



Live, Love, Lead like Christ

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Father all-powerful, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day we come before you with gratitude for your kindness; open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women, so that we may share your gifts in loving service.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

I would like to start by congratulating the students and staff of our school for raising almost \$700 and filling 14 backpacks with supplies that are being sent to Texas and being provided as part of the Hurricane Relief work being undertaken and supported by a local organization of which the Cowell family from our school has taken a leadership role. We wish them well in the work they are about to do and I thank them for inviting us to participate in such a worthy cause. This is another example of St. Ann students making a difference!

As we focus on the theme of giving thanks with Thanksgiving upon us, we have much to be thankful for. Although our appreciation should never be limited to just this time of year, we need especially at this time to think of those who are less fortunate than ourselves and how we can share our good fortunes with others. At St. Ann we aim to help our students become strong, critical thinkers as we deliver high quality instruction in reading, writing, and mathematics. Our success lies in the partnership we have and continue to develop with our families. Each family is important. Education is important. Research shows that children who come from families that are engaged and active in their child's school have the greater likelihood of reaching academic success. When students see their parents taking a daily interest in their learning activities (listening to them read, asking questions about their time at school) and participating in school activities, they learn from their adults that school is important. We value all of our students and we certainly value the families that care for them. Parents and caregivers are ALWAYS welcome as volunteers in our school. We thank you for all of your

hard work at home and we look forward to continuing our work with you as critical supports at home. In this way, we know that your children will have the best learning opportunities available to them at all times.

Happy Thanksgiving!

G. Pizzoferrato, Principal

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

It is important that all student absences are reported. As part of the NEW Safe Arrival Program parents/guardians are asked to report their child's absence **before 8:45** by calling **1-844-469-5486** or logging into the website hwc.schoolconnects.com. To authenticate their Portal account, parents can also do this on their IOS or Android devices by downloading the app. You are asked to please not call the school to report your child's absence. Please call the office if you have any question thank you for your cooperation.

Please note: in all research that is available, **your child's regular and timely school attendance** is positively related to their achieving growth and positive results in student learning. Your support in ensuring your child's regular and punctual attendance is critical to their learning and future success!

SCHOOL MASS

Our next school mass will be Thursday, October 5th at St. Ann Parish at 10:00 a.m. Please take the time to join us with our Pastor, Fr. Joe and celebrating the Eucharist.

PA DAY

The next Professional Activity Day is Friday, November 3, 2017. There is no school for the students.

PARKING/KISS 'N' RIDE/GATE AREA REMINDERS

Just a reminder that our Kiss 'n' Ride lane is for DROP OFF only. If you need to walk your child to the yard, please park your car in an available space at the front of the school or at St. Stan's Parish. There should be no stopping for any reason other than to permit your child to exit your vehicle and make their way into the playground. I am pleased to report that we have made much progress and I do appreciate your ongoing support in this critical area of our morning arrival routine. Your courtesy to others ensures that safety remains our priority at all times. Please also remember for those of you who are walkers to please leave SPACE at the Gate for our students to enter/exit. Thank you for your ongoing support and patience as we ensure student safety!

THANKSGIVING DAY

Monday, October 9th, 2017 is Thanksgiving Day and there will be **no school** for students and staff. Please take time to enjoy the day with family and friends.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY



School Pictures for all students will be on Thursday, October 26th. Order forms will be sent home.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS

October 5 is World Teachers Day/EA and October 25 is World Child Care Worker/Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day. Thanks to these professionals for providing the best opportunities possible for all learners.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

This year, our St. Ann's Student Leadership Team is organizing a Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Good Shepherd. The food drive begins **Wednesday, September 27th and ends on Thursday, October 5th**. All non-perishable food donations are welcomed. This event is a further example of our responsibility and commitment to social justice and supporting those in need found in our greater community. Thank you for your support of this event!

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

School Cash Online is now available for all families. The system is designed for a seamless payment process without cash transactions through the school. To register: <https://hwcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

SCHOOL SAFETY – FIRE DRILLS and LOCKDOWN DRILLS

Throughout the year, the school must conduct 6 fire-drills (3 in each of the fall and spring terms), and 2 lockdown procedure drills (Ontario fire Code – 0. Reg. 33/97, cl.2.8.3.2 (1)(b)). Please review these drills through discussion with your children. Staff will be speaking with them to prepare for the drills. Please review with your children the value to these drills and the need for their safe and rapid response in the interest of their safety.

ANAPHYLAXIS AND LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES

Several children in our school live with a severe life threatening food allergy to peanuts, nuts and other allergens (anaphylaxis). This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods and can result in death within minutes. Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we request that you send your child with nut-free lunches and snacks. Products that contain or "may contain" peanuts and tree nuts are not to be brought onto the school site. Home baked products also present problems as a result of the potential for cross contamination of allergens depending on the baking utensils used. We continue to promote food-free celebrations at school. Please do not send snacks or treats for your child's birthday or Holidays. If snacks are provided in the classroom, they will be provided by the school in the interest of everyone's safety. Also, please remind your child that they should never share their food with other students to avoid any potential problem due to allergens that out of your child's innocence could be introduced to another child. During Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's and Easter we need to be extra diligent so again, I ask that you not send food snacks for class sharing to the school. Thank you for helping to keep students safe!

HAMILTON PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES:

October 16, 2017, Public Health Services will be at the school to conduct the Oral Health Survey Assessment (dental screening) for our SK, Gr. 2 students. Children in other grades who were previously identified with dental needs may be re-screened.

HAMILTON HEALTH SCIENCES

Hamilton Health Sciences has prepared a Back to School Health Booklet for parents and caregivers with articles by healthcare experts on topics such as healthy school lunches, school-related anxiety immunization, and other important information.

The booklet has been posted on the board and school websites in digital format for easy access by parents.

The online resource is located at <https://www.hwdsb.ca/support/childyouthhealth/>

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

On September 26, 2017 parents met for the first C.S.C. meeting this year and held elections for the 2017 - 2018 Catholic School Council Executive. WELCOME to the following people who were elected:

Chairperson: Mrs. Tapp
Vice Chair: Mrs. Salemi
Secretary: Mrs. Poyton
Treasurer: Ms. Laudenbach

Teacher Representative: Mrs. Moscato
Councilors: Mr. Baiely & Mrs. Wissink

Great News! Once again, the Parent Council has been approved for the Parents Reaching out (PRO) grant. We will be organizing a special event for parents and guests that will include guest speaker, Dr. Karyn Gordon. Please watch for more information to come home regarding the date and time.

The next Catholic School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday October 24 @ 6:30 pm
Please plan to join us to learn of the great work being done by this team of parent volunteers.

THANKSGIVING LUNCH



Students and staff will participate in a Thanksgiving Turkey Lunch on Friday, October 6th. All students are asked to stay for lunch on Friday. If you do not wish for your child to participate in this luncheon, please notify your child's teacher immediately so the necessary accommodations can be made.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

On October 4, 2017, thousands of students from the HWCDSB will join the millions of children worldwide in the movement toward active, sustainable transportation and good health. International Walk to School Day is an annual event that provides a fun and easy way for children to enjoy and learn about their surroundings while increasing physical activity. It's also a great way for children to learn and practice road safety skills. Walking to school has the added benefit of improving air quality through reduced car trips, and that in turn helps the environment. If you walk or ride wear yellow with pride!

FALL CROSS COUNTRY MEET

The C.Y.O fall cross country meet date is Tuesday, October 10th at Marydale Park (Mount Hope/Binbrook Area). Approximately 80 students and staff will be making the yearly trek to represent our school. Best of luck to all our competitors! We will be in need of volunteers that have a police check.

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD PARENT CONFERENCE 2015

On Saturday, November 4th, 2017 from 7:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., there will be a Parent Conference at Bishop Ryan Secondary School. For more information, please visit the website at www.hwcdsb.ca

PILGRIMAGE

On Sunday, October 15th 2017 students of the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board will be participating in our twelfth annual Pilgrimage "Walk with Christ - Justice for the Poor," an event that will raise money to support development projects in Uganda, Haiti and the

Dominican Republic.

In addition, funds will be set aside for Holy Childhood Society and Development and Peace Emergency Appeal Fund. Staff of the secondary and elementary schools are working with teams of students to plan the event. The pilgrimage raises our awareness of the injustice of world hunger, and inadequate health care, shelter, and education. As a Catholic school community, the pilgrimage gives us the opportunity to do what the Lord asks of us: to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8).

LOONIE TUESDAY - - - LET'S SUPPORT THE PILGRIMAGE

Students, families and staff from all of our H.W.C.D.S.B. schools will participate in the 8K Pilgrimage walk from Cathedral Catholic Secondary School to St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Elementary School on **Sunday, October 15th**. The Pilgrimage is in support of the H.W.C.D.S.B. initiatives that help developing nations. On **Wednesday, October 18th (Jersey Day)** students and staff are invited to **bring in a loonie** or a toonie (and/or any other donation amount) to sponsor all of our pilgrimage participants. The monies collected will be donated to the Pilgrimage effort on behalf of our school community. We wish our participants well on this journey!

WORLD TEACHERS DAY

World teacher day October 5th, 2017 and Child care worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day October 8. Many thanks to all the dedicated staff at St. Ann School who work tirelessly with their students every day to create a safe, welcoming and stimulating learning environment. Their commitment to education is a true example of being a Catholic educator.

RUNNING AND READING CLUB

The Running and Reading Club will be returning to St. Ann's School this year! It is a fun, free, after school program starting Wednesday October 11th. It includes:

- Running, relays, and active games
- circuit training
- individual and group challenges
- group and individual reading activities

If your child has not already received a permission form and you are interested in having him/her join the program, please ask your child's teacher or the office for a permission form.

Looking forward to an exciting year of running and reading!!

GROWING SUCCESS: ASSESSMENT, EVALUATION AND REPORTING IN ONTARIO SCHOOLS

In May 2010 the Ministry of Education released the new initiative ***Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools*** for implementation during the 2010-2011 school year.

The **Progress Report** will go home to parents/guardians in **November**. There will be an evening for interviews. The date will be sent out in the November Newsletter. However, staff will inform you of alternative ways to assist in communicating with families on an individual basis where necessary.

The new reporting system emphasizes the learning skills and work habits and recognizes them as an integral part of a student's learning. The six revised Learning Skills and Work Habits will be consistent from K - Gr. 12.

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| i. Responsibility | ii. Organization |
| iii. Independent Work | iv. Collaboration |
| v. Initiative | vi. Self-regulation |

These areas are evaluated and reported on as:

E – Excellent

G – Good

S – Satisfactory

N – Needs Improvement

PIZZA DAY

Pizza day is on **Friday, October 13th** and **Friday October 27th** orders will be taken on **Tuesday October 10th** and **Monday October 23rd** (\$1.75/slice) on line only. The last Friday of each month will also be a dress down day.

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**. *****Please note: a directive has been sent out by the H.W.C.S.B. regarding Kobe Pants. No longer are Kobe pants allowed as an option in our Uniform Policy. This was allowed in error and we are asked to phase the Kobe Pants out. We are asking families to not purchase Kobe Pants in the future. As we are in the process of phasing them out this year, students will be allowed to wear them if the product has been purchased. As of September 2015 Kobe Pants will not be allowed. The Uniform Policy has been changed on our website.**

SPOOK-A-THON

The school will once again be holding its MOVE-A-THON Fundraiser at St. Ann School in the gym. **It is scheduled for Monday, October 31st.** Funds raised from this activity will be used to offset the cost of field trips and to support the continued enhancement of school technology resources for student use. More detailed information about the move-a-thon will be sent home.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNION

The date for our **Grade 7 students' Confirmation is Saturday, May 5th, 2018 @ 5 p.m. @ St. Ann Church. The Grade 2 students will be making The Sacrament of First Communion on Saturday, May 12th, 2018 at 5 p.m. at St. Ann Church.** Please keep our Grade 2 and 7 students in your prayers as they prepare for these sacraments. Father Joe will be meeting with

parents/guardians of students in Grade 2 making their First Communion and Reconciliation and our Grade 7 students making their Confirmation **St. Ann Church.** All parents/guardians are expected to attend a meeting on Monday October 16th, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the church.

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

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 on-line registration process facilitated by the school. The Homework Help website is fully monitored with several protective measures in place to ensure student safety.

FREE EYEGLASSES

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

BUS POLICIES

In May 2008 the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board and the Hamilton Wentworth School Board partnered together and formed the Hamilton Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS) Consortium. The mandate for the Consortium includes the provision of safe, effective and efficient transportation services for

students for both Partner Boards. If you have any inquiries, changes or complaints regarding the bussing please call **1-800-691-6402** and your call will be directed to the appropriate staff. We thank you for your patience during this transition.

In order to make sure our children get home safely, it is the Board's policy that every child will go home on their assigned bus. **No exceptions will be made.**

ST. ANN'S PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Ann's Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held at St.

Ann's School gym (Barton St. E. & Sherman Ave.N)

Sat. Nov. 4th 2pm to 7pm &

Sun. Nov. 5th 10am to 1pm.

Capital Cash Prizes, Penny Sale, Baked Goods, Café Special Raffles. All are welcome. We are a fully wheelchair accessible facility.

For more information call 905-544-0488

We will be looking for student volunteers to help set up and clean up for the bazaar.

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

EQAO

Primary & Junior Assessments individual student reports will be sent home soon. Preliminary public reports can be found on the EQAO website.

REMINDER AS WE APPROACH COLD AND FLU SEASON

The best way to prevent or reduce the spread of influenza and many other illnesses is through personal protection:

- Wash hands well and often with soap and water for at least 15 seconds.
- Cough and sneeze into your upper sleeve or a tissue, not your hand. Dispose of tissues immediately.
- Clean commonly touched surfaces like door knobs, light switches, phones and computer equipment often.
- If you have a fever and influenza-like symptoms, stay at home until you no longer have a fever and are well.

If your child is sick and not able to go to school, report your child's absence to the school and let them know if your child has flu symptoms. Flu symptoms include a fever and any of the following symptoms:

- Cough
- Fatigue
- Muscle aches
- Chills
- Shortness of breath
- Vomiting and diarrhea which are common in children.

If you require information about the flu, visit
www.hamilton.ca/flu or call
905-546-CITY (2489)

MCMASTER UNIVERSITY THIRD YEAR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

This year, St. Ann Catholic Elementary School will benefit from the presence of four McMaster University Third Year Nursing Students. Their project is related to empowering students to making active and healthy choices regarding playground activities to ensure a safe and active recess at all times. A variety of student leadership opportunities will be nurtured. The student nurses will work closely with the school's Health Action Team.

EMAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS ON SCHOOL WEBSITE

A reminder to parents and guardians to subscribe to the school email list. Once you 'subscribe' with your email address, you will receive each email messages regarding school life and important notices. This function can be accessed directly from the St. Ann school website. Registration is a one step process that will take no more than two minutes. I look forward to communicating with you in this manner during the course of this year.

<https://stah.hwcdsb.ca/subscribe/>

FREE MATH HOMEWORK HELP IS BACK!

homeworkhelp.ilc.org

In effort to support our students with developing their mathematical understanding both inside and outside of school hours, the Ontario Ministry of Education and TVO are providing each Grade 7 and 8 students with access to the Homework Help website. This site focuses on mathematical help for Ontario students. Students have access to both guided and independent learning in a unique environment that combines technology and personal interaction. Key areas of the site include: Ask a Tutor Chat Rooms, Listen & Learn presentations with certified teachers, Interactive Tutorials and Best Sessions. Each of our Grade 7 and 8 students has received training on how to log in and access this website. Please ask your son or daughter about this opportunity and encourage them to check in to support their understanding of mathematics.

“The e-math+ tool recognizes that parents play a crucial role in their child's success and builds on that special relationship by providing interactive lessons, videos, support pages, math tools and workbook solutions to help parents understand the math lessons their children are learning,” he says. “The idea is to make it fun for parents and students alike.” The digital resource also provides online versions of Grade 3-6 Nelson mathematics textbooks which not only give parents direct access to what their child is learning in the classroom, but free children from having to lug their math books home from school. The interactive platform is both easy to navigate, and easy to understand.

Students in Grades 3-6 have been registered, login information can be found in the front of student agendas.