aray for her leadership and Nurse Becky for her support, for the wonderful work they've done over the past few months to accomplish this fantastic achievement. This marks a huge step towards creating a healthier school!

We anticipate receiving our school banner in early June and will display it proudly as part of our ongoing celebration of success.

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.

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 volunteers by hosting a Volunteer Brunch at St. Angela Merici School on Monday, June 13 from 10:15 - 11:30am. There will be more information to follow.

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

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. All visitors to the school are also asked to adhere to this policy. Thank you for your help.

JK Registration Packages

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

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- 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 - Jeffries/Veltri
- 8 - Hot Dog Lunch
 - Swim to Survive Grade 3's - Carvalho/Foster
- 9 - Zucca's Lunch
- 10 - Pizza Day
 - Immunization Clinic gr 7 & 8
 - Spirit Day!! Hawaiian Day
- 13 - Volunteer brunch @ 10:15am
 - The Lunch Lady
 - Books due back to library
- 14 - Blue Jays Game @ Rogers Centre - gr 5-8
 - Swim to Survive - Jeffries/Veltri
- 15 - Swim to Survive Grade 3's - Carvalho/Foster
- 16 - Zehrs Bradford trip - grade 1's
 - Scanlon Creek trip - Reynolds/Beaton
- 17 - Pizza Day
 - Spirit Day!! Wear a Tie to School
- 20 - Scanlon Creek trip - Marchand/Tootill
 - The Lunch Lady
 - Kindergarten Family Picnic - Reynolds/Beaton
 - South Simcoe Track & Field Day
- 21 - Scanlon Creek trip - Vanderloo/Marchione
 - Swim to Survive - Jeffries/Veltri
 - Kindergarten Family Picnic - Tootill/Marchand
- 22 - ROM trip - grade 4's
 - 4 Cats Art Studio trip - Wood
 - Elmvale Zoo trip - Hasler/Allan/Bouchard/Foster (gr 2)
 - Swim to Survive Grade 3's - Carvalho/Foster
 - Kindergarten Family Picnic - Marchione/Vanderloo
- 23 - Hot Dog Lunch
- 24 - Pizza Day
 - Simcoe County Museum trip - Veltri/Jeffries
 - PALS @ Bradford Bowl
- 27 - The Lunch Lady
 - Grade 8 Graduation - 6:30pm @ Holy Martyrs of Japan
 - Report Cards Sent home
- 28 - Swiss Chalet Lunch
- 29 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Enjoy your summer!



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

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.

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!

Edge Camp Summer Camp

The Youth Ministry group at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish is running a summer camp at Camp White Pine, a camp for boys and girls ages 7-16 located on a private lake in the Haliburton Highlands.

The camp will run from August 29 to September 2. The fee of \$400 covers the cost of all food, transportation, and accommodations. For more information, contact Ray Reitzel at Holy Martyrs.


To register, please visit:

<https://edgecamp.campbrainregistration.com/>

Online School Calendar

Check out our online school calendar!

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

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- 6 - First Day of School for SK - Grade 8
 - JK meetings
- 7 - Staggered starts for JK students begin
- 22 - Picture Day
- 23 - Picture Day
- 30 - P.A. Day - School Closed