

# St. Charles Catholic School



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## SCHOOL HOURS

8:40 am	Supervision Begins
8:55 am	Entry Bell
10:55 - 11:10	AM Recess
11:50 - 12:10	Lunch
12:10 - 12:50	Recess
2:10- 2:25	PM Recess
3:25 pm	Dismissal

## Family Day Prayer

Loving Creator, author of life,  
we thank you for our special role in family life and for the gift we share with you in creating others  
in your own image and likeness.

Life is so precious and so beautiful, mingling souls  
in so many mysterious and satisfying ways.

May our human love and friendship reflect your own divine love.

May our children and we be committed to being fully alive to your call and challenge, ever growing  
in discipleship and friendship with Jesus,  
who alone is the way, the truth, and the life.

May we praise you always.

May we, without seeming to preach, teach you to our children and to others,  
not so much by our words as by our example.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

~ Amen

## Principal's Message:

The New Year is well underway and despite the winter weather, both staff and students have been busy working on accomplishing their goals. The first term reports will be coming home on February 25th, 2016. It is important to note that this report card represents all of the learning that has taken place since September. It will outline specifically how your child has met the curriculum expectations and his/her next steps for learning.



This month we also celebrate Family Day on February 15th. Families are a wonderful sign of God's presence and love. I would like to wish all of our families a happy, restful and safe Family Day.

Yours in Christ,

~ Ms. Cassandra Medve-Racine

## Additional Professional Activity (PA) Day April 8, 2016

As a result of the recent settlements with teachers' federations in the province, school boards across Ontario received direction from the Ministry of Education to add an additional PA day to their 2015-2016 school year calendar. In response to this requirement, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board (SMCDSB) has identified Friday, April 8, 2016 as a PA day for all of its schools (elementary and secondary). Teachers and other staff will be using this PA day for occupational health and safety training as well as professional learning on Ministry of Education priorities. We ask all parents and guardians to please make note of this change on their calendars.

We are communicating this date well in advance so parents and guardians have ample time to make any necessary arrangements for their families.

## Important Dates

### & Events

Feb 3	Father Boniface Visit
Feb 4	St. Charles Confirmation Mass @ 7pm - Holy Martyrs of Japan
Feb 5	PA Day - no school for students
Feb 8	Carnaval d'Hiver - Dress warmly!
Feb 9	Shrove Tuesday - Pancakes will be served!
Feb 10	Ash Wednesday Liturgy at School - 10am
Feb 15	Family Day - no schools
Feb 16	Intermediate Boys & Girls Basketball Tournaments
Feb 24	Lenten Mass @ 10am - Holy Martyrs of Japan
Feb 25	Earth Rangers Presentation @ 1pm - Gr. 1-6
Feb 25	Report Cards go home
Feb 29	Gr. 8 Grad Photos @ 9am
Mar 3	Father Boniface Visit
Mar 3	CSCC Meeting @ 6pm - School Library
Mar 14-18	March Break!

## Electronic Communication Tools:

There are different ways to stay informed about the exciting events happening in and around SCH:

### 1. Sign up for eNewsletter

If you are not currently receiving our eNewsletters please sign up by visiting our website <http://sch.schools.smcdsb.on.ca/> and clicking on



then clicking the "Subscribe" button.

### 2. Follow us on Twitter

Follow us @SMCDsb\_SCH to stay informed about upcoming events and interesting information about teaching and learning.

### 3. Sign up for Remind

Remind is a free, safe, and simple messaging tool that helps schools and classes share quick, important updates and reminders with students & parents. All personal information is kept private. To receive messages via text, text @stchar to (705) 243-4392 .

## Dressing For Winter & Inclement Weather:



Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions throughout the day. Hat, mitts or gloves, snow pants and boots are necessary. Please label all clothing items. Students will be outside for recess during the winter months as weather permits - please always send your child to school dressed for outdoor recess.

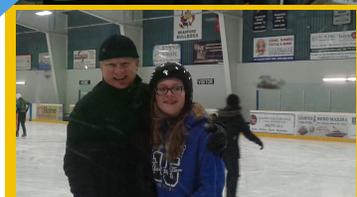
Bus cancellation announcements can be heard on our local radio station or viewed on our board website at [www.smcdsb.on.ca](http://www.smcdsb.on.ca) or [www.simcoecountybus.ca](http://www.simcoecountybus.ca). We are in the South Weather Zone. In the event that the buses are cancelled, the school is open for drop off at 8:40 am in the main foyer and students must be picked up at dismissal at 3:25 pm. Please note that your child will require a lunch on inclement weather days as food orders are cancelled and re-scheduled for the following school day.

## Catholic School Community Council:

A sincere thank you to all of the families who were able to join us for our first St. Charles Family Skate night!

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday March 2nd, at 6:00 p.m.** in the school library. We hope to see you there. Please note you can access all CSCC meeting minutes on the school website.

St. Charles Family Skate  
Night Fun!



## Tutors in the Classroom Opportunity:

College and university students are invited to contact the school if they are interested in being a paid "Tutor in the Classroom" in late May and early June. If your post-secondary child is interested in this opportunity please contact Ms. Medve-Racine for further information.

### What is Lent?

Lent is the season of preparation for Easter, the Christian Holy Days that celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Ash Wednesday is the official beginning of Lent.

### Where Do The Ashes Come From?

Collecting and burning the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

### Why Fast?

Jesus fasted to bring himself closer to God. Christians do the same, believing that when a person gives up something dear to them, it makes it easier for them to think of God. Fasting does not mean you stop eating everything. For Lent, people give up different foods. Some people give up sweets, others meat.



## 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 will 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 copy of the package, which includes a parent booklet, child's activity book and DVD. You can also find all of the information on our board's website at [www.smcdsb.on.ca/families/kindergarten](http://www.smcdsb.on.ca/families/kindergarten)