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"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness; for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven"



ALL SOULS and ALL SAINTS DAYS

November is the month where we devote two days to the memory of the saints and also to those who have died.

November 1st is the feast of ALL SAINTS. All Saints' Day is the first of a two-day celebration of saints and all those who have died. On this day we celebrate the communion of saints, the union of prayer and the love between saints on earth and the saints in heaven.

November 2nd is the feast of ALL SOULS and is the second day of our remembrance of saints. We also pray that one day all people will share the glory of the saints. We offer prayers of intercession for the poor, the hungry, the homeless and the jobless. During the month of November we also ask God to provide enough food for the poor of the world.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On **November 11th**, Canadians all across Canada stop and pay tribute to the men and women killed in Canada's wars and military operations. Some will remember friends and relatives long dead. Others – perhaps like yourselves – will pause in tribute. In classrooms across Canada, students have discussed Remembrance Day, recognizing the sacrifices that others made for Canada. As a result of the past terrorist attacks, incident in our Nation's Capital and connection to our city, it is important for all of us to value freedom and honour our ancestors who have ensured for our safety.

A solemn commemorative ceremony will be held on **Tuesday, November 11th at 10:30 a.m.** in the school gym. You are invited to participate in this ceremony. Poppies are available for our students. The Student Leadership Team members will be going to the classrooms each morning and students may make a small donation to Royal Canadian Legion for a poppy.

ST. ANN'S PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Sat., Nov. 14th from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. & Sun., Nov. 15th from 10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. At St. Ann's School gym (Barton St. E @ Sherman Ave. N.) Hamilton. **Capital Prize Cash Draws, Penny Raffle Table, Baked Table, Special Draws, Food & Refreshments will be available. All are welcome. Please note that the venue is Wheelchair accessible.**
For more information call 905-544-0488

ST. ANN'S PARISH is looking for Altar Servers. They would like young parishioners/students in grade 4 & higher (male or female) to assist as Altar Servers at their weekend Masses. Training will be provided. You can choose the Mass time that suits your family's schedule. Contact the parish at 905-544-0488 or email stannparish@cogeco.ca

SCHOOL MASS

Our next school mass will be **Monday, November 2nd at St. Ann Parish at 1:00p.m.** Please take the time to join us with our Pastor, Fr. Joe as we celebrate the Eucharist.

All Souls Day Prayer

Gentle spirit of God, on this special day we remember our departed loved ones who now dwell in your glory. We loved them once with human love; we love them now in prayer and grace. How lovingly you ease our pain and bless the darkness of our grief, promising that naught can separate us from your mercy and unending love. We celebrate your promise, now hidden in mystery, that what we see darkly in our world, will become clear to us in eternity.

Amen.

Author Francine M. O'Connor

PA DAY

The next Professional Activity Day is **Friday, November 20, 2015**. There is **no school** for the students on that day as staff members will be participating in professional learning grounded in our Catholic faith.

UNITED WAY RED AND WHITE AND GUM DAY

Once again, our school community will participate in the Red and White Day in support of the United Way. All students and staff are invited to wear red and white on **Tuesday, November 3rd**. A donation of a Loonie or any other amount is appreciated!

This year, we will also have 1 Gum Day and donate all the proceeds to the United Way. The cost of buying the right to chew gum on **Thursday, November, 12th** is \$1.00 per license. Let's all work together to make this a successful fundraiser for the United Way!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

You are reminded that there is a Catholic School Council meeting on **Wednesday, November 25th at 6:30 p.m.** in the staff room. **All parents/guardians are invited to attend.**

HWCSB PARENT CONFERENCE WEAVING THE CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP
A friendly reminder of the annual Parent Conference on **Saturday, November 7, 2015 at Bishop Ryan CSS.**
7:45am - 8:30am Registration, breakfast, exhibits

<http://www.hwcsb.ca/137884>

PHOTO RETAKE DAY

Photo Retake Day is **Friday, November 6th at 9:00 a.m.** for students in JK – Grade 8. If parents/guardians have inquiries regarding the school pictures, please call Lifetouch Plant directly at 1-866-443-9657. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all families who contributed to the St. ANN Thanksgiving Food Drive. As a result of your generous donations, we were able to send out over **800 items of non-perishable food items** to the Good Shepherd. Thanks also to our Student Lighthouse Leadership Team and teacher advisors for organizing this food drive.

MOVE-A-THON

October's spook-a-thon was a major success. There was much participation and co-operation by all. Thank you to all who helped to make that event a success. Please have your monies in to the student's classroom teacher by **Monday, November 2, 2015**. Many thanks are also extended to the students and staff that decorated the gym and organized the music and event.

The 3 top money raisers will win one of the top3 prizes and then all the students that raised money will be eligible for a random prize that will be drawn for the primary, junior and intermediate divisions!

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.

PROGRESS REPORTS/PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW

Progress Reports (Grades 1-8) will be sent home on Tuesday, November 17th, 2015.

There will be a strong emphasis on Learning Skills and Work Habits as these are critical factors to ensure future academic success. There will be an evening for Parent-Teacher interviews on **Thursday, November 19th**. Exact times for each conference will be coordinated by staff. If this is not a convenient time, please contact your child's teacher to make other arrangements.

Please remember to return the response page along with the envelope in which the progress report arrives home to your child's teacher.

Early communication between classroom teachers and parents supports the learning of your child/ren. Please note that at any time, parents can arrange to meet with the teacher to discuss the progress of your child. Regular communication is strongly encouraged to ensure that you remain informed of progress and next steps in learning on a regular basis.

Here are some ideas to consider as you work through the information shared on the progress report cards.

STUDENTS:

What is something that you did well? What did you have difficulty with? What was hard for you? How do you feel about your effort so far? What do you need to do to improve your work or your effort? How can your teacher or your parents (or someone else at home or school) help you? Next steps: goals for the remainder of this term?

PARENTS

What have you noticed about your child's work and effort so far this term? What do you see as being a real strength for your child? In which areas do you see your child doing well? Where have you seen your child struggling or having difficulty so far this term? What will we do to help him/her achieve their goal? What are the next steps in learning?

DROPPING CHILDREN OFF

Parents/Guardians are reminded that children should not be dropped off at any time of the day on St. Ann Street as this is a Fire Zone. Please use the "Kiss and Ride" off of Sherman Avenue. Parents/Guardians turning into the lane way off Sherman Ave. in the mornings are asked to be aware of pedestrians on the sidewalk. Please note: there is no parking on the school property for parents/guardians to walk their children to the playground. Please use the St. Stan's Church Parking lot across the street or the Holy Spirit

Parking Lot.

At the end of the day, all students that walk to school or are to be picked up will be dismissed by way of the front doors. *Please obey the no parking and stopping signs on St. Ann Street at the front of the school. The City of Hamilton By-law Officers will be enforcing the no stopping and parking signs. Parking in these zones is a safety concern. Your co-operation regarding these signs is expected! Only those students that take the bus will exit from the back doors. Please note: the “kiss and ride” area is not available at the end of the day.**

ST. ANN EARLY LEARNING AND 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 \$43.00

Pre School \$37.00

Before & After \$20.00(J/K, S/K) \$17.00 (Gr 1-7)

Before school only \$11.00(J/K, S/K) \$10.00 (Gr 1-7)

After school only \$15.00(J/K, S/K) \$14.00 (Gr 1-7)

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

FREE EYEGLASSES

If you do not have coverage for your child’s eye exam and/or glasses, Lenscrafters will provide these for you free of charge. Please request your letter from the office.

ATTENTION INTERMEDIATE MATH STUDENTS - 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.

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)

Attendance: 95.6%(95.6)

October – Students on time: 96.9% (98.8%)

Attendance: 94% (94.5%)

MONTHLY AWARDS

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

CATHOLICITY

Grade 1: Xsavier M.

Grade 1/2: Domenic T.

Grade 2: Deitrich P

Grade 2/3: Peter J..

Grade 3: Evelyn K.

Grade 4/5: Isabella R. /David P.

Grade 5/6: Frank L.

Grade 6/7: Mason B.

Grade 7/8: Emily N/ Aldred A..

LEADERSHIP

Grade 1: Natasha P.

Grade 1/2: Connor E.

Grade 2: Lochlan A.

Grade 2/3: Jamie H.

Grade 3: Aariah H.

Grade 4/5: Matteo G./ Kylie A.

Grade 5/6: Ryan H.

Grade 6/7: Kristine L.

Grade 7/8: Matthew B/Madison H.

VIRTUE/CHRISTIAN ACTION

Grade 1: Adrienne K.

Grade 1/2: Danylo P.

Grade 2: Daniella T.

Grade 2/3: Stephan T.

Grade 3: Jessica T.

Grade 4/5: Matthew F./ Alyssa D.

Grade 5/6: Azaliah A.

Grade 6/7: Edison Y.

Grade 7/8: Doninic C./Noah H.

FRENCH AWARD

Grade 4/5: Matteo G.

Grade 4/5: Jack H.

Grade 5/6: Azaliah A.

Grade 6/7: Mriana N.

Grade 7/8: Dominic C..

Grade 8: Laura F.

FALL/WINTER WEATHER

Please ensure that your children dress warmly for school during the upcoming cold months. Hats, mitts, heavier coats, etc. will be in order. You should expect that students will be outside for recess except for excessively cold days. During this season students will **not** be permitted to wear their **outside footwear** into the classrooms. Students should bring an extra pair of runners to wear around the classroom and school.

Also, during the upcoming winter months when schools are closed or buses cancelled due to extreme weather conditions, details will be announced on the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board website (www.hwcdsb.ca) and Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services website (www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/public_v2/index.aspx) as well as the following Hamilton and area media outlets:

900 CHML / VINYL 95.3 / Y108 FM
CKOC 1150 / K-Lite 102.9 FM / CHAM 820
CHCH TV Morning Live (Channel 11)
CBC Hamilton www.cbc.ca/hamilton
The Hamilton Spectator www.thespec.com
Twitter <https://twitter.com/HWCDSB>
Facebook www.facebook.com

Schools closures and bus cancellations will be posted on the HWCDSB and HWSTS websites and communicated to the local media by 7:00 a.m., whenever possible. If schools close early, the information will be posted on the HWCDSB and HWSTS websites and sent to the media for dissemination.

C.Y.O. CROSS COUNTRY

On October 15th approximately 90 of our Gr. 2-7 students participated in the C.Y.O. City Cross Country Meet at C.Y.O. Camp Marydale. Many thanks to the Mme Settimi for co-ordinating the event and the coaches who monitored and trained the students for this activity. Thank you to the parent/guardian volunteers and a special thank you to the staff for supervising the students at the event.

Congratulations to the following students for their accomplishments:

Sarah T. – 16th place
Preston B. – 13th place
Brayden W – 16th Place
Cambria T. – 11th Place
Elizabeth M - 14th place
Oliver P. - 15th place
Anna K. – 1st place
Mathew D.– 9th place
Seth B – 14th Place
Deniro RK – 15th place
Malachi M. – 17th place
Parice B. – 18th place
Pedro B. – 16rd place
Mitchell M – 25th place

C.Y.O NEWS . . .

The Senior and Junior Girls' Basketball Teams and Senior Football Team have had successful regular seasons. They are beginning the playoffs over the next

2 weeks; best of luck to players on both teams. Thank you goes out to our staff coaches Mr. Susi, Ms. Smith and Ms. Back, our student and staff gym supervisors, referees, timers and scorers, along with all the parents/guardians, family members and friends that have come out and supported the girls at all the games.

PIZZA DAY

Pizza day is on **Friday, November 27th** and orders will be taken on **Wednesday, November 25th** in the morning (\$1.75/slice). This will also be a theme day and students are encouraged to dress for the theme of Funny Hat Day. Future Pizza and Dress Down Day's will be the last Friday of each month. Please watch future newsletters for the theme days of those Fridays.

H.W.C.D.S.B. PILGRIMAGE

Students and staff from all of our H.W.C.D.S.B. schools participated in the 10K Pilgrimage walk from Cathedral Catholic Secondary School to St. Daniel Catholic Elementary School on Sunday, October 19th. The Pilgrimage was in support of the H.W.C.D.S.B. initiatives that help developing nations. Thank you to the students and staff that represented St. Ann, Hamilton Catholic School Community at this worthwhile event. Congratulations to everyone!

ST. ANN ECO TEAM

St. Ann CES ECO Team is up and running. We have been busy! We have been recycling, making announcements, every Friday is litter less lunch, morning songs sung about our environment, and our ECO bulletin board. Our ECO spies have been in our school yard reminding everyone to "put waste in the right place." Three students were "caught" by the ECO spies putting waste in the right place. These ECO Leaders have won a slice of pizza! On October 26th the whole school watched an H2O puppet show put on by the City of Hamilton. We also have a new ECO song being sung by some of our grade four girls. The ECO team has a recycling box in the office for recycling hi-liters, white board markers, etc.

October 31st is change the clocks and smoke detector batteries. Please recycle these batteries using our service at the school. The ECO Team will be taking all of your batteries during the first week of November to dispose of them properly. Finally, a reminder that November is waste reduction month. We ask that everyone use reuse-able containers for their lunch, snacks, and water bottles.

As we continue the ECO work around our school, we are in the process of turning a space in the FDK playground into an outdoor classroom. To accomplish this, we would like to extend our thanks to Big Yellow Bag for their generous donation of soil for our vegetable garden. Thank You Big Yellow Bag!!

Remember to: Think Green, Act Green, and Live Green!

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**.

WEBPAGE SIGNUP FOR FAMILIES

Please take a moment to register your email address on our school website (stah.hwcdsb.ca) so we are able to communicate with you directly on an ongoing basis. Your registration will allow you to stay current and receive weekly communication from the office to stay current with the latest news coming out of the school. To register simply go to the school website, scroll partway down the page to a section that says "follow (Subscribe)" menu, you will see the link to permit you to register. This communication strategy will be another important way for families to remain in receipt of constant communication from the school. I look forward to exploring this tool with you.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

We ask parents to please take 5 minutes to register, by following the steps below. Once you are registered online, you will begin receiving emails about upcoming events. This Board initiative is designed to support parents in moving to a cashless school system for most school based initiatives.

The link below will take you to a one minute video clip that will give you a brief overview of the registration and online shopping experience.
<http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies>

Register Online:

Step 1: Please click on this link:
<https://hwcdsb.schoolcashonline.co>

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" icon and following the steps.

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the 'click here' option, login and add each of your children to your household account.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have any questions during the registration process or while shopping online, please select the GET HELP option in the top right hand area of the screen.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #82 –

Prayer and the education of children in the faith are seen as specific responsibilities of Christian parents, as well as grandparents. Our world is fast paced and we sometimes forget that our children need a place that will act as a cocoon, making them feel safe, loved and protected. We need to create purposeful moments when we gather as a family and share our values through conversations and family activities and where we share our faith through prayer and perhaps reading and discussing a passage from the Bible. Families build the foundation on which our children stand in the world – educating our children in their faith is a proven way to make that foundation solid enough to withstand anything.

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

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #62 – At the Synod in Rome, which wrapped up its deliberations on October 19, 2014, Pope Francis and more than 200 delegates discussed in detail the challenges faced by families in the world today. In their discussions they reminded us that we are not alone, that God is with us as we journey. Taking that message seriously can have a positive impact on your married relationship – attending Mass as a couple, praying together and even joining in parish events have proven benefits in producing happier marriages. God is with us – invite him in and see how his presence will have a constructive impact on your married life!