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And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him."

PRINCIPAL NEWS

As we approach the Easter season, we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit while experiencing the Pascal mystery in our lives. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide your journey.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

You are reminded that there is a Catholic School Council meeting on **Wednesday, April 22nd @ 6:30 p.m.** in the staff room. **All parents/guardians are invited to attend.**

The final meeting of the CSC is as follows:
Wednesday, May 20th @ 6:30 p.m.

ST. ANN (HAMILTON) 7 HABITS LEADER IN ME FACEBOOK PAGE

Our Catholic School Council is supporting a Facebook page designed by one of its members Mrs. Livingston. You are encouraged to visit it as our hope is to keep our parents/guardians informed with what is happening at the school with regards to the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and other leadership initiatives. Please visit the link www.facebook.com/stannhamilton and "like" the page.

YES I CAN AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to **Josephine M. and Tirell T.E.** as they will be receiving a Council for Exceptional Children, Yes I Can Award on Thursday, May 14th at the President's Dinner. Our school community is proud of each of our student winners! Way to go!

APRIL 7 HABIT FOCUS

Since September, students and staff have been learning about each of the 7 Habits and trying to integrate the skills in solving problems, collaborating to improve the

school climate/culture, goal setting and following our Mission Statement: "To Live, Love, Lead like Christ". The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People have become part of the daily lives of staff and students. As a community, we have learned about the importance of constantly, reflecting, planning and renewing ourselves in the four basic areas of life: physical, social/emotional, mental and spiritual. Our work to date is in an attempt to increase our capacity to live all the habits of effectively. The 7 Habits helps all of us keep our personal skills sharp, so we can better deal with life.

GRADUATION PICTURES

Grade 8 students will have their graduation pictures taken on **Tuesday, April 7th** in the a.m.

STUDENT ABSENCES

It is important that all student absences be reported. The school has an answering machine in operation daily from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. where a recorded message may be left about a student's upcoming absence. It is the school's safe entry policy to contact parents of absent students unless we have prior notification about their absence. Parents/Guardians will be phoned at work if we cannot reach them at home.

Each month in the newsletter we will publish our data regarding student absenteeism and lates. **Last year (2013-2014) we noted that 4 months had improved attendance out of the 10 school months. Reducing the number of lates improved 5 out of the 10 months students were in school. This year, our goal is to improve on our previous year's attendance and late numbers. Please help us to achieve our goals for improvement in each category. Each month the newsletter will share our attendance and late numbers from the past**

months and from last year (*Number in Brackets and Italics.*)! Let's try to improve the numbers in each month this coming school year!

September	–	Students on time: 99% (99.3) Attendance: 95.6% (95.3)
October	–	Students on time: 98.8% (99) Attendance: 94.5% (93.5)
November	–	Students on time: 98.9 (98.6) Attendance: 92.5 (93)
December	-	Students on time: 96.1% (98.7%) Attendance: 93.7% (92%)
January	-	Students on time: 96.5 (98.7) Attendance: 90.3 (83.9)
February	-	Students on time: 96.7% (98.2) Attendance: 91.4% (93.1)
March	-	Students on time: % (98.8%) Attendance: % (93.1%)

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

During the week of **May 3 – May 9, 2015**, the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board will be celebrating what Catholic Education means to our students, our community and the province.

The theme – “**Exploring Paths of Joy**”. Catholic schools are Catholic communities. Catholic schools are faith communities. We – parents/guardians, students, teachers, administrative and support staff – walk and grow together in the faith which we received at our Baptism. And it is the ‘together’ that we grow. And as we learn from nature, growth relies on sun and water and nutrition. Otherwise, it may fade away and even die. Our growth is primarily a relationship with God, who at our Baptism, called us by name. But the response of each of us to that growth is both personal and communal. We grow in our faith in the nurturing atmosphere of our Catholic community be that of our local parish, our home, or our Catholic school community.

Our school community will celebrate Catholic Education Week 2015 in ways that are appropriate to our students’ age. We invite you to participate in one or other of these activities as your personal time and work schedule may permit.

There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week:

1. “**Walking Together and Sharing our Story**”
2. “**Opening the Scriptures**”
3. “**Welcoming Others to the Table**”
4. “**Recognizing Jesus in the breaking of the Bread**”
5. “**Proclaiming the Good News**”

SCHEDULE OF DATES WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION

The following is a list of dates when school is not in session:

Friday, April 3rd – Monday, April 6th - Easter Weekend

Friday, April 24th – P.A. Day

Monday, May 18th - Victoria Day

Friday, June 5th – P.A. Day

Friday, June 19th - P. A. Day

Friday, June 26th - Last Day of School

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.

DIRECTOR AWARDS

We will be announcing our Grade 7/8 student recipients of the Director’s Catholic Student Excellence Awards in mid-April. The awards’ presentation will be sometime in May. Students are recognized for their achievements in the following areas:

Catholic School Mission/Vision Award
Excellent Effort in the Pursuit of Learning
Religion & Family Life
Stewardship of Creation
Language
Science/Technology
Mathematics
Social Studies/History/Geography
Arts
French as a Second Language
Health & Physical Education
General Proficiency

The presentation to the awards’ recipients is at the Catholic Education Centre on Mulberry Street.

MONTHLY AWARDS

Congratulations to **March's** award winners.

CATHOLICITY

Gr 1 David A.

Gr 2 Peter Jack S. and Evelyn K.

Gr 3 Mya T. and Malina G.

Gr 4 Angel B.

Gr 5 Pedro B.

Gr 6 Deanna K. and Chad R.

Gr 7 Michael W.

Gr 8 Robin S.

LEADERSHIP

Gr 1 Erik B.O

Gr 2 Delmar C.

Gr 3 Sofia R. , Deniro R.K. and Alex H.

Gr 4 Matteo G. and Matej D.

Gr 6 Stefan M.

Gr 7 Jose R.

Gr 8 Clarissa D. and Josey R.

FRENCH AWARD

Jack H. , Abby S. , Francis S., Allison F., Victor T. and
Cristiana D.

SEPTEMBER 2015 FULL DAY JR. & SR. KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

Early registrations for September 2015 **Full Day Junior Kindergarten** and **new Full Day Senior Kindergarten students** will be held at the school in February. **Please call the school office to book an appointment (905-547-5444).** Registration should take approx. 20 minutes. Please note the following age requirements:

Jr. Kindergarten Students - child must have been born in 2011.

Sr. Kindergarten Students - child must have been born in 2010.

Please be prepared with these documents:

- **Birth Certificate**
- **Baptism Certificate**
- **Immunization Record**

Please pass on this information to friends in the community who have young children who meet the age requirements.

PIZZA/CASUAL DAY

Pizza day is on **Thursday, April 23th** and orders will be taken on **Tuesday, April 22nd** in the morning (\$1.75/slice). This will also be a Casual Day. Future Pizza and Casual Day's will be the **last Friday of each month**. Please watch future newsletters for the theme days of those Fridays.

CYO SPORTS

The **Senior and Junior Boys' Volleyball Teams** seasons are in full swing. Good luck to the team and their coaches!

ST. ANN CHILD CARE CENTRE

We offer a full day **Toddler program** for children aged 18 months – 2.5 years, a **Preschool Program** for children 2.5 years – 5 years of age, and a **Before and After School Program** for ages 3.5 – 12 years of age. We are currently accepting registrations for all programs.

Fees are as follows:

Toddlers **\$42.00**

Pre School **\$35.00**

Before & After **\$17.00**

Before school only **\$10.00**

After school only **\$14.00**

Please pass this information to parents who have children who would benefit from this program.

For more information or to register call:

St. Ann Early Learning and Care Centre

Contact: Joanne Genovese (supervisor)

(905) 523-2304

DID YOU KNOW?

The ILC Homework Help website located at <http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org> is designed to enhance students' learning skills and contribute to academic success in math. This project focuses on providing free on-line math assistance

to students in Grades 7, 8 and 9. The key features of the website contain interactive tutorials, examples, exercises and EQAO test preparation. The site also includes the *Ask a Teacher* one-on-one tutoring, available only after school from 5:30- 9:30 p.m. from Sunday to Thursday, and is designed to help students with their homework. Parents can also register as guests but cannot participate in the chat sessions. This is a fully monitored site with several protective measures where students remain safe and anonymous and can return to the site as often as they need. All grade 7, 8 and grade 9 students can access these supports, by logging into Homework help at <http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org> using the Username and Password they generated during the o-line registration process facilitated by the school. The Homework Help website is fully monitored with several protective measures in place to ensure student safety.

ONTARIO EARLY YEARS CENTRE:

The Early Learning Centre has moved back to Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Elementary School located at 181 Belmont Ave. The Ontario Early Year Centre (Hamilton Best Start) offers a variety of programs for parents/guardians of preschool children from 0 to 6 years of age. Parents/guardians of children within that age group would greatly benefit from this program.

For more information, please contact the centre at 905-573-7905. You can also visit the website at www.ontarioearlyyears.ca or

www.children.gov.on.ca

It simply updates parents/guardians on what the OEYC is and does.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please take the time to visit our school website at <http://stah.hwcdsb.ca/>. Please note: our school monthly newsletter, calendar, up-dates, etc. are located here. Parents/Guardian and family members are encouraged to keep up-to-date with all the happenings in our school community.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

Do you know how to help your child manage their fears, worries, stress and sadness?

Do you know when you should be concerned about the feelings they are experiencing?

As parents and caregivers we want to ensure our children achieve in school, have healthy self-esteem, manage their feelings and enjoy their life journey.

This presentation will describe some reasons why children are stressed, distressed and anxious. You will also be provided with tips on how to help your child reduce these worries and improve his/her overall well-being. The City of Hamilton Sexual Health Network is sponsoring this workshop which



will be presented by Dr. Susan Williams, Psychologist and Director of the Halton Centre for Cognitive Therapy and Stress. Dr. Williams has worked at CAMH, the anxiety and research centre at St. Joseph's Healthcare in Hamilton as well as McMaster University Medical Centre and Chedoke Child and Family Centre. There is no charge to attend.

Date: Wednesday April 22, 2015

Time: 7 to 9 p.m.

**Location: Michelangelo Banquet Centre
1555 Upper Ottawa**

GARAGE SALE – ST. LUKE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Garage Sale is scheduled for **Saturday, May 9th, at St. Luke Catholic Elementary School, 345 Albright Road, Hamilton, Ontario.** You can show your support by attending the event, donating items (new or gently used) to your home school by **Thursday, April 30, 2015** or by purchasing raffle tickets. All proceeds will go to support the 'Equal Opportunities Fund'. **Please be aware that the collected items will be picked up by the school board truck at your school on May 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2015.** Thank you for your continued support.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

This past school year, we have increased our number of volunteers in our school considerably in comparison to the past. Parents/Guardians and community members have been involved in helping with leading our Catholic School Council, co-chairing our Greening Team, reading with students, attending school trips as supervisors, helping cook at our pancake breakfast and breakfast with Santa along with many other school activities.

Presently, we are also looking for persons to be spares to help with our lunchroom supervision. To do this role, you need a police check. If you are interested in sharing your time with our community, please call Mrs. Ragonetti our school secretary at 905-547-5444 and leave your name, contact information and area of interest in volunteering or working as a spare lunchroom supervisor.

NUT FREE ENVIRONMENT

Please be reminded that St. Ann School is a NUT FREE ENVIRONMENT. This year, we have a student and staff member that have such a severe

allergy that any food with nuts in it that is airborne will cause a reaction that could be life threatening. Please ensure that your child does not bring food items that contain any nuts or nut byproducts. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

St. Ann Hamilton is a place where all children feel safe and have a sense of belonging. To ensure the safety and well-being of all children, please note below important information from Anaphylaxis Canada:

- Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death;
- Signs and symptoms of a severe allergic reaction can occur within minutes of exposure to an allergen (a substance capable of causing an allergic reaction)
- Very small amounts of certain foods can cause severe reactions when eaten. This may happen if a person at risk touches an allergenic substance and then subsequently touches the mouth. Even a very small amount 'hidden' in a food or transferred to a serving utensil has the potential to cause a severe allergic reaction. Direct ingestion of an allergy-causing food poses the greatest risk for people with food allergies.

Cooperation from parent and guardians in adhering to the guidelines below is most appreciated:

- There are students at this school who are allergic to the following foods and items: **any food with nuts.**
- Parents will be advised of allergens specific to a classroom, and are asked to adhere to the accommodation(s) requested.
- Reinforce hand washing practices: wash hands before and after eating.
- Remind children not to share or trade food, food utensils, or food containers.
- Please do NOT bring any home-made food products into the school; with permission, non-food items are permitted for various celebrations and special events and activities.

Thank you for your help in keeping all our children safe.