



Holy Family Catholic School

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PRAYER



God of wisdom and might,
we praise You for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give them strength and grace as their bodies
grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year. We look forward to another wonderful year with many opportunities for learning and growing.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Open communication is the key to building a strong positive relationship. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns. The school classroom organization and student placements have been completed as per school board projections from last spring. Final school organization and staffing decisions are based on September enrollment numbers. If enrollment numbers are significantly different from projections, classroom reorganization may be necessary. This process involves some students being reassigned to different classes and teachers. If this reorganization is necessary, more detailed communication will be forwarded to parents within the next week or two. More staffing information will be sent home when the process is complete.

PICK-UP/DROP-OFF-CHURCH PARKING LOT



Certain times of the day create congestion in the church parking area. Please exercise caution when driving in or out of the parking lot to avoid the possibility of an accident.
Please be advised that there is to be **NO PARKING OR STOPPING OF CARS IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL OR IN THE DRIVEWAY DURING THE TIME THAT OUR SCHOOL BUSES USE THESE AREAS** (i.e. 8:40 - 9:10 am and 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.). Please remind your children to watch for cars and not to cross in between the buses. Thank you for cooperation.

LUNCH HOUR SUPERVISORS/VOLUNTEERS

Holy Family School is always looking for Lunch Hour Supervisors and volunteers. If you think you might be interested please contact Mrs. Robert. All volunteers or paid staff must have a Criminal Background Check. Please contact the office for information.

CHANGE OF ROUTINE



Please write a note to notify the school of any change to the regular routine of your child. The office must be made aware of any changes to ensure the safety of students. Please note that only bus students are permitted on the bus and they must ride the bus that was assigned.

ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION-SAFE ARRIVAL

WHEN CHILDREN ARE ILL



In the event that your child becomes ill at school, please note our procedures:

The parents/guardians will be notified to come and pick up the child. We cannot have an ill child stay in the office, as there is no one to supervise the child.

If your child feels ill in the morning, please make arrangements for your child to be cared for at home.

Please do not send your child back to school until he/she is well enough to participate fully in all school activities. The school does not have the ability to make arrangements to supervise students who wish to stay in the school for recess because they are ill. If your child has remained home due to the flu or flu like symptoms please ensure that the school has been made aware of the illness.

MEDICATION FOR STUDENTS



From time to time it may be necessary for office staff to administer medication to students. A parent or guardian must complete the proper paperwork available at the office prior to giving any medication. Note: students are not permitted to carry medication (aspirin, Tylenol, etc...) on school property for any reason. It is impossible to guarantee that medication will not go astray or be misused; therefore all medication must be contained at the office in the original container. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that the medication is properly maintained.

LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY LEAVES/INTERRUPTIONS



Important, exciting, interesting and serious learning occurs at Holy Family. Staff try diligently to ensure that time is not wasted, and that all students are involved in all possible ways every moment of the day. Supervision on the schoolyard begins at 8:40 AM. Students are dismissed at 3:30 PM. Thank you for your cooperation.

If it is necessary for your child to leave school early for an appointment, or will not be taking the bus, please send a note indicating the change to the student's schedule. Please note: The office is very busy after 2:00 p.m. If a message is left on the answering machine we may not get it in time to make the change. Please try to talk to someone directly or send the note in the morning.

We encourage daily and punctual attendance of our students. If a student is late, they must report to the office prior to going to class. If your child is going to be absent or late, please call the school in advance or send an email by using the safe arrival icon on our website <http://hfa.schools.smcdsb.on.ca/>. The safe arrival number is 705-435-3989. When reporting an absence, please state your child's name, grade, teacher name, and reason for the absence. Please leave a message or email prior to 8:30 am on the day of the absence or after 4:30 p.m. the day prior to the absence.

ALLERGEN AWARE SCHOOL



Holy Family is an Allergen Aware school. There are pupils in attendance who suffer from severe and life threatening allergies to certain foods, such as peanuts. Exposure to even the smallest quantities can cause severe and life threatening reactions. Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction. The most common allergen triggers are food, insect stings, medications and latex. We would appreciate the cooperation of the entire school community by attempting to avoid sending any lunches or snacks that contain nuts, nut oils, or derivatives which could potentially harm a pupil. **Please do not send food for birthdays or special occasions.** There are alternatives, such as stickers, pencils etc.. You will be informed in writing if your child is in a class with a student with an allergy.

Due to student/staff allergies, perfume or cologne is not permitted on school grounds. Students may use scent free deodorants after gym. Pressurized containers of any kind are not permitted. Please note: parents of children who have severe allergies that the school has not yet been made aware of must contact the office as soon as possible to discuss an emergency medical plan for your child.

If you have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher, or contact the office.

SCHOOL VISITORS



We like to greet all of our visitors. We request that all visitors, including parents, volunteers, and former students, check in at the main office. All visitors are required to wear a visitors tag for the duration of their school visit. The office staff will be pleased to assist you. This is to ensure the safety of all students in our care. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

BUS POLICY & PROCEDURES



Only students on the current bus lists are allowed to be transported by the school bus. Alternate arrangements will be necessary for sleep overs and parties. All primary-aged children are to be met at their drop-off points each evening. Safety is the prime concern of the bus operator. When a child endangers the safety of others or themselves on the bus or is a serious distraction to the driver, the driver files a written discipline report to the school.

STUDENT INSURANCE FORM

As required by the Education Act and the Ministry of Education, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board annually provides parents with information about cost-effective student accident insurance coverage. Although enrollment is voluntary, the board and school recommends parents take advantage of this inexpensive insurance coverage, especially if your child participates in sports or field trips, or if parents do not have dental insurance coverage. A Chipped tooth, or broken glasses can happen unexpectedly and be costly. The school does not pay for such damages that occur at school.

The form will be sent home with your child(ren) this week. If interested, please forward the application and payment in the addressed envelope provided. Please do not return the forms to the school.

You can also access this online at insuremykids.com.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL



The CSCC is a group made up of: parents/guardians, school staff (principal, teaching and non-teaching members) a community representative and a parish representative. The council must hold a minimum of 4 meetings per year. Each meeting lasts approximately 1 hour. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend and share their thoughts at meetings, but only Catholic Community Council Members can vote. Agendas and copies of the minutes from previous meetings are made available before each meeting. All meetings are held at 6:15 p.m. in the Library. The next council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26. Elections and/or selections of executive positions for the 2018-2019 school year will be conducted at the September 26 meeting. Nomination forms will be available at the school office or can be found on our school website-Catholic School Council. The forms are to be submitted to the office by Friday, September 21st at 4:00 pm.

Eat Well to Excel Program



The Eat Well to Excel Program assists schools to promote healthy eating. We will continue to provide healthier choices for those students who have forgotten or who do not have a lunch. We also provide each classroom with a snack bin with a variety of healthy snack alternatives. This bin is nut free and will be available to any student who does not have a healthy snack. For more information please visit the Eat Well To Excel web site at <http://www.eatwelltoexcel.ca/index.html>.

EarlyOn Program

School Aged are back to school. What to do with preschoolers? Visit EarlyON child and Family Centre!

EarlyON Child and Family Centre is a place for adults and preschoolers to learn together. Children can play with others and develop new skills. Adults have a chance to meet other parents, learn new parenting skills, get referrals to community services, and much more.

All Programs are Free!

Main Site-13 Wellington Street West, Alliston

Satellites in:

Beeton-DA Jones Library, 42 Main Street West
Tuesdays and Fridays 9 am-Noon, 1 to 4 pm

Tottenham-Tottenham United Church 26 Mill St.
East-Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 am-Noon, 1 to 4 pm.
No afternoon hours the third Friday of the month for either location.

Go to our website, www.e3.ca for monthly calendars and lots of information. Call 705-435-4308.

We look forward to welcoming you to our main site and satellites!

Do you ever struggle with discipline and other parenting issues?

If so the Triple P Positive Parenting Program might be for you!

Three seminars:

- The Power of Positive Parenting,
- Raising Confident Competent Children
- Raising Resilient Children

These three will be offered at the EarlyON Child and Family Centre in Alliston, October 10, 17 and 24, 7- 9 pm.

Call 705-435-4308 for more information and to register.



A school lunch should give children the energy and nutrients they need to get them through an active afternoon. When planning lunches, keep these tips in mind: Include at least one serving from each food group from Canada's Food Guide. Rather than buying pre-made lunch kits, make your own healthy "lunch kit" with divided containers and small 'bite-sized' crackers, cheese cubes, leftover chicken chunks, veggie sticks or fruit slices. Get your kids to eat more veggies. Send cucumber coins, zucchini sticks and pepper strips with dip. Send water and save the 100% fruit juice for home.



In this age of environmental awareness, we are trying to make our communication with you more eco-friendly. We encourage everyone to subscribe to our e-Blasts. Subscribing to e-Blasts will allow our monthly newsletters to be sent directly to your email rather than you receiving a paper copy. In addition to newsletters, this tool will be used to keep you updated on information that is being sent home and important happenings in the school. If you are interested, you can do so right from the main page of our website (hfa.schools.smcdsb.on.ca).

Please note this will be the only paper copy of the newsletter that will be sent home. If you would like a paper copy we will have them available at the office or you can contact the school and we will send one home with your child. Thank you for your support.

HOLY FAMILY IS NOW ON TWITTER: @SMCDSB_HFA

Holy Family Catholic School

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4 First Day of School	5	6	7	8 Nativity of the BVM
9	10	11	12	13 9:30am Opening School Mass	14 Holy Cross	15 O.L. Sorrows
16	17	18 Grade 6 Day Retreat at St. Paul the Apostle Church	19	20	21 Matthew, Ap.	22
23	24	25	26 5:30pm Open House -7:00 First School Council Meeting of the 2018/2019 School Year	27 School Terry Fox Run	28 PA Day	29 Michael, Gabriel, Raphael
30	1	2 Guardian Angels South Simcoe Cross Country Championship-Earl Rowe Conservation Area	3 South Simcoe Soccer Chamionship-Girls-Mel Mitchell Fields-Beeton	4 Francis of Assisi South Simcoe Soccer Championship-Boys-Mel Mitchell-Beeton	5	6