

# ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL

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**SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:**

- CURRENT THEME
- SCHOOL DAY
- SAFE WELCOME
- ALLERGY ALERT
- STAFF LIST

Due to Severe Allergies:



## CELEBRATING *God's* FAMILY

*"Know that the Lord is God, it is he that made us, and we are his, We are his people." Psalm 100: 3*

Every year, our board chooses a spiritual theme, which serves as our inspiration and spiritual focus. The theme for the 2016 - 2017 school year, is **CELEBRATING *God's* FAMILY**.

We are all brothers and sisters created and loved by God and this theme helps us to reaffirm that basic truth. Each person is blessed with special gifts and talents which make us unique. As part of God's family, we are called to celebrate our uniqueness and we rejoice in our diversity.

**Gone Green** - We are sending this newsletter home. If you have signed up for e-Newsletters you should also receive an e-Blast on your email account. If not, please register (or re-register) so that you receive all future communication and newsletters.



### School Day

Entry Bell	8:57
Recess	11:00 – 11:15
Lunch	11:55 – 12:55
Recess	2:15 – 2:30
Dismissal	3:30

### **School Visitors and Safe Welcome**

Once school starts, all doors will be locked. We ask for your patience when using the intercom as we may be away from our desks, dealing with a sick or injured child or on the telephone. Once in the school, please come to the office so that we may further assist you.



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.

## St. Nicholas Staff List

JK/SK	Ms. M. Quinto/Ms. E.Chilvers (DECE)	Gr. 7/8	Mrs. C. Blacquiere
JK/SK	Mrs. S. Kellachan/Ms. K. Fuller (DECE)	Gr. 7/8	Mrs. J. Hussey
Gr. 1	Ms. K. Palombi		
Gr. 1/2	Mrs. P. Keery	FSL	M S. Raymond
Gr. 2/3	Mrs. T. Torrance	R.R./LIB	Ms. M. Navarra
Gr. 3/4	Mrs. N. Raposo	SERT	Mrs. D. Moreira
Gr. 4/5	Mrs. J. Thompson	PREP	Ms. K. Bekking
Gr. 5/6	Mr. J. Martel	PREP	Mrs. A. Morash
Gr. 6/7	Mrs. A. Greene		

### Educational Assistants

Mrs. A. DaLuz Ms. C. Horvath  
Ms. S. Susil Mrs. S.Taylor

### Section 23 Class

Mrs T. Boncardo  
Ms. D. Babcox  
Ms. B. Bronson

Principal Ms. C. Toth  
Chief Custodian Ms. B. Mercier

School Office Administrator Mrs. B. Barks  
Night Custodians Mrs. L. McGarvey & Mr. R. Martin

**SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:**

- IMPORTANT DATES
- OPEN HOUSE
- VOLUNTEER IN THE SCHOOL
- BREAKFAST CLUB
- CSCC



*The  
Breakfast  
Club*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Thursday's Pizza (Commencing October 6th)

Sept 13	Mass 9:15 a.m. at School
Sept 21	First Communion Registration at Holy Spirit Church 6:30 p.m.
Sept 21	Catholic School Community Council Meeting/Elections 7:00 p.m. Library <b>All Welcome!</b>
Sept 22	First Day of Autumn!
Sept 26	Breakfast Club Starts! (Monday, Wednesday Friday)
Sept 28	Terry Fox Run (Sept 29 Rain Date)
<b>Sept 29</b>	<b>Meet the Teacher 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.</b>
Sept 30	PA Day - No School for Students
Oct 5	Thanksgiving Mass 10:00 a.m. at school
Oct 6	Pizza Program Starts!
Oct 10	Thanksgiving Day - Schools Closed
Oct 19	PA Day - No School for Students
Oct 24	Photo Day! (Retake Day Nov 16)

**OPEN HOUSE**

Students are invited to bring their parents in to meet their teachers and tour the school on Thursday, September 29th between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet the teacher and see your child's class, after you have had a chance to have your dinner at home.

**VOLUNTEERING IN THE SCHOOL**

If you plan to volunteer in the school you must have a current Criminal Background Check on file. It can take up to 6 weeks for the form to be completed by the local police detachment. Please contact Mrs. Barks for the appropriate CBC Request Form. If you have a current CBC on file, we will require the Annual Offence Declaration to be completed by yourself. Again, please contact Mrs. Barks for the form.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

The Breakfast Club will be starting Monday, September 28th. For this to be a success we need your help and support. For those who are unfamiliar with the program, volunteers come in and prepare a healthy breakfast and can include such things as fresh fruit, cheese, yogurt, toast, pancakes or muffins. All students are welcome. If you are able to donate fresh fruit (the kids seem partial to strawberries, grapes and cantaloupe), fresh orange juice, eggs, yogurt or cheese that would be a big help. Or perhaps you are able to volunteer your time one morning a week from approximately 8 - 9:15 am, we would love the extra hands as we have fed 50-60 kids on the days that the Breakfast Club is open. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please call the school office and leave your name and number.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The following outline is from the School Councils Guide for Members, from the Ontario Ministry of Education:

**Purpose**

2. (1) *The purpose of school councils is, through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents.*
- (2) *A school council's primary means of achieving its purpose is by making recommendations in accordance with this Regulation to the principal of the school and the board that established the council.*

If you are interested in becoming a member of our Council, forms can be found on our school website or you can request a form from the office.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of parents however, we do require more parents on our Council. If you are new to our school, or have not attended a Council Meeting, **come to our first meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. in our school library. We would love to see you! Elections will take place at this meeting.**

## Office Notes

### Safe Arrival

If a child is going to be late or absent, we ask that a parent call the school at (705) 737-9082 and leave a message on our answering machine. It is important that we receive a call from a parent/guardian and not the child or older sibling. If we don't receive a call that your child is away, we will attempt to reach parents/guardians using the numbers we currently have on file. If you have changed home, cell or business numbers over the summer, please advise the office of your new contact information.

### Students Leaving School Property at Lunch

Please remember, only students in Grades 7 and 8 will be permitted to leave school property at lunch. **They must have a note written and signed by a parent each time.** Students will not be permitted to make a phone call from the school to request permission to go out with their friends at lunch. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 can only go out at lunch if they are picked up by a parent. This policy was implemented after discussions with our Parent Group.

### Early Pick Up/Change of Plans

If you are picking your child up for an appointment, we ask that you allow extra time as we will call students to the office after you arrive. We are unable to guarantee that your child will remember to come to the office at the expected pick up time.

### Transportation

Students who are on the bus are expected to take the same bus every night. Students are only allowed to go on the bus associated with the home address. Please remember that riding the bus is a privilege not a right. At no time can students switch between buses. Walkers are not permitted to ride the school bus at any time. Students who are listed as being on a bus will be sent home on the bus unless a note is received from the parent/guardian. Students are unable to make alternate transportation arrangements from the school. In the event of bus cancellations or bad weather please click the link on our school web page (bookmark: <http://main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/>) or listen to the local radio stations, B101 FM or Rock 95.7. This year you can sign up on the school bus website for alerts for your child's bus.

### Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Cell phones and iPods are not to be brought to school. In special circumstances students may need their phone after school, but they must leave their phone at the office during the school day and pick it up at 3:30. Students who are ill must report to their teacher and school staff will contact parents. There is no need for cell phones in classes or backpacks during the school day.

### Medications

All medications for students must be maintained at the school office. If your child requires medication throughout the school day, please contact Mrs. Barks so that she may forward the appropriate forms for your completion. Medications cannot be kept in student backpacks. All medications must be in original packaging and cannot be given to students without the correct forms. Only new unopened bottles of non-prescription medicines may be sent to the school along with the appropriate form. For life threatening allergies or illnesses, the school will complete a Medical Plan after consultation with parents. Medication forms can also be found and printed from our school board website under **Parents - Safe and Healthy Schools - Administering Medicine Forms**

### MedicAlert - No Child Without

The Canadian MedicAlert Foundation created the *No Child Without* Program to provide students from the age of 4 until their 14th birthday with the 24 hour protection of MedicAlert emergency information services, at no cost. Please advise the office if you would like to enroll your child in the program and the brochure can be sent home with your child. When you enroll, your child will receive one free custom-engraved MedicAlert ID for the specified medical emergency condition and the benefits of MedicAlert membership.



### Agendas

Your child will have received their student agenda. If you are able to make a donation of \$5.00 for each agenda, it will be appreciated. Thank you very much!



### SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- SAFE ARRIVAL
- LUNCH HOUR INFORMATION
- PICK-UP
- TRANSPORTATION
- CELL PHONE
- MEDICATIONS/ MEDICAL ALERT
- AGENDAS



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## STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities. Some injuries incur medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial healthcare or employer group plans. As a parent or guardian, you become responsible for those expenses.

We do make available the insuremykids® Protection Plan for students exclusively through Reliable Life Insurance Company. Participation in such a programme is voluntary and the costs are to be paid by the parent or guardian. The Student Accident forms are being sent home with this newsletter.

This program offers a variety of plans and benefits at affordable prices. Benefits included are:

- Dental expenses (resulting from an accident)
- Total and permanent disability
- Paralysis/loss of use
- Special disability benefits
- Eye glasses repair/replacement due to accident

Purchasing Student Accident Insurance is strongly recommended especially if your child participates in athletic or other co-curricular activities on or off school property. All students participating in extra-curricular teams, will need to sign a waiver that outlines whether they have purchased the insurance or are choosing not to purchase the insurance. All rates are on-time annual premiums. Numerous plans are available to fit any family's budget. Family rates for 3 or more children are offered. Purchase online in the first month of the school year and save further with the 3-Year and 5-Year plans.

The insurance agreement is between you and Reliable Life Insurance Company. To subscribe, apply 24/7 directly online at: [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com) If you have any questions please visit the "Frequently Asked Questions" page at the above website or contact Reliable Life Insurance Company direct toll free at: 1-800-463-KIDS (5437)

Look for the forms in your child's backpack!

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



### Terry Fox Run

This year's run will be on Wednesday, September 28th. (Rain date the 29th) Pledge forms will go out shortly. We are asking for a Toonie from each student to put towards Terry's Run. Thank you to Ms. Navarra for organizing this year's run.

### Cross Country Running

Cross Country Running will be starting soon. Thank you to Mrs. Moreira for leading our team this year



### Basketball



Girls Basketball is starting up soon. Thank you to Mr. Martel for coaching.



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# Welcome Back To School