

The Crusader Times



St. Ann Hamilton Catholic Elementary School



Principal: Mr. J. Curto
Principal Intern: Mrs. K. Sheahan
Superintendent: Mrs. Kovach
Trustee: Mr. T. Iorio

Website: <https://stmi.hwcdsb.ca>
School Messenger Website:
go.schoolmessenger.ca
Phone# 1-833-275-6703

Volume 1, Issue 4
December 2020

Message from the Principal

In the rush of Christmas shopping, baking and planning, let us take the time to be mindful of the reason for the season is the birth of our Saviour. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. Each week, we will celebrate Advent with a liturgy on Monday mornings



On behalf of the staff, I extend our best wishes for a joyful and peace filled Christmas. May your new year be filled with prosperity, good health and much happiness. Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. Curto



St. Ann Parish

Pastor: Fr. Oehring
Masses: Sat. 5pm
Sun. 8am, 10am, Noon
Phone: 905-544-0488

Cathedral HS

Principal: Mr. M. Daly
Phone: 905-522-3581

"A proud feeder school of
Cathedral HS"

Bulletin Board



Christmas Fun

Candy Cane-o-Grams will be on sale from Tuesday December 1 until Friday December 11. Candy Cane-o-Grams will be 3 for \$1. All money will be collected by the classroom teacher - no online purchases (Until quantities last)

Continuity of Learning - Mode of Learning

In order to ensure the greatest stability for students it has been determined that the next opportunity for elementary students to change learning modalities will take place on February 1, 2021 rather than at Christmas break as previously indicated. Please contact Mrs. Ragonetti if you are planning to change the mode of learning asap.

Staying safe during the COVID-19 pandemic

As we continue into the second wave of COVID-19, there are preventative measures we can take to stay safe and keep the virus from spreading in our classrooms and schools. Daily COVID-19 screening is an important first step. Parents and guardians are required to screen their children for symptoms of illness every day before school. Please review each screening question carefully and answer honestly. If your child is feeling unwell or the self-screening advises that he/she not attend school, you must keep your child home. If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms, he/she must stay home from school and should get a COVID-19 test. To book a COVID-19 test, please go to www.HamiltonCovidTest.ca. Physical distancing is especially important during lunches and breaks when masks are removed. **Two Parent Actions:**

1. Ensure that you have access to your child(ren)'s myclass/LMS space.
2. Ensure that you can access Microsoft (MS) TEAMS for synchronous learning.

Important Dates

Vaccinations
Gr.7 & 8
Dec. 2

Christmas Sweater Day
Dec. 4

Picture Day
Dec. 11

Christmas Holidays
Dec. 19 - Jan. 3

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thank you to our parents/guardians who participated in the parent/teacher conferences to dialogue about the Provincial progress reports. Your ongoing support of your children is very much appreciated as we work together to build upon their strengths and focus on areas of need. Please continue to keep lines of communication open with your child's teacher to ensure you are updated and informed. A great way to enhance the connection between home and school is to use the LMS page nightly to review tasks provided and as a tool for communication. We ask that you complete page two of the Progress report with your child. The purpose of this page is to plan goals for the coming term. Term 1 report cards will go home on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

Inclement Weather - School Closures

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:

Energy 95.3 FM / Y108 FM / 900 CHML AM 1150 / K-Lite 102.9 FM CKPC 1380 AM 1 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 social media channels) 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 contacted if parent can't be reached.

DECEMBER 2020: Catholic Graduate Expectation FOCUS

During the month of December, we will focus on being a reflective, creative, and holistic thinker. Students will work together in meeting the following goals:

I HAVE IDEAS!

- I make good choices
- I have thoughts and opinions that matter
- I have hope for the future
- I solve problems with knowledge and understanding



SPIRIT WEAR 2020



Diagram is not to scale, for positioning only.
DUE TO DIFFERENCES IN PRINTERS AND MONITORS, FINAL COLORS MAY NOT BE EXACTLY AS THEY APPEAR IN THIS IMAGE.
95 Parkdale Ave. N. Hamilton, ON, L8H 5K1 Phone (905) 544-1688 Fax (905) 544-9213 www.jmluniforms.ca

Congratulations to the following students who were finalists in this year's spirit wear submissions:

- Leilah
- Sydney & Kaylee
- Isabella
- Sofia
- Madeleine
- Emma
- Augustina
- Jessika
- Keira
- Jamie's submission received the largest amount of votes.

Each finalist will receive a "free" t-shirt.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday, January 25th
@ 6:30 p.m. using Microsoft Teams**
All parents/caregivers are welcome to join us online!
Please RSVP

December 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 <i>Candy-o-Grams</i>	2	3	4 <i>Christmas Sweater Red, Green, & White Day</i>	5.
6 <i>Advent Week 2</i>	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Picture Day</i>	12.
13 <i>Advent Week 3</i>	14	15	16	17 <i>Monthly Awards</i>	18	19 <i>Christmas Holidays</i>
20 <i>Advent Week 4</i>	21 <i>Christmas Holidays</i>	22 <i>Christmas Holidays</i>	23 <i>Christmas Holidays</i>	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26.
27	28 <i>Christmas Holidays</i>	29 <i>Christmas Holidays</i>	30 <i>Christmas Holidays</i>	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>		