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***OLOA FALCON FLYER JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER***



New Year Prayer

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Amen

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

As we begin a new month and a new year I wish to extend my best wishes to staff, students and families for a joyous beginning and prayers for God's blessings for peace, good health and happiness.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the charities we supported this past Christmas season. Your generosity and kindness during the holiday season is much appreciated by the charities, the school and families that benefitted from your thoughtfulness.

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Santa Breakfast and to our wonderful members of the Catholic School Council who cooked pancakes and for staff who helped decorate and serve the delicious food. It was truly a wonderful sense of community that was shared.

Thank you to our students and parents for your beautiful gifts, cards and prayerful wishes at Christmas. Let us continue to support our students as they set new year resolutions and help them achieve excellence in all that they do. We are a family, working together to build a Catholic, caring community where respect flourishes and Jesus Christ is our role model in all that we do. We look to Mary, our Mother, who answered God's call to be the mother of our Saviour and ask her to help us to be the light to the world by our example.

All the best in 2019.

God bless.

Mrs. L. Fama

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

We will meet on Tuesday January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m in our school library. All parents are welcome to join us.

#### P.A. DAY

Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> has been designated as a Professional Activity Day. There will be no school for students that day. Staff will be involved in activities throughout the day.

#### REPORT CARDS

First term will be ending very soon and report cards will be sent home on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Accept each challenge and put forth your very best effort. All students are encouraged to review their strengths and weaknesses with their parents and set goals to achieve academic success. Times are changing and we are living in a very competitive world. Students must learn the value of oral communication, setting goals and striving for personal success. Next steps and goals must be set as a priority in order to achieve success.

#### JANUARY AWARDS CEREMONY

The January Award Ceremony will be on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 11:20am primary classes, 12:50pm junior and 1:30pm intermediate classes, all in the gym. All are welcome. The Ontario Catholic Graduate expectation that we are focussing on this month is "A Collaborative Contributor".

#### 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:

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.

#### MORNING SUPERVISION

Some children are arriving at school before supervision begins in the mornings, which is a concern for the safety of the children at our school. Please do not send or drop off your children BEFORE 8:55 a.m. Supervision does not begin until 8:55 a.m. Please adhere to this time for your child's safety. The Before and After school program is a paid program offered to our students. At times prior to the 8:55 a.m. school supervision, the Before and After school program leaders will bring the students under their care outside a few minutes earlier. Please keep in mind that they are not in a position to supervise children being dropped off for the day for regular school attendance and you will be asked to keep your child with you until the time listed above. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

### **IMPORTANT WEATHER ALERT**

Ensure your child comes to school dressed for the elements. Students must come with boots for outside and runners/shoes for inside. Once the snow begins, snow pants are a must if students go on the field. Even with the delay in snow this year, SNOWBALLS are a safety concern and will not be tolerated.

### **INDOOR FOOTWEAR**

In order to keep classrooms free of outside melted snow, mud and dirt and to provide footwear for outside in case the fire alarm rings, we request that the students bring a pair of "indoor" shoes that they will keep at school and wear during the school day. Shoes must be worn as a safety precaution. In accordance with fire regulations, it is required that there be an "immediate and complete" evacuation of the entire building. There is no time to stop and put on boots or coats. If you have established the above footwear practice with your child, we can avoid an unpleasant experience for them (outside in stocking feet) in the case of an emergency.

### **SNOW AND PARKING LOTS**

Please be extra diligent when dropping off your children on days when we are experiencing a snow fall, as you should be using the kiss and ride to drop or pick up your child/ren and then continuing to exit the lot so that the area can be used continuously by parent dropping off their children. Please be mindful that the entire front of the school is a fire exit route and used for bus unloading and loading at the beginning and end of the school day. Therefore, cars should not be parking or driving through for drop offs, particularly between 8:45am-9:10am and 3:15pm-3:40pm. Student safety is always first. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

### **HEAD LICE NEWS**

Head lice are often present in school communities. Please help us prevent the likelihood of having head lice present in our school by checking your child's scalp once a week as you may catch it early and prevent the spread to other children via proper treatment. For more information regarding Head-Lice, please visit the Hamilton Public Health Website. Alternatively you can e-mail: [askCITY@hamilton.ca](mailto:askCITY@hamilton.ca) or Call: 905-546-CITY (2489)

### **VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL AND FOR TRIPS**

Parents/guardians require a Vulnerable Sector Screening Form to volunteer or help with trips. You can get a letter from the office that will ensure a reduced rate. Once you receive the completed Vulnerable Sector Screening Form, please give it to the office staff to take a photocopy for Board records. If you have not completed any of the above for this school year, please contact Ms. Pelz at the Office for further direction. Your assistance with this process is greatly appreciated.

### **FAMILY LITERACY DAY**

Family Literacy Day is a national initiative that promotes the importance of reading and learning together as a family. In Hamilton, Family Literacy Day has evolved into a weeklong celebration called "Hamilton Families Read Week". Family Literacy day this year is on Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup>. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development. Even just 15 minutes a day can improve a child's literacy skills dramatically.

<http://abclifeliteracy.ca/family-literacy>

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

A reminder that when schools are closed or buses cancelled due to extreme weather conditions, details will be announced before 7:00 a.m. through the following Hamilton and area media outlets:

900 CHML / Country 95.3 FM / Y-108 FM / 1150 CKOC / K-Lite 102.9 FM / 820 CHAM / WAVE 94.7 FM / CH Morning Live or [www.hwcdsb.ca](http://www.hwcdsb.ca)

Parents/guardians should 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 the Hamilton and area radio stations and our website for weather reports and School Board announcements;

Parents, who in spite of bus cancellations, 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 that do not run in the morning will not run for the rest of the day.

#### **ANAPHYLAXIS**

Please remember that all products that are not nut safe can be life threatening to some of our students. Your co-operation in carefully selecting nut safe snacks for your child to bring to school is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support. No peanut butter or Nutella are permitted at school. Students are reminded that they are not to share snacks at school.

#### **ALLERGEN REMINDER**

To ensure the safety and well-being of all children, please note below important information from Anaphylaxis Canada:

- Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death;
- Signs and symptoms of a severe allergic reaction can occur within minutes of exposure to an allergen (a substance capable of causing an allergic reaction), and
- Very small amounts of certain foods can cause severe reactions when eaten. This may happen if a person at risk touches an allergenic substance and then subsequently touches the mouth. Even a very small amount 'hidden' in a food or transferred to a serving utensil has the potential to cause a severe allergic reaction. Direct ingestion of an allergy-causing food poses the greatest risk for people with food allergies.

#### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2019**

If you already have children in our school and will be registering a JK or SK student, please fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and return it to the office. We will send you a registration form which you can complete at home and bring in with the appropriate documents asap. This will help speed up the registration process. Children already registered at OLOA in JK need not register for the SK program. For JK Children: They must be 4 years of age on or before December 31, 2019. For SK Children: They must be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2019.

Parents/guardians will need to provide:

- Baptismal Certificate -Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency -Proof of up-to-date Immunization
- Immigration papers, if applicable

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**NOTICE FOR JK/SK REGISTRATION**

**YES, I have a child who will be entering JK in September 2018 or a new SK (not having attended JK this year). For JK, my child will be 4 years old by December 31, 2019 and for SK, they will be 5 years old by December 31, 2019. They have been baptized in a Roman Catholic Church. Please send home the necessary registration forms with:**

**Sibling's Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name of Child to register for JK \_\_\_\_\_**

**Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_**

# JANUARY

| SUN  | MON                                     | TUE  | WED  | THU  | FRI          | SAT   |
|--|---|--|--|--|--------------|---|
|  |   | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4            | 5<br><b>EPIPHANY</b><br> |
| 6  | 7                                       | 8  | 9<br>Pizza                    | 10   | 11           | 12  |
| 13   | 14<br>Grade 8 Option Sheet Presentation | 15   | 16<br>Pizza                  | 17   | 18           | 19  |
| 20   | 21                                      | 22<br>Grade 8 Orientation at Bishop Ryan               | 23<br>Pizza                 | 24<br>OCGE Recognition Assembly<br><br>Dental Screening K-Gr.2 | 25<br>PD DAY | 26  |
| 27   | 28                                      | 29<br>Grade 1s to Battlefield House CSC Meeting 6:30pm | 30<br>Pizza <br>Grad Photos | 31   |              |   |