

NEWSLETTER

Message from the Office

Here we are at the end of another fantastic year. It's always amazing how quickly the year goes by and that, in large part, has to do with the many, many activities our teachers and support staff plan for our students. At St. Angela Merici, there is no shortage of activities for students to get involved with. From Social Justice events, to Green Team initiatives, the many sports teams, the Arts Club, Choir, and Drama Club, students have many opportunities to let their light shine. We encourage our students to continue to get involved!

Congratulations to our Graduating Class of 2018. The recent mass and ceremony to celebrate their accomplishments thus far on their educational journeys was memorable. It was wonderful to have had Trustee Jeanny Salmon, Mayor Rob Keffer, and Counsellor Raj Sandhu in the audience and we thank them for their support. I also want to acknowledge Fr. Joshua for celebrating mass with us and for delivering a homily that was "bang on"! Change is the constant, he said — our students are well equipped to deal with the many changes ahead. They are also challenged to be the change they want to see in the world. We wish our graduates all the best for their future and continued success in high school.

We have been blessed with many wonderful parent volunteers over the course of this year. Your support of our school and students is so important and we thank you for giving of your time.

As a large school, we experience many changes in staffing from one year to the next. While most staff will return in September, there will also be some new faces due to retirements, parental leaves, transfers in and transfers out. To all of our staff leaving, we wish them all the best in their new schools. For our returning staff, we look forward to continuing our work together in September. Congratulations to Ms. Ferguson and Mrs. St. Peters on their retirements.

Finally, let's consider the summer break ahead. On behalf of all staff at St. Angela Merici, I would like to wish everyone a safe, fun-filled, and relaxing summer. We know another school year will be upon us in the blink of an eye, but for the moment, let's savour a well-deserved summer break.

God Bless.

Mr. Almeida and Mrs. Bowen



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Summer Office Hours

The school office will open
Monday, August 27, 2018



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.



We say good bye and thank you to staff that were with us just for the school year: Ms. Cucchiara, Mr. Venditti, Mrs. Capeloa, and Ms. Palmieri.

Good luck in your new schools to the following staff: Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Beaton, Mr. Bouchard, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Druska and Mr. Hodgins.



Happy retirement to Ms. Ferguson & Mrs. St. Peters.

Congratulations to Mrs. Silva Taucar, Mrs. Yarish, Mrs. Spagnuolo, Mrs. Capeloa, and Mrs. Hammersley on the births of their babies.



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

school-day - Online Payments & Forms

Our school will continue to use school-day. School-day 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
- Approve permission forms on-line
- Register for extracurricular events
- Make online payments for sports fees, trips, hot lunches or other activities
- 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 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.

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 4.

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

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 27.

“Family Package of Forms” Envelope

During the first week of school, each family will receive a “Family Package of Forms” 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 for Students, Student Photo and Video Consent 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/Flyers for you to keep that will be included are the September letter, 2018-2019 Elementary Calendar, The Week Ahead/eBlast sign up instructions, school-day sign-up letter (if not signed up already), “insuremykids” Protection Plan pamphlet, and more!

Food/Snack Options for October & November

Please note that all food/snack options will begin after Thanksgiving in October. These options are available only school-day and will be available to order at the start of school.

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 you help.

Medicine Forms/Plan of Care (formally Medical Plan)

If your child has a Plan of Care and/or takes medication at school, and you did not receive a letter this month, please contact the school. Plan of Care packages will be mailed home the first week of July. These plans MUST be signed by your doctor. If your child has a severe, life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) or medical condition, please ensure the school is made aware.

Online School Calendar

Check out our online school calendar!

<http://sam.schools.smcdsb.on.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=30203&pageId=30219>

Subscribe to email alerts by clicking 

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 staff are removing students. The driveway in the front of the school is for busses, school vehicles, and vehicles with a handicap sign present 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 2018/2019



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 4, 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 4. 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.



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 https://mabelslabels.com/c/?type=fundraiser&b=3011&cur_website=base to place an order and support our fundraiser!

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

Call the school anytime before Tuesday, September 4 at 289-231-2085 option 5 or use our on-line safe arrival form on our school webpage: <http://sam.schools.smcdsb.on.ca/>

Noon-Hour Supervisor Positions Available

If you are interested in being a full time (everyday, both nutrition breaks) or supply noon hour supervisor, please go to the following link to complete the application form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/tuHtJQfI3ByPwFY72>

The above link will expire Sunday, August 19 at 11:55pm.



The first meeting of the St. Angela Merici Catholic School Community Council (CSCC) for the 2018/2019 school year will be Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at 6:30 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; and 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.