



February 13th, 2026 Weekly Update

Important Dates

Feb. 16th
FAMILY DAY -- no school

Feb. 17th-20th:
Spirit Week -- See Poster!

Feb. 17th
Shrove Tuesday --
Pancake Breakfast for all
students (see details
below)

Feb. 18th:
Ash Wednesday

Feb. 23rd
Grade 6 Grad Photo Day --
See details below

Hello St. Mary Families,

Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered to help out for our Fourth Annual Bellocci-Covella Winter Play Day, including our Parent volunteers and high school helpers! Special thanks to Dr. Fournier and Ms. Moreira for all of their coordination leading up to this event. It's nice to have a chance to get outside and enjoy some fun activities as a community! It was a fun day for all, and we had wonderful weather!

I hope everyone is able to have a restful and safe long weekend this weekend! Fingers crossed for some lovely weather!

Mrs. Divell

Family Day

Monday, February 16th, is Family Day. There will be no school.

Spirit Week:

FROSTY FUN SPIRIT WEEK
Week of: February 16 - 20

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Family Day: No School	Wear your St. Mary Spirit Wear	Ash Wednesday Wear Purple or Black	Twin Day Dress the same as a friend!	Long Winter's Nap Pyjama Day!

*Looking Ahead: Next Wednesday, February 25 is Pink Shirt Day to promote Anti-Bullying

Quick Links

[St. Mary School](#)

[St. Mary \(X\)Formerly Twitter](#)

[OCSB](#)

[CSPA](#)

[OSTA](#)

Grade 6 Grad Photos:

Please see the following attachments for more information about the Grad Photos. I will also send an email specifically to Grade 6 parents with this information. As a note, if your child is not present on the day of the photos, there will be an opportunity for a retake. I will communicate with Edge Imaging regarding the number of students who are absent, and they will let me know what the options will be. I will share these with Grade 6 parents.

[Our Lady of the Visitation](#)

613-822-2197

Weekly Bulletin:

 [Bulletin Feb 14th & Feb...](#)

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 [Grade 6 Photo Day Information.pdf](#)

 [Junior Milestone Composite Flyer.pdf](#)

Your Ticket, Their Tomorrow: the CEFO 50/50 Raffle is back!

The [Catholic Education Foundation of Ottawa \(CEFO\)](#) is an independent charitable arm of the Ottawa Catholic School Board. Since 1999, CEFO has supported OCSB students and their families during times of personal tragedy and financial hardship.

Again this year, OCSB has partnered with [BUMP](#) to host the CEFO 50/50 raffle. Every ticket you purchase will help support a child in need in our schools. You can purchase 50/50 tickets online at the [CEFO 50/50 raffle website](#) from 8:00 am on February 2 until noon on Friday, February 27. The winner will receive 50% of the total money raised through ticket sales, with the other 50% going to CEFO.

Every ticket purchased helps provide urgent support to OCSB students and families facing financial hardship. Get yours before February 27 and make a difference in our community! [Buy a Ticket](#)

March Break Camp Opportunity:

Please see the attached flyer for information about a March Break Camp:



Fit 4 Life
DIRECTED BY MAURIZIO PASQUA




MARCH BREAK CAMP

Address

Notre Dame High School
710 Broadview Avenue
K2A 2M2
Ottawa, Ontario

Contact Us

maurizio.pasqua@ocsb.ca

Activities

Sports,
Games,
Yoga,
and Fitness!

COST

\$249



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<https://ocsb.ebasefm.com/programs/welcome/browse>

Career Carousel -- Looking for Volunteers!

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a Career Carousel in the gym on March 31st! To make this event a success, we are looking for parent volunteers to share insights about their professional journeys with our students.

The event is designed as a fun, interactive rotation where students visit different tables to learn about various career paths. If you would be interested in representing your field and inspiring our students, please send us a quick email. We will follow up with more details as the date approaches!

Coming soon: OCSB's 2nd Student Census will take place Feb 24th - March 13th

Each student in grades 4 through 12 will complete the census at school. Parents will be sent a link to the census for each child in grades Kindergarten through 3. Answers are **voluntary and confidential**.

The information collected will help us:

- Plan programs and services that support student success.
- Understand language, cultural, and identity needs in our schools.
- Improve resources for students with diverse backgrounds.
- Guide equity and inclusion work.
- Identify areas where additional support is needed; and
- Create schools where every student feels safe, welcome, and included.

Need more info? Consult: [Board Census Webpage](#) and [FAQ](#)

Kindergarten Registration

We have begun registration for our littlest learners for the 2026/27 school year! Please register your children and encourage anyone you know who lives in the St. Mary area to visit our [website](#) if they would like to register or learn more information about our school and our Kindergarten program. It is important to register as soon as possible, as planning for classes and staffing for next year begins early. If a child has a learning profile that would benefit from extra support, the sooner this information is provided, the sooner we are able to apply for necessary support.

We will be hosting a Welcome to Kindergarten night for all incoming Junior Kindergarten students and their Parents/Guardians on March 12th from 4:15-5:00. More details will follow! We can't wait to welcome our newest Eagles!

School Council News

Winter Play Day- Huge Success

Our winter play day was a huge success- students embraced the cold weather and enjoyed some fun games and activities in our school yard and sipped on hot chocolate afterwards. A very special thank you to the parent volunteers and high school students for their support.

Pancake Shrove Tues Feb 17

We are looking forward to serving students fluffy pancakes on Tues Feb 17 for Shrove Tuesday. This is a free event sponsored by School Council. Gluten free options will be available.

Valentine Stickers

Sales generated over \$500 profit for the Grade 6's which will be used towards their end of year ceremony. We thank those who purchased for their support.

Next School Council meeting is Wed Mar 5. All parents are welcome to attend. Please reach out to Mrs Divell for the link.



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