



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

November is a special time of remembrance. The month begins with All Saints’ Day (November 1st) and we have an opportunity to reflect on the nature of sainthood and celebrate the exemplary faith of the holy men and women who served humanity and God. On November 2nd (All Souls’ Day), we also pray for the many members of our families who have passed away. Finally, on November 11, we show respect to our fallen heroes through our Remembrance Day ceremonies.

OCTOBER CATHOLIC GRADUATE EXPECTATION AWARDS and VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

The following students are recognized for their demonstration of EMPATHY as the focus virtue and BEING A DISCERNING BELIEVER as the Catholic Graduate Focus for the month of October. Congratulations!

Class	Catholic Graduate Expectation
Mrs. Santucci	Farah Z., Abigail M.
Mrs. Mastromarco	Emma A.
Miss Monachino	Alexus S., Kionna B.
Miss Kostyk	Eddie M., Grace Y.
Ms. Polizzi	Summer P., Emma T.
Ms. Gillow	Enrico H., Ricardo M.
Mrs. Rizzo	Liam C., Dawson F., Fady K., Isaac R.
Mr. Toffolon	Grace S.
Mrs. Monachino	Juaquim B., Lucas N.
Mr. Cefaloni	Sydney L., Selena S.
Mrs. Shamon	Aunice Agot, Alyssa D
Mr. Ciapanna	Isabella R., Azaliah A.

Remembrance Day

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 on Friday, November 9/18 at 10:30 a.m.**

ALL SAINTS DAY – ALL SOULS DAY

In the month of November, we remember all those who have died. On November 1st, “All Saint’s Day”, we remember all the saints who are with God in Heaven. On “All Souls Day” November 2nd, we remember the members of our own families who have died. They are also with God. During these days, we pray that on day all people will share the glory of the Saints. Throughout the month we also offer prayers of intercessions for those who suffer most: the poor, the hungry and the homeless.

SCHOOL MASS

Please note that the school Mass for November will be held on November 1, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Ann Church. All are welcome to attend.

PARISH NEWS

ST. ANN’S PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday Nov. 17th from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. & Sunday, Nov. 18th from 11:00 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

PROGRESS REPORTS and PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Progress reports will be going home on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on **Tuesday, November 20, 2018**. More information to follow!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

You are reminded that there is a Catholic School Council meeting on **Tuesday, November 26th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Library.

ANAPHYLAXIS and FOOD at SCHOOL

In light of a significant situation that took place at school during Halloween regarding the distribution of snack sent in from homes, and the concerns that come forward regularly regarding birthday celebrations and a parent’s desire to provide a treat to classrooms, I want to review with the community what we need your full cooperation on going forward as several inconsistencies have been exposed. To ensure that we are all on the same page going forward, your understanding that our action as a school community, works to ensure the following is in place. We do not support the distribution of food at school from homes for any occasion. We appreciate your understanding on supporting these measures and trust that this will clarify any misconceptions in our community about how snacks are handled. Thank you for understanding your role at home regarding this process and I ask that you kindly not place staff in the difficult position of asking you to refrain from sending food into the school for any celebrations. If a food item is sent to the school from home for distribution to our students, the following measures will take place:

1. If food items are sent into the school to the classrooms, the items will be collected, sent to the office, and parents will be contacted to pick up the items.
2. If the item is a known allergen, the classroom that receives the item will need to be decontaminated via a thorough clean, students will need to wash their hands before entering the classroom.

Parent will be contacted by the school via a letter reminding them to not send food items into the school for student sharing all for the sake of the requirement to heighten our collective attention to student safety.

ALLERGY AWARE LEARNING FOR ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS

AllergyAware.ca

Take a free online course to help keep people safe.

- Become more allergy aware by taking one of our 30-minute, interactive online courses
- Courses are medically reviewed, available in English and French, and mobile-friendly so you can take them at your convenience
- Receive a Certificate of Completion

HALLOWEEN SPOOK-A-THON FUNDRAISER

Thank you to Mrs. Rizzo and her team of volunteers who again pulled together a fun-filled Spook-a-thon. This annual event builds school spirit and helps to raise funds that go right back to supporting activities that all of our students benefit from. Your support and generosity of this event is greatly appreciated. Details on the submission of sponsorship money have been provided and the student awards portion of the event always brings great excitement to the day as many students leave with a little extra treat. Thank you to all the families who donated to our classroom baskets for prizes. We would also like to thank Toscani Development for their generous donation of a tablet, Frank Monachino from David Braily Industry for the bicycle and Wayne and Janet from the McKeil School of Business at Mohawk College for Their many donations of awesome prizes! We will be holding our prize assembly on November 9th.

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 **Wednesday, November 14th**. A donation of a toonie or any other amount is appreciated!

This year, we will also have one Gum Day and donate all the proceeds to the United Way. The cost of buying the right to chew gum on **Wednesday, November, 7th** is \$2.00 per license. Let's all work together to make this a successful fundraiser for the United Way!

POPCORN DAYS

St. Ann CES is now offering Popcorn sales through online purchase. This program is being run by the grade 8 class and any funds raised will help to offset the many additional costs associated with graduation. Two flavors will be available for order; White Cheddar and Butter Salt. The cost per bag will be \$2.50. **Orders will only be accepted through School Cash Online.** Popcorn will be made available online for distribution on Friday's that are not pizza days.

PIZZA/CASUAL DAY

Pizza Days will take place on Friday November 9th and Friday November 30th in November. Pizza is \$2.00 per slice and may be purchased using **CASH ONLINE. Cash Online is highly encouraged. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO COMPLETED ORDER.** This will also be a Casual 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 1, 2018 from 9-11. The cost will be \$10.00 per family. More information to will follow.

HOLODOMOR AWARENESS AND MEMORIAL LITURGY

Holodomor National Awareness Tour is coming to your school on FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2018.

The **Holodomor National Awareness Tour** is an exciting project conceived by the Canada-Ukraine Foundation, and supported by the Government of Canada as well as the Governments of Ontario and Manitoba.

The aim of the project is to raise awareness about the Holodomor, a genocidal famine carried out in 1932–1933 by the Soviet Union under Joseph Stalin. The Holodomor resulted in the death of millions of Ukrainian men, women, and children.

Our children from grade 5 to grade 8 will have the unique experience to engage in the learning via the **The Holodomor National Awareness Tour Bus** which features the **Holodomor Mobile Classroom (HMC)**, a state-of-the-art mobile learning space designed to educate and engage students and the public about the Ukrainian Holodomor. Visitors will

- learn about the Holodomor through digital media
- appreciate how history shapes our world today
- be inspired by personal stories from Holodomor survivors
- leave empowered to protect Canadian values of freedom and democracy

Some of the issues, images, videos, and experiences shared may be sensitive in nature. Your child's teachers and the facilitators of the Holodomor Mobile Classroom will strive to ensure that your child's classroom learning and Holodomor Mobile Classroom experiences are safe and meaningful. Teachers are provided with pre-visit resources that will help prepare students for the visit and post-visit resources that will help students better understand what they have learned. Student questions and concerns will be respectfully addressed.

Additional information is available on the Holodomor National Awareness Tour website at www.holodomortour.ca/.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Holodomor National Awareness Tour or the content covered, please do not hesitate to address your concerns with your child's teacher.

A Memorial Liturgy will be hosted by our Ukrainian students at 9:00am in the gym for all community members.

SPORTS NEWS

The 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. Zasucha, Mrs. Wegiel and Ms. March, 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.

"WALK WITH CHRIST" PILGRIMAGE

St. Ann students from Grades 7 & 8 participated in the "Justice for the poor" with great spirit. The weather was perfect for the walk and students and staff shared a wonderful learning opportunity by giving of their time and effort to contribute to a system wide cause. The students represented St. Ann School extremely well displaying Catholic leadership and reverence at the Pilgrimage Mass. A special thank you to Mrs. Shamon, Mr. Ciapanna and Mr. Zasucha for their contribution of time and leadership to set a fine example for our students.

VISITED EMATH+?

Make math fun by connecting math learning in the classroom and at home with e-math+. The teachers have registered all students in Grades 3-6 on our school computers. Your child's login and password were sent home in your child's agenda earlier this year. To learn how you can make the most of all the features available on e-math+, watch the tutorial video at www.nelson.com/emathplus Our students can now view their Grades 3, 4, 5 or 6 Math textbook on line and complete any assignments, with the support of their parents, using this valuable educational tool. This valuable resource is being provided free of charge on behalf of the HWCDSB.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

November 29, 2018 is picture retake day. Photo retakes will be held in the morning. If a retake is required, please hand the original order form in to the photographer on retake day. If your child was away a picture for the original photo day, it can be taken on that day. Please ensure that students are in uniform for their picture.

INCLEMENT WEATHER - SCHOOL CLOSURE

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:

95.3 Fresh FM / Y108 FM CKOC 1150 / K-Lite 102.9 FM CKPC 1380 AM / Jewel 92.1 FM 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/hwcdsb/

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. In addition, each school will initiate its own procedures for notifying parents of early closures due to inclement weather. We ask parents/guardians to take notice of the following guidelines:

In the event of impending severe weather conditions, parents should consider the safety of their children in deciding whether or not to send them to school;

- Parents should stay tuned to Hamilton and area radio stations for weather reports and school board announcements;
- Parents who, in spite of bus cancellation, drive their children to school, should ensure that their children can get into the school and will be required to make the necessary arrangements for the safe return home of their children at the end of the day or in the event of an early closure. Buses which do not run in the morning will not run for the rest of the day;
- Phone calls to the school during severe weather conditions are to be made only in the case of extreme emergency;
- Parents shall be requested to provide the school with the name and telephone number of a neighbour alternate, (someone who lives in close proximity to the home) who would be willing to act on their behalf in the event that they cannot be reached. Thank you for your assistance.