**From the Principal’s Office**

**Safe Arrival**

Please make sure if your child is going to be late or absent that you call in a safe arrival call (705-726-5849) this number is available 24 hours a day. Thank you to the parents/guardians who are diligent in calling when their child/ren will be absent.

**Punctuality and Responsibility**

Please make sure your child(ren) arrive to school **on time** with everything they need. The bell goes at 8:45 however the students should be here approximately 5-10 minutes prior to that time so they can enter the school through the appropriate door with their classmates not through the front door.

If your child is being picked up early for an appointment, please send in a note to the teacher so they are aware of this. If your child/ren are to be at the office at a certain time, please make sure you tell your child/ren to let the teacher know. Calls to the office to advise of upcoming pickups cause an interruption to the classroom. Unless it is an emergency please keep your child’s routine the same each day if possible.

**Appropriate Clothing**

With the winter weather upon us please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the winter conditions. Hat**,**mitts or gloves, and snow pants are necessary.  Students are outside for 15 minutes in the morning; 40 minutes over the lunch hour and 15 minutes at the end of the day.  Please label all items.

**Inclement Weather – Bus Cancellations**

Winter has officially arrived.  Bus cancellation announcements can be heard on B101.1 FM, 105.9 FM, Rock 95.7 FM, breakfast television and CTV Barrie or viewed on our board website at [www.smcdsb.on.ca](http://www.smcdsb.on.ca/" \t "_blank).  In the coming months, please remember to listen for weather zones when buses are cancelled. We are in the **Central Zone**.  Remember when buses are cancelled in other regions of our Board because of inclement weather, they may not be cancelled for us!

If buses are cancelled on Pizza Wednesday, pizza will be moved to the next day buses are running.  If your child comes to school on a day buses are cancelled,

please make sure they have a lunch.

**Morning Drop off/Afternoon Pickup**

Parents and Guardians are asked to use extreme caution when entering and exiting the school parking lots. Often drivers are travelling too fast or acting in an unsafe manner in our parking lot. The safety of all children is our number one priority.

Parents/Guardians are asked to adhere to our "Kiss and Ride" Lane rules. When entering the school from Kozlov Street, drivers are reminded to keep to the right side of the parking lot. Drivers must remain inside their vehicle while the children safely exit from the right door of the vehicle. We ask that your good byes are brief to allow others behind you the space they need to quickly drop their children too. Once the children have safely exited the vehicle please pull away slowly and safely, travel the remaining way around the parking lot and exit onto Kozlov Street. If it is necessary to walk your child/ren to the edge of the schoolyard.  Please park your vehicle safely in a designated parking spot in the centre of the parking lot. This will keep the traffic flowing around you. We ask that you kindly teach your children to exit the car and, watch out for cars, walk quickly (don't run) to the sidewalk then onwards to the play area.  We are also asking parents to keep the traffic flowing in one direction.

**--------------------------Detach and return to the school-------------------**

Join us at the Colts Game

February 2nd, 2017

Barrie Colts vs. Kingston Frontenac

$20.00 per person

(Tickets won’t be given out until the new year, however, you can give a gift certificate at Christmas – **what a great Christmas gift (for family and friends)**. Just fill out this form and the gift certificate will be sent home.

**The gift certificates MUST be ordered by Friday, December 16th, 2016**

**You can order tickets/gift certificates by sending the**

**following order form into the office:**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Send gift certificate home with: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ x $20.00 = $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# of Gift Certificates: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ x $20.00 = $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(you will receive the tickets in the new year)

Amount Enclosed $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

You can pay by cash or cheque

(cheques should be payable to St. Marguerite d’Youville)

**You will also be able to purchase these tickets in the New Year.**

This is a fundraiser for our school we appreciate your ongoing support.