



St. Marguerite d'Youville Newsletter

December 2018

A Message From the Principal

Dear St. Marguerite d'Youville Community,

November was a very busy month here at St. Marguerite d'Youville. There are many highlights, but one was our Safe Schools and Belonging Week. Students participated in activities to raise awareness about the impact of bullying as well as the need for inclusion and belonging not only at our school, but in the community as a whole. We also had a beautiful liturgy put on by Mr. Bouchard's class to recognize Remembrance Day. December is upon us and, with about 4 weeks to go before Christmas, we will start a new liturgical year. Our first season of the new liturgical year is Advent, which means "coming" and begins this week. It is a season of joyful expectation and preparation for the coming of Christ. On behalf of the staff of St. Marguerite d'Youville, I wish you, and your family, peace and joy through this very special season.

Parent Teacher Interviews– We had a great turn out for Parent/Teacher Interviews on November 15th. Keep the communication alive! We need strong parent involvement to help our students reach their full potential. Research shows that the higher the level of engagement of parents in their child's education, the more success they will have.

We are so excited that this month our school production, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" will be happening! Thank you to our whole school community for coming together and making this happen...it has been a whole team effort! But a special thanks to Mrs. Thibert, Mrs. Kopichanski and Mrs. Santandrea for their direction and organization!

Mr. Moore

Things You Need to Know...

"One Person Can Make a Difference....Be The Difference For Someone Today!"

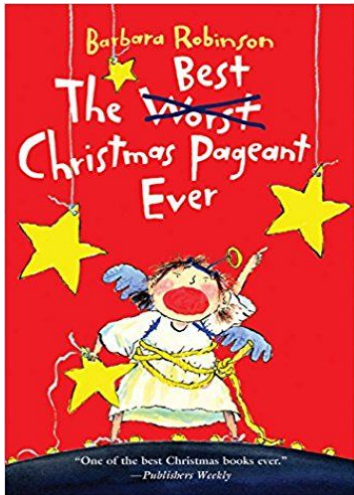


Choir and Orchestra Program. St. Mary School has begun the application process for entrance to Grade 5 for 2019/2020. Brochures with application forms are available in all elementary schools. Please contact Mr. Moore for further details of the application and audition process or call St. Mary School at (519) 675-4423. Applications are due to back to St. Mary School by December 21, 2018. Application to the program is open to all Grade 4 Students of the London District Catholic School Board. All applicants must meet the admission requirements.



The Middlesex London Health Unit recommends that you stay home if you are sick. Sick people who go to work, school and other public places can spread their illnesses to others. Staying home is important to help reduce the spread of disease. Return to work or school one day after you are symptom free. If you have diarrhea or vomiting, do not prepare food for others until it has been at least 48 hours since the last time you had diarrhea or vomiting.

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Our production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" is just around the corner--we will be opening the doors of our school to present this hilarious play on Dec. 11th and 12th (7pm). At \$5 a ticket it makes for a fun and inexpensive family night out! Seats are going fast, so get your tickets soon! Fill in the form that was sent home or contact the school for more information. Thank you to: Steve De Candido, Pat Flynn, Sergio Pacheco, and Callie Sawarin--for their contributions to set construction as well as Carol Adams, Beatrix Bocazar, Sara De Candido, Shasta Flagel, Janice Lee, and Ashley Stannard I--for their contributions to set painting.

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Here are some upcoming fun spirit days from our amazing Student Parliament under Mrs. Kopichanski's and Mrs. Santandrea's leadership...

Monday, December 17th : Red, Green & White Day

Tuesday, December 19th: Christmas Carol Day

Wednesday, December 20th: Wild Christmas Outfit Day

Thursday, December 21st: Dress as a Christmas Character Day

Friday, December 22nd: Pajama Day



Thank you to Mrs. Flynn, Mrs. Heffernan and Mr. Bouchard for coaching our boys and girls volleyball teams. It has been a successful season in so many ways. Coaches, please accept our gratitude for all of the countless hours you put into developing skill and character of the students who were on the teams!



Upcoming: Kindergarten Registration for the 2018-2019 begins January 21- February 8th, 2018. We look forward to welcome siblings of current students and new families next year.

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As the weather changes, we are seeing more and more use of the Kiss and Ride. This creates a tonne of volume which can lead to safety issues and congestion. **We need less people to use the Kiss 'n' Ride to keep it open.** If you are able, please find a side street, park and walk over if you are unable to walk the whole distance. The Police Traffic Division has been monitoring and handing out tickets as well. If your child is designated to have bus service, please use it. **Please do not park in the parking lot and wait either as there is not enough room.** Here are some reminders of using the Kiss 'n' Ride...

Rules of the Kiss 'n' Ride

- Supervised drop-off time: 8:45 a.m. - 8:55 a.m
- Supervised pick-up time begins shortly after 3:30 p.m., after dismissal bell. Please note that arriving early for pick up will only cause a backup of cars and congestion on Hawthorne Rd.
- Watch for children crossing on sidewalk and at crosswalk
- Enter: Please alternate vehicles entering (to be treated as a 3-way stop)
- Buses: While waiting to turn right into the Kiss 'n' Ride please ensure that your car does not block the buses from exiting the bus bay please give the bus the right of way
- Please follow adult supervisors' directions, they will help your child in or out of the vehicle
- Drop-off : Children should only leave the vehicle once an adult supervisor is there to assist, and when possible, children should exit passenger side of vehicle
- Children should have backpacks on their laps to enable them to exit the car more quickly
- Do NOT leave your car parked or unattended in the Kiss 'n' Ride area, or park or wait in the parking lot area if there isn't a designated spot available
- Patience: Please wait for the car in front of you to move forward
- Safety: Pick-up/drop-off must occur within Kiss 'n' Ride area for safety
- Exit: Please exit by turning right onto Hawthorne Rd. to help with traffic flow

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Key Dates For December

- 4: Primary (Grades 1-3) and Choir Christmas Concert at St. Andre Bessette 6pm (students and families need to arrive by 5:45 pm);
- 5: Hot Lunch Swiss Chalet
- 6: Intermediate Hockey Tournament
- 11: Evening Performance of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
- 12: Evening Performance of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever; Hot Lunch Byron Pizza
- 13: Choir Trip; Council Christmas Store
- 14: Council Christmas Store,
- 17: Wear Red, Green & White Day
- 18: Christmas Carol Day Day;
- 19: Wild Christmas Outfit Day, School Mass at Holy Family 10 am (All welcome to attend); Hot Lunch Boston Pizza, Kindergarten Christmas Concert
- 21: Pajama Day

Catholic School Council News

1. We would like to thank all who came out and enjoyed the evening at our Boston Pizza Spirit Night. It was great to see you all there. Also, a big thank you to all our “celebrity” servers. It would not have been possible without you.
2. Thank you to all that participated in the Laura Secord Chocolate Campaign. If not already, please ensure all money and unsold chocolate is returned to the school as soon as possible.
3. Save the Date:
 - a. Dec 13th & 14th – Annual Christmas Store; Anyone wishing to volunteer their time to wrap or help the children find that special something for their loved ones at the store, please contact Shawna at smmcnichol@gmail.com
4. Next Fundraising Committee Meeting to be held January 16th at 6:30pm in the school library.
5. Next Council Meeting to be held January 23rd at 6:30pm in the school library.

Parent Council would like to wish all our families a Merry Christmas and we hope that your holidays are filled with Family, Friends, Love and Laughter.

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12 Christmas... PRAYERS

- 1 Faith** Father God, it is by Your grace we have been saved, and through our faith - this is not from ourselves, but a gift from you - not by our works. Ephesians 2:8-9
- 2 Hope** May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in Hope. Romans 15:4
- 3 Love** Help us to love because You first loved us. 1 John 4:19
- 4 Forgiveness** Thank you for being faithful and just in forgiving us our sins and thus purifying us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9
- 5 Mercy** Let us be merciful, just as our Father is merciful. Luke 6:36
- 6 Kindness** Let us be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as through Jesus, You forgave us. Ephesians 4:32
- 7 Generosity** Let us be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, and to give the glory and thanks to you Lord! 2 Corinthians 9:11
- 8 Compassion** Let us live in harmony with one another, be sympathetic and compassionate, love as brothers, and be humble. 1 Peter 3:8
- 9 Joy** Let us be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12
- 10 Salvation** Thank you for providing Jesus who is the way, the truth, the life and the only way to You. John 14:6
- 11 Obedience** Help us to not merely listen to Your Word, and so deceive ourselves. Help us do what it says. James 1:22-25
- 12 Life** Thank you for coming that we may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

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