

# ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL

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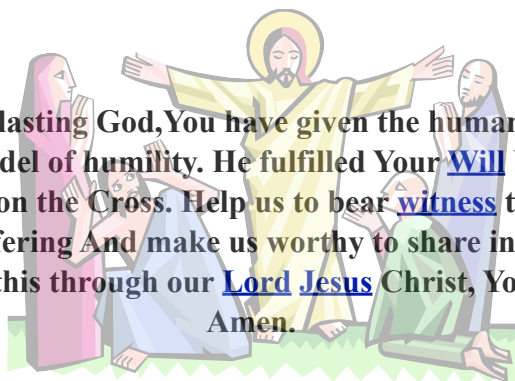
## SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- IMPORTANT DATES
- PARENT COUNCIL

Due to Severe Allergies:



SIMCOE MUSKOKA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus **Christ** our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your **Will** by becoming **Man** And giving His **life** on the Cross. Help us to bear **witness** to You By following His example of suffering And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.

We ask this through our **Lord Jesus** Christ, Your Son.

Amen.

We have extreme allergies at our school. All staff, students, parents and visitors to the school are not to wear fragrance when coming to our school. If fragrance is detected, we will have to ask that you leave the school, or wait outside if you are coming to pick up a student. Other extreme allergies are nut and shell fish. In addition there are several food allergies and for this reason, students are unable to bring in foods to share with students for special occasions. An alternative would be to pick up pencils/erasers or other dollar store type items if you wish your child to celebrate with the students in their class.

## IMPORTANT DATES



Tuesday Sub Day (Feb 27-Apr 10)  
Thursday Pizza Day (Mar 1- Apr 12)



## LENT - FEBRUARY 14- MARCH 29

- Mar 1 Spirit Day - Inside Out Day - wear your clothes inside out!
- Mar 2-23 Gr. 7 Swim to Survive (Fridays) 9:30am-11:20am
- Mar 2-23 Gr. 3 Swim to Survive (Fridays) 12:30pm - 2:15pm
- Mar 8 Int. Math Olympics @ Catholic Education Centre
- Mar 9 Spirit Day - St. Patrick's Day Celebration at NIC -- Wear your green!**
- Mar 11 Daylight Savings Time (Spring Forward!)
- Mar 12-Mar 16 SPRING BREAK! Enjoy your time off!
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day**
- Mar 20 Jr. Math Olympics @ Catholic Education Centre
- Mar 21 World Down's Syndrome Day - Rock your Sock Spirit Day!
- Mar 22 Rosary in the Classroom
- Mar 25 Palm Sunday
- Mar 27-Apr 5 SoloLunch Sign up!
- Mar 28 Parent Council Meeting 6:00pm
- Mar 29 Good News Assembly 9:40 am
- Mar 30 Good Friday - School Closed
- Apr 1 Easter Sunday
- Apr 2 Easter Monday - School Closed



## Parent Council Corner

The next Parent Council Meeting is Wednesday, March 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the library. All parents are welcome to attend. Come check us out! Thank you to all of the parents and community members who came out to support our Pancake Breakfast by cooking, cleaning and helping our students! Thank you to those who responded to our call for help with the Fun Fair which we hope to be able to have in June. We are still looking for more volunteers. Please call Mrs. Barks and leave your name and phone number. All volunteers must have a Criminal Background Check. Mrs. Barks can help you with this as well!

## Kindergarten 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 share that belief with us.

### All the Information You Need

We are here to answer questions and help you prepare. Registration packages will be available starting Monday, February 5th. Please (705) 737-9082 to arrange to come in to pick up your package or have it sent home with a sibling. You can also find information on our board's website at [www.smcdsb.on.ca](http://www.smcdsb.on.ca)

### 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. More information will be given out at the Kindergarten Meeting.

### English as a Second Language (ESL)

We have resources and information available for families whose first language is not English. Please inquire about the ESL version of our Kindergarten information package.

### Junior Kindergarten Parent Information Night

St. Nicholas School will be hosting a Kindergarten Parent Information Night on Wednesday, May 9 2018, 6:30 p.m. This is a time for parents to come to the school and receive information from school staff. Please call to register for this very important session. This evening is for parents only.

## School Activities

### Spirit Days!

The month of March will consist of two Spirit Days.

**Friday, March 9 will be St. Patrick's Day so wear your green and bring in your Irish fun.**

**Wednesday, March 21 is World Down Syndrome Day. Students can come dressed wearing their crazy socks.**

### Math Olympics

Each year, SMCD SB hosts a Junior and Intermediate Math Olympics. St. Nicholas will send a Junior (March 20) and Intermediate (March 8) 4 member team to compete amongst other schools in a day filled with mathematical challenges. Students will work individually and collaboratively to solve math questions of various degrees. We wish these teams the best of luck!

### FSL - A NOTE FROM M. RAYMOND

I am unable to enter your email address or phone number in the Student Connect so that you receive updates, quizzes and references. You need to enter your child's account and submit it yourself. It takes about 5 minutes. Here's how:

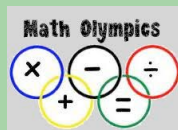
Go to your child's course shell or page (Student Connect) that you want the notifications from.

Next, go to "announcements" and you will see a drop down arrow---> click it

Select "notifications" and it will populate a new window

From here you or your child will have to select either the email address or mobile number or both, whatever your preference.

It is important to note that if parents want to sign up they must log in to Student Connect and sign themselves up through their child's account. To add to your personal calendar: select course calendar only and it will provide a link. Copy and paste the URL into any external calendar application to subscribe to events for the selected calendar



### SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
- MATH OLYMPICS
- SPIRIT DAYS
- FSL M. RAYMOND

## Sports

### School Hockey

This year's hockey team consists of 11 players and 1 goalie. We have played 2 games. The first game against St. Mike's was a victory and the second game on our Spirit Day ended in a 5-5 tie in overtime against Sister Catherine Donnelly. We have 2 more scheduled games. Thanks to coaches Mr. Ferri and Mrs. Keery and special thank you goes out to Mr. Bianchi for coaching and JOA students who reffed the games and/or were part of the Bench Staff.



### Knights of Columbus Free Throw

Congratulations to Emma, Amanda, Julia and Brett who represented St. Nicholas at the District level held at St. Joe's on Feb 11. Although the competition was fierce, they all managed to do well coming in 2nd place. Thank you for being great ambassadors for St. Nicholas!

### Intermediate Girls Volleyball

Twelve grade 7 and 8 girls represented St. Nicholas at various schools for games and at our Division 1 Tournament, March 1, 2018. Overall, the team performed well in the various school based games. At the tournament the girls played well and showed improvement and great effort over the season. Thank you Mrs. Moreira and Mrs. Hussey!



### Intermediate Boys Basketball

The boys represented St. Nicholas as true Ambassadors during the the season. At the Division 1 Tournament on March 1st, the boys were victorious in heir first game against The Good Shepherd, however, lost a very close game to Minesing. Congratulations boys on a successful season! Thank you to the coaches, Ms. Toth and Mr. Ferri.

### Junior Girls & Junior Boys

Try outs are happening and we look forward to hearing about our Junior teams! GO BEARS GO!



### SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

➤ SPORTS



OUR STORY ~ OUR JOURNEY

"You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul.... Teach them to your children" - Deuteronomy 11: 18a -19a

# COMMUNITY

## Parenting Isn't Always Easy - Triple P Can Help

Some days we have it all together, but some days we don't!

To the mom hiding in the bathroom, with tears rolling down her cheeks. To the dad who has lost his patience and is yelling at the kids again. To the parents who feel alone - raising kids can be hard, challenging and messy. You are not alone! Triple P Positive Parenting Programs can help.



Triple P is a flexible, practical way to develop skills, strategies and confidence to handle any parenting situation. Programs are offered through single visit consultations, public seminars, group

courses and private sessions across Ontario. You can even do Triple P online, at home or wherever you like!

Parents can access support and find programs in their area at [www.triplep-parenting.ca](http://www.triplep-parenting.ca) or by calling our Health Connection line 1-877-721-7520 to speak with a nurse.

Life with kids can be messy and that's OK!

## Holy Spirit Church

**Holy Week and Easter**  
Holy Week begins with Sunday to Easter Sunday

**CONFESSIONS:**  
March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th @ 3:00—4:45 p.m.  
March 21 @ 7 p.m. Penitential Service & Confessions  
March 27th @ 7:30—9 pm; March 28th @ 9:30—11:00 a.m.

**PALM SUNDAY MASSES:**  
March 24 ~ Saturday @ 5 p.m.  
March 25 ~ Sunday : 8:30 & 10 a.m. English  
12 noon-Polish

**MARCH 29 ~ HOLY THURSDAY:**  
7 p.m. Mass (Eng./Pol.)  
Adoration until midnight

**MARCH 30 ~ GOOD FRIDAY:**  
3 p.m. English Liturgy  
5 p.m. Polish Liturgy  
7 p.m. Stations of the Cross led by Youth

March 31 @ 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. ~ Blessing of Easter Foods

**MARCH 31 ~ EASTER VIGIL @ 8 p.m.**

**APRIL 1 ~ EASTER SUNDAY:**  
7:30 a.m. POLISH MASS  
10 a.m. & 12 noon ENGLISH MASSES  
EASTER MONDAY MASS @ 10 a.m. (Eng./Pol.)

### HOLY SPIRIT BARRIE YOUTH

EDGE (for teens from 5th to 8th grade)

The next Edge Meeting is  
**Friday, March 23rd from 6:30pm to 9:00pm.**

**MERCY** (for children grades 1 to 4) is a Holy Spirit Parish program that helps young children grow in their faith and love of Jesus Christ. Often times involving arts and crafts, it is modelled on Edge but tailored to suit the needs of younger children.  
**The next MERCY is on Friday, March 9th at 6:30pm.**

Contact person is Sara Majkowski, Youth Minister  
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