



# ST. ANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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“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*



### PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

We have many things to celebrate this month, beginning with Catholic Education Week! Catholic schools are Catholic communities. Catholic schools are faith communities. We – parents, students, teachers, administrative and support staff – walk and grow together in the faith which we received at our Baptism and it is in the ‘together’ that we grow. 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 celebrates Catholic Education Week 2016 in ways that are appropriate to our students’ age. I am very proud of the tremendous efforts undertaken here at St. Ann by the students and staff of the school to bring the theme for Catholic Education week alive through action and word.

On Monday, May 9, at 6:30 pm, we have an opportunity to empower our families through a visit from our specially selected guest speaker, Sarah Westbrook. Her work in our community will begin with the students and staff during the day and in the evening is extended to our families. Please join us for this important event to strengthen the bonds within your homes in meaningful and supportive ways. Childcare will be provided and there will be refreshments and door prizes available to those who are in attendance. I look forward to seeing each of you there if you are able to join us.

### SCHOOL MASS

Our next school mass and May Crowning are on **Thursday, May 26, 2016 @ 1 p.m.** in the church. Everyone is invited.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will be **Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Library. **All parents/guardians are invited to attend.**

### YES I CAN AWARD

Congratulations to Gabriel A. He will be receiving a Council for Exceptional Children, Yes I Can Award on **Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** at the President’s Dinner. Our school community is proud of each our winners! Way to go!

Congratulations are also extended to Mrs. Siccoli, a valued member of our Educational Assistant team who will be recognized at this event as well. Mrs. Siccoli has been chosen from nominations across the Board, to be commended for her fine supportive and innovative work. Mrs. Siccoli is committed to the work she has been called to do in ways that leave students in places beyond their starting points and leaves teaching staff and parents assured that the children entrusted to her care are challenged and supported in a caring and meaningful way. Congratulations Mrs. Siccoli.

### 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.

### MAY 7 HABIT FOCUS

For the month of May our focus will be: Habit 5 — Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood. This means to listen before you talk.

Something to think about:

Do I listen to other people’s ideas and feelings?

Do I try to see things from their viewpoints?  
Do I listen to others without interrupting?  
Am I confident in voicing my ideas?  
Do I look people in the eyes when talking?  
How well do you LISTEN!

### DIRECTOR AWARDS

Our Grade 7/8 student recipients of the Director's Catholic Student Excellence Awards are listed below. The awards' presentation is on **Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**. Students are recognized for their achievements in the following areas:

Catholic School Mission/Vision Award: **Aldred A.**  
Excellent Effort in the Pursuit of Learning: **Julia T.**  
Religion & Family Life: **Keanna M.**  
Stewardship of Creation: **Matteo G.**

Language: **Jeremy P.**

Science/Technology: **Ariah H.**

Mathematics: **Vincent P.**

Social Studies/History/Geography: **Parice B.**

Arts: **Phuong Vy P.**

French as a Second Language: **Allison F.**

Health & Physical Education: **Dominico C.**

The presentation to the awards' recipients took place at the Catholic Education Centre on Mulberry Street.

### PIZZA/CASUAL DAY

Pizza day is on **Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** and orders will be taken until **Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** (\$1.75/slice) on-line orders will end on **Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup>** **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE EXCEPTED.** This will also be a Casual Day.

### Junior Math Challenge

On Saturday, April 30, six of our students participated in the School Board's Junior Math Challenge at Bishop Ryan High School. Our students represented our school very well in all of the Math activities throughout the day! Congratulations to: Malina and Tatyanna in Grade 4, Nevin and Noah in Grade 5, and Julia and Mason in Grade 6. Thank you to the teachers who helped prepare the students for the event: Mr. Albini, Ms. Gabriele, Mrs. Santucci, and Mme Settimi.

### McHappy Day!

On Wednesday May 4, the staff would like to invite you to join us at McDonald's on Barton and Lottridge between 4-6 pm. We are supporting McMasters Children Hospital, City Kidz and other children charities.

### PEROGIES FOR LUNCH:

On Thursday, May 5 we will be celebrating our WIN-WIN habit with perogies for lunch. Students will receive their Perogies in their classrooms at lunch time. Perogies are being supplied by Holy Spirit Church.

ENJOY 😊

### SCHEDULE OF DATES WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION

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

**Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Victoria Day**

Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> - P.A. Day

Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> - P. A. Day

Thursday, June 30<sup>h</sup> - Last Day of School

### FIRST RECONCILIATION, COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Congratulation to our **Grade 7 students as they made their Confirmation on Saturday, May 14, 2016 @ 5 p.m. @ St. Ann Church. The Grade 2 students will be making The Sacrament of First Communion on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 5 p.m. at St. Ann Church.** Please keep our Grade 2 and 7 students in your prayers.

### MONTHLY AWARDS

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

#### CATHOLICITY

Gr 1 – Fady K., Artem K.

Gr 2 – Kendra P., Guilia S.

Gr 3 –Mika L.

Gr 4 – Angelina G., Lola S.

Gr 5 – Angel B.

Gr 6 – Randy K.

Gr 8 – Christian D, Mitchell M.

#### LEADERSHIP

Gr 1 – Summer R.

Gr 2 – Jordan Z, Emmanuel N.

Gr 3 – Lucas R., Savana S.

Gr 4 – Elizabeth M., Matthew D.

Gr 6 – Victor B., Parice B.

Gr 7 – David P.

Gr 8 – Emily N.

#### VIRTUE – Joy

Grade 1: Cathy C, Ekaterina Y.

Grade 2: Cory L., Peter J. S.

Grade 3: Julie T.

Grade 5: Peyton M., Yuliya O.

Grade 6: Frank L.

Grade 7: Mriana N., Dominic C., Dylan N.

#### FRENCH AWARD

Isabella R., Tirell T.E., Theo K., Adriana F., Nastya V., Macie K.

### SEPTEMBER 2016 FULL DAY JR. & SR.

#### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

Early registrations for September 2016 **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 2012.**

**Sr. Kindergarten Students - child must have been born in 2011.**

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.

### 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.

### EQAO TESTING

Good luck to our Grade 3 and 6 students as they will be writing the Primary and Junior Provincial Assessments during the last week of **May** first week of **June** more information to follow. 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. 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**.

### CROSS COUNTRY MEET

The spring cross country meet will be held on **Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** at Marydale Park. Good luck to all participants.

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### CYO SPORTS

The **Junior and Senior Boys' Volleyball Teams** seasons are complete. Congratulations to the team and coaches Mrs. DiFeo, Ms Wettlaufer 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 for being staff leaders for the event!

### 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 \$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)**

Summer Camp available from JK to Grade 7

Full day program - \$37.00

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

### RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN

Resiliency is commonly thought of as the ability to bounce back when faced with a challenge. It helps us to cope with our feelings so we can learn from an experience and move forward. For a child this could mean; having a disagreement with a friend, failing a test or not making a team.

A few tips for raising resilient children:

Relationships:

Children need to feel that they belong and to have people who support them

Be a positive role model:

Children learn by watching

Teach optimistic thinking:

Children with a positive outlook have more confidence and self-esteem

Give children choices:

To help build decision making skills

Encourage creative problem solving:

To help children think about alternate solutions

Teach children how to be assertive:

Show children how to confidently and respectfully communicate their thoughts, feelings and needs to others in a way that is not hurtful

Help your child identify and develop strengths:

Encourage them to try new things. Praise their Efforts

Help your child identify and name their feelings:

To effectively express their emotions.

#### 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**

