



ST. ANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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"Live, Love, Lead like Christ"

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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"
Matthew 5: 1-12



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Shortly before losing his life on December 1943, a Canadian infantry sergeant wrote:

Today a bird sang for me. I leaned against the strong trunk of a living tree.
 Today a little lizard ran across my hand. So I am not alone. When I get back to Canada I'll remember this. I will cherish all of life, for all life is really one. I will never again be a destroyer. This is my dream that we will learn to live in harmony, not between man and man alone, but with the whole living world.

Let us pray for peace in our community, in our country and in our world.

Please join us for a Remembrance Day Ceremony in our gym on: Friday, November 10th at approximately 10:40am

PARISH NEWS

ST. ANN'S PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Sat., Nov. 4th from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. & Sun., Nov. 5th 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 **Thursday, November 2nd at St. Ann Parish at 10:00a.m.** Please take the time to join us with our Pastor, Fr. Joe as we celebrate the Eucharist.

PHOTO RETAKE DAY

Photo Retake Day is **Friday, November 30th 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!

PA DAY

The next Professional Activity Day is **Friday, November 3, 2017.** There is **no school** for the students on that day as staff members will be participating in professional learning grounded in our Catholic faith.

ANAPHYLAXIS UPDATE

Anaphylaxis and Life Threatening Allergies Several children in our school live with a severe life threatening food allergy to peanuts and nuts (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. Alternate "peanut butter" spreads are difficult to differentiate from the real product and make monitoring student safety a challenge.

We continue to promote food-free celebrations at school. Please do not send snacks or treats for your child's birthday or Holidays (Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's and Easter). Thank you for helping to keep

students safe!

November is Bullying Awareness Month!

Bullying Awareness Month helps to focus on increasing the awareness of bullying and to help prevent, resolve, and eliminate bullying in our society. A positive learning environment is essential if students are to succeed in school. Promoting a safe and positive school climate is always a goal, and during this month students and staff will continue to highlight this initiative through announcements and classroom presentations. The Theme for this month will be "Stand Up to Bullying!" This theme will continue to be a focus throughout our year.

Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectation and Virtue of the Month

The month of November will focus on the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectation *A self-directed, responsible, life-long learner* and the virtue of *Peace*. Peace is linked to justice and St. John Paul II reminded us that peace is the fruit of justice.

The students will focus on setting appropriate goals for the month. Effectively apply communication skills to solve conflicts and make good choices. Their actions will reflect those of a Christian leader. Students will find time to exercise their mind, body, and soul. They will respect the dignity of themselves and others. When challenges arise, they will respond in a positive manner.

Faith In Action Question:

What actions can we take to promote justice between people and understanding between groups?

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 7th**. 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 **Friday, November, 17th** is \$1.00 per license. Let's all work together to make this a successful fundraiser for the United Way!

PIZZA DAY

Pizza day is on **Friday, November 10th** and **Friday November 24th** orders will be taken on **Monday November 6th** and **Monday October 20th** (\$1.75/slice) on line only. The last Friday of each month will also be a dress down day.

SAVE THE DATE!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

St. Ann school will be hosting our annual breakfast with Santa. It will be held on Saturday Dec 2, 2017 from 9-11. The cost will be \$10.00 per family. More information to will follow.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

You are reminded that there is a Catholic School

Council meeting on **Tuesday, November 28th** at **6:30 p.m.** in the staff room. **All parents/guardians are invited to attend.**

HWCBSD PARENT CONFERENCE

WEAVING THE CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP

A friendly reminder of the annual Parent Conference on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Bishop Ryan CSS. 7:45am - 8:30am Registration, breakfast, exhibits

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 **1700 items of non-perishable food items** to the Good Sheppard Centre. Thanks also to our Student Leadership Team and all staff for promoting this event.

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 6, 2017**. Great job to our student leadership team for organizing the event. Thank you to all staff and families for donating to our prize baskets!

PROGRESS REPORTS/PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW

Progress Reports (Grades 1-8) will be sent home on Tuesday, November 14th, 2017.

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 23rd**. 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.

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 Bi-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.

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!

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 10th approximately 88 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 Settini 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 Sarah T. who came in 5th and Jeremiah C.C. who came in 6th. Congratulations to all of our participants see you in the SPRING.

C.Y.O NEWS . . .

The Senior and Junior Girls' Basketball Teams and Senior boys Flag Football Team have had a 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. Z, Mr. Borsellino, Mrs. Wegiel, Mrs. Wettlaufer and Ms. Stevens, 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.

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 15th. 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!

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**.

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.

ROOTS OF EMPATHY PROGRAM

The Roots of Empathy program will be returning to St. Ann school in Ms. Smith and Ms. Wettlaufer’s kindergarten class. Roots of Empathy is an award-winning, evidence based classroom program that has shown dramatic effect in reducing levels of aggression among school children while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy. At the heart of the program are Baby Lio and his mom Mrs. DeFaria. The family will visit the classroom nine times over the school year. During these visits, we will coach the students to observe the baby’s development and label the baby’s feelings. In this experimental learning, Lacey is the “teacher” and she will help the students identify and reflect on their own feelings and the feelings of others. In total, there are 27 lessons over the school year to deliver nine themes. Each theme consists of three visits, a pre-family visit, a family visit and a post-family visit. These themes include important topics such as crying, emotions, safety, communicating and sleep.

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/>

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.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.