



ST. ANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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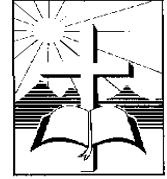
Hamilton-Wentworth
Catholic Schools
Believing, Achieving, Serving

“Live, Love, Lead like Christ”
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JUNE NEWS

*"Let God love you through others
and let God love others through you."*



PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that we have arrived at the last month of school for the year. Our Mission statement continues to be the focus of everyone each day: Live, Love, Lead like Christ. The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and leadership is the central thread to everything we do as staff, community members, students and parents/guardians. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of our school community, students, parents/ guardians and staff for their hard work and dedication to St. Ann School. It has been a true pleasure working with each of you.

I would like to thank our Catholic School Council:
Catholic School Council Co-Chairpersons:
Co-Chairs: Ms Khamphoomee and Mrs. Allan-Cillis
Treasurer: Mr. Phino
Secretary: Ms Alonzo
Councillor: Mrs. Gogin
Councillor: Mrs. McIsaac
Councillor: Mrs. Reis
Councillor: Mrs. Renzella
Community Rep: Mrs. Woods
Parish Rep: Ms Arriola
for their support throughout the year!

WELLCOME TO OUR NEW SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

On Tuesday, May 19th the HWCDSB announced the placement of **Mr. G. Pizzoferrato** as our new principal. Mr. Pizzoferrato is presently the principal of St. Thomas CES in Waterdown. He brings a passion for Catholic Education and worked with Mr. Kislinsky to bring the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People Training and Leadership to the HWCDSB and St. Thomas CES. He is excited to now be a part of our school community!

7 HABIT FOCUS

Since September, students and staff have been working to enhance our skills in using 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 is a part of the daily lives of staff and students. As a community, we understand 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 effectively. The 7 Habits helps all of us keep our personal skills sharp, so we can better deal with life.

SEPTEMBER 2015-2016 SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES

Please note: Our school day begins at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 3:05 p.m.

Schedule

A.M. Recess - 9:55 – 10:10 a.m.

Lunch – 11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

P.M. Recess – 1:30 – 1:45 p.m.

EQAO TESTING

Good luck is extended to our Grade 3 and 6 students as they begin writing the Primary and Junior Provincial Assessments this past week. They will complete the assessment over the following days: **Monday, May 25th, Tuesday, May 26th and Wednesday, May 27th.** **May 28th and 29th will be used for those students that may have missed any of the assessments on the previous dates.**

PARENT/GUARDIAN MEETING

A presentation will be made to **parents/ guardians of next year's Junior Kindergarten** students on **Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:30 p.m.** in the gymnasium. The meeting will highlight the **new entry process** for Junior Kindergarten and a presentation will be made on Early Literacy. Representatives from our Uniform Supplier, Day Care Programs, Public Health Nurses will be available for your questions.

STAFF CHANGES

The school wishes to thank **Mrs. Byrne** as she will be leaving the St. Ann community to begin her role as Teacher Librarian at 3 new communities.

We sincerely thank her for providing quality education for the students and for her genuine love for our students and community. Her work in creating our Learning Commons at our school has helped establish an excellent resource and learning facility. Mr. R. Leggio will be our new Teacher Librarian. Welcome to Mr. Leggio.

Any further changes in our staffing will be reported in our final June Up-date.

MONTHLY AWARDS

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

CATHOLICITY

Gr 1 – Grace S and Dietrick P.

Gr 2 – Jeremy P.

Gr 3 – Keana M. and Matthew F.

Gr 4 – Parice B.

Gr. 5 – Asha B.H.

Gr 6 – Nastya V. and Luke S.

Gr 7 – Laurie H.

Gr 8 – Nicholas H. and Crystal L.

LEADERSHIP

Gr 1 – Mackenzie A.G.

Gr 2 – William P. and Savana S.

Gr 3 – Ace J. and Dontae T.

Gr 4 – Tiera P.E.

Gr 5 – Grace N. and Thomas M.

Gr. 6 – Kayla D.

Gr 7 – Vince T.

Gr 8 – Victor T. and Mackenzie H.

FRENCH AWARD

Jadan A.A., Adelaide, Deanna K., Joshua B.B., Emily N., Oliver N.

SCHEDULE OF DATES WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION

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

Friday, June 5th – P.A. Day

Friday, June 19th - P. A. Day

Friday, June 26th - Last Day of School (Early Dismissal)

TRACK AND FIELD MEET

Our track and field team will be participating in their meet on **Tuesday, June 2nd @ Mohawk Sports Park**. Mr. Paone and Mr. Dach are coaching the students. Best of luck to each of our participants! Thank you to the coaches for the time and effort they have put into coaching the students.

SCHOOL TALENT SHOW

The school talent show will have 2 presentations this year. Both shows will take place in our gymnasium on the beautiful stage. Parents/Guardians and family are invited to either performance. The afternoon performance takes place on **Tuesday, June 16th at 1 p.m.** The evening performance begins at **6:30 p.m.** We look forward to seeing all of you come out and enjoy the wonderful talent of our students and staff.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

The **Grade 8 Graduation Mass begins at 5 p.m. It is on Thursday, June 18th at St. Ann Church.** Following the Mass and Award's Presentation, the Graduation dinner will take place at The Venetian Club on 747 John St. North located behind Friscolanti's Funeral Home on Barton St. The Graduation dance follows the dinner. **Parents/Guardians are reminded to pick up the graduates promptly at 10 p.m.** No student will be allowed to walk home after the dance, unless they are escorted by a parent/guardian.

PLAY DAY/PAN AM EVENT

On **Wednesday, June 17th** students from grades JK – 8 will be bused to Dofasco Park for our large games/Pan Am Activities play day. Our Catholic School Council will be providing nutritious snacks for students throughout the day. A free lunch will be provided by Harvey's consisting of a hot dog, drink and snack. If you can help out on that day and have your volunteer police check, please call the school (905-547-5444) and leave your name with Mrs. Ragonetti.

SCHOOL MASS

Our final school mass is on **Thursday, June 25th at 10:15 a.m.** at St. Ann Church. All community members are welcome to come and join us for our final school celebration before summer vacation. Please plan to attend!

MEET THE STAFF BARBECUE

Our September meet the staff barbecue will be on **Tuesday, September 15th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** This year, we will have Porchetta Sandwiches catered by Roberto! This is the same caterer that supplied the food at our previous events such as Spring Fun Fair. Please mark this date in your calendars and be sure to join us.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

During the summer when you are looking to purchase uniforms, ensure you are following the attached policy of the uniform policy. **Cargo pants are not allowed, along with skinny legged pants. Female students in grade 4 to 8 are only allowed to wear skorts. Skirts with shorts underneath the skirt are not acceptable.** The Board's uniform policy requires that all students must wear **NAVY BLUE** bottoms (walking shorts and/or skorts), and **NAVY BLUE** or **WHITE** tops (golf shirts, and/or polo shirts and/or turtlenecks). You are also reminded that you are encouraged to have the tops crested or purchase a crest from the school or JML Sportswear our uniform supplier.

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**.

PEDICULOSIS (Head Lice) CONTROL

Throughout the year, we have been using Bayshore Nurses to screen the students at school. **The health department suggests that one good preventative measure to control head lice is for parents/guardians to perform regular head checks on their children at home.** Head lice is not a health problem, but it does create a nuisance for all. You can also visit a web site which gives information on Head Lice. The web site is: www.webspawner.com/users/licefree/index.html <http://www.inform.hamilton.ca/record/HAM2652>

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.

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/stannhamilton and "like" the page.

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)

May - Students on time: 96.2% (98%)
Attendance: 93.8% (94.7%)

YEAR END REPORTS/SUMMER CLOSING

Final report cards will go home on **Tuesday, June 23rd**. The graduates will receive their reports on Graduation Day, **Thursday, June 18th**. School will be dismissed for the summer holidays on **Friday, June 26th**. **Busses will pick the students up at the school at 12:05 p.m.**

Students are dismissed 3 hours prior to our usual dismissal. Students that walk home or are picked up are allowed to go home at 11:30 at the lunch bell.

Please note that the student reports require that the Parent Response Sheet be included with the June reports in the student O.S.R. To accommodate this process, **please return page 3 of the report by Thursday, June 25th**.

SEPTEMBER 2015 FULL DAY JR. & SR. KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

Early registrations for September 2015 **Full Day Junior Kindergarten** and **new Full Day Senior Kindergarten students** were held at the school in February. **If you still need to register your child, 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.

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.

MOVING OR EXTENDED VACATION

Please contact the school as soon as possible if:

1. You are transferring from St. Ann School;
2. You are changing address over the summer but remaining within our school boundaries.

CROSS COUNTRY

On **May 20th**, approximately 90 runners, parents/guardians and staff attended in the spring CYO Cross Country Meet. All students performed and behaved very well. Thanks to Mrs. Settimi for co-ordinating the team and Mrs. Byrne, Mrs. Gabriele, Mrs. Polizzi, Mrs. Santucci, Mr. Susi, Mrs. DiFeo, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Naso Mrs. Rizzo and all the parents/guardians that attended the event.

Congratulations to the following students:

Brayden L. – 7th
Jeremy P. – 21st
Ryan E. – 17th
Kylie A. 8th
Alexandra B. 12th
Keira P. 16th
Elizabeth M. 5th
Keana M. 21st
Olivea P. 27th
Mathew D. 7th
Deniro R.K. – 12th
Malaki M. – 14th
Cambria T – 15th
Connor L.P. – 22nd
Seth B. – 9th
Dantee – 21st.
Anthony D. 24th
Angelina M. – 29th
Steen M. – 6th
Noah D – 27th
Marshal M. 23rd
Noah R. 20th
Matteo GM – 21st
Parice B. 15th
Frank L. – 2nd
Jada MS – 16th
Maria F – 25th
Pedro B – 11th
Mason B – 28th
Katherine K. 13th
Vanessa C.M. – 10th
Dimitri K – 16th
Mitchell M. – 23rd
Nick H. – 24th
Anna K – 1st
Tia B – 4th
Austin s. 29th
Carson B. 11th
Anthony C – 9th
Oliver N – 3rd

CONFIRMATION

The Grade 7 students made their Confirmation on Saturday, May 2, 2015 @ St. Ann Church. Thank you to Mr. Susi, Mrs. Rizzo, and Bernadette Homerski the church's pastoral assistant, for preparing the students and music at the mass. Also, thank you to all the staff and their

families that came out and supported the students at the mass.

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the Grade 2 students as they received the sacrament of Holy Communion on **Saturday, May 9th**. It was a joyful celebration for the students and their families. Thank you to all who participated in making the ceremony possible. Thank you to Ms. Kostyk, Mrs. Mastromarco and Bernadette Homerski the church's pastoral assistant, for preparing the students and music at the mass. Also, thank you to all the staff and their families that came out and supported the students at the mass.

HOMEWORK PLANNERS

Once again, the school has ordered homework planners for all students in **Grades 1 to 8**. These homework agenda books will be available for students on the first day of school in September. Your support in helping to cover the cost of the agendas is greatly appreciated. Your contribution of \$5.00 for an agenda will be collected in September.

SCRIPTURE READING

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Scripture Reading which was held at Bishop Ryan High School in May. Congratulations to **Remiel A., Melana M., Harley J.M. and** for participating in the event. Thank you to Mrs. Settimi for preparing the students.

“LIVING THE SPIRIT” AND MICHAEL MORTON AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to **Charlene R.** as she will be receiving the “Living the Spirit” award. This award is a Board award presented to a graduating student who personified the Board's motto of “Believing, Achieving, Serving”, who achieves high standards in academics, is a visible witness to living the faith and who demonstrates a sense of justice and service through extra-curricular and voluntary activities. **Tristan O.** is the recipient of the H.W.C.D.S. B. Michael Morton Award. Congratulations, Charlene and Tristan, as we are all proud of the both of you!

BARTON STREET LIBRARY

Join us at the Barton Library this summer for our TD Summer Reading Club. Read books to get great prizes. Come have fun while you practice your reading skills. Call the branch at 905-546-3450 or check online at www.hpl.ca/kids for more information. Join us for a fun filled summer at Barton Library.

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. 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

RABIES AWARENESS

As weather warms up you and your family may be spending more time outdoors. And with that, it is important to understand rabies and how to protect your family!

Rabies is an infectious disease that affects the central nervous systems of humans and other mammals. Any warm blooded animal can get rabies, including humans. **Rabies infection is almost always fatal unless treatment starts before symptoms appear.**

In Ontario, the rabies virus is mainly found in and spread by: bats, skunks, foxes, raccoons, and coyotes. Rabies can be spread from wild animals to domestic pets including cats, dogs and ferrets through bites and scratches. Humans are at risk when bitten or scratched by infected wild animals or infected domestic pets.

Tips to prevent rabies:

- Vaccinate your dogs, cats and ferrets against rabies
- Spay or neuter your pets so they're more likely to stay home
- Keep your pets away from wild animals
- Don't touch or play with wild animals
- Call Hamilton Animal Services at (905) 546-3433 if:
 - You see a wild animal acting strangely near people
 - You find a bat in your home and human contact may have occurred
 - If you're bitten or scratched by any pet or wild animal:
 - Wash all animal bites or scratches with warm soapy water, and
 - Report all animal bites or scratches to Hamilton Public Health Services

September 28th is World Rabies Day. This annual event marks the work done globally to reduce rabies worldwide. Sadly over 55,000 people across the globe will still die this year --that's one person every 10 minutes and half are children! Rabies is 100% preventable if we all work together. Follow the tips listed above to help reduce rabies.

Additional information:
Public Health Services
(905) 546-3570
www.hamilton.ca/rabies

HWCD SB SUMMER INTENATIONAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM (ELEMENTARY)

Current educational research indicates that learning or maintaining a second or third language has a positive effect on all aspects of a child's educational development. Since 1976, the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board has provided elementary school children, currently in Junior-Kindergarten to Grade 8, with an opportunity to experience the culture, traditions and language of other countries.

This program provides the opportunity for children to speak, listen, write and read an international language and at the same time learn about the culture and heritage associated with the language.

Free language classes are offered in many elementary schools and taking place Monday to Friday for 2 ½ hours per day beginning at 9:00 a.m. or 9:30 a.m. from Thursday, July 2nd to Friday, July 31st. No prior knowledge of the language is necessary.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED FOSTERING?

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

Please join us for an upcoming Foster Parent Information Night

Wednesday, June 10, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.

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

For more information and to register please call

Katrina at (905) 525-2012 ext. 3280 or email

katrina.mcmorrow@hamiltonccas.on.ca

Visit our website at www.hamiltonccas.on.ca



ECO AND GREENING TEAM NEWS

Monday June 1st through to Friday June 5th is an ECO Action Challenge (St Ann walk or bike to school week). We will be joining other schools across Ontario for this challenge. You can walk with your friends and start a walking school bus. You can ride your bike to school. You must wear a *helmet* and bring a *bike lock*. Please follow the rules of the road to arrive safely to school. Are you up for the challenge? We are still waiting for the results from ECO Schools Ontario on how our school did.

The Green Team has been busy sowing seeds indoors. The Green Team have been taking care of them and watching them grow. We have been waiting for the risk of frost to lift so we can plant them out front of our school. We have green and yellow beans, corn, peppers, radish, and sunflowers. We need some volunteers over the summer to help water and weed our vegetable garden on Wednesday mornings. Please let Ms Albuquerque know if you are available to help.