

Our Lady of Mercy Newsletter

September 7, 2018

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Oct. 31

Halloween Fair

School Calendar 2018 - 2019

Thanksgiving Day	Oct. 8
Remembrance Day	Nov .12
Last Day of school before Christmas Break	Dec 21 Noon Dismissal
School reopens after Christmas Break	Jan. 7
CEC	Feb. 14 & 15
Family Day	Feb. 18
Last Day of school before Spring Break	Mar. 15
School reopens after Spring Break	Apr. 1
Holy Thursday	Apr. 18 Noon Dismissal
Good Friday	Apr.19
Easter Monday	Apr.22
Victoria Day	May 20

Please see the school calendar on our website for a complete list of dates.

September/October Dates to

Remember

Sept. 10	Meet the Teacher Night
Sept. 11	Individual Student Photos
Sept. 18	Skating - Gr. 2, 4, 6
Sept. 24	Pro D – No School
Oct. 5	Pro D - School & Office Closed
Oct. 8	Thanksgiving - School & Office Closed
Oct.16	Grade 6 Immunizations
Oct. 23	Skating – Gr. 1,3,5,7

Meet the Teacher Night

Please note that this is a regular school day. Students are to come to school at the regular time.

Parents will meet with the teachers in the evening. Meet the Teacher Night is for parents/guardians only. Please make arrangements for child care if necessary.

When: Monday, September 10

Where: Individual Classrooms from 6:30 – 6:50p.m. or 7:00 – 7:20p.m.

You will have two opportunities to go to a class session. You may choose from either 6:30p.m. or 7:00p.m. This is an opportunity for parents to hear important information about their child's school year in which the teacher explains the class expectations and curriculum.

Birthday Treats

Please note that it is not tradition or mandatory to bring in treats for your child's classmates, however if you want to send birthday treats we ask you to follow the rules below:

- Only cupcakes or cookies are to be sent – no drinks or other food such as pizza, McDonald's White Spot, etc.
- The treats should be peanut free
- No goody bags
- The classroom teacher is to be notified the day before

Label School Uniform

Every year items of school clothing are brought to the lost and found in the school office. If there is no name on the clothing we do not know who to return the item to. As all students wear

the same uniform it is important to put your child's name on their uniform so it can be returned to the rightful owner. We will only keep items that are not labeled for 2 weeks. If unclaimed after that time, they will be donated for Used Uniforms.

Used Uniform Sale

There will be a used uniform sale in the gym from 6:30 – 7:30 during Meet the Teacher Night. Prices are as follows:

White Shirts, Gym Strip: \$5
Sweaters, Pants and Skorts: \$10

Picture Day

Student portraits will be taken on Tuesday, September 11th. Students must be in proper school uniform, including sweaters & pullovers – **no gym strip**. Please note that if your child will be wearing hair accessories, only blue or black hair accessories are acceptable. Students are not permitted to have mohawks or shaved designs in their hair.

No Right Turn on Henley From 3:00pm

Please note that you cannot turn right onto Henley from 10th Avenue from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Police will issue violation tickets.

What Do I Do When My Child Is Sick Or Away?

When your child will be away from school, please make sure to call or email the office before 9:00am to report the absence. If you email to report the absence, you do not need to send a written note when your child returns as the email notification is sufficient. If you call to report the absence, please send a note listing the dates and reason for the absence.

We are required from the Ministry of Education to have a note from the parent to explain absences. We are audited and checked every year. For funding purposes, this is one way the government is building in accountability.

Parking

Parking at the front of the school is for *staff only*. There is no parking, drop-off or pick-up at the front door between 7:45am - 3:30pm. If you are coming in to volunteer or to pick up or drop off your child, please make sure to park in the designated area between the church and school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Student Drop Off Procedures

Listed below are procedures that should be followed when dropping your child off at school:

1. Be extremely cautious and patient.
2. Follow directions of playground supervisors on duty. Be respectful of the supervisors.
3. Pull as far forward along the drop off area as possible before stopping your vehicle.
4. Allow room for as many vehicles as possible to pull in behind you.
5. After stopping, be certain it is safe for your child to exit your vehicle on the passenger side only.
6. Say you're goodbyes before your turn to unload. Traffic will move more quickly for everyone.
7. **Never** leave your vehicle unattended in the Student Drop Off area.
8. Be cautious when driving out of the parking lot and out of the school zone.

Crosswalk Safety

Unfortunately, this year we are very lean on outside supervision parents. Therefore, we want to ensure that parents teach their children crosswalk safety procedures and have a discussion with their children about safety on the school grounds.

Please see the attached [Pedestrian Safety Tips](#) and go over these with your child. The teachers will also be reviewing these in their classrooms.