



ST. ANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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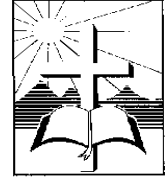
"Live, Love, Lead like Christ"

Principal – Mr. G. Pizzoferrato
Superintendent – Mr. T. Kovach

Cathedral School Principal – Mr. M. Daly
Principal Intern – Mrs. P. Moscato
Trustee – T. Perri

JUNE NEWS

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



PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

As the school year draws to a close, it is time to reflect upon and celebrate our many successes: strong academics, successful and competitive sports teams, special events, eco-initiatives and reception of the Sacraments.

It is a perfect time to thank our staff for their dedication. Our Teachers, Educational Assistants, DECE Educators, Custodial team and support staff have worked diligently to establish a climate and culture of high expectations and excellence in a joyful and prayerful Christ-centered school.

We would also like to thank our parent volunteers who selflessly give their time for the betterment of our students and school. Thanks are extended to Father Joe (and his team) for providing Masses and for helping to prepare our students for the Sacraments. Our gratitude goes to the Catholic School Council who worked tirelessly for the benefit of our children. Finally, thanks to you, the parents, who entrust to us your precious children. St. Ann School Community is truly blessed to have so many fine students who are leaders in every way, they are well behaved, hard-working, polite and caring students. We are blessed to work with children who understand that the opportunities that are provided to them are opportunities that open possibilities for their futures.

The month of May was an extremely busy month as we celebrated Catholic Education Week. We look forward to a busy June, with the Track and Field Meet, end of year school trips, Play Day and Graduation.

On a personal note, I wish to thank this community for welcoming me so warmly and supporting me in my role as Principal. I wish to thank Mrs. Moscato, our Principal Intern, for her assistance in ensuring that daily occurrences ran smoothly. Our gratitude is also extended to Mrs. Ragonetti, our very capable and efficient Office Administrator who tends to everyone's needs as though they are her single greatest priority each and every time. Finally I would like to thank our staff for their tireless efforts in your classrooms and the countless opportunities that you create for our students via clubs and extracurricular activities. It is your direct work that ensures that we continue to nurture the entire child in a school

community that is the model of excellence!

I am blessed to work with such wonderful people in a community that has embraced our collective work for the sake of ensuring our students are set up daily to meet with elevated levels of success.

Let us pray for a safe summer and for the continued success of our staff and students. Let us also keep our sick children, staff and parents in our prayers.

Have a safe and relaxing summer. May God's light continue to shine on you; may His Spirit protect you; and may His Love engulf you.

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

SEPTEMBER 2016-2017 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 – 1:40 – 1:55 p.m.

PARENT/GUARDIAN MEETING

A presentation will be made to **parents/ guardians of next year's Junior Kindergarten** students on **Tuesday, June 1st** at **6:00 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.

MONTHLY AWARDS

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

CATHOLICITY

Grade 1: Elizabeth S.
Grade 1/2: Jacklyn B.
Grade 2: Lochlan A.
Grade 2/3: Delmar C.
Grade 3: Rachael E.
Grade 4/5: Roselyn B./ Ethan H.
Grade 5/6: Gabriel A.
Grade 6/7: Kaiden P.
Grade 7/8: Brandon H./ Dominic C.

LEADERSHIP

Grade 1: Tyson B.
Grade 1/2: Connor E.
Grade 2: Ayden M.
Grade 2/3: Sofia R.
Grade 3: Lucas N.
Grade 4/5: Stephen M./ Marshall M.
Grade 5/6: Sierra A.
Grade 6/7: Alyzia A.
Grade 7/8: Terrell S. /Victoria T.

VIRTUE – Respect

Grade 1: Landen P.
Grade 1/2: Samuel H.
Grade 2: Andy N.
Grade 2/3: Erik B.
Grade 3: Savana S.
Grade 4/5: Alexandra B. / Angelina M.
Grade 5/6: Patrick T.
Grade 6/7: Kristine L.
Grade 7/8: Phuong Vy P./ Lucas P.

FRENCH AWARD

Grade 4/5: Malachi M..
Grade 4/5: Alyssa D.
Grade 5/6: Nevin W.
Grade 6/7: Mriana N.
Grade 7/8: Kristofer A.
Grade 7/8: Deanna K.

SCHEDULE OF DATES WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION

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

Friday, June 10th – P.A. Day

Friday, June 24th - P. A. Day

Thursday, June 30th - Last Day of School (Early Dismissal)

TRACK AND FIELD MEET

Our track and field team will be participating in their meet on **Tuesday, June 7th @ Mohawk Sports Park**. Mr. Toffolon, Miss Moulden 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

Our school talent show will be on Monday June 20th at 6:30 in our gymnasium on the beautiful stage. 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 **Wednesday, June 22th 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.

SCHOOL MASS

Our final school mass is on **Thursday, June 28th at 1 p.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!



SUB DAY/CASUAL DAY

Sub day is on **Friday, June 17th** and orders will be taken on **Monday, June 13th** in the morning (\$5.00 per 6" sub).

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**.

COOKING CLUB:

We have successfully completed another year of cooking at St. Ann School. We enjoyed many delicious dinners and of course desserts. We look forward to offering this skill next year. Keep watching...you never know one of our students may be a TOP CHEF one day.

DIRECTOR AWARDS WINNERS

Congratulation goes out to our grade 7 and 8 Director Award winners. Students are recognized for their achievements in the following areas:

Catholic School Mission/Vision Award: **Aldred A.**

Academic Excellence Award: **Anna Knigavko**

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.**

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.

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.keysoftware.com/movies>

Register Online:

Step 1: Please click on this link:

<https://hwcdsb.schoolcashionline.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.

YEAR END REPORTS/SUMMER CLOSING

Final report cards will go home on **Monday, June 27th**. The graduates will receive their reports on Graduation Day, **Wednesday, June 22nd**. School will be dismissed for the summer holidays on **Thursday, June 30th**. **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 Wednesday, June 29th**.

SEPTEMBER 2016 FULL DAY JR. & SR. KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for September 2016 **Full Day Junior Kindergarten** and **Senior Kindergarten** students. **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 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.

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

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 10^h**, 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, Ms. Gabriele, Ms. Polizzi, Miss Moulden, Mr. Lenjosek, Miss Monachino, Mrs. Wong, Mr. Clarke, and all the parents/guardians that attended the event.

Congratulations to the following students who finished top 20 in their division:

Sarah T. – 4th

Dietich P – 11th

Olivia A. – 20th

Preston B. – 15th

Bradyen W. – 18th

Cambria T. – 14th

Anna K. – 1st

CONFIRMATION

The Grade 7 students made their Confirmation on Saturday, May 14, 2016 @ St. Ann Church. Thank you to Mr. Susi, Mrs. Moscato, Mr. Dach and Rose Berrie 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 7th 2016**. 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, Mrs. Difeo, Ms. Polizzi, Miss Moulden, Mrs. Legris and Rose Berrie 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 **Margaret F., Mitchell M.** and **Adriana F.** for participating in this event. Honourable mention was awarded to **Victoria T** on a job well done. Thank you to Mrs. Settimi for preparing the students.

“LIVING THE SPIRIT” AND MICHAEL MORTON AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to **Maria H.** 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. **Austin S.** is the recipient of the H.W.C.D.S. B. Michael Morton Award. Congratulations, Austin S., as we are all proud of the both of you!

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

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

Summer Events

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY: July 4th to 29th, 2016



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. The summer International Languages Program is designed for elementary school age children who will be attending Full Day Kindergarten to Grade 8 in the 2016-2017 school year. 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. During the month of July, St. Charles Adult and Continuing Education offers free language classes in many of the elementary schools of the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board. These take place from Monday to Friday for 2 ½ hours per day beginning at 9:00 a.m. or 9:30 a.m. **No prior knowledge** of the language is necessary. This is a continuous-entry program; students can register any time during the month of July.

To see which schools are offering this program, the time and the languages being taught, please refer to the International Languages Program flyer at www.st.charles.ca