



# 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

This year’s Catholic Education Week theme is, “Walking Forward Together.”

The 2017 CEW theme and its five sub-themes are drawn from three contemporary Catholic documents that address the need for reconciliation and renewal – in our lives, with our families, in our relationships with others and in our relationship with our environment and our common global future.

The first is the 2016 response of the Canadian Catholic Bishops to the Truth & Reconciliation Commission that we need to heal past injustices by “Walking Forward Together.” The second is the 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home* by Pope Francis, that emphasizes the cultural roots of our ecological problems and advocates an urgent world collaboration for the care of our common global home. The third document, *Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love* is a 2016 Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis, which applauds our dedication and concern shown to children, families, migrants, the poor, the elderly, and to persons with special needs, as a sign of the Spirit. These supportive relationships are a test of our commitment to show mercy in welcoming others and to help the vulnerable, to be fully a part of our communities.

Our CEW biblical quote, “Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8), acknowledges the important role of justice and solidarity with our Indigenous peoples, our environment, the poor and marginalized, and all those who work to protect our common global future.

There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week:

- Day 1: Walking Forward Together with God
- Day 2: Walking Forward Together with Our Families
- Day 3: Walking Forward Together with Others
- Day 4: Walking Forward Together with Creation
- Day 5: Walking Forward Together in Hope

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association (OCSTA) provides our Catholic schools with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week. Using these resources as well as our own developed activities, we have prepared a series of activities which will highlight how our school is ‘Walking Forward Together.’

We hope to see many of you during our school celebrations.

Catholic Education Week Prayer  
*God of Mercy,  
 You have taught us that where two or three are gathered  
 in your name, you are here with us.  
 You call us to grow in our knowledge of you, into  
 relationship with those around us and with the world you  
 have created.  
 Deepen our faith as we walk together in understanding  
 and hope.  
 Lead us to a future that realizes your kingdom of peace.  
 May your love continue to light the path we walk.  
 We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our brother  
 and guide.  
 Amen.*

## SCHOOL MASS

Our next school mass and May Crowning are on **Friday, May 19, 2017 @ 10:10 a.m.** in the church. Everyone is invited.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will be **Tuesday, May 30th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Library this will be our final Catholic School Council meeting for this school year. All parents/guardians are invited to attend.

## COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN (CEC) AWARDS

Congratulations to John S., Victor B., and Kayla D., who will be receiving the CEC's "Yes I Can!" award on Thursday, May 11 at the President's Dinner. Our school community is very proud of each of our winners!

Congratulations are also extended to Mrs. Holadyk, a valued member of our Educational Assistant team, who will be recognized at this event as well. She has been chosen from nominations across both Hamilton School Boards to receive the "President's Award to an Educational Support Professional." Mrs. Holadyk is commended for her fine supportive and innovative work in both our regular and Ukrainian classes. She 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. Holadyk!

## MORNING ARRIVAL

We wish to remind all our families that our school day begins promptly at 8:45am. The school's student supervision begins at 8:30am. Please do not drop off students before this time as there is no staff on duty available to supervise them until 8:30am. Students who arrive after the 8:45am bell must report to the office for a late slip. All parents and visitors are asked to sign in at the main office with our secretary Mrs. Ragonetti when they come to the school. A reminder also that the end of the day is a very busy time in the office. Should there be a change of dismissal routine for your child, please advise the teacher via your child's agenda and call the office before 2:00 p.m. Please note: Students who must leave during the school day for appointments etc. must be signed out at the office by a parent or guardian.

## DIRECTOR AWARDS

Congratulations goes to our student who received Director's Catholic Student Excellence Awards. The awards were presented to our students on **Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**. Students were recognized for their achievements in the following areas:  
Catholic School Mission/Vision Award: **Mriana N.**  
Academic Excellence Award: **Dominic C.**  
Excellent Effort in the Pursuit of Learning: **Julia T.**  
Religion & Family Life: **Mika L.**  
Stewardship of Creation: **Phuong Vy P.**  
Language: **D'Avonte R.**  
Science/Technology: **Malina G.**  
Mathematics: **Azaliah A.**  
Social Studies/History/Geography: **Frank L.**  
Arts: **Aldred A.**  
French as a Second Language: **Megane W.T.**  
Health & Physical Education: **Noah D.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

During Catholic Education week on Wednesday May 3 at 7:00pm, a group of our intermediate students will be representing St. Ann School at the OECTA Trustee Scripture Reading event at Bishop Ryan Secondary School. We wish them well!

## PIZZA/CASUAL DAY

Pizza day is on **Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>** and orders will be taken until **Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>** (\$1.75/slice) **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE EXCEPTED.** This will also be a Casual Day.

## SCHEDULE OF DATES WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION

The following is a list of dates when school is not in session:  
**Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Victoria Day**  
Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> - P.A. Day  
Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> - P.A. Day  
Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of School

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

On Saturday, May 6 at 5:00 pm, our grade two students will receive their First Holy Communion and our grade 7 students will making the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 13, 2017 @ 5 p.m at St. Ann Church. We continue to pray that God keeps these children in his care and that he will shower many blessings upon them. We extend thanks to our teachers and educational assistants who have worked to support our students in their faith journey in preparation for this sacrament and we especially thank Father Joe and Rose at the Church for their efforts in making sure that all aspects of planning, registration and faith development were central to our student's preparation to receive the Eucharist.

## SEPTEMBER 2017 FULL DAY JR. & SR. KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

We are still making appointments for Junior Kindergarten registration. Please contact Mrs. Ragonetti to book an appointment at 905-547-5444. When registering please to bring the following documentation for your child:

- Parent/Child's Baptismal Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Citizenship documents if not Canadian born
- Emergency contacts name and number
- Proof of residency (utility bill) Please remind any friends and neighbours about registering since planning for classes will take place in early May.

**Jr. Kindergarten Students - child must have been born in 2013.**

**Sr. Kindergarten Students - child must have been born in 2012.**

## 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

The Education Quality and Accountability Office Assessments in Reading, Writing and Mathematics will be administered to the grade 3 & grade 6 students again this

year. At St. Ann Catholic School these assessments will take place on

**Wednesday May 24**

**Thursday May 25**

**Monday May 29**

**Tuesday May 30**

**Wednesday May 31**

More information will follow as we approach the assessment period.

## **FIRE DRILLS/ LOCKDOWN / BOMB THREAT DRILLS**

During the course of the school year we practice six Fire Drills, two Lockdown Drills and now have been directed to conduct 1 BOMB Threat Drill. Rehearsals take place at various times to ensure that all staff and students are able to go through the review and practice. Fire Drills and Bomb Threat Drills involve evacuating the school while lockdowns are used to secure the building from within. Community Officers Neudorff and Masters work to support us by joining us in some of our Lockdown practice to ensure proper and efficient exit or locking down procedures. We will be resuming our spring Fire Drills, Lockdown and Bomb Threat Drills over the next few weeks. As always, safety for all is our priority. Please note that as a courtesy to each family, a letter will be sent home following the Bomb Threat Drill as this will be the first time a drill of this nature, with very prescribed wording to be used over the PA System. Your children will be taught by their classroom teachers what the wording is and how to respond to it. If your children begin to discuss this at home, that is a good sign, please encourage them to speak about what they are learning with each of these drills. In this way, we can be assured that students in fact are internalizing the procedures by answering the questions that you have for them.

## **SCHOOL TRIPS**

We remind you that written permission is required for students to go on trips. If your child forgets his/her permission forms, he/she will stay at school. Telephone calls for verbal permission cannot be made, due to insurance and liability reasons. Safety is our priority. Trips are considered to be 'Out of School Learning Experiences.' These experiences offer a great opportunity for students to learn and discover in a different environment. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

## **ADULT CHAPERONE'S FOR SCHOOL TRIPS**

Just a reminder that the end of the year school trips are fast approaching. If you are interested in volunteering at the school, or supervising on class trips, you are required to have an updated Police Check. Letters may be obtained from the school Main Office, then taken to the police station. These take several weeks to process, therefore, we recommend that you apply for them well in advance of any upcoming school trips. Call the office for more information. Please be sure to let your child's teacher know if you are interested in supervising a class trip with your child's class. Although many people choose to volunteer, each trip is limited in the number of adults that can attend as a chaperone so please be sure to forward your name. Kindly note that you must have a current Vulnerable Sector Check on file at the school in order to chaperone. You may be contacted by a staff member to assist as a chaperone on a field trip for a class other than your own child's. I trust that

if you are not comfortable with this that you will inform the staff member of your intention to attend or not.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

As the warmer weather approaches, please note:

- Shirts must be uniform white or navy, collared, crested. No lace or coloured shirts underneath.
- Skorts / shorts should be appropriate length
- Socks should be white or navy
- All bottoms must be navy. Cargo, sports, yoga pants and/or sports shorts are not uniform.
- Running shoes are preferred as they protect from injury as a result of accidental slips and trips that may occur. Flip flops / "cros" are not safe.

## **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**.

## **HEALTH ACTION TEAM**

For the month of May, the Health Action Team will be focusing on "Be Active". Being active has many positive effects on mental wellbeing such as reducing stress and improving concentration. Children need lots of opportunities to be active inside and outdoors. It can be as easy as walking, running, cycling or swimming. Signing them up for group sports can increase their self-confidence, lead to new friendships outside of school and build trusting relationships with other adults such as coaches. The Health Action Team will be making announcements throughout the month of May to inform students of the many benefits of staying active. St. Ann students will also participate in a day of physical activity on May 30<sup>th</sup> at Dofasco Park. Details regarding this event will be sent home during the month.

## **CROSS COUNTRY MEET**

The spring cross country meet has been cancelled due to the rain for Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> and we are hoping to get a make-up date, information will be sent home when it becomes available to the school. 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 Ms. Wetzlauffer, Mrs. Legris, Miss Smith, Mrs. Wong, Miss Tomasevic and Mrs. Monachino 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

## **CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY FUNDRAISERS**

Thank you for supporting our fundraisers. We raised **\$970.00** to donate to the Canadian Cancer Society. Staff

coordinators Rose Wong and Anne Wettlaufer and their team of volunteers organized the sale of tickets for an Easter Basket raffle and they hosted a gum day where students purchased a license to be authorized to chew gum for the day. Between the two events, students and staff had opportunity to enjoy a treat while taking time to make a financial contribution to assist with cancer research by the generous donation from the school community to the Canadian Cancer Society. Cancer has touched students, staff and families within our board and community in many different ways, we used the month of April to acknowledge that and raise student awareness on the disease. As a school community it is our goal that with research, hope and prayer, that one day no one will hurt from this disease.

## **FRENCH CAFÉ**

St. Ann will be hosting a French Café in our Gymnasium by are grade 8's on Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup>. Come and Enjoy baked goods offered by Terra Cotta bakery and other FUN ACTIVITIES. VENEZ, VISITEZ NOTRE CAFÉ.

## **PRECIOUS MOMENTS**

Gently new and experienced Graduation and First Holy Communion dresses and suits are available to students at no cost on a first come, first serve basis. Students and parents are welcome. For more information, please contact Kelly Duffy-Kuriam at 905-525-2930 Ext. 2831.

## **ECO CERTIFICATION**

Our ECO Team has submitted our application for ECO–School Certification. We wish to thank the community for supporting us in our efforts! Let's hope for Gold this year after all of the hard work to raise awareness among our students of their call to be stewards of creation while being environmentally aware of the impact that their choices have on our environment! Thank you for your co-operation as we work toward Eco-Certification and a special thank you to the staff team who have worked tirelessly to prepare the thorough application under the leadership of Miss Kostyk.

## **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.ca>

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.

## **MATH TALK**

Mathies.ca, hosted by Ontario Association for Mathematics Education (OAME), is designed for Ontario K – 12 students and parents. This website includes games, learning tools, activities, and additional supports for students to explore, build and enhance their mathematical thinking. A parent ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ section includes: “How can I help with the learning of mathematics?”, “What mathematics activities can we do together?”, “What digital supports are available?” and “What additional support is available?”

<http://oame.on.ca/mathies/>

## **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

## **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

*We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Mothers a Happy Mother's Day. We wish you love, joy, peace and happy moments with loved ones. “We remember with gratitude and affection all mothers... all our dear mothers: those who live with us physically, but also those who live with us spiritually. The Lord bless them all, and may the Mother of God, to whom this month is dedicated, watch over them all.” ~Pope Francis*