



*Live, Love, Lead Like Christ*

**ST. ANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
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*I have called you by name: you are mine....I will be with you....Because you are precious in my eyes and glorious, and because I love you.*

*Is. 43:1, 2, 4*



**ST. VALENTINE PRAYER**

I said a Valentine prayer for you  
And asked the Lord above  
To fill your heart and bless your soul  
With the precious gift of love.  
I asked Him for sincere love,  
The kind that's meant to stay  
Just like the generous love  
You give to those you touch each day.  
I prayed for love from family  
And from every cherished friend  
Then I asked the Lord to give you  
His love that knows no end.

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

As we begin the second term of school, I encourage all students to work to the best of their abilities at all times, to enjoy the opportunity to learn and to have fun while doing so. Happy St. Valentine's Day everyone! I also hope that you enjoy your time with your loved ones on Family Day weekend. These are very special times to make sure you honor the people in your lives who make each day most special.

**STAFF UPDATES**

Congratulations to Miss Gabriele who retired on Thursday January 31, 2019 and begins the next exciting chapter of her life. We wish her continued health and happiness and thank her for her many contributions as she served diligently in her role as the teacher responsible for our Technology Learning Center.

We welcome Mrs. Dwyer-Mitchell to the position and to our community. We are looking forward to many years of her exemplary service to the program as a member of the St. Ann School Community.

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

The following students are recognized for their demonstration of **Self Control** as the focus virtue and being **A Self – Directed, Responsible, Lifelong Learner** as the Catholic Graduate Focus for the month of January:

Class	Catholic Graduate Expectation Winners
Mrs. Mastromarco – Gr 1	Theodora D. and Salvador S.
Mrs. Santucci – Gr 1/2	Arleen H. and Kylee C.
Miss. Kostyk - Gr 2	Jayden D. and Stella C.
Miss. Monachino –Gr 2/3	Zachary W. and Katie P.
Ms. Polizzi – Gr 3	Sarena L
Ms. Gillow – Gr 3/4	Ethan L. Angie N. and Andrii M.
Mrs. Rizzo – Gr 4	Nah Tam D. Dali E. and Marco S.
Mr. Toffolon – Gr 4/5	Natasha P.C. and Danylo P.
Mrs. Monachino – Gr 5/6	Luca G. Leilah D. and Mary Grace M.
Mr. Cefeloni – Gr 6/7	Matthew D. and Conner L.
Mrs. Shamon – Gr 7	Keana M. and Lola S.
Mr. Ciapanna – Gr 8	Matteo G. and CJ S.

## LENT 2019

Lent officially begins on March 6th, on Ash Wednesday, when we receive ashes on our forehead as a reminder of our wrong doings and our desire for penance. This symbolic occasion reminds us of our mortality and sorrow for our sins, as well as our will for change and hope for forgiveness. Lent is a time that we as Roman Catholics, prepare for the greatest festival, Easter, by thinking of our wrong doings and preparing for forgiveness. It is a time that we try to overcome our own faults and for 40 days, prepare ourselves to rejoice at the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Some of us will try to follow the example of Jesus (in the desert) by giving up luxuries and practice self-discipline, and also try to pray more. Others chose this time of the year to donate to charities or take part in charity events. What are you doing for Lent? Holy Week runs from April 15 to Good Friday on April 19, 2019. Easter Sunday (April 21st) is a glorious day of religious service and family gathering when we celebrate the joyous resurrection of Jesus Christ after his crucifixion.

## ST. VALENTINE DAY

We will be celebrating St. Valentine's Day on February 14<sup>th</sup>. On this day, students can wear red, white and pink to school (hat, top, bottoms). As your children grow in excitement around Valentine's Day, please encourage them to remember all of their classmates so we can avoid the hurtful situation of popularity contests. This is one of those opportunities to teach our children the importance of kindness, sensitivity to the feelings of others, consideration and inclusion. **A gentle reminder that cards acknowledging the occasion are very appropriate if you feel that something is necessary for the class. Please also note that we cannot distribute food items to our students on your behalf. Food items will need to be returned to you. Thank you for your continued understanding.**

## GRADUATION PICTURES

Grade 8 students will have their graduation pictures taken on **Friday, February 22nd** in the a.m.

## FAMILY DAY

**Family Day is Monday, February 18th.** There is no school for students and staff. Enjoy the day as a family!

## **PIZZA/CASUAL DAY**

Pizza days are on **Friday, February 1st** and **Friday February 15th** orders will be accepted until **Monday before each pizza day** (\$2.00/slice) **NO LATE ORDER WILL BE ACCEPTED**. Pizza days will be casual days.

## **SCIENCE FAIR EXTRAVAGANZA:**

The St. Ann Science Fair is quickly approaching. Students in Grades 5-8 have been working extremely hard on their experiments and should be completing the finishing touches to their reports and backboards. Our In-School Science Fair will take place on Tuesday, February 12th, 2019 in the Gymnasium between the hours of **10:15 - 11:25 am** and **12:25 - 2:20 pm**. Parents are invited to come and visit the child's project on display. Congratulations to all students who have been preparing for the Science Fair. We are proud of your hard work!

## **SNUGGLE UP AND READ**

We want to thank you for having taken time from your busy schedule to participate in our Snuggle Up and Read Day on the morning of January 28th. We treasured your contributions and time with us, and we are certain you enjoyed your time with your child/children. We hope you learned something new in our TumbleBooks presentation. Your assistance was invaluable in helping to make our special day a success and we look forward to seeing you next time!

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**

We are always happy to see new faces and would encourage parents to attend one of our meetings! Parent involvement is key to our student's success and there are many ways that you can be involved in your child's learning. Here are some key suggestions for you to consider:

Volunteer: There are many opportunities for parents to volunteer as St. Ann (forms are always available in the office for police checks)

If you have questions about how you can be involved more fully please send us an email via the school website, we are happy to assist!  
stah.hwcdsb.ca

Future meeting dates of the CSC are as follows:

**Monday February 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.**

## **STUDENT ABSENCES (School Messenger)**

It is important that all student absences are reported. Parents/guardians are asked to report their child's absence before 8:45 by calling **1-833-275-6703** or logging into the website [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca), parents can also do this on their IOS or Android devices by downloading the app (schoolmessenger). You are asked to please not call the school to report your child's absence. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **REPORT CARDS**

First term report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, February 12, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher for a meeting because communication is the key.

## **SCHOOL MASSES**

Our next school mass is Wednesday March 6th @ **10:00 a.m.** This will be our Ash Wednesday mass everyone is welcome to join us. Father Joe will continue to do classroom visit in the month of February.

## **FIRST RECONCILIATION, COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION**

First Reconciliation for our grade 2 students is scheduled for Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The date for our Grade 7 students' Confirmation is Saturday, May 4 2019 @ 5 p.m. @ St. Ann Church. The Grade 2 students will be making The Sacrament of First Communion on Saturday, May 11, 2019 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.

## **NUT SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENT**

Please be reminded that St. Ann School is a ***NUT SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENT***. Please ensure that your child does not bring food items that contain any nuts or nut byproducts. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

***St. Ann Hamilton*** is a place where all children feel safe and have a sense of belonging. To ensure the safety and well-being of all children, please note below important information from Anaphylaxis Canada:

- Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death;
- Signs and symptoms of a severe allergic reaction can occur within minutes of exposure to an allergen (a substance capable of causing an allergic reaction)
- Very small amounts of certain foods can cause severe reactions when eaten. This may happen if a person at risk touches an allergenic substance and then subsequently touches the mouth. Even a very small amount 'hidden' in a food or transferred to a serving utensil has the potential to cause a severe allergic reaction. Direct ingestion of an allergy-causing food poses the greatest risk for people with food allergies.
- At all times, if food is being provided to children other than you own, those food items will be provided by the school
- Special Occasions/Annual Calendar Holiday: Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, Your child's Birthday – Please do not send in edible items or loot bags as the school is not in a position to be distributing those items to other children. The items will be returned to you.

**Cooperation from parent and guardians in adhering to the guidelines below is most appreciated**

## **RUNNING AND READING PROGRAM**

On Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup>, come and enjoy the Running & Reading Club in Action!

Run with the children or just cheer them on.

Can you plank? These grade 1-6 children can!

Enjoy snack with us 3:30-5pm.

Help them record the word of the day in their journals. Then end by reading with the children.

This is a free event being hosted by Start2Finish at St Ann Catholic Elementary school in downtown Hamilton. It is a great way to not only see our program in action but also get to know our volunteers, the teachers and the children! Dress in comfortable clothing and do as much or as little as you would like.

## **CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S AID and THE DUTY TO REPORT**

The Child and Family Services Act (CFSA) recognizes that each of us has a responsibility for the welfare of children. We all share a responsibility to protect children from harm. This includes situations where children are abused or neglected in their own homes. Ontario's Child and Family Services Act (CFSA) provides for protection for these children.

Section 72 of the Act states that the public, including professionals who work with children, must promptly report any suspicions that a child is or may be in need of protection to a children's aid society (CAS). The Act defines the phrase "child in need of protection" and explains what must be reported to a CAS. It includes physical, sexual and emotional abuse, neglect, and risk of harm.

Professionals and officials have the same duty as the rest of the public to report their suspicion that a child is or may be in need of protection. However, the Act recognizes that people working closely with children have a special awareness of the signs of child abuse and neglect, and a particular responsibility to report their suspicions. Any professional or official who fails to report a suspicion is liable on conviction to a fine of up to \$1,000, if they obtained the information in the course of their professional or official duties. [CFSA s.72 (4), (6.2)]

## **SEPTEMBER 2019 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS**

Early registrations for September 2019 **Kindergarten** registration **will** be held at the school in February. **Please call the school office to book an appointment (905-547-5444)**. Registration should take approx. 20 minutes this can also be done on line by going to the St. Ann school Website.

Please note the following age requirements:

**Jr. Kindergarten Students - child must have been born in 2015.**

**Sr. Kindergarten Students - child must have been born in 2014.**

Please be prepared with these documents:

- **Birth Certificate**
- **Baptism Certificate**
- **Immunization Record**

Please pass on this information to friends in the community who have young children who meet the age requirements.

## **C.Y.O. NEWS**

Junior and Senior Girls' Volleyball and Senior Boys' Basketball Teams will play in the playoffs in February. All the students continue to demonstrate tremendous teamwork, sportsmanship and skill development. Best of luck in the playoffs! Please refer to the team schedules provided by each coach for game date, times and locations.

## **SCHEDULE OF DATES WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION**

The following is a list of dates when school is not in session:

**Monday, February 18th – Family Day**

Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> - P.A. Day

Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> - March Break

Friday, April 19th – Monday, April 22nd - Easter Weekend

Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - Victoria Day

Friday, June 7th – P.A. Day

Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of School

Friday, June 28th – P.A. Day

## **ST. ANN CHILD CARE CENTRE**

**St Ann Early Learning and Care Centre**

We offer a full toddler program for children aged 18 months-2.5 years, a preschool program for children 2.5-5 years of age, Before and After school program for ages 3.5-12years of age. We are currently accepting registrations for all the programs. Please keep in mind that we may have a short wait list for some of these programs.

Fees are as follows:

Toddlers-\$47.00

Preschool-\$41.00

Kindergarten before school-\$12.00

Kindergarten after only \$16.00

Kindergarten full day-\$39.00

School age before & after \$19.00

School age before only \$10.00

School age after only \$14.00

School age full day \$39.00For more information or to register call:

St. Ann Early Learning and Care Centre

Contact: Joanne Genovese (supervisor)

(905) 523-2304

## **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 or slippers 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](http://www.hwcdsb.ca)) and Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services website ([www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/public\\_v2/index.aspx](http://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](http://www.cbc.ca/hamilton)

The Hamilton Spectator [www.thespec.com](http://www.thespec.com)

Twitter <https://twitter.com/HWCDSB>

Facebook [www.facebook.com](http://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.

### **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. Please note: there is no parking on the school property for parents/guardians to walk their children to the playground. Please use the Church Parking lot at St. Stanislaus Church across the street. 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. 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 as this is a BUS LOADING ZONE.**

### **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**.

### **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Please take the time to visit our school website at <http://stah.hwcdsb.ca/>. Please note: our school monthly newsletter, calendar, up-dates, etc. are located here. Parents/Guardian and family members are encouraged to keep up-to-date with all the happenings in our school community.

### **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.