



ST. MARY
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Welcome Back

Sept 2019

Dear St. Mary families,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to a new school year! I am very happy to be joining your school community and look forward to working with staff, students and community members to support our students' academic, social and emotional growth.

I hope you all had a fabulous summer and are excited to be starting a new school year. Staff have been very busy preparing their classrooms for the new year and we are very excited to begin.

We begin the year in year two of our board theme Be Holy—Joy Springs from a Loving Heart. Throughout this school year we will be looking to the Saints as models of empathy and compassion.

I look forward to meeting and working together with all of you as we journey through this school year.

Matt Hubbard - Principal

STAFF of St. Mary

Matthew Hubbard - Principal
Sheila Lalonde – Admin Assistant

Early Years

Angie Acres – Kindergarten
Jodi Anderson – Kindergarten
Lisa Malloy – Early Childhood Educator

Primary

Sarah Derks – Gr 1 ENG
Nicole Croskery – Gr 1 & 2 FSL
Jennifer Ganter – Gr 2 ENG
Krystle Amell – 2/3 FSL
Kim Carr – Gr 2/3 ENG & 2/3/4 Core
Shelly Horner – Gr 2/3/4 Core
Kelly Brennan – Gr 3/4 FSL
Kate Veinotte – Gr 3/4 ENG

Junior

Meghan Chisholm – Gr 4 & 5 ENG
Krystle Amell – Gr 5 FSL
Kelly Brennan – Gr 6 FSL
Jennifer Ganter – 5 ENG
Sarah Derks – Gr 5/6 Core
Shelly Horner – Gr 5/6 Core
Kate Veinotte – Gr 5/6 ENG

Support Staff

Tracy Blake – Special Education
Stephanie St. Jacques – FSL Prep
Cathy Mann – EA
Lorraine Nyenkamp – EA
Paul Belair – Custodian

School Hours:

Morning Supervision: 8:50
School Begins: 9:05
Morning Recess: 10:25 – 10:40
Lunch: 11:50 – 12:10
Lunch Recess: 12:10 – 12:50
Afternoon recess: 2:10 – 2:25
Dismissal: 3:35

Keep In Touch

This is the only hard copy newsletter you will receive.

All other news items will be shared through update emails, Facebook posts and our school website at

www.stmarychesterville.cdsbeo.on.ca

Our website calendar is the most up to date source for school-wide events.



If you require a printed copy, please contact the office.

Information Items

In addition to this newsletter and calendar, your child will be receiving a lot of very important paperwork today. Please review, sign the necessary forms, and return them to the school ASAP:

- Student Information Update Form (Update as necessary and return by Sept 14th)
- School Agenda Planner (Grades K-3)
- Media Image Policy
- School Year Calendars

Safe Arrival & Attendance

Please note that there is no supervision on the yard until 8:50. If you are dropping off your child, please park at the Church and walk your child to the gate. This will allow our buses space to safely drop off students. If your child will be absent, please call the school before 9:00. If you are bringing your child late or picking your child up early, please come into the office to sign in/out.

STEO Transportation Policy



The Transportation Information and Guidelines booklet is available to families on the STEO, www.steo.ca. Please carefully review the policy book concerning transportation. Should you have any questions please contact Student Transportation of Eastern Ontario (STEO) at 613-925-0022.

Code of Behaviour

Our Code of Behaviour is located in the front of your child's agenda and on our school website. Please read it over with your child.

Information Update Sheet

Carefully review the student information sheet, make any necessary changes in red ink, and return it to the school by September 13th, 2019. This information form needs to be updated whenever changes occur that affect your child. IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL that we have a working phone number to reach parents during the day as well as an emergency contact number. If your phone or other information changes during the school year, please notify the office.

School Cash On-Line



We will continue to use School Cash Online, which provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as trips, agendas, athletic fees, and spirit wear. If you have not registered yet, go to cbsbeo.schoolcashonline.com to get started.

Once you have registered your child, you will be able to see when they have a new item posted online for purchase. You also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing the deadline. It is convenient, safe and secure.

Medication and Allergy Awareness

These forms have been provided to each student in our school. If your child has any allergies or medical conditions, kindly have your doctor sign the form, send in the treatment medication (with the original pharmaceutical label and original container), and return it to the school ASAP. It is imperative that the CDSBEO and bus drivers be aware of any medical conditions along with a current photograph of your Child. A new medical photo will be taken on picture day.



There is a significant risk that some students might have an anaphylactic reaction should they come in contact with peanut or tree nut products. We ask that you please **DO NOT SEND** any products that contain or could contain peanuts or tree nuts.

Due to the difficulty in identifying the difference between a peanut butter sandwich and one made with "School Safe Soy Butter" or "WOW Butter" and the confusion that this may cause for children and lunch monitors, the CDSBEO does not permit these products either. If you have any questions or concerns regarding soy or WOW Butter, please contact Caroline Chesbro, Occupational Health and Safety Coordinator at 1-800-267-7136 ext. 240.

Catholic School Council

Our Catholic School Council nomination packages are available on our website or at the office. The completed nomination packages are due to the school by Friday, September 13th. Please consider putting your name forth for council. The first Catholic School Council meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. All are welcome to attend.



Volunteers

We are always in need of volunteers. If you have any time to give our school as a volunteer, please contact the office. The Vulnerable Sector Check is required annually, please contact the office for more information.

Curriculum Night

Curriculum night will be held on Thursday, September 19th at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to meet your children's teachers and tour the school. The Scholastic Book Fair will also be set up for your purchasing pleasure.

School Mass

Our opening school year Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 2nd at St. Mary of the Presentation Parish beginning at 9:40 with Father Charles celebrating. All are welcome to attend.

School Web Site

Go to stmarychesterville.cdsbeo.on.ca for ongoing updates about school events. Please bookmark the school calendar and check it frequently as it is updated regularly, you can even add it to your Android or iPhone. You can also find frequent updates or changes on Facebook @stmarychesterville.cdsbeo.on.ca

