

June 2015 UP-DATE

DISMISSAL ON FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH

The buses will be arriving between 12:05 and 12:15 p.m. to take students home on the last day. As a result, you are asked to **have your child bring a lunch on the last day, if they are bussed.** All bussed students will stay for lunch unless picked up by a parent/guardian. Parents/Guardians that want to pick students up on the 26th can bring their child home at lunch (11:30 a.m.). **Only those students that walk to school will be allowed to walk home at 11:30 a.m. Once again, if you usually pick your child up from school, please note your child can be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. (Lunch dismissal).**

REGISTRATIONS FOR 2015

ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS OF THE HAMILTON WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD WILL BE OPEN FOR registering for the 2014-2015 school year ON **TUESDAY, September 1, 2015 – 9 a.m. to noon.** For further information, please call the CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE at (905) 525-2930.

THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents/guardians and volunteers who have helped to make this school year a very successful one.

STAFF COMING AND GOING

For the past three years, our community has been blessed by the outstanding leadership of Ms St. Aubin. She has been a valuable member of our community and her talents will be greatly missed. That said, we also would like to congratulate her on her new appointment as Vice-Principal and wish her all the best in her new leadership role. We would like to thank Mr. Paone our Grade 4/5 teacher filling in for Mr. Toffolon as he is on a Medical Leave. Also thank you to Mrs. Byrne Librarian, Ms Girardi ECE, Mr. Nasso EA, Ms Plate EA as each of these individuals will be joining new school communities in September. Best of luck to each of them regarding their future education endeavors! We greatly appreciated each of their commitments to our students and their colleagues!

Welcome to our new school Principal Intern Mrs. P. Moscato. She will be part of our school's new leadership team along with Mr. G. Pizzoferrato our school principal. Also, welcome to Ms M. Fernandopulle ECE. She will be teaming with Mrs. Santucci in September.

We are still waiting for the arrival of a few more Educational Assistant staff to be assigned to our school. We look forward to the talents and leadership of each of these individuals in our school community beginning in September!

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION PARKING LOT

Please note: no visitors to St. Ann Hamilton Catholic Elementary are allowed to park at the Royal Canadian Legion Parking Lot. They have given notice that if any car is illegally parked will be ticketed and towed by the Hamilton Parking Authority. Please be sure when picking up students or visiting the school you do not use the Private Parking area there. Thank you for your co-operation regarding this matter.

MEET THE STAFF BARBECUE

Our school Meet the Staff Barbecue will be held on **Tuesday, September 15, 2015.** The St. Ann Catholic School Council has hired the services of Roberto's catering to sell Porchetta Sandwiches and refreshments that can be purchased on that night. The barbecue begins at 5:00 p.m. and the classrooms will be open from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for you to visit with your children. You will have an opportunity to meet the school staff and see the curriculum that your child will be studying this year.

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD **PARENT CONFERENCE 2015**

On **Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**, there will be a **Parent Conference** at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School. For more information, please visit the website at www.hwcdsb.edu.on.ca

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please take some time to visit our school website at www.hwcdsb.edu.on.ca - - - Go to Elementary Schools and then St. Ann Catholic Elementary School. Once inside click on visit our website. Recently posted is a video of the interior of the new school under construction. Enjoy the walk through of the first floor construction!

FIRST RIDER PROGRAM

In order to introduce Kindergarten students and their parents to the school bus environment and rules, First Rider sessions are held at various locations around the Hamilton-Wentworth region.

Sessions are approximately 45 minutes in length. Students watch a video on bus safety and are asked questions related to the information on the video. Students then go out to a real school bus where they go on a ride with their parents.

Once the ride is over, the driver shows the students and parents all the safety features on the bus. Students are given an information package with a certificate with their name on it.

More information can be found at: http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/public_v2/first rider.aspx

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #86 – This is the time of year when many graduations occur: from kindergarten to grade 1, from grade 8 to high school, from high school to post-secondary or the workplace, from post-secondary and graduate school to the workplace. Many accolades are given at this time, but often we forget that success comes from a solid foundation built by the family. In family children learn about everyday events and life-impacting situations; they learn about values, commitment, caring and love; they are given support through failures and congratulations on successes, allowing growth and an acceptance of challenges; they learn how to be somebody in their own right, while feeling secure because they also belong; they learn about faith and spirituality, so they can be sustained as they navigate life. Parents are the most influential people in their children's lives - your role and how you fulfill it really does matter!

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Tips #66 – As spring arrives most people move outdoors and observe their living quarters from a different vantage point. They discard any garbage that has accumulated over the winter, pull weeds, turn the soil over, spread fertilizer and plant flowers, all so they can enjoy their gardens as the summer months unfold. It is good now and then to do the same kind of maintenance on your marriage. Take the time to sit down and have a discussion about what bad habits, poor communication, or other actions have accumulated in your marriage that are acting as excess garbage. Discuss ways of discarding the old habits and discern ways to move forward so that together you can plant new methods of being with , speaking to and loving each other. Big or small changes can result in healthier connections, allowing you to truly enjoy the summer and autumn of your relationship!

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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 (Docker style casual pants and/or 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**.