

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

Wow, it's November already! September and October flew by, as we celebrated many occasions with new and returning students, families, and staff; school-year opening Mass, a "Welcome Back" Meet and Greet BBQ, our first Catholic School Council meeting of the year, Terry Fox Day, Spirit Days, Junior and Senior Soccer, and Junior and Senior Cross Country, to name just a few!

November is also a time to remember the Saints and to celebrate their lives of holiness. We celebrate All Saints Day on November 1st and All Souls Day on the 2nd. November is also a month for remembering those people in our own families who have died as well as those in the world. We ask God to be merciful to all who have died. We ask God to forgive them for any wrong they might have done during their lives so that they may join the saints in heaven. The following prayer from the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity offers a glimpse of the glory that awaits our dead.

Here After

I believe that when death closes our eyes we shall awaken to a light, of which our sunlight is but the shadow.

Students will be distributing poppies during the first few weeks of November. We ask parents to send a donation to school with their child(ren) for the poppies provided by the Royal Canadian Legion.

Catholic School Community Council Meeting

On Thursday, November 3, 2016 the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board will be hosting the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) Commissioning Evening.

We would like to invite Catholic School Community Council members to the CPIC Commissioning Evening. This year, the event will be held at St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School in Barrie, and will run from 6 - 8:30 p.m. The evening will include the Commissioning Mass, Keynote Speaker Mr. Brian Beal, Director of Education, refreshments, as well as various breakout sessions hosted by board office staff.

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School Council

The first meeting of the St. Angela Merici Catholic School Community Council (CSCC) for the 2016/2017 school year was held on Monday, September 19.

We held our elections and we are pleased to announce the people who were selected to leadership roles:

Co-Chairs - Angela Aiello-Sergio & Jennifer Onorati

Treasurer - Maria Patricelli

Secretary - Nicole Hill

Community Rep - Nicole Scharb

Parish Rep - Crystal Dell'Orso

Staff Rep - Mrs. Beaton

Support Staff Rep - Sharon Crowe

Parent members - Sandra Cinquemani, Lisa Zalewski, Tina Ocovich, Lisa Gadaleta, Christine Massone, Jessica Bly, Anna Cocco, Benedita Wilkerson.

Many thanks to last year's Catholic School Community Council. Your hard work and dedication to Catholic Education is an inspiration to us all.

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!

Toys at School

Please keep toys at home; we discourage bringing expensive and/or fragile toys, etc., as these may get broken or lost. All trading cards are not allowed at school also as they can also get lost/damaged/traded unfairly.

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.

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.

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.

Spanish Club

On October 20 St. Angela Merici was awarded the Multiculturalism Through Education School award by The County of Simcoe. Thank you to Mrs. Aray & Ms. Hernandez for all your hard work and dedication to providing a Spanish Club to our students.

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.

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.

Online School Calendar

Check out our online school calendar!

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

Subscribe to email alerts by clicking 

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No Child Without - MedicAlert Foundation Canada

The MedicAlert Foundation Canada has developed No Child Without - a charitable program that protects children and supports school officials to address concerns about students living with chronic medical conditions, allergies, or special needs.

This program provides children and students, attending participating schools, one FREE MedicAlert ID and FREE MedicAlert membership coverage between 4 years of age up until their 14th birthday.

For a more comprehensive list of conditions, please visit nochildwithout.ca. Please contact the school for a brochure that features a unique PIN number and Bar Code assigned to our school. Brochures cannot be photocopied or shared with other schools.

Update on Sports

Congratulations to our Junior Boys soccer team who won the tournament on October 18. Way to go boys!! A special "Thank You" to Mrs. Beninati & Mrs. Wood for coaching. We are also proud of the efforts of our Boys' and Girls Senior Soccer Teams and our Junior Girls Soccer Team. All played with great heart and determination. All were excellent ambassadors for our school. Thank you to our coaches, Mr. Venditti, Mrs. Hargreaves & Mrs. Cesnik. Thank you to Mr. Ellis & Mr. Mantulak for convening the tournaments.

Congratulations to our Junior and Senior Girls Cross Country Team who won in the Junior & Senior division, and were the overall champions at the meet. Thank you to Mr. Mantulak for coaching.

EQAO

Reading, writing, and mathematics scores for the 2016 EQAO testing were released on September 21, 2016. The Grade 3 results for our school are above the Board and Provincial averages. Grade 6 results in Reading and Writing are comparable to Board and Provincial results. Grade 6 Math presents as an anomaly. This will be the focus of school improvement discussions this year.

		Reading (%)	Writing (%)	Math (%)
Primary	SAM	80	88	74
	Board	67	72	57
	Province	72	74	63
Junior	SAM	77	77	20
	Board	78	76	42
	Province	81	80	50

Percentage of students achieving the Provincial Standard (Level 3) or higher (Level 4).

It is important to note that there has been a downward trend in mathematics scores across the province. The province has recognized this trend and, as a result, it is implementing a province-wide math strategy. Please keep in mind that the EQAO assessment is only a "snap shot" of our students' academic performance. Provincial and international assessments show that students (in Ontario and our

Board) understand basic math concepts, but improvement is needed in their ability to apply their knowledge and skills to solve problems. This will be a focus for our school as we move forward and as we work to roll out the province's new math strategy.

Food Drive

Thank you to Ms. Marchand and Mrs. Rogers who organized this year's food Drive for Helping Hands. Together as a school community we collected many food items. Thank you for your continuous generosity.

Lost & Found

There are many clothing items in our Lost and Found bin. These items will be on display on tables in the front entrance during the Parent-Teacher Conference. Please take a moment to review the items. Whatever remains on Monday, November 21, will be donated to charity.

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.

Meet & Greet

Thank you to everyone who was able to come out to our Meet & Greet that took place on Thursday, September 29. It was a great opportunity to gather as a school community. Thank you to Mrs. Richichi and Mrs. Zalewski for their help in organizing the orders.

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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November

- 1 - Swimming - Beninati AM
- 2 - Grade 8 Tiger Day @ Holy Trinity
 - Subway Day
 - Swimming - PM - Wood
- 3 - Photo Retake Day - AM
 - DARE - Hodgins & Beninati
 - Swimming - PM - St. Peters
 - CPIC Commissioning 6-8:30pm
- 4 - Swimming - Hodgins AM
 - Pizza Nova Day
- 7 - Pizza Nova Day
 - The Lunch Lady
 - QSP Assembly - PM
- 8 - Immunizations
 - Swimming - AM - Beninati
- 9 - Swimming - PM - Wood
 - Hot Dog Day
- 10 - DARE - Hodgins & Beninati
- 11 - Remembrance Day Service @ 10:30am
 - Pizza Nova Day
- 14 - Pizza Nova Day
 - The Lunch Lady
- 15 - Swimming - AM - Beninati
 - Tim Hortons day
- 16 - Progress Reports go home
 - Swimming - PM - Wood
 - Subway day
- 17 - DARE - Hodgins & Beninati
 - Swimming - PM - St. Peters
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 18 - PA Day - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 21 - Pizza Nova Day
 - The Lunch Lady
- 22 - Swimming - PM - Beninati
- 23 - Swimming - PM - Wood
 - Hot Dog Day
- 24 - DARE - Hodgins & Beninati
 - Swimming - PM - St. Peters
 - Swiss Chalet Day
 - Recognition Assembly
- 25 - Swimming - AM - Hodgins
 - Pizza Nova Day
- 28 - Pizza Nova Day
 - The Lunch Lady
- 29 - Swimming - PM - Beninati
 - Tim Horton Day
- 30 - Swimming - PM - Wood
 - Subway Day

EDGE - Holy Martyrs of Japan Church

Edge is a free youth program for grades 6, 7 and 8 students which is a fun and exciting program that offers youth the opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with other youth and peer leaders. Edge was created specifically to reach out to this age group and lead them closer to Christ during these most trying of times. Games, activities, excursions, discussion and of course prayer. Hope you can join us!

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 7 – The Hunger Games – Feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty

November 14- Hey Stranger

November 21 – EDGE Survivor

Jesse Tree

We will be holding a Christmas Charity drive for the Helping Hands, our local food bank that supports Bradford's families in need. This holiday season, in order to help those in our community who are in need, our school will have a Jesse Tree dedicated to the sponsorship of local families. More information to follow.

Lice

We have had a number of cases of lice this year. In these instances, all students in the affected classrooms have received a letter notifying parents of the situation and asking them to check their children's hair. While definitely a nuisance, head lice (pediculosis) does not pose a health risk to students and staff. Parents of students with suspected head lice, conspicuous because of the constant scratching of the head, especially towards the back of the head and behind the ears, or visible louse, will be contacted and asked to pick up their child for immediate treatment. You are asked to visit your local pharmacy and to speak with the pharmacist about effective treatments. Students are permitted to return to school 24 hours after treatment application and combing. Please ensure all nits have been removed before sending your child back to school.

Terry Fox Update

On September 29, St. Angela Merici School Community participated in the Terry Fox Run. The morning was filled with lots of fun and determination as the students completed their laps around the school. As a school community, we raised \$4135.40 that will go towards Cancer Research. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make the running route safe for our students.

DECEMBER

- 1 - DARE - Hodgins & Beninati
 - Swimming - AM - St. Peters
- 2 - Swimming - AM - Hodgins
 - Pizza Nova