

NEWSLETTER

Message from the Office

The school year is quickly coming to an end and what a fantastic year it has been! Staff and students have continued the work started last year of establishing a sense of identity and community. SAM, I AM! SAM, I AM! You know we are defining ourselves well when the valedictorian address includes the school cheer. Way to go Samantha and congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2017!

Our school is a busy hub with activities planned almost daily and next year will be no different. In fact, we are excited to be working on some initiatives that will enhance student learning and improve the environment for our students. More information will follow in September, but just as a teaser: we are looking to introduce a Learning Commons in our library with a Maker Space component; we are looking to improve the kindergarten play area with some significant additions (multi-year plan); and, we will add basketball nets and soccer posts to our outdoors.

We are very thankful to all parents who continue to work with the school and we continue to encourage you to call us if you have any concerns or questions. We want to ensure that the home-school connection remains strong and positive.

On behalf of all staff at St. Angela Merici, we would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer break, filled with much fun! May you keep safe and healthy! We look forward to seeing you again in September, refreshed and ready for another incredible year!

To our graduates, I offer this blessing:

May you be blessed with courage for your journey, that fear may never keep you from exploring new paths.

May you be blessed with hope, that you may never give up on yourself or others.

May you be blessed with goodness, that in you, strangers may find a generous friend.



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.



109 West Park Avenue
Bradford ON L3Z 0A7

Phone: (289) 231-2085

Principal: Mr. J. Almeida

Vice Principal: Mrs. S. Newman

School Office Administrator:
Mrs. F. Gillard

School Office Assistant:
Mrs. Censoni

School Webpage:
sam.schools.smcdsb.on.ca

School E-mail:
samoffice@smcdsb.on.ca

Superintendent:
Ms. J. Dillon-Leitch

School Trustee: Ms. J. Salmon

Summer Office Hours

The school office will open
Monday, August 28, 2017



We say good bye and thank you to staff that were with us just for the school year: Ms. Aguanno, Mrs. Basso, Ms. Belland, Mr. Burk, Ms. Carter, Mrs. Censoni, Mr. Costa, Ms. Gowanlock, Ms. Law, Ms. Molnar, Mrs. Ruffieux, Ms. Santos, and Mrs. Scharb.

Good luck in your new schools to the following staff: Ms. Allan, Ms. Bogardis, Mrs. Borg, Mrs. Boyko, Mrs. Jeffries, Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Scavuzzo, and Mrs. Wood.



Happy retirement to Mrs. Skillen and Mrs. Weston.

Congratulations to Mrs. Chepurnyj on the birth of her second child.



We wish these staff members all the best of luck in the future.

school-day - Online Payments & Forms

We have exciting news! Our school will continue to participate in the 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 of our parents who have signed up have already benefitted from the ability to:

- Receive email communications from our school (newsletters, etc)
- Approve permission forms on-line
- Register for extracurricular events
- Make online payments for sports fees, trips, hot lunches or other activities
- Update mobile devices with calendar events
- Minimize the risks associated with sending money to school (“backpack delivery”) and
- Reduce the environmental impact of photocopying permission forms and announcements

Letters with sign up instructions have been sent home and will also be sent home again in September for parents that have not yet signed up. The Secure-Match key can be used for both parents to sign up.

Food & Drink Options for October & November



Thank you to Mrs. Richichi, Mrs. Zalewski and their helpers for running the hot lunch program this school year! Hugh success!!

Please note that all food & drink orders will begin after Thanksgiving in October. Please make sure you sign up for school-day, our online payment system as these options are only going to be available only online.

bell schedule

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

Next year, we are continuing with a balanced day schedule. Students will continue to have two nutrition breaks, each 40 minutes in length. The first will begin at 10:40 a.m. and the second will begin at 12:40 p.m. Half the school will eat for 20 minutes while the other half is outside for recess. After 20 minutes, there will be a switch so that every student has both an opportunity to eat and to go outside for recess. This balanced day schedule will provide larger uninterrupted learning blocks and will cut down on the number of transitions typical of a traditional day schedule.



Class lists will be shared on the first day of school. (Please do not call the school to inquire about who your child has as a teacher.). When the bell rings to signal the start of school, parents will be asked to leave their children. Parents are invited into the yard on the first day of school.

All class assignments are final. Much time and consideration go into the creation of class lists. Please do not call the school to request a change.

SCHOOL TOUR: Parents will have an opportunity to tour the school on the night of our Meet & Greet, Thursday, September 28, 5 to 7 PM.

“September Family Package” Envelope

During the first week of school, each family will receive a “September Family Package” envelope. Included in the envelope will be the following forms (these forms will need to be completed and returned): Student Health form, Student Information Verification Form, Responsible Use of Technology Agreement, Consent Form, Food Options flyer, Meet & Greet BBQ order form, and a Catholic School Community Council nomination form. For families with multiple children in the school, multiple copies will be in the envelope. Forms for you to keep that will be included are the September Newsletter, eNewsletter/eBlast sign up instructions, school-day sign-up letter or thank you note, 2017-2018 Elementary Calendar, and the “insuremykids” Protection Plan pamphlet.

If your child has a medical plan and/or takes medication at school, a special package will be included in the envelope that will need to be completed and returned the first week of school. If your child has a severe, life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) or medical condition, please ensure the school is made aware.

JK letters will be mailed home mid-July. These letters will include the names of the educator team, meeting date and time, start date, and transportation information.

The letter will also explain the drop off and pick up routines. Parents are to drop off and pick up students at the JK/SK yard on the north side of the school building.



SK letters were sent home the last week of school. SK students will start on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 5.

Dropping and Picking Up Students at St. Angela Merici Catholic School

When dropping off students in the morning, please use the “Kiss ‘n Drop” in the north parking lot. Please do not block and/or park in the “Kiss ‘n Drop” as this will cause congestion in the parking lot. Drive carefully through the parking lot as children will be coming from all directions. Please do not pass cars as teachers are removing students. The driveway in the front of the school is for busses only. At the end of the school day both entrances will be closed. Only buses, school vehicles, and vehicles with a handicap sign present will be permitted entry.

Daycare at St. Angela Merici Catholic School 2017/2018



Daycare will be provided by Bradford Progress Childcare Centres. Please contact Jamie List @ 905-715-2166 to register your child(ren) or for more information.



Please be advised that the first day of school for all students from grades SK to 8 is Tuesday, September 5, the day following Labour Day. Students entering junior kindergarten will follow a staggered entry schedule. Exact start dates for junior kindergarten students will be mailed to families in mid-July.

Class lists will be shared by classroom teachers at 8:25 AM, the morning of September 5. Students and accompanying parents will learn of student placements that morning. Teachers will be on hand to help students through this process and to collect their classes.

As a parent, if you wish to help out in any way at St. Angela Merici Catholic School, please be aware that a current Criminal Background Check (CBC) with a Vulnerable Sector Screening is required to be on file with the office. This applies to all school-related activities including driving students, assisting around the school with hot lunch, or accompanying students on class trips.

The form can be picked up from the school office.

A Criminal Background Check is valid for one year. Each year thereafter, you may complete an Annual Offense Declaration (AOD) form through the office, at no additional cost.

To be able to continue to volunteer in our school, please pick up this form from the office at the end of the summer and return it as soon as possible.



Meet & Greet BBQ

Mark your calendars: Thursday, September 28 from 5 to 7 PM. Come out and meet your child's teacher and the rest of our educational team. Come for a tour of the school! More information will follow in September.

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 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.

Hold on to your milk bags!

We will still be collecting clean milk bags next school year. Please hold on to your milk bags and bring them in when we come back in September. The bags are intertwined and woven into useful mats. The mats are then donated to Africa and the homeless in Toronto.

Mabel's Labels Fundraiser

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

School Council

The first meeting of the St. Angela Merici Catholic School Community Council (CSCC) for the 2017/2018 school year will be Tuesday, September 19, at 6:45 p.m. in the school library. Please use the front doors. The library is just inside, on the right hand side.

We will be holding elections for the Executive at that meeting: Chair and Vice-Chair or Co-Chairs; Treasurer; Secretary; Parish Rep; Community Rep.

Any parents interested in being on the Council are asked to fill out and sign the self-nomination form that will be included in the September Family Package envelope.

The CSCC serves as an advisory group to the principal and often helps with decisions or determining directions affecting the school. Another main focus is to raise funds to support our school community.

Royal Canadian Legion


Congratulations to Jacob K. for placing first in the Junior Black & White Poster Contest sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion!

Mabel's Labels Fundraiser

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

Online School Calendar

Check out our online school calendar!
<http://sam.schools.smcdsb.on.ca/news/calendar>

Subscribe to email alerts by clicking 

Chocolate Fundraiser Winners

Congratulations to the winners: Grand prize (iPad mini): Jonathan M. The following students also won prizes (5lb chocolate, \$25.00 gift card) : The Murad family, Ethan P., Emma P., Christian T., Giovanni B., William F., Isabella C., Adriano D., Cristiano D., Charlie J., Nathan D., Matthew A., and Nathan P.



Noon-Hour Supervisor Positions Available

If you are interested in being a full time (everyday, both nutrition breaks) or supply noon hour supervisor, please email samoffice@smcdsb.on.ca. Please indicate if you would like to be full time or on our supply list. 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.

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.



Going to miss the first bit of school due to holidays or illness?

Call the school anytime before Tuesday, September 5 at 289-231-2085 option 5 or use our on-line safe arrival form on our school webpage: www.sam.schools.smcdsb.on.ca



Students from grades 1 to 8 are required to purchase a student agenda. The cost to each student is \$6.00, which will be available on school-day, our online payment system, on September 5. The agendas are used to help the students develop organizational skills and facilitate home/school communication. Students are also taught and encouraged to develop time-management skills.