

St. Mary – St. Cecilia Catholic School
September Newsletter
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Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! September is a time when teachers are preparing lesson plans and classrooms; our families are getting ready to help with homework and to read more with their children; and, students are setting goals to work hard and to reach as high as they possibly can.

As a Catholic School Community, we are anxious to work with parents to assist in creating a stimulating, secure and open environment. A strong link between school, the home and the church will go a long way in reaching this goal.

Our new Board Theme, "Be Holy Joy Springs From a Loving Heart", will bring to life our Board's vision: **Inspired** by the teachings of Jesus Christ, we **transform** the world with justice and peace through Catholic education. Our theme is a personal call to be inspired and transformed within our intimate relationship with Jesus, and at the same time to move outside of ourselves to acts of love where we respond to the call to let Jesus inspire and transform others, through us.

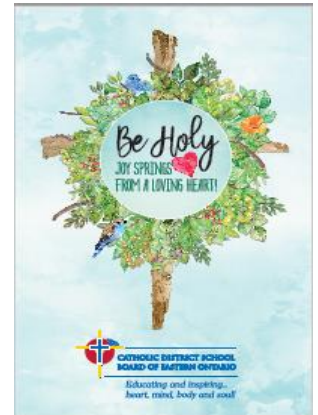
The staff is looking forward to an exciting and successful year. As Catholic educators, we are committed to teaching and living the gospel values in our offices, classrooms, hallways, school yard and beyond. As your child's first teacher, we will continue to rely on you and your support for achieving maximum success. By working together, we are able to help every child achieve his or her potential.

We look forward to seeing you at our Open House BBQ on Wednesday September 26th, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher at any time if you have questions regarding class content, or your child's progress. On behalf of the staff of St Mary - St Cecilia Catholic School, we extend a warm welcome to the students and families of our community; and, we extend a special welcome to our new students and families. We look forward to working with you and your child.

God Bless.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Swenson, Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19

CSC Mtg.

September 26

Open House BBQ

September 27

Terry Fox Run

Important Information

STUDENT MEDICATION

Many children must take medication for a variety of reasons. Please contact the office if your child needs to have medication during the school day. There is a form that will need to be completed before the school can distribute medication. This form is available from the office.

Please note that students are not to carry medication (other than an EPI-PEN or an inhaler) on them, in their desk, or in their school bag. A form signed by your child's physician will need to accompany all prescribed medication. Prescribed medication will be kept in a secure area in the school. Medication that is not prescribed by a physician will not be given to any child and should not be brought to school at any time.

STUDENT ABSENCES

All students are expected to attend school every day and to be on time. As part of our safe arrival program, we ask that you call the school before 9:30 a.m. when your child will be absent or late. Your call is very important to us and assures the safety of your child. We will call the home or parent workplace of each student whose attendance is unaccounted for. Should your child have to leave for an appointment, please send a written note in his/her agenda.

HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

At the beginning of each month, a school calendar will be sent home and a school newsletter will be located on our school website to provide general information regarding upcoming events. Should you wish a hard copy of the newsletter, please let your child's teacher know. Please take the time to read all newsletters. Teachers will also be communicating with you on a regular basis through the student agenda, Dojo, Teams, newsletters, phone calls and interviews.

PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION PACKAGE

Please take some time to review the information that was sent home to all students today. Although it indicates that you are receiving information from STEO, these booklets will no longer be sent home. They can be found on line at <https://www.steo.ca/safety/school-bus-safety-rules/>. Most importantly, please verify that the information contained on the student information sheet is accurate. Please sign and return the summary sheet to your child's teacher by Friday, September 7th.

MILK & LUNCH PROGRAM – SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Once again, we are asking parents/guardians to please register for milk or hot lunch at <https://cdsbeo.schoolcashionline.com>. Please see the calendar for opening and closing dates to register. Order form copies will not be sent home.

The ECO Club

Go Green! The Green Team is looking for members who are willing to commit to undertake composting, eco audits and other earth related activities throughout the school year. The team will compost and audit on a weekly basis and meet often to plan events such as Earth Week and Water Awareness Week. If this is for you, listen for the announcements and join the Green Team!

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

If you are interested in being a member of this year's St. Mary St Cecilia's Catholic School Council, please complete the School Council Self-Nomination Form or if you would like to nominate a St. Mary St Cecilia School parent, please complete the School Council Parent Candidate Nomination Form and return the form to the school office by Friday September 21st, 2018. Both forms are found in the package that was sent home today. Elections for the new CSC for 2018-2019 will be held in early October. Last year's CSC members will be meeting on Wednesday September 19th at 6:00 pm to complete last year's items to pass on to this year's CSC members and complete the year in review. We look forward to working with our parent and parish community. Please consider joining the dedicated team of parents on the St. Mary St Cecilia Catholic School Council.

Our CSC will once again be organizing the Little Caesars Fundraiser as this has been requested by the Parent Community in the past. The Forms will be going out on Monday September 17th and are due back on Monday October 1st, 2018 as we have a deadline to the company to in-put our orders for the delivery date on Wednesday September 17th, 2018. Thank you for your support with this fundraiser of which the money will go towards special events, field trips, technology, etc.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This committee is open to any interested parents who would like to attend the monthly meetings. You are also able to access information regarding activities of the (SEAC). Detailed, monthly minutes and agendas are available to parents either through the Board website at www.cdsbeo.on.ca or can be made available through the office. For further information on meetings, agendas and minutes, please contact the school.

The next SEAC meeting will be held on Wednesday September 26th, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Kemptville Board Office.

EOHU NEWS

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM WEST NILE VIRUS

Happy return to school! Now, just because summer is over does not mean the mosquitoes and the potential for West Nile Virus infection have gone away. When outdoors, protect yourself:

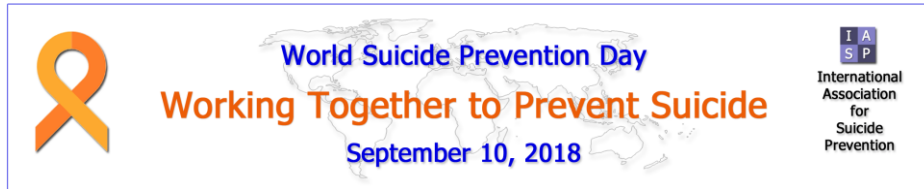
- Wear shoes, socks, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt if outdoors for a long time or when mosquitoes are most active
- Wear light-coloured clothing in tight-woven fabric and use mesh bug jackets or hats
- Use mosquito repellents containing DEET or icaridin for both children and adults
- Use mosquito netting or screened structures when sleeping outdoors

You can help control mosquito populations around your home by eliminating any standing water:

- Clean up and empty outdoor containers of stagnant water, such as wheelbarrows, old tires, and change bird bath water
- Check to make sure your swimming pool's pump is circulating and turn over wading pools when not in use

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- Clear eavestroughs, drains and drainage ditches

With this in mind – have a healthy and safe return to school and keep safe from potentially harmful mosquito bites. For more health information, visit us at www.EOHU.ca. And don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#) for the latest public health news and videos!



PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER

Loving God,
As we begin this new school year celebrating faith,
help us to listen to Your voice
as we journey and grow in the community.
We thank You for our caring and welcoming school
and we pray that ours may always be a school
that models gospel values of love,
compassion, justice and forgiveness.
May we grow in faith.

Amen



