Our Lady of Mercy School
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"Education is about being able to use three lingos: those of the head, the heart, and the hands… learning so that you can think about what you feel and do, can feel what you think and do, can do what you feel and think."

- *Pope Francis*

Our Lady of Mercy School's Mission Statement

At Our Lady of Mercy School, we believe every child is a unique gift from God. In partnership with families, we are dedicated to nurturing each child's development in spirit, in mind, and body, guided by Christ's teachings. We use Our Lady of Mercy's mission statement as our guiding light when making decisions. Our community is committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment that empowers every child to reach their full potential.

Important Dates:

Tuesday, September 8th	**First Day of School (Grade 1–7)** Start at 8:45 and Dismissal at 10:00 a.m. Meet in the Gym
Wednesday, September 9th	**First Day of Kindergarten A.M. and P.M. Classes** Start and Dismissal times will be according to which AM or PM session they are in. Please review the welcome email previously sent to you.
Thursday, September 17th	Meet the Teacher – 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. (Two Sessions)
	Used Uniform Sale – 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 21st	Kindergarten Starts Full Time
Tuesday, September 22nd	BLL Speech and Debate Club Starts for Grades 5, 6 and 7 – If Registered Only
Wednesday, September 23rd	Individual Picture Day – Full Uniform Required
Wednesday September 30th	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – School and Office Closed
Thursday, October 1st	Full Uniform Required

School Calendar

Families are encouraged to check the school calendar regularly throughout the school year for important dates, upcoming events, reminders, and schedule updates.

Please note that dates and events are subject to change. Any changes or updates will be reflected on the school calendar, so checking it regularly will help ensure families have the most current information.

Special Note – Student Cell Phones and Smartwatches Policy

All student devices, including phones and smartwatches, must be turned off and placed in backpacks by 8:15 a.m., when school supervision begins. Devices must remain off and stored away throughout the school day, including during recess and lunch. They may only be turned back on after class is dismissed and the student has left the classroom. If parents need to contact their child during school hours, they must do so through the school office. Any device seen outside of a backpack during the day will be confiscated and taken to the office and can only be retrieved from the office at 3:00 p.m.