



**ST. ANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
**15 St. Ann St**  
**Hamilton, ON**

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**905-547-5444**



*Live, Love, Lead Like Christ*

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**APRIL**



*"Forgive us the wrongs we have done as we forgive the wrongs others have done to us."*  
*Matthew 6:12*

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:**

Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your family enjoyed the Spring break and took the opportunity to spend some extra time together. With the arrival of spring we begin our plans for the upcoming school year. Can you believe that the month of March has come to an end already! IT was most definitely a welcomed warm change from the month of February.

When you enter our school it is our hope that you will notice the newly installed Stations of the Cross along the hallway outside of the gym. This has become a key teaching area for our students and as such, meaningful and prayerful reflection takes place in this hallway with student friendly reflection plaques displayed along with the Stations of the Cross. When you are in the school, in this very special time of year we know as Easter, please take some time to sign in and reflect on the journey that praying along with the Stations of the Cross will provide.

On another matter, if you are planning on moving schools for the 2019-2020 school year please notify the office in the coming weeks. This information is important to us as we prepare class lists and staffing. As well, if you know of families who are eligible to register at our school, please invite them to contact the office and to do so soon so we can reserve space for them.

Please know that it is never too late to engage in productive discussions with your child/rens teacher as we work through the remainder of this school year in preparation for a successful finish to the year that will appropriately position your child for success going into next year.

As always, we thank you for your continued support and co-operation.  
 Wishing you and your families a Blessed Easter!

Mr. Pizzoferrato

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

The following students are recognized for their demonstration of **Kindness** as the focus virtue and being **A Caring Family Member** as the Catholic Graduate Focus for the month of March:

Class	Catholic Graduate Expectation Winners
Mrs. Mastromarco – Gr 1	Fernando A, James S, Gabriel Z
Mrs. Santucci – Gr 1/2	Jeffrey E, Amare B
Miss. Kostyk - Gr 2	Sahara W, Marvel B, Leon B
Miss. Monachino –Gr 2/3	Lexie R, Selena A
Ms. Polizzi – Gr 3	Natalie D, Gavin G
Ms. Gillow – Gr 3/4	Jadakiss W, Domenic T
Mrs. Rizzo – Gr 4	John O, Myles L, Isaac R
Mr. Toffolon – Gr 4/5	D’Avante, Rihanna, Summer
Mrs. Monachino – Gr 5/6	Martiena N, Kyleigh L, Delmar G
Mr. Cefeloni – Gr 6/7	Olivia A, Seth B, William P
Mrs. Shamon – Gr 7	Allie L, Kristina C
Mr. Ciapanna – Gr 8	Natahalie C, Faith M

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2019

This year’s theme for Catholic Education Week is “*Catholic Education: Living as Joyful Disciples*”. Pope Francis continually reminds us in word and in action, that in imitation of Jesus, we are called to service in our work in Catholic education. The five sub-themes are:

**Day 1: Rooted in Prayer**

**Day 2: Living in Community**

**Day 3: Doing Justice and Creating Hope**

**Day 4: Journeying Together in Faith**

**Day 5: Sharing the Good News**

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association (OCSTA) provides our schools with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week. Using these resources as well as our own developed activities students will demonstrate, which will highlight how our school is ‘Living as Joyful Disciples.’

## 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 parents can also do this on their IOS or Android devices by downloading the app School Messenger. You are asked to please not call the school to report your child’s absence. Please call the office if you have any question thank you for your cooperation.

## WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY – Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) has a significant impact on many Canadians and their families. It occurs in 1 in 66 Canadian youth between the ages of 5 and 17. The annual World Autism Awareness Day will be recognized on April 2, 2019. This is a day to promote Autism awareness and recognize the unique strengths and needs of people with ASD. In support of this day, we will have a school-wide Civies Day with the theme “Wear Blue to Support Autism Awareness.” On this day, students are encouraged to wear blue tops (civies) and uniform bottoms. Below is a prayer that you are encouraged to pray together with your family.

### A Prayer of St. Francis for Autism by Tim Tucker

*Lord, let thy peace fill me up until I overflow; that where people cannot speak, I may be their advocate; that where anyone is rejected, I may extend my arms in welcome; that where parents are heavy burdened, I may offer a word of comfort; that where our children struggle, I may lift them up and cheer; that where some see disability, I may reveal to them extraordinary gifts; that where others judge, I may share with them my deep gladness; and that where any are overlooked, I may help the lights of all to shine.*

*O Giver of These Gifts, grant that I may not so much seek to be reassured as to reassure; to be praised, as to praise; to be accepted, as to accept; for it is in all our uncertainty that we are inspired to hope; it is in great challenges that we discover our greatest joys, and it is in our community of wanderers that we find the way home.*

*Amen.*

## **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS APPRECIATION DAY – Friday April 26, 2019**

Friday, April 26, 2019 marks the third annual Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Educational Assistants Appreciation Day. It is a day to recognize, celebrate, and express appreciation for the valuable work and commitment of our Educational Assistants! May God bless them and enable them to continue to respond with generous hearts to their calling.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL'S DAY – April 24, 2019**

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 recognizes and appreciates all administrative assistants and other office professionals for their hard work and contributions to the workplace. Thank you Mrs. Ragonetti for all that you do!

## **SAVE THE DATE – Monday, May 6, 2019**

### **FAMILY MATH NIGHT – Families will come together to solve math challenges**

Family Math Night with Creative Club will allow you to gain a clearer understanding of some of the mathematical strands that your child is learning in school, in an approachable, fun setting that is all hands on! Learn the power of LEGO and “where the math is” in it, and in other materials you may already have at home. Bring the math from the classroom to your living room! Take home a handy tips sheet with more ways to incorporate math at home. Interact with other families, meet other parents and connect socially while using one of the most powerful learning tools out there...**PLAY!** Sign-up sheets will be sent home soon!

**Get your child excited about math: it will build their confidence both at home and at school!**

## **PIZZA/CASUAL DAY**

Pizza day is on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>. Orders will be accepted until Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup> both pizza days will be causal days. School cash online is strongly encouraged to place your order.

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

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

**Friday, April 19 – Monday, April 22 ,2019 - Easter Weekend**

**Monday, May 20th - Victoria Day**

**Friday, June 7th- P.A. Day**

**Friday, June 27th- Last Day of School**

**Friday, June 29th - P.A. Day**

## **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Reconciliation for Holy Communicants will be held on Monday April 8 at 7:00pm at the church.

## **COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION**

The date for our **Grade 7 students' Confirmation is Saturday, May 04, 2019@ 5 p.m. @ St. Ann Church. The Grade 2 students will be receiving 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.

## **SEPTEMBER 2019 JR. & SR. KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS**

Registrations for September 2019 Junior Kindergarten can be completed online or please 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.

## DIRECTOR AWARDS

We will be announcing our student recipients of the Director's Awards for Catholic Student Excellence Awards in mid-April. The awards' presentation will be sometime in May.

The presentation to the awards' recipients is at the Catholic Education Centre on Mulberry Street.

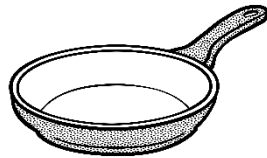
## GARAGE SALE – ST. ANN (Hamilton) CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**SAVE THE DATE! - SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019**

### GARAGE SALE – ST. ANN (Ham) CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 2019 at St. Ann (Ham) Catholic Elementary School, 15 St. Ann St., Hamilton, Ontario. You can show your support by attending the event donating items (new or gently used) to your home school by Thursday, May 2, 2019. All proceeds will go to support the 'Equal Opportunities Fund' Thank you for your continued support.

## FIRE SAFETY TIPS



Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food.  
Stand by your Pan.

When your children are old enough, teach them to cook safely.

For more Fire Safety Tips contact the Hamilton Fire Department – Fire Prevention Division at 905 546-2424 ext. 1380, weekdays between 8:30am and 4:30pm or visit our web-site at [www.hamilton.ca/fire](http://www.hamilton.ca/fire).

## 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](http://www.kboysandgirlsclub.com) or call us at 905-549-2814 x211 to register.

**Free with a Club membership!**



## **ONTARIO EARLY YEARS CENTRE:**

**The Early Learning Centre has moved back to Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Elementary School located at 181 Belmont Ave.** The Ontario Early Year Centre (Hamilton Best Start) offers a variety of programs for parents/guardians of preschool children from 0 to 6 years of age. Parents/guardians of children within that age group would greatly benefit from this program.

For more information, please contact the centre at 905-573-7905. You can also visit the website at [www.ontarioearlyyears.ca](http://www.ontarioearlyyears.ca) or [www.children.gov.on.ca](http://www.children.gov.on.ca) It simply updates parents/guardians on what the OEYC is and does.

## **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.

## **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 \$50.00**

**Pre School \$44.00**

**Before & After \$23.00(J/K, S/K) \$20.00 (Gr 1-7)**

**Before school only \$12.00(J/K, S/K) \$10.00 (Gr 1-7)**

**After school only \$16.00(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

