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“Let your light shine so that others may see the good you do and give glory to God.” Matthew 5:16

<p>February is a busy month at our school</p> <p><i>February offers constant reminders of our many blessings.</i></p> <p>Page 1</p>	<p>It's registration time</p> <p><i>Tell your friends and neighbours we are accepting registrations.</i></p> <p>Page2</p>	<p>Report cards are coming home this month</p> <p><i>A time to pause, reflect and set goals for Term 2</i></p> <p>Page 2</p>	<p>It's time for our Valentine Dance Fundraiser</p> <p><i>Please support your Council's fundraiser and come out and dance!</i></p> <p>Page 3</p>
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Principal's Message



February offers constant reminders of our many blessings. Our students will certainly be busy with the excitement of our annual Valentine Dance fundraiser, Shrove Tuesday and Family Day. Most importantly, Ash Wednesday arrives mid-month when we will begin the Lenten journey to Easter. We hope our Lenten activities will draw our students and staff closer to Christ as we strive to become more like Him.

Look for your child's Term 1 report card in his or her school bag this month. Conferences will be held at the request of teachers and parents.

Finally, I encourage our families to support our fundraiser Valentine Dance. We have two main fundraisers each year. This year, funds will support the purchase of various items to encourage student engagement in every classroom, Kindergarten yard maintenance, graduation gifts and this year's special project - iPads to support our younger students.

Let's all hope for an early spring!

Kathy Van Dewark

Important Dates

- Fri., Feb. 2** - Professional Activity Day
- Happy Groundhog Day!
- Fri., Feb. 9** - **We Celebrate St. Valentine's Day**
- Valentine's Fundraiser Dance
- Wear Red or Pink!
- Mon., Feb. 12** - Rosary Apostolate Visit
- Graduation Photos
- Tues., Feb. 13** - Shrove Tuesday
- 100 Day
- Wed., Feb. 14** - Ash Wednesday
- Thurs., Feb. 15** - Speeches for Class Reps in am
- Mon., Feb. 19** - Family Day / School Closed
- Wed., Feb. 21** - Report Cards Sent Home
- Mon., Feb. 26** - Food Drive Begins
- Wed., Feb. 28** - CSCC Meeting at 6:30 pm

It's Registration Time!

Welcome to Kindergarten!



Starting Kindergarten is an exciting and special time for parents and children. Our entire Catholic school community looks forward to welcoming our youngest students as they begin a lifelong journey of faith-filled learning. We believe there is something truly unique and special about learning that is rooted in faith and spiritual growth. By choosing a faith-filled education, we know you will share that belief with us.

All the Information You Need

To help parents and students get ready for this important milestone, our board has developed an award-winning package. We encourage parents to drop by the office to pick up their Welcome Bag and Kindergarten information package. You can also find all of the information on our board's website at www.smcdsb.on.ca. We also encourage you to check our [Welcome to Kindergarten Video on YouTube](#).

First Rider Program

Riding a school bus is a new experience for many children. To help your child get ready, the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium offers a First Rider program for Kindergarten students who will be taking the school bus. Students and parents will be able to participate in a one-hour session, which includes a short school bus ride to practice safe boarding and exiting as well as bus-riding procedures. The sessions will take place in August and details can be found at simcoecountyschoolbus.ca.

English as a Second Language (ESL)

We have resources and information available for families whose first language is not English. Please inquire at your school for more information or visit the [ESL Resources on our website](#).

We are here to answer questions and help you prepare. Please contact Mrs. Lescard at 905-729-3473 for more information.

Family Day



“The future of humanity passes by way of the family.” *(Pope John Paul II)*

Although Family Day on February 19 is a secular holiday, our Catholic tradition affirms the absolute importance of families. Families are a sign of God's presence because they are communities of love. The family is the first and most important community. The early Church affirmed this by referring to the family as the domestic church. Through your daily experiences of love, forgiveness, education, service and celebration, your family is an expression of the work of the Church in the world. There are no classes on Family Day.

Report Cards



Report cards will be sent home on February 21. This is a time to pause and reflect on achievement, and to talk about goals for Term 2. This process will have begun at school between your child and his or her teacher. We hope the conversation will continue between children and parents at home. You are invited to record your remarks on page 4 and return the slip the following day.

Nightly reading, keeping a regular bedtime and arriving on time in the morning are all important for school success. Creating routines together as a family has been found to directly influence a child's ability to learn.

Safe Arrival Calls

Safe arrival calls are necessary to ensure that each child is accounted for. If we haven't heard from home, but your child is absent, we take action.

As quickly as possible, Mrs. Lescard and Mrs. Cuillo begin to phone home/work/emergency contact numbers until we are certain that your child is safe.

If you know your child will be absent, please call the school or use the online form so the precious window of time to locate students who might truly be in harms-way can be used effectively.

Thank you in advance for your help with this important safety routine.



SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATION INFORMATION

The best place to find up-to-date information about bus cancellations is on our school or board webpage. You will find the direct link to the Transportation Consortium: <http://simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/> This link will inform you of school bus delays as they happen.

Please note that our school is in the SOUTH zone. When buses are cancelled, our schools are open for student learning.

Food Order Correction

Please note a correction for students who ordered a sub on Ash Wednesday, February 14: As this is a Holy Day no subs will be served. Instead, this order will be placed the following week, Feb. 21. (Feb. 21 was not open for sub orders previously on the food order form.)

2017-18 School Year Calendar Consultation



The Board is now seeking feedback for our 2017-18 school year calendar. Please visit our [2018 - 2019 Proposed Elementary School Year Calendar](#) page and view the preliminary elementary and secondary calendars. Your feedback is welcome and we invite you to fill out our [online feedback form](#) anytime before Friday, March 2, 2018.

Valentine Dance Fundraiser



There will be lots of fun! There will be lots of exercise! There will be class prizes!

Money raised will support our awesome school!

Students took home a pledge envelope to begin work on this major fundraiser.

Pledge money is due on the day of the dance, February 9. Parents and guardians who attend need to bring their dancing shoes to dance with us!

Parents with a CBC who can help with the dance are asked to contact the school.

Parking Around Our School



As our school population grows, we recognize parking is a growing challenge. Please refrain from parking in areas that block driveways. We want to create safe conditions for pedestrians and to be good neighbours. Thank you in advance.

A Prayer for Families

Loving God,
 You have asked us to continue your work on earth
 Let us start with our families.
 May we treat one another with love and respect, kindness and truth, gentleness and courage.
 We make this prayer in the name of Jesus.
 Amen

