

ST. ANGELA MERICI

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2017



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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

This year's theme for Catholic Education Week is "Walking Forward Together" or "Aller De L'Avant Emsemble". During the week of April 30th to May 5, 2017 Catholic Schools across the province will celebrate the significant contributions that Catholic Education has made to the community, the province and to Canada. Our Catholic Graduate Expectations challenges students to articulate in society those fundamental values that underpin Catholic Education.

At St. Angela Merici School we celebrate Catholic Education everyday. Throughout the week, our students will be involved in many classroom activities that celebrate our uniqueness. Students will participate in a Social Justice walk with our feeder school Holy Trinity, and this year our school will perform "SAM I AM" production. Together as a school we will be welcoming Mary into our hearts with the Marion Celebration. And lastly, students will participate in our last Recognition Assembly. At this assembly, students in Grade 2 will receive their First Holy Communion Pins and our Grade 4 students will receive a Bible. These many opportunities make our school a wonderful place for students to learn and grow.

On behalf of the staff at St. Angela Merici Catholic School we would like to thank you for sending your child(ren) to Walk Forward Together as a school family.

We would like to wish all our Mothers an Happy Mother's Day. May the Lord continue to watch over each of you.

Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God,

We thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.

May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them.

We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience.

We ask you to bless them with your own special love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother.

Amen.

Catholic School Community Council Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2017, at 7:00 pm in the school library. Please use the front doors.

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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.

Online School Calendar

Check out our online school calendar!

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

Subscribe to email alerts by clicking 

Dropping of lunch for your child?

If you are planning on dropping off a lunch for your child, please drop it off at the front office by 12:30pm. This will help to make sure we have a complete list of students to call down before the lunch bell rings. Thanks for your help in this!

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 our volunteers by hosting a Volunteer Brunch at St. Angela Merici School on Thursday, June 15 from 9:30-10:30am. 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 (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.

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!

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.

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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Walk 'n' Wheel Wednesday "3.0" - May 10

In May 2016, St. Angela Merici was approached by the town's Active Transportation and Recreation Committee to help spearhead what has become an annual event. St. Angela had already experienced much success having had run several Walking Wednesdays in prior months and so, our school was a natural choice to help introduce this to the larger community.

In October 2016, the event grew to four schools and interest among other elementary schools has continued to grow so that a total of 9 elementary schools will be participating this year.

Councillor Baynes, chair of the Active Transportation and Recreation Committee mentions that, "The original two key objectives have not changed at all. We want to encourage students of all ages to be active, and walking to School is a great starting point that we hope becomes a regular activity just not something that is done on a special event day. And the second objective happens automatically (or is it automatically in this case) as a result ... there is way less traffic congestion near and right at the Schools. Promoting active living while at the same time increasing safety near Schools. A double win for sure, concludes Baynes".

After your walk or wheel to school on May 10th, look for the canopy tent and table that will be set up, where staff, including Mr. Warman from the Town and Officer Elisabeth from South Simcoe Police, will greet you and celebrate your efforts by handing out "I Walk to School" ribbons. Canadian Tire is also supporting this event by donating to each participating school two bike helmets to be raffled off at a later time!

I encourage all of our parents and students to join us on May 10th for what will be a wonderful event.

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.

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 2017

This year's EQAO assessment will be Grade 6 - May 23, 24, and 25; Grade 3 - May 29, 30, 31 (AM only), and June 1 (AM only). 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.

JK Registration Packages

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

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.'

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Dual Language Book Writing Project

On April 19th, Christine Ignas and Gillian Montgomery, together with Ms. DeFreitas, supported students and parents create dual-language books. In attendance were two parents who helped their children create some great books. Older students partnered with younger students to help with the writing of their home language. Students were talking about and comparing their languages and knowledge of language through the day. All students worked very diligently to get their books done - mostly independently. One grade 3 student even did an ebook in Explain Everything at the very end of the day since she spoke Assyrian, which is not typically a written language.

Thank you to Ms DeFreitas, Ms. Montgomery, Ms. Ignas and Richard Newton for all their help and patience through the day - especially getting the younger students set up with Google Accounts and using the Google Slides template. And thank you to Mrs. Ellis for being so accommodating and sharing the library (and opening the chapel) with more than 20 people all day.

The books now go off to the printer and soon, students will receive their professional-looking literary creations. Awesome!

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. 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.

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.



Mabel's Labels Fundraiser

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

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.

Thank you for helping us out with this.

Frozen Yogurt Sales

Starting Monday, May 8, we will be selling frozen yogurt for \$2.00 a cup at last nutrition break (12:40pm), ONLY on hot lunch dates. This is not a pre-order, it is a first come first serve while supplies last.

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- 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
- 8 - Pizza Nova Lunch
 - The Lunch Lady
- 9 - Tim Hortons lunch
- 10 - Spirit Day Twins!!
 - Walk ‘n’ Wheel Wednesday!!
 - Subway lunch
- 11 - Jump2Math - grades 1-3 during the day
 - Jump2Math - JK/SK at 6:30pm
- 12 - Social Justice Walks
 - Pizza Nova lunch
- 14 - Happy Mother’s Day!!
- 15 - Pizza Nova lunch
 - The Lunch Lady lunch
 - Sainte-Marie among the Hurons trip - Grade 5
 - Notre Dame Catholic School trip - grade 7’s
- 16 - Scientists in School - Quinn AM/Cesnik PM
 - Caldense Bakery lunch
 - Kindergarten Parent Information night for those starting in September @7pm
- 17 - Scientists in School - Carvalho AM
 - Boys & Girls Softball Tournament
 - Hot Dog lunch
- 18 - Softball Tournament RAINDATE
 - Bilingual Presentation at St. Charles - grades 4-6
 - Popcorn Snack Day

- 19 - Festival of the ARTS 2017 - Mrs. Weeks
 - Pizza Nova lunch
 - Living Rosary Mass @ school @ 1:30pm
- 22 - Victoria Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 23 - EQAO - grade 6
 - Fire Safety House - Vetro/Cesnik gr 3/Veltri
 - Tim Hortons lunch
- 24 - EQAO - grade 6
 - Scientists in School - Carter/Bouchard AM & Foster PM
 - Subway lunch
- 25 - EQAO - grade 6
 - Scientists in School - Allan/Marchand AM & Hasler PM
 - Swiss Chalet lunch
- 26 - Pizza Nova lunch
 - Fire Safety House - Hasler & Foster
- 29 - EQAO - grade 3
 - Pizza Nova lunch
 - The Lunch Lady lunch
 - Fire Safety House - Bouchard & Allan/Carter gr 2
- 30 - EQAO - grade 3
 - Caldense Bakery lunch
- 31 - EQAO - grade 3 AM only
 - Blue Jays game - grade 5-8
 - Hot Dog lunch



- 1 - EQAO - grade 3 AM only
 - Popcorn Snack day
- 2 - PA DAY - School Closed
- 5 - Pizza Nova lunch
 - The Lunch Lady lunch
 - Swimming PM - Vetro/Marchand/Cesnik gr 3
- 6 - Fire Safety House - Jeffries/Marchand
 - Tim Hortons lunch
 - Swimming PM - Jeffries/Veltri
- 7 - Royal Ontario Museum - Quinn/Cesnik/Carvalho
 - Blue Beaker Club workshop - grade 6
 - Subway lunch
- 9 - Pizza Nova lunch