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HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Transportation



In case of inclement weather we are in **ZONE 1**. Please listen to your local radio station for information on bus cancellations. Information is also available at www.schoolbusinfo.com

Peanut Alert



We have students at our school with severe, life-threatening allergies to peanuts and shellfish. Please keep this in mind when sending snacks to school with your child(ren).

School Hours

9:10 am – School Starts

9:10 - 10:50 Classes

10:50 - 11:05 am – Recess

11:05 - 11:55 Classes

11:55 - 12:40 Lunch

12:40 - 2:20 Classes

2:20 - 2:35 Recess

2:35 - 3:25 Classes

3:25 pm – Dismissal

Please note that supervision on the yard begins each morning at 8:55 a.m.



St. Patrick's Catholic
Secondary School

519-332-3976

Principal:

Mr. Chris Kehoe

Vice Principals:

Mrs. Cynthia Blair

Mrs. Erin Moffat-Sharpe

Mrs. Tamara Johnson

October 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have been able to enjoy some of the wonderful fall weather we have been experiencing. I am sending this update and I will be restarting a 'Parent Weekly' at this time until the St. Clair Catholic District School Board new program 'EDSBY' is up and running. The 'Parent Weekly' will also be posted on our school webpage in case you delete it in your emails. A big thank you to the students and the parents who were able to attend and take part in the Wyoming Fall Fair Parade. It was a beautiful day and we had almost 30 students from our school walk in the parade!

At the school this month, we are working to demonstrate the Fruit of the Holy Spirit of "Kindness". We are all called to be as kind as Jesus was to everyone. The Catholic Graduate Expectation focus for the month is being a Reflective and Creative Thinker.

We are thrilled to continue to be a WE school and we have sign up for EcoSchools as well. We are looking forward to our continued learning through both of initiatives. As part of WE, the grade 7/8 class will once again be collecting canned goods for the Petrolia Food Bank as a part of the WE SCARE HUNGER Campaign. Just a reminder, we will now be collecting in October and we will no longer be collecting at Christmas.

Sincerely,

Margaret DeGurse
Principal, Holy Rosary Catholic School

Parish Connection: News from Deacon John



With the crops maturing and our gardens producing their many different produce, comes the season of Thanksgiving. While we are thankful for our many physical needs, it is also important to recognize the many gifts and talents which ultimately are from God, that we and those in our midst have been blessed with. Then there is also the challenge of being grateful for our challenges... This is where we can allow God's grace to work through our hardship... This is easier said than done, but this is where real profound growth can occur. I pray that you have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Brother in Christ John Lammers Deacon
519 490 3832 The Diocese of London; Being a mission-oriented church that forms Disciples of Jesus

Spirit Wear!



We have had quite a few inquiries about Holy Rosary school spirit wear. We will be sending home the order forms this week.

Muskoka Woods

Muskoka Woods Leadership and the Gr. 7 Parent Meeting at 6:00 pm both take place on Wednesday, October 23



School Photos: Fall photos for all students at Holy Rosary will take place on Monday, October 21st.

RAMS in Sport: Monthly Update

Senior Volleyball: Both the Senior Girls and Senior Boys Volleyball Teams are well into their regular season play this year. Both teams continue to make progress with respect to skill development. The staff of Holy Rosary is proud as the students play with enthusiasm, and great sportsmanship. Way to go Rams! Special thank you to our senior coaches: Mrs. Chiasson, Mrs. Tait and Mrs. Rice.

Cross Country: Students have dedicated their time and effort to Cross Country practices this year and should be very proud of their perseverance. The Annual Cross Country Meet will take place in Canatara Park on Saturday, October 19th. Thank you to Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Murphy for coaching our Cross Country Team!

Parent Advisory Council

Thank you to all of the parents who came out to our first School Advisory Council Meeting— it was great to see some new faces! I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Christina Jacklin will be chair again this year. We addressed a number of items at the meeting including a review of a variety of the policies that are in place, special events at the school as well as fundraising opportunities.

Please feel free to come out to any of our meetings to hear first hand of happenings that are supported by our parent volunteers.

Note: Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Holy Rosary.

The staff would like to thank our Parent Advisory Council for the new soccer posts which were installed in the primary yard in September!



Halloween Spirit Day



Wednesday, October 31st is Halloween! To celebrate this special day, we are hosting a Black and Orange Spirit Day. Please note that we kindly ask that you do not send your children to school in their costumes on this day.

Terry Fox Run/Walk :

Thank you to Mrs. Murphy for spearheading our Terry Fox Campaign this year at Holy Rosary. We will soon be posting the total of our fundraising efforts for this year. Thank you for your support - go RAMS!!

Muskoka Woods Experience

I am pleased to say that Annual Muskoka Woods Experience for grade 7 students will continue again this year. Additional information will be sent home in the near future, however at this time we would like to invite parents in for a short meeting. The tentative date for the meeting will be **Wednesday, October 23 at 6:00 pm**. We would greatly appreciate it if at least one parent per child could attend.

Safety/Health Related Issues

Locked Door Policy: As you are aware, the doors to Holy Rosary remain locked at all times throughout the regular day. I would like to thank you for your cooperation in helping to ensure the safety of all students by respecting the posted signs about the locked door just prior to dismissal. Please feel free to contact me at the school if you have any questions.

Protecting Instructional Time - As I am sure you will agree, protecting instructional time is important in ensuring student success. We have had some parents calling and wanting to speak with their child(ren) during "in class time". While this may seem like a minor interruption, when this happens, quite often it interrupts the whole class - not only the student who is called to the phone. If you need to speak with your child(ren) during school time, please leave a message with the office and we will have your child call you back during a break.

If you bring your child to school after the start of the day, please note that we will be asking you to drop your child off at the office. Mrs. Chopp or Mrs. DeGurse will accompany the younger children to his/her classroom should that be required. When parents accompany their children to the classroom during the instructional day, it may interrupt the learning that is occurring at that time. As mentioned above, we want to protect the instructional time and ensure that it is as productive as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Students using classroom Phones: All outgoing calls made by students need to be approved by the teacher. We have discussed the importance of leaving a phone message with the students. The office frequently receives calls from concerned parents due to missed calls from the school and we are not sure who to re-directed the call to. If you could please listen to the messages prior to calling back, we will be able to assist in connecting with the student or staff member who has left the message in a timely manner. Thank you in advance!.

Riding the School Bus: Students who ride the bus to and from school are **not permitted** to switch buses. We thank you in advance for your support as we continue to ensure your child's safety to and from school.

Bus Cancellations: If school buses are cancelled for the morning, all bussed students are marked as a grant day in the attendance with no phone call going home to confirm location of student. You are not required to report absence of bussed students. Walkers who do not attend school during a bus cancellation day must call into the school to report the absence. If you have any questions regarding safe arrival, please contact myself or Mrs. Chopp

Attendance - Safe Arrival and Dismissal from School: This is just a quick reminder to let you know that supervision of the yard begins at 8:55 a.m. in the morning. Please do not drop your children off (or send them to the school) prior to this point as it poses a safety concern. Furthermore, please be sure that your children know their dismissal plans before they leave for school each day. This will help to eliminate last minute changes. We greatly appreciate your cooperation with this important safety matter.

Medications: Please be advised that Board Policy prohibits all staff from dispensing non-prescription drugs such as Tylenol or cough medicine. Medications such as these often are given to students by parents; however it is not appropriate for staff to dispense these drugs without a doctor's input as to the exact dosage and the times as to when they need to be taken. Asking the staff to give these medicines to your child puts them in a position whereby they are making a judgment call and I greatly appreciate you not requesting this of the staff. Also, students should not be bringing non-prescription medications to school in their backpacks. Please contact me at the school if you have any questions.

Allergies: Please be reminded that we do have a number of children with life-threatening allergies to peanuts and shellfish. Classroom teachers will be sure to inform you if there are specific requests for each room based on the staff or students in the classroom. **Students should not be bringing in any food items to share with their peers. Furthermore, the exchanging of food items at the school is not recommended.**

Pediculosis (Lice): Throughout the year we occasionally have incidents where children will contract lice. Please know that if nits or lice are found on your child, parents will be contacted to make them aware and we will help to make you aware of the necessary steps to return to school.

Emails: The school is working to implement an improvement to our communication to our parents regarding upcoming events. If you have provided your email address to the school but are not receiving emails, please re-submit your email as we are receiving a number of bounced back addresses. It is also important to subscribe once you receive a request to do so via an email generated by CASL.

Emergency Contact List: The emergency contact list is utilized during safe arrival practice and emergency pick up of students. If you have made arrangements to have someone other than the guardian or a household member to pick up your child, you must notify the school on each occasion.

PD Day Reminder: Friday, October 25th is a PA Day. There is no school on this day.

School Cash Online: Thank you to all of the parents who have registered and are already using the online banking system as we work to phase out cash purchases. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Chopp at the office if you have any questions or concerns regarding this method of payment. School Cash Online is an easy to use, safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's milk tickets, pizza orders, food contracts, or class trips.

Bike and Scooter Safety: Bike helmets are mandatory for all students under the age of 18 who are travelling on public roads. Please remind your children of the importance of wearing a properly fitted helmet to school if they are riding their bicycles (or their scooters).

Milk Program: Our daily milk program has begun. As we mentioned previously, we are trying to reduce the amount of cash in the school. As such, we are selling milk tickets - 15 tickets on a sheet. Please note orders for the sheet of milk tickets can be paid by cash or online.



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If your family has a low income and has an eligible child born in 2004 or later, the Government of Canada could deposit the Canada Learning Bond into a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) for your child up to age 15.

In total, your child could receive up to \$2,000 in an RESP. The money will grow tax-free until the child uses it for education after high school.

You do not need to add any money to the RESP for a child to receive the Canada Learning Bond.

REQUEST THE CANADA LEARNING BOND FOR YOUR CHILD

You must have Social Insurance Numbers (SIN) for you and your child. If you need to get one, go to

canada.ca/social-insurance-number or call 1 800 O-Canada to find out how.

Make an appointment with an organization that offers RESPs and bring the SINs for you and your child. Tell them you want to open an RESP and get the Canada Learning Bond for your child.

ADD MONEY TO YOUR RESP AND GET THE CANADA EDUCATION SAVINGS GRANT

If you decide to add money to an RESP for a child up to the age of 17, the Government of Canada will add between 20% and 40% of your personal contribution, to a maximum of \$7,200. The amount added will depend on your family income and the amount you contributed.

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