

ST. ANGELA MERICI

NEWSLETTER

September 2016



SIMCOE MUSKOKA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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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

We are very excited to begin another school year at St. Angela Merici. On behalf of the staff at St. Angela Merici School, I would like to welcome all parents, students and especially welcome all of the new additions to our school community. This year The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board's theme is "Celebrating God's Family".

You will see this theme reflected throughout our school. We will be planning many events and activities to help celebrate our spirit throughout the year.

Our staff is deeply committed to creating and maintaining a nurturing environment in which all feel supported. Students are encouraged to develop physically, academically, and spiritually. They are challenged to become critical thinkers and effective problem solvers — skills essential for our leaders of tomorrow.

I know with all of us working together the many achievements will be joyously celebrated and the challenges will be overcome.

Sincerely,
Mr. Almeida and Mrs. Newman

Back to School Prayer

Loving God,
Our creator, our saviour, our companion,
bless this journey of a new school year
that we undertake today.

Refresh our souls and renew our spirits as we embrace the
beautiful ministry you have called us to.

We welcome those who are new to this community and ask
that you strengthen them to share the wonderful gifts you
have given them.

Lord, make our hearts pure as we prepare for the return of
students to this school,

and may you guide them to return
with open hearts and minds eager to learn.
We ask this in Your name,

Catholic School Community Council Meeting

The first meeting for the 2016/2017 school year is on Monday, September 19 at 7:00pm in the school library. Please use the front doors.

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WE HAVE VOICEMAIL AT ST. ANGELA MERICI!!

All staff members have voicemail! When calling into the school, you will have 3 options: to report a student(s) absence or late press "5", Staff Directory by Last Name press "9" or for the school office stay on the line or press "0".

Here is a breakdown of the classes and staff for 2016-2017. *Please note that these are tentative and classes may be reorganized as a result of an increase in enrolment. Any changes, if required, will be communicated by the end of the second school week.

Mrs. Reynolds	x437	JK/SK Teacher	Ms. Hargreaves	x452	French/Prep
Mrs. Colletti	x440	DECE	Mme. Bowen	x408	French
Ms. Beaton	x403	JK/SK Teacher	Mrs. Weeks	x423	Prep
Ms. Hernandez	x441	DECE	Mr. Venditti	x455	Prep
Mrs. Crowley	x429	JK/SK Teacher	Ms. Aray	x401	Prep
Mrs. Tremblay	x444	DECE	Ms. Ferguson	x416	R.R./Spec Ed
Mrs. Tootill	x424	JK/SK Teacher	Mrs. Weston	x436	R.R./Spec Ed
Mrs. Spagnuolo	x 442	DECE	Mrs. Ellis	x415	Library/Prep
Ms. Bianchet	x449	JK/SK Teacher	Mr. Mantulak	x425	Special Education
Ms. Savel	x446	DECE	Mrs. Scavuzzo	x432	Special Education
Mrs. Chepurnyj	x451	JK/SK Teacher			
Ms. De Freitas	x444	DECE			
Mrs. Azevedo	x402	Grade 1			
Mrs. Rogers	x431	Grade 1			
Mrs. Skillen	x433	Grade 1	Ms. Basso	x	EA
Ms. Carter	x428	Grade 1/2	Ms. Boyko	x450	EA
Ms. Allan	x439	Grade 2	Mrs. Crowe	x411	EA
Mr Bouchard	x407	Grade 2	Ms. Harrison	x443	EA
Ms. Foster	x417	Grade 2	Ms. Mills	x447	EA
Mrs. Hasler	x419	Grade 2			
Ms. Marchand	x426	Grade 2/3			
Mrs. Jeffries	x422	Grade 3			
Mrs. Veltri	x435	Grade 3			
Mrs. Vetro	x418	Grade 3			
Mrs. Cesnik	x410	Grade 3/4	Mr. Almeida		Principal
Mr. Carvalho	x438	Grade 4	Mrs. Newman		Vice-Principal
Mrs. Quinn	x413	Grade 4	Mrs. Gillard		School Office Administrator
Mr. Hodgins	x420	Grade 5	Mrs. Censoni		School Office Assistant
Mrs. Beninati	x404	Grade 5/6			
Mrs. St. Peters	x434	Grade 6	Mrs. Borg	x108	Chief Custodian
Mrs. Wood	x412	Grade 6	Mr. Nerpin		Custodian
Ms. Bogardis	x406	Grade 7	Mr. Rizza		Custodian
Mrs. Silva-Taucar	x454	Grade 7			
Mr. Ellis	x414	Grade 8			
Mr. Quinn	x430	Grade 8			

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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!

Safety Issues

Please note that outside supervision begins at 8:25 a.m. Children should not be arriving at school prior to this time. **Parents are not to be in the back of the school.** This is a student only zone. Remember, to another child you are a stranger. The staff are there to supervise the children.

Lunches

If dropping off a lunch, please let your child know prior to the start of the school day that a lunch will be left at the office. Please ensure your child's name and teacher's name are on the lunch, and leave the lunch on the counter in the office.

If you are picking up your child at lunch and if you have a "standing note" for the entire school year that states you will be picking your child up every day at lunch, you **MUST** come in to the office to sign your child out every day.

Birthday Treats

We would like to celebrate birthdays and other special events as they come up during the school year in an equitable way for all children. We have a number of students with a variety of food allergies who may be "left out" when birthday treats are brought to school; other students may feel awkward because their families may not be able to provide special treats. As well, the preparation and distribution of these food treats result in an interruption to valuable learning time. We kindly ask that no food items be sent in (*e.g. birthday cakes, cupcakes, etc.*). Each child celebrating a birthday has his or her name announced during morning exercises.

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.

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:

sam.schools.smcdsb.on.ca




Medication

If your child requires daily medication, or a short-term prescription during school hours, a medication form must be completed and returned to the office. A new form is required each school year. It is also the policy that **no student may keep medication in his/her desk, backpack, etc.** It must be kept at the office, in its original container, to be administered by school staff. If your child requires an Epi-Pen, we will need you to send in two Epi-pens. One Epi-Pen will be stored in your child's classroom, and the other will be stored in the Health room. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Online School Calendar

Check out our online school calendar!

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

Subscribe to email alerts by clicking 

Balance Day Information

Beginning now, our school day schedule has changed 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.

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Visitors To The School

To help ensure student safety, all parents and school community partners visiting St. Angela Merici Catholic School must report to the office upon arrival – please do not go directly to your child’s classroom or the yard for any reason.

There is a sign-in book located at the office. **ALL parents and visitors who enter the school during school hours are required to sign in and out at the office. A visitor’s TAG must be worn and permission granted to proceed further. Please note that this also applies to the school yard and portables.** No adult, at any time, should be in the school yard without proper authority and identification. This includes before and after school.

We rely on and appreciate your cooperation in helping us ensure the safety of the students entrusted to our care.

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.

Bus Transportation

Students at St. Angela Merici Catholic School travel by Switzer-Carty bus line. All primary aged children are to be met at their drop-off points each evening. If parents wish alternate arrangements for their bus children at the end of the day, a written note is required to inform the teacher and office, **otherwise the child will be required to follow established transportation arrangements.**



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Students traveling on buses are expected to follow established safety rules. The same rules that apply at school apply on the bus. Failure to comply with these expectations may result in loss of bus riding privileges.

Picking Students Up

If your child is leaving school property for **any** reason during the school day (e.g. appointments, going home at lunch, being picked up after school, etc.), a note is required indicating the date, time, and name of who will be picking up the student (photo ID may be required). **For security reasons, parents/visitors may not visit classrooms or enter the schoolyard to pick up children.** If your child will not be returning to school that day, please indicate this on the note. This information is extremely important for the classroom teacher, office staff, and bus duty staff so that we are aware at all times of who and when someone is picking up a student. Parents or authorized adults must come to the office to sign the student out, and must wait at the office until the student has come down - students are **NOT** permitted to wait at the front doors of the school for pick up, nor are they permitted to walk out of the school unless they are accompanied by the parent or authorized adult who will be picking them up.

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.

Do not exit your car or park and leave your car unattended. Please do not stop for lengthy periods of time in the Kiss ‘n Ride. If you need to exit your car, please do not use this zone.

The “Kiss ‘n Ride”/North Entrance is not available at the end of the day. The parking lot is closed.

We must all work together to ensure the safety of all our students. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation as we ensure the safety for more than 660 students at our school.

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Holy Martyrs of Japan Church

SACRAMENT INFORMATION DATES

Please mark these important dates on your calendars. The dates for information meetings are as follows:

CONFIRMATION: Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7:00pm OR Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 7:00pm
Information Session

FIRST COMMUNION: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 7:00pm
Information Session

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 7:00pm OR Saturday, November 26, 2016 at 11:00am
Information Session

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM

The children's liturgy program has begun. All children attending junior kindergarten and up are welcome to participate.

Volunteers Needed. Your volunteer commitment will be approximately 20-30 minutes during the 10:00am Mass. every 6 weeks or so and a half hour of preparation using the available workbook. Please contact Parish office at 905-775-2065 or Lorraine Frank at 905-775-7833.

ALTAR SERVERS – You are called...

Altar servers are a blessed gift to our Holy Mass and all that attend! It is a great honor and privilege to serve at the Altar of our God, as St. John Paul II indicated in his inspiring address to altar servers. Altar servers are not limited only to the young but can be of any age the only requirement is that they have received their first Holy Communion and be of serious disposition. If this is something your child is interested in please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065 or see Fr. Boniface after any of the Masses.

Nut Aware

We feel the best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to this student is to respectfully ask for the co-operation of the parents/guardians within the class. Please avoid sending peanuts and other nuts (including, but not limited to cashews, almonds, pistachios, pecans, walnuts, hazelnut, etc.), peanut butter, and any other product containing nuts or processed in a plant that handles nuts. Please be aware that some snacks such as potato chips, donuts, granola bars, and cookies may contain these products.

As outline in Board Policy LE-02.2: *Peanut butter substitutions such as "Wow Butter" are not to be brought into our schools in order to avoid confusion that may result in an accidental exposure to peanut butter which can cause anaphylaxis.*

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.

Snack Bins

Through the support we receive from *Eat Well To Excel*, we are able to provide snack bins to every class. Students are welcome to visit the bin for a nutritional snack at any time during the day.

Agendas

Students from grades 1 to 8 are required to purchase a student agenda. The cost to each student is \$5.50, which is due by Thursday, September 29th. The agendas are used to help the students develop organizational skills and facilitate home/school communication. Students are also introduced to and encouraged to develop time-management skills.

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12 Silly Jokes for Kids

Q: Why was 6 afraid of 7?

A: Because 7, 8, 9.

Q: What musical instrument is found in the bathroom?

A: A tuba toothpaste.

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Pizza.

Pizza who?

Pizza really great guy!

Q: What do you call cheese that's not yours?

A: Nacho cheese!

Q: What do elves learn in school?

A: The elf-abet.

Q: Why did the boy bring a ladder to school?

A: He wanted to go to high school.

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Interrupting, squawking parrot.

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SQUAWKKKKKKKKKKK!

Q: Why did the girl smear peanut butter on the road?

A: To go with the traffic jam!

Q: Why do bananas have to put on sunscreen before they go to the beach?

A: Because they might peel!

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Little old lady.

Little old lady who?

Wow, I didn't know you could yodel!

Q: What did the mushroom say to the fungus?

A: You're a fun guy [fungi].

Q: Why couldn't the pony sing himself a lullaby?

A: He was a little hoarse!



- 19 - School Council Meeting
- 20 - MADD Canada Presentation - gr 7&8
- 21 - Opening School Mass @ Holy Martyrs of Japan Church @ 10am
- 22 - Picture Day
- 23 - Picture Day
- 28 - Scholastic Bookfair
- 29 - School Bookfair
 - Meet & Greet BBQ 5pm-7pm
 - Terry Fox Run
- 30 - P.A. Day - School Closed



- 10 - Thanksgiving Day - School Closed
- 17 - P.A. Day - School Closed