



ST. ANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Hamilton-Wentworth
Catholic Schools
Believing. Achieving. Serving

“Live, Love, Lead like Christ”

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*A great sign appeared in the sky, A woman clothed with the sun,
With the moon under her feet, And on her head a crown of twelve
stars. Revelations 12:1*



The month of May celebrates many wonderful events in our Catholic community and our school. Along with Catholic Education week, our grade 7 students will receive the sacrament of Sacrament of Confirmation (May 2nd). Our grade 2 students will also receive the First Holy Communion (May 9th). This is a very special time in their lives.

During this special month dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God, we invite all families to use the rosary in your daily prayer. Please keep our First Holy Communicants, Confirmandi and the intentions of our school community in your prayers.

SCHOOL MASS

Our next school mass and May Crowning are **on Thursday, May 15, 2015 @ 1 p.m.** in the church. Everyone is invited.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will be **Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Staff Room. **All parents/guardians are invited to attend.** Our future meeting dates of the CSC are as follows:

Wednesday, September 23, 2015 CSC Elections and General Meeting 6:30 p.m. in the library.

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

Our Catholic School Council continues to support a Facebook page designed by one of its past members Mrs. Livingston. Presently, Mrs. Allen-Cillis is our Web Page Care Taker/Manager and continues to keep the Web Page current. You are encouraged to visit the page, as it is our hope 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/stannahamilton and “like” the page.

YES I CAN AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to Tirell E. and Joshepine M., 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!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS 7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PEOPLE INFORMATION EVENING

The St. Ann (Hamilton) Catholic School Council will be hosting an evening presentation by Mr. Kislinsky and Ms St. Aubin teaching the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People on **Thursday, May 7th @ 7 p.m.** in our gymnasium. There will be handouts, video clips and activities to give you a flavour of what your children are learning on a daily basis. There also will be a presentation by a group of students to share with parents/guardians and community members their work at the school with the “Leader in Me” process. Please join us for a fun and informative evening of understanding our work to live our Mission Statement: Live, Love, Lead like Christ through our leadership work. Remember, Leadership is communicating other’s worth and potential so clearly, they are inspired to see it in themselves.

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.

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: 96.5% (98.8%)

Attendance: 91.7% (93.1%)

April - Students on time: 96.7% (97.9)

Attendance: 93.5% (93.5)

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:

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

Congratulation to our **Grade 7 students as they made their Confirmation on 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.

DIRECTOR AWARDS

Our Grade 7/8 student recipients of the Director's Catholic Student Excellence Awards are listed below. The awards' presentation is on **Tuesday, May 5th**. Students are recognized for their achievements in the following areas: Catholic School Mission/Vision Award: **Alissa T.** Excellent Effort in the Pursuit of Learning: **Emma M.** Religion & Family Life: **Robin S.** Stewardship of Creation: **Laura F.** Language: **Remiel A.** Science/Technology: **Maria H.** Mathematics: **Clarissa D.** Social Studies/History/Geography: **Cristiana D.** Arts: **Margaret F.** French as a Second Language: **Melaina M.** Health & Physical Education: **Carson B.** General Proficiency: **Emily N.** The presentation to the awards' recipients is at the Catholic Education Centre on Mulberry Street.

MONTHLY AWARDS

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

CATHOLICITY

Gr 1 - Angelica D.

Gr 2 – John S.

Gr 2 – Daryn R

Gr 3 – Seth B. and Ethan H.

Gr 4 – Matteo G.

Gr 4 – Jessica S.

Gr 6 – Edison Y.

Gr 7 – Laurie H.

Gr 7 - Alexandra M.

Gr 8 – Andrew T

LEADERSHIP

Gr 1 – Cory L

Gr 2 – Dalton T.

Gr 2 – Brayden L

Gr 3 – Serenity M. and Domenico

Gr 5 – Mason B.

Gr 5 – Joey T.

Gr 5 – Grace N.

Gr 7 – Margaret F.

Gr 8 – Katy G.

Gr 8 – Julia G.

FRENCH AWARD

Ryan H., Sierra A., Alyssa D., C.C. M. Madison H. and Carson B.

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 **Friday, May 29th** and orders will be taken on **Wednesday, May 27th** 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.

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**

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.

LIBRARY BOOK FAIR

Beginning on **Monday, May 5th** our school will be holding its annual Book Fair. Books will be sold from **Tuesday, May 5th until Monday, May 11th**. **The Book Fair will also be open from 4 – 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 7th**. Please come out with your family and friends on May 7th and support our Book Fair!

EQAO TESTING

Good luck to our Grade 3 and 6 students as they will be writing the Primary and Junior Provincial Assessments during: **Monday, May 25th – Thursday, May 28th**. Please ensure appointments are scheduled around these dates. The students will be finishing up these provincial assessments by the end of the first week in June. Please ensure you schedule medical appointments around these dates. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

JML SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER

The school's uniform supplier is JML Sportswear and is located on 95 Parkdale Ave. North. They can be contacted at **905-544-1608**.

CYO SPORTS

The **Junior and Senior Boys' Volleyball Teams'** seasons are complete. Congratulations to the team and coaches Mrs. DiFeo, Ms St. Aubin, Mr. Paone and Mrs. Wong for their time and effort in coaching the boys. Also, this year, we were able to host all of the volleyball games in our school gymnasium. Thank you to all the intermediate students and some of our former St. Ann students that showed their leadership skills by being scorers, timers, line judges and support staff. Also, thank you to Ms Gabriel and Mr. Susi for being staff leaders for the event!

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. All proceeds go to support the 'Equal Opportunities Fund'.

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, serving our breakfast program, reading with students, attending school trips as supervisors, helping cook at our pancake breakfast and breakfast with Santa along with many other school activities. 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.

CROSS COUNTRY MEET

The spring cross country meet will be held on **Wednesday, May 20th** at Marydale Park. Good luck to all participants.

Mother's Day!

**"Happy Mother's Day" means more than have a happy day.
Within those words lie lots of things we never get to say.**

**It means I love you first of all,
Then thanks for all you do.
It means you mean a lot to me,
And that I honour you.**

**But most of all, I guess it means
That I am thinking of
Your happiness on this, your day,
With pleasure and with love.**

The students and staff of St. Ann Catholic School wish all moms, grandmothers and guardians a very Happy Mother's Day". May God bless you and keep you safe.

Happy Mother's Day !

