



ST. ANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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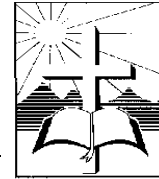


Principal – Mr. G. Pizzoferrato
Superintendent – Mr. T. Kovach
School Secretary- Mrs. C. Ragonetti

Cathedral School Principal – Mr. M. Daly
Assistant to the Principal –Mrs. J. Shamon
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JUNE NEWS

*"Let God love you through others
and let God love others through you."*



PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/guardians and volunteers who have helped to make this school year a successful one. In particular, I wish to thank the Catholic School Council for all of their efforts this year and their dedication to our community. Your commitment to monthly meetings has helped us to chart a course of action that has had and will continue to have a positive impact on our school community. The gift of volunteer time is appreciated and helps to ensure that the Parent voice is a part of all decision making that takes place in the school.

As always we welcome parent volunteers in the school to assist with creating and providing a strong and vibrant school community where partnership between home, school and parish is central to all of our ongoing efforts. I look forward to working with all community members as we work to bring a proper close to this school year. As we work through the month of June there is a lot of activity happening in the school that will impact our start in September. At all times, please know that the needs of our students – your children – matter to all of us. For this reason, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school regarding any questions or concerns you may have. Do not let things your concerns go without being addressed. We can work through everything and doing so in a timely manner will serve everyone well.

STAFF COMING AND GOING

As we wind down this school year we find ourselves again going through some staffing changes as a result of honoring collective agreements while at the same time working to strategically staff our school utilizing staff skills to their full potential. Often times these two factors bring about change in a school community as I know you have seen at St. Ann for many years. This year will be no different but again, with what is already known, I am confident that the quality of programming and the supports that will be available to all of our children will continue to be of high quality. Later during the month of June, a separate newsletter will come home with September startup details for you to review. For now, be assured that I continue to work to ensure that the quality of instruction, assessment, evaluation and the standard of care for your children continues to be uncompromised.

SEPTEMBER 2018-2019 SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES

Please note: Our school day begins at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 3:05 p.m.

Schedule

A.M. Recess - 9:55 – 10:10 a.m.

Lunch – 11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

P.M. Recess – 1:40 – 1:55 p.m.

PARENT/GUARDIAN MEETING

A presentation was made to **parents/ guardians of next year's Junior Kindergarten** students on **Wednesday May 30th^h** at **1 p.m.** in the gymnasium. The meeting highlighted the **entry process** for Junior Kindergarten and a presentation was made on Early Literacy. For those families who were unable to attend the session, information packages are available at the school office.

SCHEDULE OF DATES WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION

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

Friday, June 7th – P.A. Day

Friday, June 27th- Last Day of School

Friday, June 28th - P. A. Day (No school for students)

TRACK AND FIELD MEET

Our track and field team participated in their meet on **Tuesday, June 4th @ Mohawk Sports Complex**. Mr. Ciapanna, Mrs. Kane and Mr. Zasucha coached the team. Thank you to the coaches for the time and effort they have put into coaching the students. The day was a success for St. Ann – participants and individual achievement will be celebrated at the June awards assembly. Thank you also to our 20 student team members – we are very proud of your accomplishments.

PLAY DAY!

Play day this year has been tentatively set for Monday June 17th more details to follow.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

The **Grade 8 Graduation Mass begins at 5 p.m. It is on Tuesday, June 18th at St. Ann Church.**

Following the Mass and Award's Presentation, the Graduation dinner will take place at The Venetian Club on 747 John St. North located behind Friscolanti's Funeral Home on Barton St. The Graduation dance follows the dinner. **Parents/Guardians are reminded to pick up the graduates promptly at 10:30 p.m.** No student will be allowed to walk home after the dance, unless they are escorted by a parent/guardian.

SCHOOL MASS

Our final school mass is on **Friday, June 14th at 10 a.m.** at St. Ann Church. All community members are welcome to come and join us for our final school celebration before summer vacation. Please plan to attend!

Thank you to Fr. Joe Durkacz who has spent the last 7 years in the parish and our community. He will be leaving our Parish as of June 26th to provide his pastoral ministry to the parish of Sts. Peter & Paul in Hamilton. Please welcome Fr. Jeffrey Oehring who will be coming from St. Margaret Mary Parish. We also say Farwell to Mrs. Rose Berry and thank her for her dedication to the church and our school community. It has been a wonderful experience for our school community to work closely with Father Joe and Rose during their time with us. They both made sure that the collaboration between Parish and School was effective and supportive to the needs of our community. We wish them well on their journey and thank them for their many contributions to the Faith life of our school and community.

FRENCH CAFÉ

A **Grand Merci** to all our **Parents & Guests** for visiting our **French Café** this year. Also, **merci beaucoup** to our Intermediate division for hosting and running the Café.

A Bientot et Bonnes Vacances!!

SPRING CROSS COUNTRY MEET

We had a very successful and fun Spring Meet at Camp Marydale. Many staff & visitors helped to cheer our participants on. A 7th place ribbon was earned by Zackarai in Gr. 1 and 2 5th place ribbons by Alexus and Billy in Grade 4. Congratulations to All our Participants and Thank you for continued support to ensure that the Meet is successful and enjoyable.

See You in the Fall

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

During the summer when you are looking to purchase uniforms, ensure you are following the attached policy of the uniform policy. **Cargo pants are not allowed; neither are skinny legged pants. Female students in grade 4 to 8 are allowed to wear skorts not shirts. Skirts with shorts underneath the skirt are not acceptable.** The Board's uniform policy requires that all students must wear **NAVY BLUE** bottoms (walking shorts and/or skorts), and **NAVY BLUE** or **WHITE** tops (golf shirts, and/or polo shirts and/or turtlenecks). These uniform items, if purchased outside of our supplier must be similar in style and colour to the established uniform. You are also reminded that you are encouraged to have the tops crested or purchase a crest from the school or JML Sportswear our uniform supplier.

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.

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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.

YEAR END REPORTS/SUMMER CLOSING

Final report cards will go home on **Tuesday, June 25th**. The graduates will receive their reports on Graduation Day, **Tuesday, June 18th**. School will be dismissed for the summer holidays on **Friday, June 28th**. Please note that the student reports require that the Parent Response Sheet be included with the June reports in the student O.S.R. To accommodate this process, **please return page 3** of the report by **Thursday, June 27th**.

SEPTEMBER 2019 FULL DAY JR. & SR. KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for September 2019 **Full Day Junior Kindergarten** and **Senior Kindergarten** students. **If you still need to register your child, 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**
- **Proof of Address**
- **Immunization Record**

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

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 \$48.00 + Pre School \$42.00

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

Before school only \$13.00(J/K, S/K) \$11.00 (Gr 1-7)

After school only \$17.00(J/K, S/K) \$15.00 (Gr 1-7)

Summer Camp available from JK to Grade 7

Full day program - \$40.00

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 center at 905-573-7905. You can also visit the website at www.ontarioearlyyears.ca or www.children.gov.on.ca

It simply updates parents/guardians on what the OEYC is and does.

MOVING OR EXTENDED VACATION

Please contact the school as soon as possible if:

1. You are transferring from St. Ann School;
2. You are changing address over the summer but remaining within our school boundaries.

HOMEWORK PLANNERS

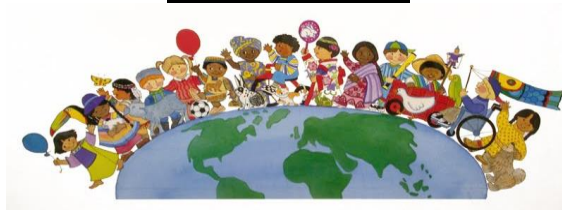
Once again, the school has ordered homework planners for all students in **Grades 1 to 8**. These homework agenda books will be available for students on the first day of school in September. Your support in helping to cover the cost of the agendas is greatly appreciated. Your contribution of \$5.00 for an agenda will be collected in September.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

This past school year, we have increased our number of volunteers in our school considerably in comparison to the past. Parents/Guardians and community members have been involved in helping with leading our Catholic School Council, co-chairing our Greening Team, reading with students, attending school trips as supervisors, helping cook at our pancake breakfast and breakfast with Santa along with many other school activities. If you are interested in sharing your time with our community, please call Mrs. Ragonetti our school secretary at 905-547-5444 and leave your name, contact information and area of interest in volunteering

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM

OPPORTUNITY:
July 2nd to 31th, 2019



Current educational research indicates that learning or maintaining a second or third language has a positive effect on all aspects of a child's educational development. The summer International Languages Program is designed for elementary school Students.