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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>Joy to the World! The Lord has come!</p> <p><i>This is a time to reflect on the many gifts of the past year and to say thank you.</i></p> <p>Page 1</p>	<p>Join Us In Prayer</p> <p><i>Please join us in prayer on January 26.</i></p> <p>Page 2</p>	<p>Transportation and Recess</p> <p><i>Cold weather reminders</i></p> <p>Page 2</p>	<p>Crazy Hat Day</p> <p><i>Put on your thinking cap. It's time to start planning for our next Spirit Day.</i></p> <p>Page 2</p>
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Principal's Message



Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! Thank you to all of our families who extended their best wishes for Christmas and for the many cards, gifts and sweet treats that were enjoyed in the staffroom in December. We know that we are

continuously blessed with the support of our school community.

January is a time to reflect on the many gifts of the past year and to take time to thank our many volunteers and the wonderfully, talented staff in every role here at Monsignor J.E. Ronan Catholic School. December was filled with special moments and special events that underline what we are about: learning within a faith-filled community.

May the New Year be filled with peace, good health and abundant learning, and may God continue to shower us with His grace and many blessings here at school and in your home.

God bless,

Kathy Van Dewark

Important Dates

- Mon., Jan. 1 Happy New Year!
- Mon., Jan. 8 Classes Resume
Pizza - (rescheduled from Dec. 22)
- Mon., Jan. 15 Rosary Apostolate Visit
- Wed., Jan. 24 Crazy Hat Day! Hats allowed all day!
- Fri., Jan. 26 Liturgy and Catholic Value Celebration at 11:30 am
- Wed., Jan. 31 CSCC Meeting at 6:30 pm
- Fri., Feb. 2 Professional Activity Day

Arriving to school on time and prepared with all needed materials for the day is important for success.

New Year Resolution

As 2017 closed, we noticed a growing number of students arriving late. Late arrival not only disrupts your child's learning because concepts are missed, it also impacts the full class as students entering mid-lesson are a distraction for others. Thank you in advance for your effort to minimize late arrivals.

Lost and Found



Our lost and found bin fills quickly during winter. Please ensure that all clothing items are marked with your child's name. Parents and guardians are welcome to check our lost and found bin. It is located in the main hallway, outside the library.

Inclement Weather Reminder



The Transportation Consortium will make the decision early, during pre-dawn hours, if they believe it is unsafe for buses to travel during inclement weather. When our buses are cancelled, our schools remain open for student learning. In extreme situations, the Director of Education, in consultation with our school superintendents and principals, can make the decision to close a school. Cancellation of buses will be announced on radio stations, TV, and our school website. We are in the SOUTH Zone.

Cold Temperatures



Active play and fresh air are important components of learning. Our school board follows the guidelines of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and the Canadian Pediatric Society, and we keep children indoors if the temperature falls below -25°C , or if the wind chill is -27°C or greater. With this in mind, it is important that children come to school with appropriate winter clothing. Boots and a hat are needed in these temperatures. Extra socks and mittens in the school bag are always a great idea.

Parking Lot Reminders



With the winter weather here, we remind drivers that this poses special hazards for our students who are sometimes overly excited and do not always look both ways.

- Use the designated crosswalks.
- Keep a special eye out for students.
- Drive very slowly in front of our school.
- Please be patient as we unload and load our buses. Thank you in advance.

New Year Liturgy



We will gather for prayer on Friday, January 26 at 11:30 am. Following our liturgy, the Catholic Value of truth will be acknowledged. Everyone is welcome!

Spirit Day



Our next Spirit Day is January 24. Students are invited to wear a crazy hat. We hope this adds some excitement to what can feel like endless winter days!

Bus Cancellation Days

When buses are cancelled our schools remain open for student learning.

If you are able to transport your child to and from on these days, it is a wonderful opportunity for some small-group learning. Our student-teacher ratio allows even more personalized teaching on these days. As well, teachers try to include some extra-fun activities to add some spark to the day.

On these days, we ask parents not to send notes allowing students to be dismissed before the final bell as this does not support our regular timetable.

A Prayer for the New Year

Loving Jesus,
in this New Year,
teach us to be people of joy.
May we proclaim your Good News with joy.
May joy ring through our homes,
schools, and churches.
May we always have joy for our journey.
Grant us the grace of joy.
This we pray in your name.
Amen