

St. Charles Catholic School

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SCHOOL HOURS

8:30 am	Supervision
8:45 am	Entry Bell
10:45 - 11:05	Nutrition Break
11:05 - 11:25	AM Recess
1:05 - 1:25	Lunch
1:25 - 1:45	Recess
3:05 pm	Dismissal

Blessing for a new school year

Our creator, our Saviour, our companion,
bless this journey of a new school year that we are undertaking.
Refresh our souls and renew our spirits as we embrace
the beautiful ministry you have called us to.
We welcome those who are new to this community and ask that you strengthen
them to share the wonderful gifts you have given them.
Lord, make our hearts pure as we prepare for the
return of students to this school,
and may you guide them to return with open hearts
and minds eager to learn.
Amen

Principal's Message:

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year!

I hope that you had a relaxing and wonderful summer with friends and loved ones and are ready for another successful school year! For those returning, we warmly welcome you back. For our new families, we would like to welcome you to our school community. We are happy that you chose a Catholic education for your child and we hope that you always feel at home at St. Charles.

Open communication is the key to building strong positive relationships. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns.

As Christians, stories are an important way for us to communicate who we are and what we believe. The stories passed on through

our Catholic faith tradition remind us of God's love and our responsibility to share that love with others. These stories are the foundation for Catholic education in our province and in our region. We know Catholic education is a special gift to be cherished and protected. We are on a journey in Catholic education to share our sacred stories through the faith-filled work we do in our schools.

This year's theme is especially fitting as our country celebrates its 150th anniversary. Our nation's story is one filled with the journeys of so many different cultures, races and religions. Our faith calls us to learn from these diverse journeys as we continue to grow together as one nation.



The board is in the process of reviewing our school enrollment, so our final staffing is not yet confirmed. Updated class lists and organization are under review and we hope to have everything in place by the end of the second week. You will be notified directly if there are any changes impacting your child(ren).

As we enter this new school year, I am thrilled and thankful to be surrounded by such dedicated and devoted staff members, parents and students. I know with all of us working together the many achievements will be joyously celebrated and the challenges will be overcome. Thanks for helping us continue to work together for the growth, development and safety of all students.

Yours in Catholic
Education,
~ Ms. Medve-Racine

OUR STORY ~ OUR JOURNEY

Electronic Communication Tools:

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



1. Sign up for eNewsletter

Subscribing to eNewsletters will allow our newsletters to be sent directly to your email. This will also be used to keep you updated on important happenings in the school. Many families have already signed up which allows you to receive the eNewsletters. If you are not currently receiving our eNewsletters please sign up following the instructions that have been included in this newsletter. If you are not able to receive eNewsletters electronically please let us know in the office. **** Please note that future newsletters will only be sent via email unless you have notified the school that you require a paper copy. ****



2. Follow us on Twitter

St. Charles is 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. Subscribe by text, email or using the Remind app. All personal information is kept private. Information on how to sign-up for Remind has been included in this newsletter.

Paperless Newsletters:

Please note that all future newsletters will be shared electronically in order to save paper and protect the environment. Be sure to sign up for our e-newsletter, Twitter and/or Remind by following the instructions to the left. If you require a hard copy of our monthly newsletters please inform the school office.

Our Daily Schedule

8:30	Supervision Begins
8:45	Entry Bell
8:45 - 10:45	Classes
10:45 - 11:05	Nutrition break
11:05 - 11:25	Morning Recess
11:25 - 1:05	Classes
1:05 - 1:25	Nutrition Break (Lunch)
1:25 - 1:45	Lunch Recess
1:45 - 3:05	Classes
3:05	Dismissal

School begins at 8:45am. Yard supervision is in place from 8:30am until 8:45am. Students are reminded to enter the schoolyard at the beginning of the day. Students arriving after 8:45am are asked to have their parent/guardian check them in at the office. Students will also require a late slip for entrance to class.

Our Staff:

Ms. Kanyo	Kdgn.
Ms. McCardle	DECE Kdgn
Ms. Emma	SK/1
Mr. Harris	Gr. 1/2
Ms. Hilton	Gr. 2/3
Ms. Boccia	Gr. 3/4
Ms. Mainolfi	Gr. 5/6
Ms. Guest	Gr. 6/7
Ms. Haptas	Gr. 8
Ms. Gallo	French, Special Education
Ms. Francisco	Arts, Special Education
Ms. Slade	Library, Special Education
Ms. Bianchi	Arts, Special Education - pm
Ms. Walker	EA
Ms. Horton	EA
Ms. Carr	EA - pm
Ms. McLellan	Chief Custodian
Ms. Fusaro	Office Administrator
Ms. Medve-Racine	Principal



Lunch Programs

St. Charles will continue to run pizza, sub and milk programs. The lunch programs will start-up in October, more details to come.

Important Dates & Events

September 21	Meet & Greet BBQ 5-7pm
September 22	Terry Fox Run
September 28	Terry Fox Run - RAIN DATE
September 28	CSCC Mtg & Elections 6:00 pm - School Library
September 29	PA Day
October 12	Picture Day

Catholic School Community Council (CSCC)

The Catholic School Community Council meets regularly to discuss school issues. Our objective is to provide a caring, nurturing, educational environment steeped in the Catholic tradition. All parents are welcome to attend our meetings.

Our first CSCC meeting and election will be on Thursday, September 28th at 6pm, in the school library.

Positions are:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Community Rep
- Parish Rep

School Council

If you are interested in running for a position or would like to nominate a parent for a position, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Medve at the school and attend the meeting on September 28th.



BBQ & Open House

Our open house and family barbecue is scheduled for **Thursday, September 21 from 5:00 PM to 7:00pm**. More information will be coming soon. We look forward to a very enjoyable evening!

School Agendas

Our staff is committed to helping students with time management, organizational and communication skills. For this reason, students from Grade 1 to Grade 8 are required to have a school agenda. **The cost of the agenda is \$6.00.** Please submit this fee to your son/daughter's classroom teacher by the end of September.

We hope you will find this student agenda helpful. There is a wealth of information related to how our school operates on a day-to-day basis. This agenda also contains useful information from our school board. By taking the time to familiarize yourself with our expectations, you can help us maintain a positive learning experience for all students and staff.

In addition, our agendas are also a great communication tool between parents and teachers as they inform parents of the events in the classroom and in the school. Parents/Guardians are asked to review the contents of the agenda with their son/daughter on a daily basis.

Safe Arrival & Attendance

It is important that your child arrives at school safely and on time. Not only does it make things easier for our office administrator and classroom teachers, it also teaches your child the value of being punctual. Our Safe Arrival Program, which includes communicating with our office when your child is late or absent, helps ensure student safety.

Please follow this simple, but critical process when reporting your child as late or absent.

Step 1 – phone our school at 905-775-6762 prior to the start of the school day on the day your child is going to be absent or late. There is an answering machine 24 hours per day. You can also report your child's absence by visiting our school website at: <http://sch.schools.smcdsb.on.ca/> and completing the "Safe Arrival Form" located under "Quick Links" near the bottom of the page.

Step 2 – leave your child's full name, classroom teacher's name and the reason for the absence on the school answering machine, or complete and submit the Safe Arrival Form.

Step 3 – if your child is late, please bring them to the office where they will check-in and be provided a late slip for admittance to class.

A reminder that school starts at 8:45. Please help your child to be on time every day.



Come join in the festivities! ALL are welcome to a wonderful night out for the whole family at Holy Martyrs of Japan. Doors open at 6:00pm Schnitzel and Oktoberfest sausage for dinner. \$15.00/person, \$10.00 per child (12 and under) and children under 5 years of age are FREE! Entertainment will be provided by Acclamation Nation. Any donations for raffle prizes are most appreciated and can be dropped off at the parish office. Tickets will be available for sale in September after Sunday Masses. Please come out and support our parish youth ministry!

Allergies



St. Charles is an allergen aware school. If your child has a severe allergy, it is absolutely critical that you let us know. With your help, we will do our best to reduce risk and make sure all our students are safe, healthy, and able to concentrate on learning.

Our staff has been instructed on how to deal with anaphylactic shock. However, our best course of action is to prevent exposure to potentially life-threatening allergies. As a school community, we must work together to ensure the safety of our students.

Here is what we are doing to reduce the risk of allergic exposure:

- All food and beverages must be consumed inside the classroom – under no circumstances are students allowed to have snacks in the schoolyard.
- Your child's classroom teacher will inform you if there are severe and/or other allergies in your child's classroom. We ask that you please understand and appreciate the health and safety of every student by not sending food and beverage items that may be a cause for concern.
- Please check with your child's classroom teacher before providing treats for the

classroom for special occasions. There are many students with a variety of food allergies and so we err on the side of caution to make sure all of our students are safe.

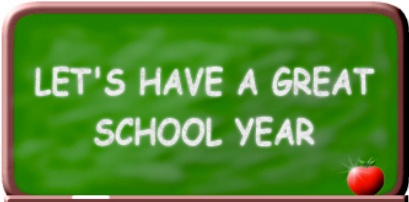
Medication

If your child requires any medication to be administered at school, a medication form must be completed and returned to the office. In addition, a new form must be completed each school year.

Medication must be brought to the office by a parent/guardian. Please do not send medication with your son/daughter. Medication must be given to the school in its original container. All medication must be kept in the office and dispensed from the office.

Likewise, life-threatening conditions and reactions must also be updated with the office and an **Emergency plan created and updated yearly.**

We thank you for your help in keeping all students safe and healthy.



Daily Procedures:

Students who are leaving school early must bring a note to their classroom teacher at the start of the school day stating the need for the early dismissal. All requests must be submitted in writing by the parent/guardian to the school office prior to the change.

Morning Drop-off & Afternoon Pick-up

Parents are strongly encouraged to have their child(ren) use the busing provided, as there may be delays in accessing the school driveway before and after school due to the of the bridge closure at Canal and Simcoe Roads.

Although there are no parking signs along both sides of Simcoe Rd., the by-law allows the parking along the east side of Simcoe between Golfview and Gibson between the hours of:

- 8am-9am
- 2:30pm-3:30pm

The town of Bradford will update the signs ASAP to accurately reflect the by-law. You should not be ticketed when following the above parking guidelines.

For the safety of all students, only school vehicles are permitted to enter and exit the driveway and parking lot between 8:30 - 8:45 and 3:05 - 3:25. Therefore, parents needing to drive their children to school are asked to park in the lay-by in front of the school or along the east side of Simcoe Rd. between Golfview and Gibson. *We ask that all vehicles in the lay-by do a quick drop off to allow other vehicles to access these parking spots.* Parents may also drop their child off at the south entrance, a staff member is on duty to ensure your child gets to the school yard safely.

All students are to enter and exit the building through the designated door (the same door they use for recess). Students should only use the front doors when they are being signed in late or signed out by a parent/guardian prior to the end of the school day.

Our school day ends at 3:05pm. If parents picking up their son/daughter parents are asked to meet their son/daughter at 3:05pm outside of the gated area on the south side of the school.

Riding the Bus

We would like to support the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) in providing safe and reliable bus transportation for our students who are bused. It is helpful to periodically remind your child about the rules and regulations of riding a school bus. Here are some basic guidelines to follow:

- Your child must always enter the bus in an orderly manner and immediately find their seat and always follow the instructions of the bus driver.
- All students must remain in their seats while the bus is in motion.
- Students must also refrain from eating or drinking on the bus.
- Heads and arms must stay inside the bus at all times and aisles should be kept clear.

Occasionally, we receive requests from parents to allow their child to ride the bus in order to visit a friend's house. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate these requests.