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ST. ANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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"Forgive us the wrongs we have done as we forgive the wrongs others have done to us."

Matthew 6:12

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

As we enter into the season of Lent, we mark the beginning of this very important part of the Church calendar on Ash Wednesday where we are encouraged to make almsgiving and some sacrifices to prepare us for the death and resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ. As we journey towards Easter we are reminded of the struggles that Jesus faced in his final days on earth. How can we not draw strength from our faith as we live out our lives in very challenging times? Your children, our students, are bombarded by media and a host of other sources vying for their attention, often distorting our vision of morality and faith. The work is not easy but let us take time to use this season to remind, refocus and rejoice in our lives as Catholics.

Prayer for Lent

Merciful and loving God, You have set before us life and death, And you call to us, "Choose Life!" Though we have sinned and turned from Your ways, You sent Your only Son That we might have life, And have it to the full. In Baptism, we promised To live by the light of Christ and to reject the darkness of sin and death. Lord Jesus, You call each of us by name To live once again as Your true daughters and sons. AMEN

For those families travelling during the month of March, I wish you a safe journey. For those staying closer to home during the break, have a wonderful week in all that you choose to do! Either way, enjoy family, friends and time spent together!

God Bless

G. Pizzoferrato, Principal

NEW INSTALLATION OF STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE MAIN HALLWAY

I wanted to draw your attention to the new Stations of the Cross that have been added to the main hallway. This feature of our school is about to become more interactive. The actual stations have been mounted on the wall and soon to be added will be student friendly reflections which will allow students to spend quiet time in this hallway praying the Stations of the Cross and experiencing a guided reflection at each station. The reflections will invite students to think about their own experiences as they relate to the station they are reflecting on. This prayerful

opportunity will allow our students to see their own actions and how they help to shape who they are as individuals. I invite you to stop at these stations when the school hosts a variety of evening activities and consider spending time in your own quiet reflection so that you will be able to speak with your children about this experience. We want this to be an opportunity to continue to bring prayer to our community in new and inviting ways.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

The following students are recognized for their demonstration of **Respect** as the focus virtue and being **A Collaborative Learner** – as the Catholic Graduate Focus for the month of January:

Class	Catholic Graduate Expectation Winners
Mrs. Mastromarco – Gr 1	Harlow C. & Destiny G.
Mrs. Santucci – Gr 1/2	Brayden B. & Landen R.
Miss. Kostyk - Gr 2	Celina F. & Svetlana H.
Miss. Monachino –Gr 2/3	Keira E. & Valentino C.
Ms. Polizzi – Gr 3	Natalie D. & Gavin G.
Ms. Gillow – Gr 3/4	Faith T.
Mrs. Rizzo – Gr 4	Landen P. Angelina R. & Caleb S.
Mr. Toffolon – Gr 4/5	Kenjessie U.
Mrs. Monachino – Gr 5/6	Viktoria P. Keith M. & Jeremy P.
Mr. Cefeloni – Gr 6/7	Ryan E. Adaora J. & Tyson B.
Mrs. Shamon – Gr 7	Ace J. & Cambria T.
Mr. Ciapanna – Gr 8	Noah D. & Theo K.

WHEN VISITING SCHOOL

Parents/Guardians are reminded that they **MUST** report to the office when entering the school. There is a security system in front of the main entrance, which is similar to the one that has been placed at the day-care center near the FDELK doors in the playground. For security reasons, the main doors will be kept locked. Visitors to the school must press the security buzzer near the right door at the main entrance of the school. We thank you for your understanding and patience. We appreciate your cooperation in making this a successful security measure for the school.

No one is to go directly to a classroom **OR ONTO THE PLAYGROUNDS AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY**. There are signs posted at the entrance of the school reminding parents/guardians and visitors of this. This includes dismissal times at the end of the day. For the safety of your children, please wait for staff to dismiss children and account for their departure accurately. This is done most effectively when the school yard is comprised of students only. I thank you for your cooperation with this to date and ask for your continued patience and understanding of this request as we work to enhance the levels of student safety at our school. Your input is always welcome!

Parents/Guardians are also reminded to first call the office for an appointment with a member of staff, if they need to meet with one. Drop in visits are difficult to accommodate and we do not want to create situations that are not mutually beneficial in respect of everyone's time. Teachers and administration require time to prepare for interviews and showing up at the school unannounced makes for a difficult situation when staff members have supervision and teaching responsibilities during the day and prescheduled meetings which take priority over any impromptu meeting request. A mutually agreeable meeting time will be requested by staff moving forward.

In addition, please make every possible effort to make sure that your children arrive to school on

time. This will greatly assist in the smooth flow of the day by eliminating disruptions to instructional time caused by students who are consistently late in the morning. Your child's successful learning depends on regular and punctual attendance.

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 across the street or the St. Stanislaus Parish parking lot. This is a safe and open space that is made available to us.

Please note that only students that take the bus will exit from the back doors of the school. Please note: the "kiss and ride" area is not available at the end of the day.

System Science and Engineering Fair

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing St. Ann, Hamilton at the HWCDSB Annual System Science and Engineering Fair at Bishop Ryan High school on Saturday, March 2nd, 2019. We wish you the best of luck! GO STEELERS!

Grade 5: MaryGrace M. and Leilah D.

Grade 5: Luca G.

Grade 6: Jeremy P.

Grade 7: Aunice A. and Malina G.

Grade 7: Alexander T. and Dontae T.

Grade 7: Alexander H.

SCHOOL MASSES

Our next school masses are **on Wednesday, March 6 @ 10 a.m.** at St. Ann Church everyone is invited.

PANCAKE TUESDAY

Please note our **Pancake Tuesday will be on Tuesday, March 5th**. Students will enjoy pancakes with their classmates and teacher.

PIZZA/CASUAL DAY

Pizza day is on Friday, March 8th and March 29th. Orders will be accepted until Tuesday March 5th and March 26th both pizza days will be casual days. School cash online is strongly encouraged to place your order.

THE BIG CRUNCH

We will again be participating in **THE BIG CRUNCH** on March 28, 2019. On this day we will synchronize a bite into a crunchy apple to celebrate local food and healthy eating!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

You are reminded that there is a Catholic School Council meeting on **Monday, March 25th @ 6:30 p.m.** in the Library **All parents/guardians are invited to attend.**

SEPTEMBER 2019 FULL DAY JR. & SR. KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

Early registrations for September 2019 **Full Day Junior Kindergarten** and **new Full Day Senior Kindergarten students** will be held at the school in February. **You can register online or call the school office to book an appointment (905-547-5444).** Registration should take approx. 20 minutes. 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**
- **Proof of address**

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

SCHEDULE OF DATES WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION

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

Friday March 1st – PA Day

Monday, March 11th – 15th - March Break

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

Monday, May 20th – Victoria Day

Friday, June 7th – P.A. Day

Thursday, June 27 - **Last Day of School**

Friday, June 28th - P. A. Day

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

The date for our **Grade 7 students' Confirmation** is **Saturday, May 4th, 2019 @ 5 p.m. @ St. Ann Church Confirmation Enrolment Mass** is **Sunday April 28th at 10 a.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 First Confession (Reconciliation) will be on Monday April 28th at 7 p.m. @ St. Ann Church.** Please keep our Grade 2 and 7 students in your prayers as they prepare for these sacraments.

BULLDOGS BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Hamilton Bulldogs Hockey Club once again is sponsoring our Breakfast Program with a \$3300 donation. Two times a week, our community volunteers in collaboration with Mrs. Wong are providing a variety of nutritious breakfast products to our students.

BOYS AND GIRLS SPRING REGISTRATION

Spring Programs Start March 30-April 5th: Basketball, baseball, dance skateboarding, cooking, science, Digitally LIT (grades 7-10), music and more. Visit: www.kboysandgirlsclub.com or call us at 905-549-2814 x211 to register.

Free with a Club membership!

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 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.schoolcashonline.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.

ST. ANN CHILD 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