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**OLOA FALCON FLYER NOVEMBER - 2017 NEWSLETTER**



**A Prayer for All Saints and All Souls**

**God our Father, this month we celebrate the Church in Heaven**

**We remember all those quiet heroes of our faith, the saints.**

**Those men and women who understood what it is like to live life amid temptations.**

**Who struggled with the difficulties each day brings.**

**Who resisted those things which keep us away from You.**

**Who searched for You in both joyful and sad events.**

**And those who found You when they least expected.**

**They lived in the hope that they would join You in heaven.**

**May God Bless all of those in our community whom we have lost.**

**Welcome them and all the souls of all our dearly departed into your kingdom.**

**Amen**

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

During the month of November, we recall the lives of the Saints and ask for their prayers and intercessions. We also pray for the souls of our family and friends, and for those who have no one to pray for them. We remember our Canadian soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the cause of justice and freedom. We will gather together on November 9th to recall those who have lost their lives through war and conflict. This occasion will help us focus our lives on the importance of living peacefully with one another within our classrooms, school, home and community.

Let us never forget.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. L. Fama



### **ALL SAINTS DAY /ALL SOULS DAY**

November 1<sup>st</sup> is the Feast of All Saints. All Saints Day is the first of a two-day celebration of saints followed by the honouring the souls of all those who have died. On All Saints Day, we celebrate the communion of saints on earth and the saints in heaven. November 2<sup>nd</sup> is the feast of All Souls. This is the second day of our remembrance of those faithful departed.

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY LITURGY**

On November 11th, Canadians all across Canada will stop and pay tribute to the men and women killed in Canada's peace-keeping operations.

In classrooms across Canada for a number of years, students have discussed Remembrance Day, recognizing the sacrifices that others have made and continue to make for Canada. It remains important for all of us to value freedom and to honour Canadian soldiers and peacemakers who have sacrificed to ensure our safety and the safety and dignity of others. A solemn liturgy will be held Friday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m. in the school gym. You are invited to attend. This will be a uniform day but students are encouraged to wear a poppy. They will be made available at school through the Royal Canadian Legion for a small donation to the Legion.

### **PROGRESS REPORTS/PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW**

Progress Reports (Grades 1-8) will be sent home on Tuesday, November 13th, 2018. There will be a strong emphasis on Learning Skills and Work Habits as these are critical factors to ensure future academic success.

Parent-Teacher Conferences (Grades 1-8) will be held Thursday evening, November 20th. Exact times for each conference will be coordinated by staff with parents. A letter coordinating this night will be coming home soon. If the time is not convenient, please contact your child's teacher to make other arrangements. Please remember to return the response page of the Progress Report. Envelopes must also be returned to the school. Early communication between classroom teachers and parents supports the learning of your child/ren. Please note that at any time, parents can arrange to meet with the teacher to discuss the progress of your child. Regular communication is strongly encouraged to ensure that you remain informed of progress and next steps in learning on a regular basis.

Here are some ideas to consider as you work through the information shared on the progress report cards.  
**STUDENTS:** What is something that you did well? What did you have difficulty with? What was hard for you? How do you feel about your effort so far? What do you need to do to improve your work or your effort? How can your teacher or your parents (or someone else at home or school) help you? Next steps: goals for the remainder of this term? The operative word is YET. If you are struggling with something and you feel that you can't do something well, end the sentence with the word YET. This is a powerful word because it implies that anything is possible if we put forth an effort and encouragement and support are provided. Remember to use the word YET whenever you are stumbling with anything in life.

**PARENTS:** What have you noticed about your child's work and effort so far this term? What do you see as being a real strength for your child? In which areas do you see your child doing well? Where have you seen your child struggling or having difficulty so far this term? What will we do to help him/her work toward YET? What are the next steps in learning?

### HAT TEAM

Our Lady of the Assumption's Health Action Team continues to work hard to promote mental wellness at school. The 5 Ways to Mental Well-being are a set of 5 key actions that when practiced regularly help to enhance and maintain mental well-being. The 5 Ways to Mental Well-being are: Connect, Keep Learning, Be Active, Take Notice, Be Creative and Play. For the month of October, the focus was on being active. This month the Health Action Team will be focusing on Take Notice.

Taking time to notice our thoughts and feelings and what is around us will support mental well-being.

Christian mediation is one way that we spend time in silence and reflect. The Health Action Team will be leading the school in Christian Meditation every day during the month of November following the lunch break. The Health Action Team encourages all students at OLOA to take the time to pause and take notice of what is happening around us both at school and at home.

### NEWS FROM STUDENT COUNCIL

Our Halloween move-a-thon was a big success. The students enjoyed dancing and displaying their costumes on Halloween. Our HAT team brought fruit infused water and apple slices as a healthy option to our students at the move-athon Thank you to all students who donated to the Pilgrimage. The funds will provide ongoing support for development agencies in the Global South, including ADESJO (Association for the Development of San José de Ocoa), a grassroots organization that has built roads, aqueducts, irrigation systems, greenhouses, schools, medical centers and homes in impoverished communities in the Dominican Republic; the Kankobe Children's Home in Uganda which provides shelter, schooling and health care for 120 vulnerable orphan children; and St. Gabriel's Parish and Ste. Genevieve Parish in Haiti for infrastructure projects and the purchase of much-needed medical supplies.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our Family Past Night and Silent Art Auction was a tremendous success!! Many families came out to support the event and it was amazing to hear such a positive buzz in our hallways. We are happy to say that the event grossed \$9193.05. WOW!!! Thank you again for your continued support and generosity. Our next CSC meeting is November 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm.



For the month of November, Our Lady of the Assumption's Student Council will be collecting brand new socks for St. Vincent de Paul. Please donate to this worthy cause. Thank you so much for your continued generosity



The students at Our Lady of the Assumption will have the opportunity to order a Pita Pit lunch for November 29<sup>th</sup>. Order forms will go out the first week of November and are due back at school by November 23<sup>rd</sup>. No late orders will be accepted. Online payment only.



### PHOTO RE-TAKE DAY

Our picture re-takes will take place on November 14th.

### PILGRIMAGE

On October 14th, close to 3,000 students and staff "walked with Christ" to improve living conditions in the Developing South. A small but vibrant percentage of those 3000 students and staff were from Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Elementary School! In the past 13 years, the "Walk with Christ: Justice for the Poor" annual HWCDSB Pilgrimage has raised more than \$550,000 for development projects and relief efforts in Haiti, Uganda and the Dominican Republic. Funds from this year's pilgrimage will be donated to ADESJO (Association for the Development of San José de Ocoa) for the construction of schools, homes, hospitals, roads and irrigation systems; St. Gabriel's Parish in Beau Séjour, Haiti for building projects and the purchase of medical supplies; Catholic Dioceses of Southwestern Uganda for school supplies; the Holy Child Association; and the Development and Peace Emergency Appeal Fund. Thank you to the intermediate students who raised funds 14th Annual Walk with Christ: Justice for the Poor Pilgrimage. We are proud of our students and their families for supporting this very worthwhile event.

### **FALL CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the C.Y.O Fall Cross Country meet at Camp Marydale on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We were blessed with good weather and motivated participants. Our Lady of the Assumption school was represented well by the students with both their performance and behaviour. A very big thank you goes to all the parents who came out to support the staff and students that day. A word from the coaches. A special thank you goes out to all the staff who helped out both at the meet and back at school training the students.

Thank you to our great cross country coaches Mr. Turkstra, Mrs. Lolua, Mr. Tazzeo, and Mr. Capretta



### **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

Thank you Our Lady of the Assumption! Our school community donated an outstanding amount of non-perishable food items for our food drive. It was a great success and it would not be possible without the dedication of our hardworking Student Council that organized this charitable cause and all our students who participated.

### **ONTARIO CATHOLIC GRADUATE RECOGNITION AWARDS ASSEMBLIES**

Our Lady of the Assumption CES is continuing with our monthly recognition assembly. Our next assembly will be on Thursday November 29th. At these assemblies Staff and students recognize the accomplishments of students in each class for exemplifying the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER PLEASE NOTE**

When schools are closed or buses cancelled due to extreme weather conditions, details will be announced by the following Hamilton and area radio stations and CHCH TV station: 900 900CHML/ Y108 FM/95.3FM/Oldies 1150 (CKOC)/KLite 102.9 FM/ 820 CHAM/KX 94.7FM and CHCH TV. Morning Live (Channel 11). Announcements will be made by 7:00 a.m. The school board website ([www.hwcdsb.ca](http://www.hwcdsb.ca)); Twitter (<https://twitter.com/HWCDSB>); Facebook ([www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)); The Hamilton Spectator ([www.thespec.com](http://www.thespec.com)) and CBC Hamilton ([www.cbc.ca/hamilton](http://www.cbc.ca/hamilton)) will have the latest news on Snow Day

announcements and how they might impact our school. Our school buzzboard will announce any late breaking news and the email blastout system will also be used.

### **WINTER WEATHER**

Now that colder weather is approaching, please have children prepared for outdoor recesses. It will become necessary for hats, mittens and even winter coats to be pulled out of storage and worn to school. We strongly encourage labeling of all clothing items to avoid loss of articles.

### **INDOOR/OUTDOOR SHOES AND BOOTS**

Please be reminded that ALL students need indoor and outdoor footwear for the cold and wet weather. Children spend a good portion of time outside and in addition to warm clothing, they require warm footwear. Also, we ask that children not wear wet footwear in the school for safety reasons. Should any family require assistance in this regard please contact the school.

### **PARENT CONFERENCE**

Saturday, November 3rd, 2018  
7:45am-2:00pm Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School  
1824 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, ON



### **SANTA BREAKFAST SAVE THE DATE**

Our Four annual Santa Breakfast will be on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.

### **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**

School Cash Online is now available for all families. The system is designed for a seamless payment process without cash transactions.

To register: <https://hwcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

### **ECO-NEWS**

The Our Lady of the Assumption Eco-Team is in full swing this year. All students are encouraged to pack a lunch with little waste, use reusable containers and utensils when possible and recycle as much as we can. We look forward to our GREEN journey together during the 2018-2019 school year as we work toward becoming greater stewards of the earth.

Sincerely, The Eco-Team

# NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> All Saints' Day	<b>2</b> All Souls' Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Parent Conference Bishop Ryan Catholic School
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Boris Brott Beethoven an the Bully Grade 1-4	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Remembrance Day Liturgy 10:45am	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Anti-Bullying Awareness Week  Public Health Nurse- Vaccinations	<b>13</b> Progress Reports go home	<b>14</b> Photo retake Day	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Book Fair in the Learning Commons	<b>20</b> Parent/Teacher Interviews	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Catholic School Council Meeting at 6:30pm	<b>28</b> 3 on 3 Cathedral Hockey Tournament	<b>29</b> OCG Recognition Assembly Jr./Int.- 11:15 Primary- 12:45  Grade 8 Parent night at BR  Pita Day	<b>30</b>	

