

ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL

APRIL 2017

[HTTP://NIC.SCHOOLS.SMCDSB.ON.CA/](http://nic.schools.smcdsb.on.ca/)

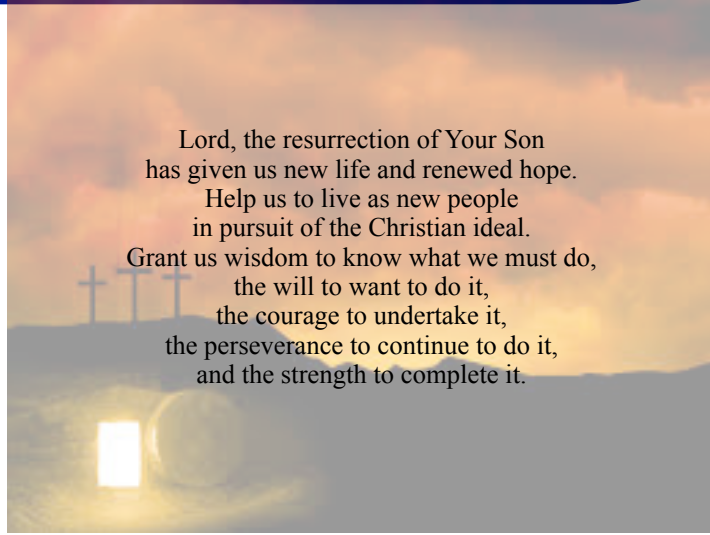


Ms. C. Toth
Principal

Mrs. B. Barks
Office Administrator

100 Lougheed Rd
Barrie, ON L4N 8E1
Tel 705-737-9082
Fax 705-737-4089

Mr. A. Falconi
Superintendent
Mrs. M. Hardie
Trustee



Lord, the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.

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. We also have nut allergies at the school and nut products cannot be brought into the school. Thank you for your help in keeping our school community healthy and safe.

Important Dates

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- PRAYER
- IMPORTANT DATES
- SOLOLUNCH



Due to Severe Allergies:



SIMCOE MUSKOKA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Extreme Pita's Mondays
Pizza Thursdays

- Apr 1 April Fool's Day!
- Apr 2 World Autism Awareness Day **Light It Up Blue**
- Apr 4 Confessions in the Library
- Apr 4 Round 2 Hockey Tournament - Good Luck!
- Apr 5 Parent Council Meeting (CSCC) 7:00 p.m. Library
- Apr 9 Palm Sunday
- Apr 10-May 12 Clothing & Donation Drive for Kidney Foundation
- Apr 14 Good Friday (School Closed)
- Apr 16 Easter Sunday
- Apr 17 Easter Monday (School Closed)
- Apr 18 SoloLunch opens for the next session
- Apr 19 First Communion Meeting at Holy Spirit - 6:30 p.m.
- Apr 20 Rosary Apostolate in Classrooms in the Morning
- Apr 22 Choir Performance at Liberty North for PIC Conference
- Apr 23 Divine Mercy Sunday at Holy Spirit Parish 2:00-3:30 pm
- Apr 25&26 Dental Screening Kindergarten, Gr. 2 and Gr. 8 - Health Unit
- May 1 SoloLunch Sign Up 12:00 pm deadline - **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- May 1-5 Catholic Education Week - See the Start of our Planned Activities on Page 3



SoloLunch

A new SoloLunch started April 3rd and continues to May 11th.

The sign up for the next session will commence on **April 18 to May 1 at noon**. If you have not signed up by May 1st, your child will not receive pizza or pitas from May 15 to June 29th.



JK Registration Time!

It's Registration Time

Ready
Set
Go!

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

To help parents and students get ready for this important milestone, our board has developed an award-winning package. We encourage parents who are looking to register their child for Kindergarten 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

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 between August 21 and September 1. More information and schedules can be found at:

www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca

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.

We are here to answer questions and help you prepare. Please contact us at (705) 737-9082 for more information.

Junior Kindergarten Parent Information Night

St. Nicholas School will be hosting a Kindergarten Parent Information Night on *Wednesday, May 3 2017, 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.

Moving? New Registrations?

We are in the process of making plans for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are moving out of the St. Nicholas area, please let us know. If you know of someone who will be attending St. Nicholas School in September, please have them contact the school office.

Volunteering

As we approach the time of field trips and activities within the school, this is a reminder that a current Criminal Background Check and Vulnerable Sector Screening must be on file at the school. If you are thinking that you may like to volunteer with any of the activities happening at NIC, please remember that these two items must be on file with the school. Forms, which are available at the office, must be taken to the Police Services Office in the area that you live in. Please note that it can take up to four weeks for the local police to complete checks. Criminal Background Check and Vulnerable Sector Screening are valid for one year.

Catholic School Council

Our Laura Secord Chocolate Bar Fundraiser was well received! Congratulations to everyone who participated. We were able to raise over \$6,000! Awesome job St. Nicholas Families!

Please join us Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 pm in the library for our meeting.

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- JK REGISTRATION!
- VOLUNTEERING
- CSCC NEWS



School Happenings

Grade 6/7 Entrepreneurial Adventure

Our class has started up a not-for-profit business called Naturally Fidgety. We make non-toxic fidget toys such as slime and stress balls to help students stress less and remain calm. Our slogan is *"Slime to play keeps the stress away!"*. All our products are free from Borax. Proceeds from the sale of our stress relievers will be donated to a very worthy charity, Move It for Young Minds (mfym.ca).

This organization is geared towards improving the mental health of young people and is run by Amber McCauley. Our first sale will be this Friday, April 7, 2017. Products range from \$3-5. Please help support our cause by purchasing your very own Naturally Fidgety toy Friday!!

Thank you, Madame Greene's Grade 6/7 Class

Education Week Planned Events Apr 30 to May 5

- May 2 - Provincial Mass Day and Grades 6-8 traveling to JOA to celebrate Mass with COS
- We will be beautifying the front gardens with annual flowers - for extra colour
- We will be doing a Food Drive - it's an 'off' time for the Food Bank and they always need extra supplies during these times
- We will be collecting for the Kidney Foundation - so send in any clothes, household items that you no longer need from all the spring cleaning you've done - the heavier the load of goods, the better for St. Nicholas school!
- We are asking families to donate any outgrown boys (JK-Gr8) clothing. Youth Haven is in need of boys clothing in particular. We will forward all boys clothing to them.

Sports & School Activities

Intermediate Girls Volleyball

Congratulations to the girls who had a very successful season this year! They came second in our division and represented our school at the County tournament. The coaches are very proud of their team spirit and skills!



Junior Boys Basketball

Good luck to the junior boys basketball team as their season gets underway.



Hockey

Congratulations to the St Nicholas school hockey team in winning their first round robin tournament. They now proceed to the Semi-Finals on Tuesday, April 4th at East Bayfield. Games are at 12 pm and 1 pm. Good luck boys! Thank-you to Mrs. Keery and Mr. Bianchi for their time in managing and coaching the hockey team.



Choir

Our Choir has been asked to perform at Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Regional Ministry Session Conference on Saturday, April 22nd. They will be performing for the Minister of Education, other educational dignitaries, PIC committee members, Director of Education and Superintendents. Choir members have also been invited to have lunch with conference members prior to their performance. Thank you to everyone for their contributions to this performance!



Kidney Foundation Clothing Drive

Please send in any bagged clothing and household items for donation. Our collection will run April 10-May 12.



Holy Spirit Parish Link:
[Welcome to Holy Spirit](#)



CELEBRATING
God's FAMILY