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January Newsletter 2019



Principal's Message

1 Thessalonians 5:11:

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

January tends to be a time for goals, resolutions, renewed commitments and self-improvement. Some might even say fresh starts, but really, experiences and choices from our past serve to shape us into what we are today and what we can become moving forward. Taking the best of our many past successes, and learning from the odd bump in the road from days gone by, is the age-old progression of human growth and development!

Gaining from our experiences, whether fantastically successful, or dreadfully disastrous is the true hallmark of learning. Students will return to class January 7, 2019 and will begin their learning journey again!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas concert performance and visited the Book Fair. We deeply appreciate families making the time and commitment to celebrate both the season, and our students' efforts.

On a far more personal note, we want to thank everyone for their remarkable generosity during the holiday season, and we hope that 2019 sees your dreams become reality and the New Year brings you and your family peace, happiness, prosperity and good health. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on the 7th of January!

May God Bless us all,
Mrs. J. Pender

Trustee's Message

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people.

Colossians 3:23

Welcome back! I hope that all of you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Break and are refreshed and ready for all the New Year has to offer.

At the inaugural meeting of the Board of Trustees in December, we took the oath of office for the upcoming term. There are 2 new faces around the table, replacing

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trustees who did not seek re-election. I was honoured to be acclaimed as Board Chair for the third year. Janice Hutchison, who represents the most southern area of the board, will serve as Vice-Chair.

We will welcome Student Trustee-Elect Isaac McClelland at the Board Meeting on January 16th. He will join our current Student Trustee, St. Dominic student, Anna Szumska to represent the voice of the more than 21,000 students currently attending SMCDSB schools.

If you attended the St. Dom's Parent Information Night, you were "treated" to my big screen debut, where I shared my perspective on St Dom's as both a trustee and a parent. The short version of the parent view is that my children thrived there; they formed lasting friendships and bonds with staff and students that have helped them to find success at university and in the careers they followed after post-secondary. The amazing staff, small class sizes, leadership opportunities and Catholic curriculum helped them develop into caring adults. If you missed the Information Night, please contact the school to arrange a tour, so you can see for yourself!

Happy New Year and God Bless,
Carol Corriveau-Truchon

2019-2020 Kindergarten Registration

It's getting closer to that time of year again, Kindergarten Registration!

Welcome to Kindergarten

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting and special time for parents and children. Our entire Catholic school Community looks forward to welcoming our youngest students as they begin a lifelong journey of faith-filled learning. We believe there is something truly unique and special about learning that is rooted in faith and spiritual growth. By choosing a faith-filled Catholic education, we know you will share that belief with us.

All the Information You Need

To help parents and students get ready for this important milestone, our board has developed an award-winning package. We encourage parents who are looking to register their child for Kindergarten to drop by the office to pick up their copy of the package, which includes a parent booklet, and a child's activity book. You can also find all of the information on our board's website at

www.smcdsb.on.ca/families/kindergarten

English as a Second Language (ESL)

We have resources and information available for families whose first language is not English. Please inquire about the ESL version of our Kindergarten package. We are here to answer questions and help you prepare. Please contact the office for more information (705) 746-7196.



St. Dominic Registration (Open-access)

St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School has sent home Grade 8 Registration packages. Extra packages will be available in the office. Please help to spread the word that **all** publicly funded secondary schools are considered to be "open-access" in Ontario. This means that students from **both the Catholic and public boards can register at St. Dominic.**



Warm Clothing

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions throughout the day. Hat, mitts or gloves, snow pants and boots are necessary when the snow starts to fly. Putting an extra set of mittens and socks in school bags is highly recommended. Please label all clothing items so that we can easily identify to whom the items belong to and return it to the rightful owner. If you need assistance to attain these items, please contact the school. We have graciously had a **donation from the Knights of Columbus of girls and boys winter jackets**. If any family is in need, please contact the office, we are here to help! We would also appreciate any donations of hats, mitts and scarves for our school "borrow and bring back program" for students who may be in need of these items.





Science North Sense-Sational Program

On January 21 & 22 students from JK-Grade 8 will enjoy in the gymnasium a hands on Science experience as representatives from Science North come to us and share their love of science and amazing curriculum based programs that are centered around hands on learning for all ages. Please remember to ask your child about their experience!

Catholic School Community Council (CSCC):



The Catholic School Community Council meets to discuss school issues. Our objective is to provide a caring, nurturing, educational environment steeped in the Catholic tradition. All parents are welcome to attend. Our next CSCC meeting is Tuesday February 12th @ 6:00 pm, Weather permitting. For more information, please email Kristen Penfold at kpmani@xplornet.ca or call Mrs. Hill in the office. New Parents are always welcome! Please note that children are also welcome to come as we have babysitting services available while parents meet and discuss various items.



School Mass:

Our next school Mass will be held on Tuesday, January 8th at **11:00 am** in the gymnasium. Everyone is always welcome to come and celebrate with us!



Chess Club:

Students in Grades 4-8 are invited to join the Chess Club. Practices will take place on Thursdays in the library. Please remind your students that commitment and practice is important! The Chess tournament will take place on April 25th at the BOCC. More information will come out closer to the date.



CURLING BONSPIEL

Curling Bonspiel

Students in Grade 4-8 are invited to join the Curling Club that we have going on at the Parry Sound Curling Club. A big thank you to Mrs. Scarrow for helping run this! Students that are interested in joining the Curling Club are asked to contact the office. The Pausner/Pavlove Curling Bonspiel will take place on Wednesday February 20th at the Parry Sound Curling Club. Good luck curlers!



School Skating:

Our next school skating session will be held on Tuesday, January 22th, 2019 at the Bobby Orr Community Centre. Parents are always welcome to come and enjoy the fun!

We appreciate your help with tying skates too!

JK/SK – Grade 3 1:30 pm - 2:10 pm
Grades 4 –8 2:10 pm - 2:50 pm



Inclement Weather

Bus cancellation announcements can be heard on 103.3

Moose FM or viewed on our board website at www.smcdsb.on.ca. We are in the West Parry Sound Region. When buses are cancelled in other regions of our Board because of inclement weather, they may not be cancelled for us! In the coming months, please remember to listen for weather zones, when buses are cancelled. Please note that the school will not be phoning home to advise you of any bus cancellations. In the event that the buses are cancelled, the school is open for learning. Drop off time is 8:35 a.m. and pick up time is 3:10 pm. If the inclement weather day is a pizza or hot dog day, **the food is cancelled and will be delivered the following day.** Milk will continue as usual but your child will need to bring a lunch.