



St. Mary's School

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Principal's Remarks

The purpose of learning is growth, and our minds, unlike our bodies, can continue growing as we continue to live.

~Mortimer Adler~

Welcome back to school, everyone! We are truly blessed to welcome in another year with health, happiness and unlimited potential. Our focus continues to be life long learning and growing in mind, body and spirit.

We are excited to continue working closely with our parish community, under the leadership of Father John Jasica. His guidance and support helps all of us grow. Please stay tuned for many exciting events with our school and parish.

Our rigorous school improvement plan will continue to focus on student success through analyzing assessment data and monitoring student achievements. Professional learning communities will continue to be a vital component of our improvement plan and has a direct impact on student achievements.

Thank you to the entire staff of St. Mary's school in preparing for this school year. Mr. Flanagan and Mr. Dykstra have made our school shine.

May God bless each and every one of you with a happy, healthy and successful year! May we all continue to grow and learn.
Jodi Kuran

Welcome

A warm St. Mary's welcome to all of our new families. Welcome to all of our Junior Kindergarten students and all of our students who moved to Goderich over the summer. Welcome to our new staff! We are very blessed to have:
Mrs. Julianne Blommaert - Multiple Grades
Mrs. Angela Graham - Multiple grades
Mdme. Louise Levebre - Grade 3 French Immersion
Welcome back to Mrs. Stacey Kennedy!

Important Information

Please complete the, "Student Data Sheet" and the "Consent for Use and Disclosure of Routine Information" and the "Application for Internet Use" sheets and return them to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Parent Workshop

Beyond the Page **Featuring Keynote Speaker: Dr. David Booth**, whose message celebrates the glory of language in all of its forms as he illustrates the power literacy gives to every child.

Mon. Oct. 1, 6:00-8:30 pm Light Supper - 6:00 Keynote - 6:30
Hamlet Public School 315 West Gore St. Stratford

Insurance Forms

Insurance forms are being handed out for your consideration. For your convenience, the Board has arranged a policy exclusively through Reliable Life Insurance Company. A list of benefits is included in the brochure or you can explore their website.

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Please plan on attending this year's annual Open House on Thursday, September 20th. The open house will be conducted from the hours of 5:00—7:00 p.m. During this time, families are invited to drop by their children's classrooms to chat on an informal basis with their classroom teacher. This is not a formal interview experience but rather a 'meet and greet' event. Should you wish a formal interview, please contact your classroom teacher at 524-9901 to set up an interview time. Curriculum information will be available in the front lobby.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book fair will take place from September 17th to September 20th. Students will have the opportunity to visit the book fair with their class and purchase books during the day. The book fair will also be available for families during our annual open house. Proceeds from the book fair are used to purchase books for our library.

STUDENT AGENDAS

Student agendas were handed out today. The cost for each agenda is \$7.00. Agendas are an integral part of home/school communication and are an excellent way to keep organized.

Volunteers

Are you interested in volunteering at your child's school? If you have a few extra hours, please consider volunteering for pizza days, for classroom assistance or joining our School Advisory Council. Contact Ms. Kuran at the school. Volunteers are always welcome!

Come All 3 year olds Kindergarten 2008!
Sign up your child for
Kindergarten 2008!
When: **November 2007**
Where: **Registration events and children's activities at schools across Perth & Huron Counties**
For: **Children thinking of starting school in September 2008 who are:**
☑ 3 years old by December 31, 2007 (JK)
☑ 4 years old by December 31, 2007 (SK)
At the event:
✓ Sign up your child for J/S kindergarten for 2008.
✓ See how your child is doing through fun activities.
✓ Get tips on how to prepare your child for school.
For event date or more information, contact your local school or district school board office **AFTER OCTOBER 1st, 2007.**