



HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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OLOA FALCON FLYER APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER



PRAYER FOR EASTER

Almighty God, by raising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life.

Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The fruit of joy that thrives in Christ's resurrection helps us to endure struggles that we encounter in daily life. Joy is given to us divinely, through the intercession of the Holy Spirit, so that the joy that we experience in Christ's resurrection may help us to endure struggles that we encounter in daily life.

"Clap your hands all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of Joy." Psalm 47

I hope that everyone enjoys a Holy and Happy Easter. May all the celebrations of Easter encourage each of us to be givers of new life and to be filled with the Peace of the Lord.

March has gone by so quickly and we now enter into the month of April. We had some very fun-filled events to help warm the days of March and look forward to many more in the month of April.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mrs. L. Fama

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



The students are working to understand and prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion which takes place on Saturday, May 11th at 11:00am (Mr. Furlanetto) and 1:30pm (Mrs. Brunetti, Mrs. Cataldo and Mrs. Fidanza), at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish. Thank you to Mrs. Brunetti, Mrs. Cataldo, Mrs. Fidanza, and Mr. Furlanetto for all the preparation work with our students. A big thank you to Father Reitzel for his continued spiritual devotion and dedication! Special thanks to the parents for working with your children and having them fulfill their spiritual journey with the Parish, the school and at home. Our collective prayers and support would be well received and appreciated by our students and their families.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: "LIVING AS JOYFUL DISCIPLES"

May 6th - May 10th

Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year's celebration entitled Catholic Education: "Living as Joyful Disciples" originates from the Gospel of Matthew and celebrates the gift of Catholic Education and our journey together. We are looking forward to a wonderful week of activities. More information in regards to the week will follow.

PASSION PLAY

On Thursday April 18th Our Lady of the Assumption will present the theatre production of the Stations of the Cross, showcasing a cast of talented individuals from Mrs. Baird's grade 8 class, who have dedicated the entire Lenten season to preparing for this event. The production will take place at 10:30am in the morning. All are invited to walk the Way of the Cross and join us as we re-enact Jesus' story and depict Jesus' suffering, sacrifice and love.

BOMB THREAT DRILLS

All publicly funded schools must plan and practice an evacuation for a bomb threat. All classes will have instruction on how to evacuate the school and the importance of taking such a threat seriously. We will have a drill in the spring. The language used will be clear and concise as outlined by the school board.

WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

On Tuesday April 2nd, OLOA will hold an assembly highlighting awareness that autism is not a disability but a different ability. The Assembly will take place after speech runoffs. For more information, checkout the website, Autism Speaks.

SECRETARY'S DAY-APRIL 24th

Best wishes on this day to our school secretaries Ms. Pelz, Mrs. DiFrancesco and Mrs. Baptista and to all parents in our community who work as administrative assistants. Have a great day!

PRIMARY & JUNIOR EQAO ASSESSMENT

All grade 3 and 6 students across the province will, once again, participate in the provincial assessment done by EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office). These assessments will be carried out between May 22nd and May 31st. Please try to plan appointments and trips at other times to accommodate this assessment.

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, Mrs. DiFrancesco, or Mrs. Baptista 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.

FDK REGISTRATION



Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten registrations will continue taking place this month. Children turning 4 years of age by December 31, 2018 are eligible to register for Junior Kindergarten, and children turning 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2018 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. Please contact the school at 905-523-2581 to book an appointment with Ms. Pelz, Secretary.

MOVING OUT or MOVING IN? SEPTEMBER 2019



If you are planning to move out of our school area and your children will not be attending Our Lady of the Assumption in September, please notify the school office as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you know of a family moving into the school area, please advise them to contact the school office for registration details. This information will be of great assistance in planning for next year.

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.

DIRECTOR'S AWARDS

Various students from each school across the system will be presented with a Director's Award in particular categories, celebrating excellence in all areas of school life. The students from Our Lady of the Assumption CES will receive their awards at a special presentation at the HWCDSB Board Office on May 2nd at 10:30am. Parents and families of these selected students are welcome to attend the ceremony. If your child will be receiving an award, you will be notified in the coming weeks.



CHESS CLUB

On Thursday April 25th our students will be participating in the annual HWCDSB chess tournament held at St. Teresa of Calcutta school. A special thank you and congratulations to all members of the Chess Club! Your commitment, love of the game and desire to improve makes our club a success. Thank you Mrs. Dupuis and Mrs. Whitwell for leading and mentoring our team.

HAPPY EARTH DAY FROM THE ECO TEAM

The Eco-Team would like to wish all Assumption families a Happy Earth Day on Monday April 22nd, 2019. We are very busy continuing with our energy and waste conservation efforts. In honour of Earth Day, we will be holding an energy audit blitz for the month of April to track the greenest classes in our school. Please continue to support Waste-free Wednesdays.

Earth Hour provided the primary and junior students with an opportunity to learn about the importance of clean drinking water and the part we all play in keeping our water clean through a puppet show entitled 'H2O'.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Eco-Team.

"The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship.

We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations."

Saint John Paul II

Stewardship is what I do after I say I believe. — Anonymous

OLOA SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to our sr. boys basketball team, and their coaches Mr. Palumbo and Mr. Capretta who won the City Championship! Way to go boys. Congratulations goes out to our junior girls' volleyball team that made it to the championship, as well as our senior girls' volleyball team that made it to the semi-finals. Special thank you to Mrs. Lolua, Mr. Mota, Mrs. Flammini-Jones and Mrs. Cataldo who coached our students. We are very proud of your successes. Congratulations to our junior and senior boys' volleyball teams who started their regular seasons the week after March break. Both teams have won their first games and we wish the boys the best of luck!

SUPPLY LUNCHROOM SUPERVISORS

We are in need of parents interested in being a Supply Lunchroom supervisor, to be called upon to assist when a regular lunchroom supervisor is unavailable. This is a paid position. A police check is required. Please contact Ms. Pelz at 905-523-2329 if interested

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.

PARKING LOT

Please make sure when you are dropping off your children in the morning and picking them up after school using the kiss and ride lane that you remain in your vehicle in order to keep the traffic moving smoothly. If you need to come out of your car, please park in one of the designed parking spots. We have seen lately, cars parked in the kiss and ride or even left idling unattended. At dismissal we are finding a large amount of vehicles triple parking and blocking vehicles in. We strongly encourage our families in the neighbourhood to walk to school to pick up their children. We all need to do our part to be more "Eco Friendly". Also, for those families dropping off students in the front of the school, please remember to refrain from parking in the fire route laneway as it is used for busing. Thank you for your continued support.

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

A survey will be sent out for the upcoming school year for families that are already registered, if they will be requiring care for 2018/2019.

Registrations will start in May for our new families.

www.hwcccc.ca

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.kevsoftware.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.schoolcashionline.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.

APRIL 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 WORLD AUTISM DAY PUBLIC SPEAKING SCHOOL RUN OFFS GR. 4-8	3 PIZZA DAY  PRIMARY TRIP TO BISHOP RYAN EXPRESSIONS SHOW	4	5	6
7	8	9 INTERMEDIATE TRIP TO BISHOP RYAN EXPRESSIONS SHOW	10 PIZZA DAY 	11 JUNIOR TRIP TO BISHOP RYAN EXPRESSIONS SHOW	12	13
14	15	16	17 PIZZA DAY 	18 SCHOOL VISIT FROM FATHER REITZEL PASSION PLAY	19 GOOD FRIDAY 	20
21 EASTER 	22 EASTER MONDAY EARTH DAY 	23	24 PIZZA DAY  SECRETARY APPRECIATION DAY!	25 CHESS TOURNAMENT	26 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT APPRECIATION DAY!	27
28	29 FAMILY MATH NIGHT 6:30-8:00pm	30 CSC MEETING 6:30 P.M. IN THE COMPUTER LAB				