



HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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OLOA FALCON FLYER MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER



Holy Mary, help those in need,
Give strength to the weak,
Comfort the sorrowful,
Pray for God's people, assist the clergy,
Intercede for religious.
May all who seek your help
Experience your unfailing protection
Amen.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

May is here! God has blessed us with a mild winter and hopefully we will be blessed with good weather and sunshine throughout the month of May! The Hail Mary is a well-loved and beautiful basic Catholic prayer. It's one of the essential prayers to Virgin Mary. It combines two lines from Scripture (Lk 1:28 and Lk 1:42) with a humble request for Mary to pray for us. "Let us ask the Blessed Virgin to make us contemplatives, to teach us to recognize the constant calls from God at the door of our heart. Let us ask her now: Our Mother, you brought to earth Jesus, who reveals the love of our Father God. Help us to recognize him in the midst of the cares of each day. Stir up our mind and will so that we may listen to the voice of God, to the calls of grace." Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2018 is *Renewing the Promise*. Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year's celebration will be held for the week of May 7-11, 2018.

Catholic Education Week is an ideal opportunity for all of us to celebrate the many accomplishments of Catholic education - and to deepen the relationship with our Catholic educational partners. Please take time to share in our week long celebration of Catholic Education by discussing the question with your child.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mrs. L. Fama

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Our Grade 2 students received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 15th at Our Lady of the Assumption Church. Thank you to Mrs. Brunetti, Mrs. DuPuis, Mr. Furlanetto, Father Wilhelm, Mrs. Klunder and all parents. We are so blessed to have a wonderful relationship with our parish, the school and our parents. Take your children to Church weekly to continue to receive the graces of God. Thank you to all staff members who came to be with the children and witness in this beautiful Sacrament.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Catholic School Council has been actively working to support our school in a variety of ways: planning, fundraising, volunteering and so much more. All parents are welcome to come out and help us. Money raised this year has been used to purchase more technology for the school. Money was also used to support local charities and to purchase items to help celebrate sacramental and graduation accomplishments. Thank you for all your hard work and support of the school and students. The next school council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 29th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons. All are welcome to attend!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Cafe francais will be held on Monday June 11th in the school gym. Order forms will be given out soon. Friday May 18th will be TCBY Day as well as a dress down day.

June 1st, 15th and 29th are themed civies days.

Special presentation by Paul Davis on Social Networking and Online Safety (June 15). Stay tuned for more updates.

DIRECTOR'S AWARDS

Congratulations to all of our Director's Awards Winners. They will be receiving their award on Friday May 11th at 10:30am at the Board Office.

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| Catholic School Vision/Mission Award | Shreyas Gangolli |
| Academic Excellence Award | Joshua Almeida |
| Excellent Effort in the Pursuit of Learning Award | Julianne Tesoro |
| Stewardship of Creation: Environmental Award | Nathan Langdon |
| Religion & Family Life | Jacob Canlas |
| Language | Riyena Luces |
| Science/Technology | Samantha Lipinski |
| Mathematics | Brady Antonelli |
| Social Studies /History/Geography | Robie Bote |
| Arts | Carter Gooding |
| French as a Second Language | Alessia Braccio |

SCRIPTURE READING

Scripture Reading will be held at Bishop Ryan High School at 7:00pm on Wednesday May 9th. Thank you to Mrs. Brunetti for preparing the students. Our school will be represented by: Ivana Knezevic and Felicia Lopes, in grade 7, and Ayden John and Hannah Green, in grade 8.

HAMILTON WENTWORTH CATHOLIC CHILD CARE CENTRES

If you are interested in having your child in the Before and After Child Care Program, please contact them directly using the phone number provided below.

Our Lady of the Assumption

Before and After School Program

905 531-4458

Registrations will start in May for our new families

www.hwcccc.ca

FDK NIGHT-HURRAY FOR KINDERGARTEN

We will be having an information night for all families new to FDK that have students starting in September. The date is May 30th from 6:00pm-7:00pm in our gym. Registered families will be receiving information through the mail.

CONFIRMATION

Our grade 7 students will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday May 31st, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Thank you to Mr. Palumbo and Mr. Delio for helping prepare our students. Thank you to Father Wilhelm for his spiritual guidance. Please keep our students in your prayers.

POLICE CHECKS & END OF YEAR TRIPS

It is a board requirement that all volunteers either in school or on school trips must have a police check. Please see Ms. Pelz for the forms. It takes approximately 1 month to get the police check. If you are hoping to volunteer for a year end trip, please allow enough time before the trip to get your clearance. Parents who have not submitted a police check will not be permitted on any trips.

PRIMARY & JUNIOR EQAO ASSESSMENT

All grade 3 and 6 students across the province will, once again, participate in the provincial assessment done by EQAO. These assessments will be carried out between May 22nd and June 1st. Please try to plan appointments and trips at other times to accommodate the assessment.

NUT & PEANUT SENSITIVE REMINDER

This is a reminder that Our Lady of the Assumption school is a peanut and nut sensitive environment to ensure the safety of our students. We are reminding you to please refrain

from sending these products to school with your child.

FDK REGISTRATION



Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten registrations will be taking place this month. Children turning 4 years of age by December 31, 2017 are eligible to register for Junior Kindergarten, and children turning 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2017 are eligible for Senior Kindergarten. Parents are required to bring their child's Baptismal Certificate, Birth Certificate, Immunization, and proof of residency. Packages are available at the office; however, Registration Dates are as follows, Feb. 7-11th.

Please contact the school at 905-523-2329 to book an appointment with Ms. Pelz, Secretary.

BUS PROTOCOL

Parents/Guardians of children who take the bus are kindly asked to remind their children about bus safety rules. These rules are in place to ensure the safety of all. When unexpected behaviours occur on the bus, the attention of the bus driver is diverted, placing all passengers in jeopardy.

- always stay seated, back against seat
- keep all items, including feet, out of the aisles
- use an indoor voice at all times
- listen to the driver and the Bus Safety Patroller
- treat each other with respect



UNIFORM POLICY

Thank you to all of the parents who ensure that their children arrive to school wearing the proper uniform attire on a consistent basis. Soon, students will be wearing shorts to school. Blue walking shorts and skorts are the only acceptable attire allowed. Cargo shorts or capris are not part of the uniform policy. A reminder that crests sewn on or embroidered should be worn on all tops. The office has crests available for sale for \$3.00 each. Also a reminder that students are to wear blue or white undershirts as opposed to other colours as well as only blue or white tights worn under skorts, dresses and shorts.

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

A reminder that these days are spirit or fun civics days and students must come dressed appropriately. No tank tops or spaghetti straps are permitted. Language written on t-shirts etc. must be acceptable to our faith. Running shoes are always best to prevent accidents.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Dear Parents/Guardians!

Thank you to so many of you who are choosing to use this service at our school as a preferred payment option.

For safety and efficiency reasons, we want to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into our school. We are asking 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. Here is a one minute movie clip that will give you a brief overview of the registration and online shopping experience.

<http://www.keysoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>

Register Online: JOIN A LARGE NUMBER OF FAMILIES IN HWCDSB SCHOOLS who do

Step 1: Please click on this link:

<https://hwcdsb.schoolcashonline.com>

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" 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.

✓Convenient ✓Safe ✓Secure

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.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Women play such an important role in the life of a child. For all of our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, and family friends, we pray that God continues to bless and protect you, keeping each of you strong and healthy to provide the nurturing love you give so freely to all those in your care.

What Is a Mother?

A mother is someone to shelter and guide us,
to love us, whatever we do,
with a warm understanding and infinite patience,
and wonderful gentleness, too.
How often a mother means swift reassurance
in soothing our small, childish fears,
how tenderly mothers watch over their children
and treasure them all through the years!
The heart of a mother is full of forgiveness
for any mistake, big or small,
and generous always in helping her family
whose needs she has placed above all.
A mother can utter a word of compassion
and make all our cares fall away;
she can brighten a home with the sound of her laughter
and make life delightful and gay.
A mother possesses incredible wisdom
And wonderful insight and skill -
In each human heart is that one special corner
which only a mother can fill!
- Katherine Nelson Davis

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|  | | 1 | 2  PIZZA DAY | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | 6 | 7 OPENING CEW CEREMONY | 8 OLOA CROSS COUNTRY | 9  PIZZA DAY SCRIPTURE READING AT BR 7:00PM SPRING PHOTOS!!! | 10 LIVING ROSARY YES I CAN AWARDS 6:30pm | 11 GRANDPARENT/SPECIAL PERSON TEA CLOSING CEW CEREMONY |
| 13 MOTHER'S DAY  | 14 | 15 | 16  PIZZA DAY | 17 MAY CROWNING 9:30  MOVIE NIGHT! | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 VICTORIA DAY  | 22 EQAQO BEGINS | 23  PIZZA DAY | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 CSC MEETING 6:30 PM IN THE COMPUTER LAB | 30 FDK NIGHT 6:00PM IN GYM COED INTERMEDIATE VOLLEYBALL | 31 OCGE AWARDS ASSEMBLIES | | |

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