

# ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL

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## SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- PRAYER
- IMPORTANT EVENTS
- CSCC



Due to Severe Allergies:



## A Prayer for Lent

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.

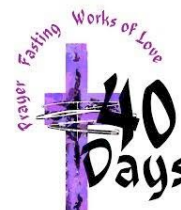
All staff, students, parents and visitors to the school are not to wear fragrance when coming to our school. If fragrance is detected, we will have to ask that you leave the school, or wait outside if you are coming to pick up a student. Other extreme allergies are nut and shell fish. In addition there 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 Days (Mar 5 - Apr 16)

Thursday Pizza Day (Mar 7 - Apr 18)

## LENT - March 6 - April 18



**JK Registration Ongoing! Please contact Mrs. Barks**

- Mar 4-25 Birthday Box Fundraiser! Boxes go home!
- Mar 5 Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day at St. Nicholas! Please call to volunteer 
- Mar 6-Apr 18 Lent
- Mar 6 11:15am Ash Wednesday Service - All are Welcome!
- Mar 7 Intermediate Math Olympics @ St. Joseph's C. H. S.
- Mar 7 11:00am Green Team - Meeting with City of Barrie Recycling at NIC
- Mar 10 Daylight Savings Time! Clocks SPRING forward! 
- Mar 11-15 **Happy March Break!**
- Mar 17 **St. Patrick's Day**
- Mar 18 **Wear your green for St. Paddy's Day - first day back to school after March Break!**
- Mar 19 Health Unit in for SK Vision Screening
- Mar 21 World Down Syndrome Day - Rock your Sock Spirit Day!
- Mar 21 Gr. 8 Grad Picture Retake Day (am)
- Mar 27 Jr. Math Olympics at St. Josephs C.H.S.

## CSCC

Our Parent Council will once again be providing Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday (March 5). Can you please help? Please contact the school and make sure that your Criminal Background Check is current!



## JK Registration!

### 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](http://www.smcdsb.on.ca). We also encourage you to check out our [Welcome to Kindergarten Video on YouTube](#).

### 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 us at 705-737-9082 for more information.

## Parent Council

### BIG BOX FUNDRAISING EVENT

Our spring campaign runs from Monday, March 4 - Monday March 25th. On Monday, March 4th each family will receive their starter box which you can purchase. You can also take orders for additional boxes on the sheet provided. All cheques should be made payable to *St. Nicholas Catholic School*. Don't forget to look at your letter from Parent Council to see the prizes!

### Pancake Tuesday March 5 - 8:30am-11:00am

Our School Council will be preparing and hosting Pancake Tuesday again this year! They are asking for parent volunteers to help prepare, serve and clean up. In order to volunteer, we will require an up to date Criminal Background check. If you would like to volunteer for this fun event, please contact Mrs. Barks with your name and check to ensure that the school has your current CBC & VSS as soon as possible.



## School Happenings

### St. Patrick Day Celebration March 18

Wear your green on your first day back from March Break! We can still celebrate St. Paddy's Day! Green Shirts, Green Pants, Green Socks, Green Jewelry.



### World Down Syndrome Day March 21, 2019

We want to get the world talking about WSD on 21 March 2019! How can you help? By wearing #LotsOfSocks! But not just any socks..... #LotsOfSocks socks, brightly coloured socks, long socks, printed socks, 1 sock... even 3 socks for 3 chromosomes.

Wear them to school and show off your fashion style! We can even dance with our socks on! Teachers can take class pictures of our feet! We can have a fun day and tweet our feet on Twitter using hashtags #LotsOfSocks, #WorldDownSyndromeDay and #WSD19 and forward them to the Board Office!

### A note from M. Raymond

The website "Student Connect" is running and working. If your child is in grade 4 to 8, you can always find out when they have a quiz and what needs to be studied. You can find the quizzes under the "Calendar" icon. References and practice sheets are also available, under the icon "Content". In order to get to the website you need to enter the following address:

<https://smcdsb.elearningontario.ca>

Sign in: student #: \_\_\_\_\_@smcdsb.on.ca

Password: dd/mm/yy or ask your child if he/she changed the password.

### SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- JK REGISTRATION



*"I have given you an example, so that you also should do just as I have"*

## Sports & Clubs



### Girls Intermediate Volleyball

Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls Volleyball team who will be representing our region in the County Volleyball Tournament. The girls had a fantastic season, demonstrating growth in individual skills and team unity. Good luck at the Counties! Thank you Mrs Torrance and Mrs. Moreira for helping the girls have such a great season!

### Boys Intermediate Basketball

Thank you to Mr. Pietras for all of his guidance with the Boys Intermediate Basketball Team. The team played hard and made great strides throughout the season!



### Sign Language Club

The St. Nicholas Sign Language Club has begun for Grade 4-6 students. They are learning the alphabet, numbers, and basic words and conversations. Eventually they might also learn how to sign prayers and songs. Thank you Ms. Spano!

### Greene Team!

The **Greene Team** aka Madame Greene's Grade 5/6 class will be treated to a presentation from the City of Barrie Recycling Department and their Waste Reduction Student regarding our city's Curbside Recycling and Green Bin Collection Program on Thursday, March 7, 2019.

These students work hard every week at St Nicholas to make sure our school's waste does not go to the landfill but is recycled properly. They have also been educating the St Nicholas school community about the importance of sorting their lunch bag wrappers and containers into the proper recycling bin. We as a team encourage all students to bring reusable containers in their lunch boxes.

In addition, we are on a mission to remind students to rinse out their recyclable containers with cold water at the class sink before placing them in the bin. Many a time, our **Greene Team** has had their clothes dirtied because someone has put a half-full container of yogurt or juice in the bin. What a mess!

PARENTS...you can help our Greene Team in 3 ways!

1. Provide reusable containers in your child's lunch.
2. Ask your child to "pack back" their recyclables. This means that they will bring their wrappers home to be recycled at home.
3. Remind your child to dump out and rinse their containers at the class sink before placing in the blue bin.

Thank you on behalf of the St Nicholas Recycling Team!

# Lent



PRAYER



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### SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- GIRLS INT VB
- BOYS INT BB
- SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB
- GREENE TEAM



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