



SISTER CATHERINE DONNELLY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

CATHOLIC EDUCATION
OPENING DOORS OF MERCY



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"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." ~ Matthew 5:7

Catholic Education Week Prayer

God of Love and compassion,
help us to open the door of mercy in our school communities,
in our families and in the world.

Let mercy guide our living and bring us closer to the heart of the gospel.
May we live as Jesus with mercy that welcomes, loves, forgives
and calls us to live the gospel joyfully. Amen.

BOOK FAIR

The "Feelin' Groovy" book fair is coming to Sister Catherine Donnelly school from May 3-9th! This radical reading event will take place in the school library every afternoon that week and everyone is invited! There will be a fabulous Family Event on Thursday May 5th from 5-7 pm where you'll have the chance to win FREE BOOKS! A sneak peek flyer has been sent home with your child to highlight just some of the hundreds of new and exciting books that will be at the fair. The ballot for the FREE BOOK draw is on the back of this flyer.



Don't miss out! Reading makes everything groovy!
Ms. Cherwaty

Art Attack is back at Sister Catherine Donnelly!



We are having an art show at Sister Catherine Donnelly School from May 2-13th and are inviting all students from grades K-8 to submit art work! A letter will go home shortly outlining the variety of work we will be accepting. This will be a non-juried show highlighting some of our amazing, creative, talented students and their love for art. An artist statement will need to accompany the submission with the student's name, the title of the piece and materials used to create it. We will also be having a silent auction on Thursday May 5th from 5-7 pm to raise funds for our school's art programs.

So get those creative juices flowing and start thinking about how you would like to express yourself in our art show!

Junior Boys Basketball

The junior boys basketball team had an excellent season, considering many of our players had never played a game before! We split the regular season games with 6 wins and 5 losses, gaining valuable experience and improving our skill development each time we stepped foot on the court. The most impressive thing about this team was their co-operation and ability to see every player on the court as a valuable contributor. Almost every member of the team scored each game indicating that they are very well rounded players and realized early on that this is indeed was a team effort. Congratulations boys on the season so far and good luck at the zone tournament coming up this week!

Ms. Cherwaty

SCD IS A FRAGRANCE FREE SCHOOL

Sunscreen is important for everyone to wear on days when the UV index is high. With over 300 students in the school, the risk of an allergic reaction increases during the sunny weather when sunscreen is required and students apply it at school. For this reason, students are asked to wear unscented sunscreen products. Unscented sunscreen can be purchased at most department stores, grocery stores and pharmacies. You can verify that the sunscreen is unscented by checking the ingredient list to ensure that FRAGRANCE or PARFUM are not present.

Thank you for your assistance in this important health matter.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY - SUNDAY MAY 8, 2016

Thank You For Being My Mother

Thank you for believing in me
when I found it difficult
to believe in myself...
for saying what I've needed to hear sometimes,
instead of what I've wanted to hear...
for siding with me...
and for giving me another side to consider.

Thank you for opening yourself up to me...
for trusting me with your thoughts
and disappointments and dreams...
for knowing you can depend on me
and for asking my help when you've needed it.

Thank you for putting so much
thought and care and imagination
into our relationship...
for sharing so many nice times
and making so many special memories with me.

Thank you for always being honest with me,
being kind to me...being there for me.
Thank you
for being my mom.

--(Adapted from a poem by Larry S. Chengges)



EQAO ~ GRADES 3 AND 6

EQAO testing will take place for all grade 3 and 6 students at Sister Catherine Donnelly Catholic School starting May 25, 26, and 30 for our Grade 3 students and May 31, June 1, and June 2 for our Grade 6 students.



The results of these assessments help educators to learn more about what we are doing well and ways to improve our practice.

Please help us by making sure that students are present, well rested and ready to do their best work on the scheduled dates. Missed sections of the test will need to be made up on subsequent days.

For more information and parent resources, please visit:
<http://www.eqao.com/Parents/parents.aspx?Lang=E>





KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE NOW!

ALL DAY EVERY DAY LEARNING FOR
KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS
SEPTEMBER 2016 AT SISTER CATHERINE
DONNELLY CATHOLIC SCHOOL.



Sister Catherine Donnelly Catholic School is still accepting kindergarten registrations. You can find all the information you will need to register your child on our school's website at www.scd.schools.smcdsb.on.ca or you can visit the board's website at www.smcdsb.on.ca

Please contact us at 705-726-1221 if you have any questions, or stop by the school to pick up your registration package.

Parent Information

Just a reminder that parents are not permitted in the schoolyard; Before and after school, please wait outside the fenced area of the school when dropping off or picking up your child.

Your continued cooperation is appreciated, as these procedures will help ensure the safety of all our students.

Bikes, scooters and other wheeled devices must be walked when on school property. Due to the growing number of scooters coming to school in the warmer weather, we are asking students to chain scooters up to the bike rack in the school yard, or to place scooters/skateboards in the junior stairwell. The school cannot be responsible for bikes, scooters or skateboards brought to school.

News from Parent Council

Thank you for all families who participated in our Chocolate selling fundraiser. It was a huge success!!

Upcoming Events:

May 14th 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Drive for a Cause; come to school for a no-obligation test drive and Paul Sadlon motors donates \$25 per test drive! Bring your whole household of drivers 18+!!!! We will also have a BBQ and garage sale as well. Tables are available for rent if you have your own items to sell.

June 1 - our last council meeting for the school year; 6:30pm in the school library.

Thank you for your continued support.

Safe Kids Week is May 30-June 5, 2016!

We all have a role to play in teaching our children to be safe as they explore, discover, and creatively problem solve at home and in the great outdoors!

· **At Home and at Play:** Set age appropriate guidelines and talk to your child about how to play with safety in mind, then let them get adventurous. Climbing trees, over rocks, running up hills or watching the clouds can all be fun activities.

· **On the Road:** It is never too early to start talking to kids about pedestrian and bicycle safety. Kids under age of 10 do not have good depth perception or the ability to judge oncoming traffic speed. Teach your child how to safely cross roads and at traffic lights, watch for cars, and the dangers of texting while walking. When biking, ride with your child to help them learn to navigate safely around traffic, and make sure everyone wears a good fitting helmet.

2016 marks the 20th anniversary of Parachute Safe Kids Week. Learn more about how you can help keep our students safe by visiting: <http://www.parachutecanada.org/>

Barrie Music Festival

Our SCD School Choir has been working together since September under the direction of Mrs. Gayle Haley (pianist), Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Sadlon. This talented group of young singers has performed at several school events and last week they had the opportunity to compete at the Barrie Music Festival. The choir performed their two songs, "Imagine" and "Look at Me Now" beautifully. Their vocal harmonies and actions in the songs were very well done as noted by the adjudicator, Dr. Gerard Yun, conductor, composer, and global music specialist. Dr. Yun gave the students some valuable guidance during a short session afterward. The choir placed second in the competition, only one point behind the Maplegrove School Choir. We are so proud of how they represented our school and all of the time and effort that they put in! Thank you to the parent/family/ staff volunteers who drove our choir members over to the competition.



DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1-6 - Catholic Education Week

May 3-9 - Book Fair

May 3 - Junior Girls' Basketball Regionals

May 4 - Race Against Drugs; Gr 5

May 5 - School Liturgy 9:20am

May 5 - Art Show

May 6 - P.A. Day - No Classes

May 9-11 - Gr 8's at Kandalore

May 12 - New Kindergarten Parent Meeting 6:30-7:30pm

May 13 - Volunteer Appreciation 1:10pm

May 14 - Drive for a Student 9:00am -4:00pm

May 14 & 15 - Confirmation

May 16 - Rosary Celebration

May 17 - School Track & Field

May 19 - Talent Show 1:15pm

May 27 - Good News Assembly @ 1:10pm

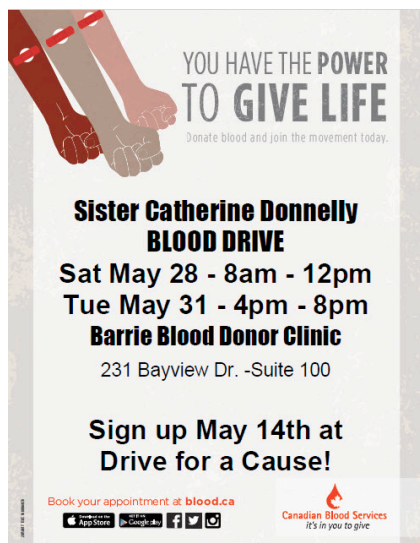
May 25-June 8 - Grade 3 & 6 EQAO Assessments

May 30 - Gr 7 & 8 Immunizations

June 1 - Parent Council Meeting 6:30pm in library



SISTER CATHERINE DONNELLY BLOOD DRIVE



After you Drive for a Student, don't forget to register for our very own Blood Drive! Giving blood is one of the most direct ways you can help someone. The need for blood is constant and the blood you give will be used within days to help give someone life. A representative from Canadian Blood Services will be on hand May 14th to answer all your questions and determine whether

you are eligible to save a life through blood donation. Our blood drive will be held at the Barrie blood donor clinic on Sat. May 28th and Tues. May 31st – 231 Bayview Drive, Barrie. See you there!

ST. MARY'S



EDGE Camp Information

The **EDGE camp deadline has been extended until May 2nd, 2016**. Below are the links for the promo video (for Grades 5-8), registration and camp package of information:

Here is the camp package: https://gallery.mailchimp.com/c96fc2afc2454880eae0cd461/files/EDGE_Camp_Promo_Flyer_Info.pdf

The promo video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mf0-upHtKkk>

The registration link: <https://edgencamp.campbrainregistration.com/>

Dress Code



Now that the weather is getting warmer, please check that your child's clothing is appropriate for school. Halter tops, tube tops, see-through mesh shirts, short shorts/skirts, revealing tank tops and bare midriffs are great for the beach but not for school. Tops must not expose midriff and must be wide strapped (3 adult fingers wide). Shorts and skirts should come to the bottom of the child's fingers when arms are straight down at the sides. If you are in doubt about an article of clothing, then your child should not wear it to school. Let's work together to ensure children are dressed appropriately for school.

Lost & Found

Students and parents are encouraged to check the lost & found on the tables in the foyer for any lost items. All items left in the Lost and Found at the end of the day Friday, June 3, 2016 will be bagged and donated.



PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

It is that time of year again when we look at our enrollment for next year and our staffing requirements. In order to facilitate this process we are asking parents / guardians to take a moment and complete the form below indicating if your family is planning to move out of our school area for the upcoming school year. Kindly return this form to the school office by June 3, 2016.

COMPLETE FOR STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN GRADES JK – 7 ONLY.

STUDENT NAME	CURRENT GRADE	NEW ADDRESS AND/OR SCHOOL STUDENT(S) WILL BE ATTENDING - SEPTEMBER 2015

MAY DATES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 School Liturgy 9:30	6 P.A. DAY NO CLASSES	7
C A T H O L I C E D U C A T I O N W E E K						
8	9 Gr 8 trip to Kandalore	10 Gr 8 trip to Kandalore	11 Gr 8 trip to Kandalore	12 Kindergarten parent meeting 6:30 PM	13 A Volunteer Appreciation 1:10pm	14 Drive for a Student 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Confirmation gr 7 @ 4:00pm
15 Confirmation gr 7 @ 4:00pm	16 May Celebration of Mary	17 SCD Track & Field Event	18	19 Gr 7/ Gr 8 Vaccinations Talent Show 9:20am	20 B	21
22	23 VICTORIA DAY	24	25 EQAO GRADE 3	26 EQAO GRADE 3	27 Good News Assembly 9:30 AM	28
29	30 EQAO GRADE 3 Immunizations Gr 7 & 8 girls	31 EQAO GRADE 6	EQAO GRADE 6	EQAO GRADE 6		