



St. Mary School



September 5, 2025
Weekly Update

Important Dates

Wed. Sept 17th

Meet the Educator Night (see details in this email)

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Hello St. Mary Families,

Thanks so much for the warm welcome to the community! I look forward to getting to meet you at our Meet the Educator night. Please read below for further information!

What a fantastic start to the year! Everyone seems to be settling in well, and we want to extend a huge thank you to our entire staff for all their hard work in making the first week run so smoothly. We also appreciate the whole community for everything you do to help your children prepare for school, not just for the first week, but all year long!

As always, my door is open if you'd ever like to touch base. Please feel free to reach out!

Mrs. Divell

Meet the Educator/Ice Cream Social Night

Please see the following for information about this evening. It will take place from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 17th. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please see this link for more information, including important parking information:

Parent Portal

Please make sure you log in to the OCSB Parent Portal:

<https://www.ocsb.ca/parents/parent-portal/> and check the forms section to ensure you have filled in all forms required for the start of the school year.

Emailing the school

As a reminder, our Office Administrators ask that you email the school mary.carleton@ocsb.ca if you would like to report an absence, late arrival, early pick up, or if you would like to reach a staff member. Please allow staff 48 hours to respond. Thank you for your understanding.

Bus Delays or Cancellations:

If your bus is delayed or cancelled, you should receive an update from OSTA to the email you have on file with them. The school will also try to email you regarding this when we are able; however, we tend to receive the information from OSTA at the same time as parents do. OSTA has an app you can download to receive route updates right to your phone. Go to: <https://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/osta-delays-and-cancellations-app/> to find out

more!

Parking Reminders

As a reminder, in the mornings if you are dropping your children off at school, please exit the parent parking lot to your right and drive along the left side of the bus loop exiting at the far end, closest to the lights. Do not drive back out the same way you came in, as buses will be coming in to drop students off through that entrance.

In the afternoons, please leave the opposite way of the morning, that is, please exit the parent parking lot to your left and leave through the same entrance you came in through. Please do not attempt to drive between the buses as students will be walking through this area to board their buses.

Please do not park at the front of the school after 3:15. We have Special Transportation vehicles that begin arriving at that time. Please do not park in the staff parking lot along the side of the building. ***Please do not park in the curve of the bus lane while waiting for a spot in the parent parking lot. This is a no parking zone.*** Thank you for your understanding with this.

Please see our [Weekly Reminders](#) for drop off and pick up.

Boomerang Lunch Update:

After some discussion with members of our community, we will be amending our Boomerang Lunches and will not be sending compostable items home. They will be disposed of at school.

School Messenger:

If you have not already, please sign up for School Messenger using the information provided at this link: [School Messenger Information](#). We use School Messenger to share important information from the school with you!

New Spiritual Theme Focus: Building Bridges!

We are entering year two of our spiritual theme, and our focus is shifting to Building Bridges. This year, we are called to build bridges with those around us through small acts of kindness and trust, prioritizing relationships, and listening before acting. This will be incorporated throughout the school as the year continues!

Pork Schnitzel Dinner from Our Lady of the Visitation

Schnitzel Takeout Dinner Sunday Sept 14

Enjoy a delicious Pork Schnitzel Dinner with red cabbage, potato salad & apple strudel dessert from Our Lady of the Visitation's kitchen. Tickets \$25 pp with prepaid orders at 613-822-2007 or office@olvottawa.ca. Please include phone number. Curb side pickup from 4 to 6 pm at 5338 Bank Street. Proceeds to church restoration.

[Pork Schnitzel Dinner Information](#)

School Council News

Hot Lunches, Milk and Popcorn Starting!

Our Hot Lunches, Milk, and Popcorn programs will be returning! You will need to create a SchoolCash account to order: [Create a School Cash Profile](#). Orders will open soon!

Please see this link to find out more information on how to order:

[2025/26 Hot Lunch, Milk and Popcorn Ordering- Info for Parents](#)

Thank you to our School Council for all of the work they put into setting up these programs and ensuring they run smoothly!

Interested in Volunteering?

Please see this link for becoming a volunteer at St. Mary
<https://www.ocsb.ca/contact/volunteers/>

Join School Council!

We will be sharing information soon about how to express your interest in joining School Council. Keep your eye out! Our first meeting will be September 23rd.



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