



ST. ANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Live, Love, Lead like Christ

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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2014

The staff at St. Ann Catholic School would like to extend to all our families and community members a Happy and Holy Christmas. We continue to pray that God blesses each and every one of our community members throughout the 2013-2014 school year! Please take the time to reflect on Christ's birth and life with your families. As a community, we strive to bring His light of love, caring and compassion to everyone. We pray that His life continues to guide us in each of our lives.

Please note below, some important dates and announcements for the coming New Year.

Christmas Break – Saturday, December 20, 2014 to Sunday, January 4, 2015

School Begins on Monday, January 5, 2015

Bus Transportation Up-date

All families can get transportation up-dates regarding morning pick up and evening home delivery bus delays sent directly to your phones or other devices by the transportation department. Below is information you need to access this great service provided by our transportation department.

School Christmas Concert

On Thursday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium, we will be hosting our first School Christmas Concert on our new stage. Families are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the St Ann Parish, St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Basket Drive. As a school we have been doing the food drive over the past 2 weeks. Students will be waiting in various classrooms for their time to perform while being supervised by staff. Once they perform, they will be brought back to the areas to be supervised so families can enjoy the concert. Parents/Guardians are asked to pick their children up from their classes' assigned rooms. Students and Parents/Guardians will be made aware of where the various classes will be supervised prior to Thursday's event and prior to the concert.

First Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation

The date for our Grade 7 students' Confirmation is Saturday, May 2, 2015 @ 5 p.m. @ St. Ann Church. The Grade 2 students will be making The Sacrament of First Communion on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 5 p.m. at St. Ann Church. Please keep our Grade 2 and 7 students in your prayers as they prepare for these sacraments.

Christmas Donation to Martha House and St. Ann Parish Christmas Baskets

This year, our Christmas Fundraiser to support Martha House raised \$336. Students purchased candy-cane O-grams. During the past 2 weeks, our community has been bringing in non-perishable food items to support the St. Ann Parish, St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket Drive. Once again, your generosity has been greatly appreciated!

Advent Celebration and Craft Night

Thank you to all the families and staff who came out to support our evening of fun. It was so nice to see our community members celebrate this beautiful season of preparation and cap the evening off with creating some spectacular Crafts. Thank you to the St. Ann Catholic School Council for supporting the evening with refreshments, cost the materials and to Mrs. Holadyk for organizing the crafts.

First Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home on Friday, February 14, 2014.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #74 – The Christmas season is a beautiful time to focus our children on the gifts God gave to us the day his son was born. When we focus on the gifts of that first Christmas, we find a template on how to live our lives: the gift of forgiveness for all sin; the gift of and fulfillment of the promise of eternal life; the gift of a role model to show us how to live God’s way; the gift of faith, since Jesus birth is also the birth of Christianity. Forgiveness, a role model, faith and eternity – help your children see that nothing under the tree will be as wonderful as the gifts given that first Christmas. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #54 – As Christmas approaches and the New Year draws close, it is a perfect time to think of the gift of love given to each other on the day you married. Is the gift still shiny and a joy to experience, or is it a bit dull, thought about only after so many other things are dealt with? This Christmas, give renewed love as a gift to your spouse - rekindled, joyful and desired. Take time to discern what you need to make that “newly married love” as much a gift today as it was the day you married.

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Would you like to hear more about the process through CCASH?



Upcoming Adoption Information Night

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

Catholic Children’s Aid Society of Hamilton, 735 King St. East

Upcoming Adoption and Foster Parent Information Night

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St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, 200 Whitney Ave. Hamilton

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For more information and to register call:

(Adoption) Jocelyn Jacobs at (905) 525-2012 ext. 3125

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