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THE HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
**ST. ANN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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*Live, Love, Lead like Christ*

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## OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

*Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.*

*Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.*

*Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.*

*This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.*

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

With October being the month where expressions of our gratitude are offered, I must begin this newsletter by thanking staff, students and the parent/guardian/parish communities for a successful start to the school year. It has been humbling to observe students transition smoothly to new classrooms and new grades with great resilience, and how staff and parents continue to work together in situations where the transition may be a bit more challenging. Staff members have started the year by setting expectations, developing routines and raising the level of expectations where student achievement is concerned. Parents/guardians have been working closely with staff on many levels to ensure that good work habits and routines are in place early. These measures will ensure that your child's success is inevitable throughout the 2018- 2019 school year. As always, a strong partnership with the home will remain critical as we journey to continued levels of elevated success. As a Catholic community, we will be most successful when we model our thoughts, words and actions after Jesus Christ. On behalf of the entire staff, we sincerely look forward to continuing to serve the school community this school year. St. Ann CES truly is a special place to live, love and lead like Christ!

### **VIRTUE OF THE MONTH & CATHOLIC GRADUATE FOCUS**

The following students are recognized for their demonstration of FAITH as the focus virtue and as a Discerning Believer Formed in the Catholic Faith Community as the Catholic Graduate Focus for the month of September:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Catholic Graduate Expectation</b>
Mrs. Santucci	Logan O.
Mrs. Mastromarco	Mark M.
Miss Monachino	Nikolai VB.
Miss Kostyk	Luka M.
Ms. Polizzi	Danielle B., Malikai M.
Ms. Gillow	Jessika S.
Mrs. Rizzo	Connor E., Jaxon A., Boston B.
Mr. Toffolon	Kyle L.
Mrs. Monachino	Jamie H., Guilia S.
Mr. Cefaloni	Corina B.
Mrs. Shamon	Alexander T., Alexander H.
Mr. Ciapanna	Faith M.

## **PILGRIMAGE**

On Sunday, October 14th, 2018 students of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board will be participating in our fifteenth 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. Funds will also be set aside for Holy Childhood Society and Development and Peace Emergency Appeal Fund. St. Ann school intermediate students and staff will participate. 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).

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

On September 24, 2018 parents met for the first C.S.C. meeting this year but due to a low turnout, elections for the 2018-2019 Catholic School Council Executive have been deferred to our October meeting which is scheduled for October 29, 2018 at 6:30pm. The following positions will need to be filled by members from our community:

Chairperson/Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Teacher Representative, Councilors, Community Rep.

Please check the Catholic School Council section of our website regularly for more information and future meeting dates.

## **ST. ANN PARISH NEWS:**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY starts next week!!!

We are so excited to offer this program for our young people of our parish. If you have a child/ren age/s 4 – 7 they are welcome to join in during our Mass. The readings are done in a way for them to understand. There will be a small activity as well.

At this time the program will take place every first and third Sunday of the month from October 7th to June 17th at the 10am Mass.

If you are interested in becoming a leader or helper with this program or require more details, please don't hesitate to speak to Fr. Joe, Bernadette or call our parish office at 905-544-0488 or by email at

[stannhamilton@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stannhamilton@hamiltondiocese.com)

## **SCHOOL PICTURE DAY**

School Pictures for all students will be on **Thursday October 25th**. Order forms will be handed out within the next couple of weeks!

## **PIZZA/CASUAL DAY:**

Pizza Day at St. Ann will take place the second and last Friday of each month beginning in October. Pizza is \$2.00 per slice and may be purchased using **CASH ONLINE**. **Cash Online is highly encouraged. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** This will also be a Casual Day.

## **PARENT CONFERENCE:**

The 26th Annual Parent Conference "Weaving the Catholic Partnership" is scheduled to take place on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018 7:45a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School located at 1824 Rymal Road East Hamilton, ON. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Crosby. The day will begin with Mass followed by breakout sessions for parents to choose from. Breakfast and lunch are provided, and all participants will leave with a goodie bag. All parents are invited to attend this informative conference.

Visit our board website for more details. <http://www.hwcdsb.ca>

## **EQAO**

Primary & Junior Assessments individual student reports will be sent home soon. Preliminary public reports can be found on the EQAO website. [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)

## **SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

We are planning our annual fundraiser, the Halloween Spook-a-Thon. We have been very successful in past years and look forward to another fun filled event. Details will be sent home soon.

## **SCHOOL SAFETY**

Please remember to use designated parking on Alma and St. Ann Street or side streets to ensure student safety on their routes to and from school. Thank you also for honoring our dismissal from the front hall by remaining outside to receive your children. This has significantly elevated the safety level within our school at a critical time of transition out of the school.

## **FREE MATH HOMEWORK HELP IS BACK!**

**Grade 7 and 8:** [homeworkhelp.ilc.org](http://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 have 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.

**Grade 3 to Grade 6:** [eMath+](http://eMath+)

“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.

## **WORLD TEACHER’S DAY OCTOBER 5th**

**Child care worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day October 8th.** 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.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

Fall Cross-Country: Cross-Country training is well underway. The permission forms have gone home, training is occurring during the weeks ahead. The meet will take place on Thursday October 11, 2018 at Camp Marydale, Mount Hope. Thank you to Madame Settimi for leading and organizing this for our school.

Senior Boys Flag Football: Coach – Mr. Zasucha

Senior Girls Flag Football: Coach- Mr. Zasucha

Junior Girls Basketball: Coach –Mrs. Wegiel and Miss March

## **ECO NEWS**

St. Ann School has been certified an ECO Gold SCHOOL! Congratulations to Ms. Kostyk and our Eco team! You have done an outstanding job. Now we are challenging all staff and students to make ECO practices a part of our daily lives as we continue with our initiatives and look for new and unique projects for the upcoming year.

As an Eco certified school, we worked hard towards reducing electricity through both infrastructure changes and everyday habits which included daily lights-off lunches, and monitoring of classroom and school-wide energy usage.

At St. Ann's supporting student leadership is one of our key successes. By engaging students in hands-on environmental learning and action, conservation habits are brought home and into the community, and happen now and into the future.

## **WALK TO SCHOOL DAY**

On October 3, 2018, 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!

## **SCHOOL CASH ON-LINE**

The School Cash online program is being used in all elementary and secondary schools in the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board. This system is a convenient way to pay for school trips and events and reduces the amount of money that passes through the school. If you've ever purchased items online, school cash online is that easy. You can pay for any St. Ann registered event using your bank card (like an e-transfer transaction) or your credit card. We strongly encourage all parents to sign up as this will be the preferred way to accept payment for school activities.

Please visit their website at <https://hwcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions whatsoever. We can help get you set up!

## **CITY OF HAMILTON DRINKING WATER**

Beginning in November of 2018, the City of Hamilton will begin adding phosphoric acid to the municipal drinking water as part of their Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) approved Corrosion Control Plan. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the City directly at (905)546 - CITY (2489) or visit [www.hamilton.ca/corrosioncontrol](http://www.hamilton.ca/corrosioncontrol).

Thank you