



# St. Mary Catholic School

September 2019

## Principals Message

Dear Parents,

Our new school year has begun and I am very proud to introduce myself as Principal of St. Mary Catholic School. I have appreciated the warm welcome extended by staff and parents and look forward to meeting everyone.

Please feel free to drop by the office to introduce yourself. I welcome your participation in our school and encourage you to join us for masses and various extra curricular activities throughout the year.

For those interested, we welcome your involvement in our Catholic School Council. Please join us for our first meeting on Thursday September 5th at 6pm in our school library.

You will notice some changes to the physical building this year. We have an updated Kitchen for our breakfast program, a new Phys. Ed. storage room and new signage at the front of the school. Other projects include the cutting back of school hedges and updating our front lobby. Many thanks to JoAnn Seaton from Etc. and Home Décor for her work on our stain glass feature and pew.

Our bell times have changed this year including a 9:30 am start and a 3:50 pm finish. School supervision begins at 9:15 am each morning.

We welcome you as partners in educating your child and building a faith-filled vision - A vision encompassing what it means to be Holy, following our board theme. Students will have opportunities to share the joy of holiness as they practice their faith, in the daily life of their school, their home and local community.

I look forward to the year ahead.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Karen Carriere

## Pizza/Milk

St. Mary's plans to continue ordering pizza and milk in 3-month blocks. The first orders will run from October-December. Orders for pizza and milk are available to purchase through School Cash Online until September 20th. Get your in as we will not accept any **late orders**.

## Parent Volunteers

The Catholic School Council (Parent Council) of St. Mary's School is actively seeking new members to support our school community and enrich our students' experience during their junior years. Please find along with this newsletter a self-nomination form, if you are interested in joining. Our first official meeting will be held **Thursday, September 5th at 6 p.m.**

## School Information

### Principal:

Karen Carriere

### Superintendent:

Norma McDonald

### Trustee:

Jennifer Cooney

## School Hours

9:15 - 9:30 drop off

9:30 - 10:40 classes

10:40 - 10:55 recess

10:55 - 12:15 classes

12:15 - 1:05 lunch

1:05 - 2:25 classes

2:25 - 2:40 recess

2:40 - 3:50 classes

3:50 - dismissal

Please note that there is no supervision on the school yard before 9:15 AM or after 3:50 PM.

## School Closures

Friday September 27th  
(P.A. Day)

## Open House

Our meet the teacher and BBQ will take place Thursday, September 26th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. All are welcome! Cash sales for the BBQ.



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## Email Newsletters & Calendars

St. Mary's is an eco friendly school. All future newsletters and calendars will be sent through email at the beginning of the month. Keep an eye out for them in your in-boxes.

## Breakfast Club Volunteers

We need volunteers to commit to supporting our daily Breakfast Club program in order to ensure that it continues to run smoothly this year. We need at least one more volunteer who can commit to serving breakfast to students one morning a week. Volunteers arrive to the school at approximately 8:45 and begin preparing the breakfast items—cutting fruit and cheese, toasting toast and bagels, pouring juice, etc., serving these items to students from 9:15-9:30 and then cleaning up afterwards. If you are interested in volunteering please call Ms. Shelley in the office.

**Grandparents are Welcome**

## School Cash Online

We would like to inform everyone that St. Mary School plans to continue using School Cash Online for the purchasing of school items. To register and pay for your child's school items online, you will need to visit the school website: [cndsbo.schoolcashionline.com](http://cndsbo.schoolcashionline.com). Please call Ms. Shelley at 613-257-1538 if you have any difficulties registering or using the program. She will be pleased to assist you.

## Walkers/Visitors

Parents walking or driving their child to school are asked to please drop them off at the walker gate on Lake Avenue. No parents are permitted on the yard. Visitors to the school must enter at the main doors on Hawthorne Avenue and report to the main office.

### *For Families:*

**Parenting matters!** Every parent has questions from time to time and can use a helping hand. Whether you've got toddlers, teens or in-betweens, Triple P can help. Look for our weekly parenting tip every Wednesday afternoon on Twitter @everykidinlg or Facebook @everykidlg or subscribe to receive them via email at [www.healthunit.org](http://www.healthunit.org). Want more than just a parenting tip? Sign up for a Triple P parenting session at [www.healthunit.org](http://www.healthunit.org) - [triplep@healthunit.org](mailto:triplep@healthunit.org) or call 1-800-660-5853.



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