



The Good Shepherd Catholic School

Winter Newsletter



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Nurturing God's Family

A New Year's Prayer

God of this New Year, we are walking into mystery. We face the future, not knowing what the days or months will bring to us or how we will respond.



Be love in us as we journey. May we welcome all who come our way. Deepen our faith to see all of life through Your eyes. Fill us with hope and an abiding trust that you dwell in us amidst all our joys and sorrows. Thank you for the treasure of our faith life.

Thank you for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance of You walking through the day with us.

God of this New Year, we praise you.
AMEN

As we come to the end of our first Term, our school continues to be full of excitement and activity. We have many sports teams and events happening for all students. Once again our indoor soccer intermurals will also be starting in the coming days and our snowshoeing club will certainly enjoy this snowy weather.



Other exciting opportunities for our students include: French Club, Chess Club, Singing Club, Knitting/Crochet Club and our Winter Carnival. It is sure to be another spirit-filled term here at the Good Shepherd.

Mrs. Leah Smith & Ms. Marcelle Edinboro



Brrrrrrrrrr!

Thank you in advance for dressing your child appropriately. In the event of inclement weather, Rock 95, Kool FM 107.5 or B101 will announce the bus/school cancellations on the radio and on morning news TV shows. Please download the School Board app and alerts will come right to your phone!



Safe Arrival

The following are the procedures for safe arrival on "snow days":

1. If buses are cancelled and your child takes the bus, you do NOT need to call the school.
2. If buses are cancelled and your child walks to school, it is at the discretion of the parent whether it is safe for the child to walk. If your child is a walker and is not going to attend school, it is the responsibility of the parent to call the school and report the absence. The safe arrival program is still in effect on snow days and it is crucial that you report your child absent if he/she is a walker.
3. If buses are cancelled in the morning, that means that they are cancelled in the afternoon as well.
4. The phone lines are extremely busy on snow days. Please leave a message on voice mail, or continue trying if the lines are busy. Many parents are now using our website and clicking the Safe Arrival link to report their child's absence. Ms. D'Souza and I receive an email when you complete the information electronically.
5. Clothing - please wear appropriate clothing for the weather. Mitts, gloves, boots, hats and jackets are a must. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.



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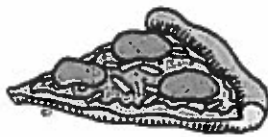
Severe Weather

Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board guidelines state that students are to stay inside the school when the temperature (with the wind chill) is minus 28 degrees Celsius or minus 25 without the wind chill.

We will monitor the weather forecasts from various sources and make the decision just prior to each recess. We recognize that these targets are quite cold and will therefore often keep students inside even if the triggers aren't reached (especially for our kindergarten students).

Hot Lunch and Inclement Days

Special Note: If it's a 'Hot Food' lunch day on a snow day when buses are cancelled, please know that there will be **NO 'Hot Food' lunch service that day; the school will notify parents when it will be rescheduled and may not necessarily be the next day. ENSURE you send a lunch with your child.**



When Children Are Sick...



If your child is sick or is not feeling well enough to participate in all school activities, including gym and recesses, please make arrangements for your child to stay home or at a sitter.

If your child is at school, they will be expected to participate in all activities including recess.



From your CSCC Chair....Sending a warm welcome back to staff and students. We hope you all enjoyed some special times with family and friends. We would like to take this time to thank you for all of your participation during this past holiday season at school. We were very happy with the outcomes of our Hewitts frozen food orders and Bradford Greenhouse Poinsettia sales. We hope that your freezers were filled with lots of convenient meal solutions and goodies, and that little bit of Christmas color added warmth to your homes. The Cozy Christmas was an overwhelming success and a special thank you to the friends and families that joined to watch the show, as well as very sincere thank you to the teachers and staff that went above and beyond to make this event possible for the students. The performers were amazing, worked so very hard, and committed fully to this spectacular night! Thank you to the families that participated in The Warm Clothing drive. Our final totals were 45 coats, 20 snow pants, 12 pairs of boots and 85 hats, mittens and scarves. The Salvation Army Children and Families Program was overwhelmingly grateful. Thank you for your contribution to help keep our community warm.

~Kim Targon

Meeting

Our next CSCC meeting will be held in The Good Shepherd School library January 31, 2017 from 6:30-7:30. We are looking forward to discussing upcoming events for the New Year. Please know that you do not have to be a voting member to attend the meetings. You can participate in any way that makes you feel comfortable. Your suggestions and opinions are always valued. If you have any questions or would like more details please contact kimtargon@gmail.com



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School Yearbook

We will be producing another professional Yearbook through Lifetouch Canada, for all students at The Good Shepherd. All students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 may purchase a Yearbook.



This 52 page Yearbook will be printed in full colour and will have students' school pictures as well as candid photos of every grade. There will be special pages dedicated to our graduates and to the special events held at the School. The cost is only \$22.00. Students who purchase a yearbook will be invited to a Yearbook Signing Party in June. This will take place in the gym during school and allow students to sign their friends' Yearbooks.

We are also looking for **business sponsorship**. If you own a business and would like to sponsor a page of our Yearbook the cost is only \$20.00 per page. Your business name, contact information and slogan (if space permits) will appear at the bottom of a page. As always, the support of our community is greatly appreciated.

You can send your money in an envelope to school or place your order online at ybpav.lifetouch.com. Our school code is 12373717 or you could look us up by our school name.



New Student Registrations

We welcome new students and encourage all friends, relatives and neighbours within our school boundaries to enroll their children as soon as possible, regardless of their grade. This will help ensure a smooth start next September.

Welcoming Our Smallest Angels

If you have a child who will be 4 years old by December 31, 2017 (born in 2013) you can call the school to make an appointment to register your child. The following documents are required to register your child: child's birth and R.C. baptismal certificate, health card, immunization record, parent's R.C. baptismal certificate, proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status and current home tax bill.



Please visit our Board's website and follow the 'Families' Tab to 'Kindergarten' to 'Registration' <http://www.smcdsb.on.ca/cms/one.aspx?pageId=103673> or call the school to learn more information on how to register your child at The Good Shepherd.



Shrove Tuesday

Every year we serve pancakes to our students to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, "Pancake Day". If you are able to help cook, please contact Mrs. Smith.



Class Field Trips

The Spring is a time for many class field trips. If you are hoping to volunteer for these trips, please make sure you have an up-to-date Criminal Background Check on file in the office. The police checks often take several weeks to process so do not delay; you will not be able to attend unless you have one.



Upcoming Dates

- Friday, Jan. 13 - Patroller Dance @ 7:30 pm at Terry Fox School
- Grade 7 Swim to Survive
- Tuesday, Jan. 17 - Make up day for Mr. Sub (Jan. 11 Snow Day)
- Thursday, Jan. 19 - New Pizzaville Order Begins
- Friday, Jan. 20 - Grade 7 Swim to Survive
- Friday, Jan. 27 - Grade 7 Swim to Survive
- Tuesday, Jan. 31 - CSCC Meeting @ 6:30pm in the library~ All Welcome!
- Thursday, Feb. 2 - Rosary Apostolate
- Friday, Feb. 3 - P.A. Day (No School for students)
- Patroller Dance @ 7:30 pm at Terry Fox School
- Tuesday, Feb. 7 - Gr. 7 & 8 Immunizations
- Tuesday, Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day Dance for all students
- Monday, Feb. 20 - Family Day Holiday (No School)
- Wednesday, Feb. 22 - Reports Sent home
- Friday, Feb. 24 - Grade 8 and SK Grad Photos
- Patroller Dance @ 7:30 pm at Terry Fox School
- Tuesday, Feb. 28 - Shrove Tuesday ~Pancakes
- Wednesday, Mar. 1 - Ash Wednesday ~ Liturgy Time TBA
- Thursday, Mar. 2 - Rosary Apostolate
- Tuesday, Mar. 7 - CSCC Meeting @ 6:30pm in the library~ All Welcome!
- Friday, Mar. 10 - Last day before March Break~ wear green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day
- Patroller Dance @ 7:30 pm at Terry Fox School
- Monday, Mar. 13- 17 March Break! ~ Enjoy your week off!
- Friday, Apr. 7 - Patroller Dance @ 7:30 pm at Terry Fox School
- Friday, Apr. 14 - Good Friday (School Holiday)
- Monday, Apr. 17 - Easter Monday (School Holiday)
- Wednesday, Apr. 19- Spring Sibling Photo Day (Individual photos as requested)
- Thursday, Apr. 20 - Teams/ Clubs Photo Day for the Yearbook
- Tuesday, Apr. 25 - CSCC Meeting in the library at 6:30 ~ All Welcome!
- Thursday, May 4 - May Celebration of Mary time TBA
- Friday, May 5 - Patroller Dance @ 7:30 pm at Terry Fox School
- Thursday, May 11 - Gr. 7 & 8 Immunizations
- Monday, May 22 - Victoria Day Holiday (No School)
- Friday, June 2 - P.A. Day (No School)
- Patroller Dance @ 7:30 pm at Terry Fox School
- Saturday, June 3 - Gr. 7 Confirmation at St. Mary's Church
- Wednesday, June 7 - Gr. 7 Confirmation at St. Mary's Church
- Monday, June 26 - Reports Sent home
- Tuesday, June 27 - Gr. 8 Graduation Ceremony 6:30pm at St. Joan of Arc
8 pm dance/ 10:30pm pick up
- Thursday, June 29 - Last day of School
- Year End Assembly @ 9:15am

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