

# *June 2018 NEWSLETTER UP-DATE*

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

It's hard to believe that June is already upon us. We have seen your children grow physically, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually. While they are no doubt looking toward the summer, we marvel at their accomplishments and their positive attitudes day in and day out. They have truly been a pleasure to work with and we look forward to continuing our work.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the St. Ann Catholic School community for the kindness and support you have shown me in our journey, sharing Catholic education with our children. I thank our teachers, DECE's and Educational Assistants who inspire and motivate our students to strive to be their best each day as well as our office staff and custodians who keep our school running so efficiently. I thank our Catholic School Council for their commitment to helping to ensure a quality learning environment and proper levels of accountability of staff in the collaborative work we do. Finally, I would like to thank Father Joe for his spiritual leadership and guidance with all members of our school community this year. With the core of our partnership in tact as a good partnership between home, Parish and School, our students stand only to continue to benefit from a quality Faith based learning experience. I thank all stakeholders for their partnership in this school community and I look forward to our collective work over the years to come. Have a relaxing and enjoyable summer! I look forward to your safe return!

## **DISMISSAL ON FRIDAY, JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**The buses will be arriving between 12:05 and 12:15 p.m. to take students home on the last day.** As a result, you are asked to **have your child bring a lunch on the last day, if they are bussed.** All bussed students will stay for lunch unless picked up by a parent/guardian. Parents/Guardians that wish to pick students up on the 30<sup>th</sup> can bring their child home at lunch (11:30 a.m.). **Only those students that walk to school will be allowed to walk home at 11:30 a.m. Once again, if you usually pick your child up from school, please note your child can be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. (Lunch dismissal).**

## **HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD PARENT CONFERENCE 2018**

On Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., there will be a Parent Conference at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School. For more information, please visit the website at [www.hwcdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.hwcdsb.edu.on.ca)

## **REGISTRATIONS FOR 2018-2019**

ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS OF THE HAMILTON WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD WILL BE OPEN FOR registering for the 2017-2018 school year ON **TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018 – 2019 a.m. to noon.** For further information, please call the CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE at (905) 525-2930.

## **MEET THE STAFF BARBECUE**

The tentative day for our school Meet the Staff will be held on **Tuesday, September 18, 2018.** St. Ann Staff will be selling Porchetta Sandwiches and refreshments that can be purchased on that night. The barbecue begins at 5:00 p.m. and the classrooms will be open from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for you to visit with your children. You will have an opportunity to meet the school staff and see the curriculum that your child will be studying this year.

## **WEBPAGE & SCHOOL CASH SIGNUP**

Start following us by going to [stah.hwcdsb.ca](http://stah.hwcdsb.ca) and receive emails and school information, also register for School Cash online by go to <https://hwcdsb.schoolcashionline.com> this will allow you to pay for school items on line.

## **FIRST RIDER PROGRAM**

In order to introduce Kindergarten students and their parents to the school bus environment and rules, First Rider sessions are held at various locations around the Hamilton-Wentworth region. Please see the HWSTS transportation website at [hamiltonschoolbus.ca](http://hamiltonschoolbus.ca) for information for the First Rider Program for your bused students. This program is an orientation for the school bus for JK/SK students. Parents will be sent (via mail) this information over the summer but if they want to sign up sooner please direct them to the website for the sign up information. More information at:

[http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/public\\_v2/first rider.aspx](http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/public_v2/first rider.aspx)

## THANK YOU

St. Ann Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents/guardians and volunteers who have helped to make this school year a very successful one. Your partnership helps to create a positive and inviting school community where all are accepted and success is the result of our partnership to challenge and support your children daily. Have a safe and enjoyable summer and we look forward to your healthy and happy return in September 2018. To our families who will begin in a new school in the fall I would like to thank you for your work in our community and I wish you well in your next school and I remain hopeful that the foundation of learning gained here at St. Ann will serve you well!

## STAFF COMING AND GOING

During the past three years, our community has had the privilege of working with Mrs. Moscato as she served as a teacher, Principal Intern and Assistant to the Principal. She has shown tremendous dedication and commitment to our students, staff and parents/guardians in the St. Ann (Hamilton) School Community! We have greatly appreciated her Catholic Leadership and wish Mrs. Moscato well at her new placement in September at St. Joachim Catholic Elementary School. Her energy and enthusiasm will be greatly missed!

Ms. Giornofelice, our school secretary for the past few months, has only been in our community since February, only a short time really, however, she has been a valuable member of our school Office Administration Clerical team. Her careful attention to detail, kind ways with staff, students and parents, and her exceptional organization has helped to continue to move our community forward on a number of fronts. We greatly appreciated her smile and warm welcomes each day, thank her for her tremendous work and we wish her well in her new placement!

We would like to thank Ms. Smith our Grade 1/2 teacher who has successfully obtained a position with our Board as a Reading Recovery Teacher and will be placed in the role at St. James and Our Lady of the Assumption School for September, Mrs. Treneer who has served diligently as one of our grade 2 teachers for this year and is moving on to a teaching assignment at Our Lady of Mount Carmel school, Mr. Moutinho our grade 3/4 teacher who is moving on to a teaching assignment at St. Joseph's Catholic Elementary School, Mrs. Moscato whose new assignment has been described above, Mr. Culina our Teacher Librarian who moves on to a new assignment in the fall, Mrs. Babjack and Mrs. Steven's, our Art Integration Teachers, have both moved on to take on new assignments for the fall. Finally, I would also like to extend our thanks to Mrs. Freeborn, Ms. Peters, Ms. Kaur, Ms. Okpere for their work in our community as educational assistants. This year we have one retiree, Mr. Potter, who closes out this chapter of his work with our school as the English as a Second Language teacher and begins a new and exciting chapter in his career as a retiree. As a community we thank all of these staff members for their contributions to our school community and wish them well in their new assignments. We greatly appreciate your commitment to our students, your colleagues and our school community! You will each be missed!

With the above departures, I wish to extend a warm welcome to teaching staff who are on their way to St. Ann for the Fall of 2018. We welcome Mrs. Shamon as our grade 7 teacher and Assistant to the Principal, Mr. Cefaloni as our grade 6/7 teacher, and Mrs. DiBartolomeo as our grade 2/3 teacher, Ms. Grsic as our new Kindergarten teacher and Mrs. Grazyani our new Teacher Librarian. At this time, we are waiting for the confirmation of the names of some of the members who will comprise our Educational Assistant team so I need to hold off on publishing the team member's names but can assure the community that we will continue to be in very capable hands moving forward. We look forward to the additional talents and leadership that all new staff members bring to our school community beginning in September and embrace this change opportunity that will see our path forward built on developing our new partnerships!

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

During the summer when you are looking to purchase uniforms, ensure you are following the attached policy of the school uniform. When you are making your purchases, please adhere to the poster attached if purchasing from someplace other than our school supplier. **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 (Dockers style casual pants and/or 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 your tops should now be crested so please purchase a crest from the school or JML Sportswear our 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**.

## **TEACHING STAFF AND CLASS ORGANIZATION FOR 2018-2019**

Classroom placements will not be completely finalized until the last week of August. On the first day of school the students will gather in the gym and be introduced to their teachers, much like last year. At that time the students will be escorted by their teacher to their new classroom. I share with you the organization of classes for September. Please keep in mind that our population continues to grow and as such class organization could be subject to change up until the end of October.

<b>Grade Assignment</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
FDK / DECE	Miss Weigel/Ms. March
FDK / DECE	Miss Forsyth/ Mrs. Fernandopulle
FDK /DECE	Miss. Grsic/ Ms. Wettlaufer
Grade 1	Mrs. Mastromarco
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Santucci
Grade 2	Miss. Kostyk
Grade 2/3	Mrs. DiBartolomeo
Grade 3	Ms. Polizzi
Grade 3/4	Ms. Gillow
Grade 4	Mrs. Rizzo
Grade 4/5	Mr. Toffolon
Grade 5/6	Mrs. Monachino
Grade 6/7	Mr. Cefaloni
Grade 7	Mrs. Shamon
Grade 8	Mr. Ciapanna
French as a Second Language	Madame Settimi
Reading Recovery/ LRT/FDK Planning	Mrs. Ermacora
Grade Primary Planning Time	Ms. Tomasevic
Teacher Librarian	Mrs. Graziani
Art Integration Teacher 1	T.B.A
Art Integration Teacher 2	T.B.A.
SPEC ED Resource Teacher	Mr. Albini
Educational Assistant Team	T.B.A.
Day Custodian	Ms. Tower
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Ragonetti
Assistant to the Principal	Mrs. Shamon
Principal	Mr. Pizzoferrato

**School begins again on Tuesday, September, 4, 2018.**

