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OLOA FALCON FLYER MAY 2019 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

The Month of May is already here! 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 2019 is Living as Joyful Disciples. 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 5-10, 2019.

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 will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 11th at Our Lady of the Assumption Church. Thank you to Mrs. Brunetti, Mrs. Cataldo, Mr. Furlanetto, Mrs. Fidanza, Father Reitzel and all parents for preparing our children. 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.

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 iPads for the school, protective covers and tech tubs to store and charge iPads, as well as math games for our classrooms. Money was also used to support the purchasing of a brand new Scoreboard for our school gym, and local charities. Thank you for all your hard work and support of the school and students.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The French Language Department, along with the Grade 8 students, will be hosting our annual French Café. Our gymnasium will be transformed into a French Bistro and our school community will be invited to enjoy a sample of French cuisine and culture. Cafe francais will be held on Wednesday June 5th in the school gym. Order forms will be given out in the next two weeks.

DIRECTOR'S AWARDS

Congratulations to all of our Director's Awards Winners. They are receiving their award on May 2nd at 10:30am at the Board Office.

Catholic School Vision/Mission Award	Harrison J.
Academic Excellence Award	Karla D.
Excellent Effort in the Pursuit of Learning Award	Sofia C.
Stewardship of Creation: Environmental Award	Boe W.
Religion & Family Life	Joshua B.
Language	Samantha D.
Science/Technology	Alessia A.
Mathematics	Lilian S.
Social Studies /History/Geography	Markinko Z
Arts	Noah M.
French as a Second Language	Lucas F.
Health & Physical Education	Colin B.

SCRIPTURE READING

Scripture Reading will be held at Bishop Ryan High School at 7:00pm on Wednesday May 8th. Thank you to Mrs. Brunetti for preparing the students. Our school will be represented by: Grade 7- Noah M. and Evanna B. Grade 8- Lucas F. and Osaremen A. Best of luck!

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 29th 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 June 13th, 2019 at 7:00 pm., at Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Thank you to Mr. Palumbo and Mr. Mamer for helping prepare our students. Thank you to Father Reitzel 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.

LEGO DONATIONS

We are kindly asking families to donate new or slightly used lego to the school. We would like to start up a lego club for our students. We appreciate your generosity.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

Parents please remember to stay outside of the playground until the 3:30pm dismissal bell, since many classes could still be having gym or DPA. This can become a safety issue. Also, when dropping off your children in the morning please refrain from staying on the playground. Thank you for your cooperation.



Chess Club

On April 25th our students participated in the annual HWCDSB chess tournament held at St. Teresa of Calcutta school. Congratulations to our students who did an excellent job representing themselves and Our Lady of the Assumption school:

Aaron C. - grade 2

Aaron J. - grade 5

Jacob T.- grade 3

Drayden P. - played against grade 6s

Anthony P.-grade 4

Joshua K.. - grade 8s

Congratulations to Aaron C. who placed first for the second year in a row! A special thank you and congratulations to all members of the Chess Club! Your commitment, love of the game and desire to improve made our club a success. Mrs. Dupuis & Mrs. Whitwell

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 21st and May 31st. 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.

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



MAY MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGE

For the month of May, staff and students at OLOA will be participating in a [Mental Health Challenge](#). Each day for 15 minutes, staff and students will work on creating awareness, build on strategies, engage in discussions and create tools around Mental Health Awareness.

The days of the week will focus on various practices aimed at improving Mental Health

Monday will be known as "Meditation Monday."

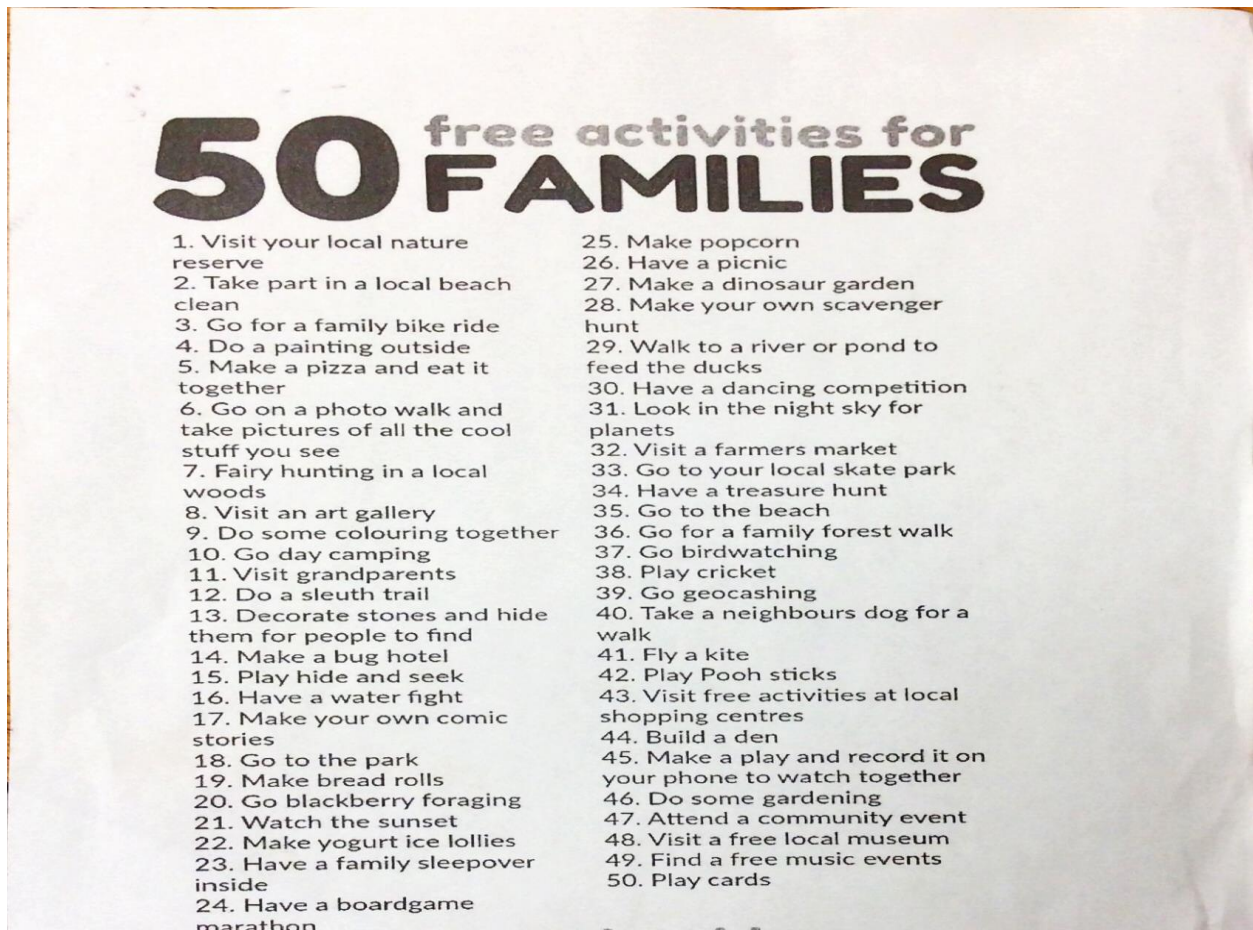
Tuesday will be known as "Talk time Tuesday with community circles."

Wednesday will be known as "Way to go Wednesday's."

Thursday will be known as "Take time for me Thursday."

Friday will be known as "Feeling good Friday."

It is our hope that with your son/daughter, and together as a family you participate in some of the activities from the list provided below.



FDK REGISTRATION



Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten registrations will be 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 905-523-2329 to book an appointment with Ms. Pelz, Secretary.

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 civvies 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.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.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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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 PIZZA DAY	2 DIRECTOR'S AWARDS	3	4
5 	6 OPENING CEW CEREMONY 2:30pm CROSS COUNTRY MEET	7 LIVING ROSARY 11:00AM	8 PIZZA DAY SPRING AND SIBLING PICTURES HWCDSB SCRIPTURE READING	9 APRIL OCGE AWARDS ASSEMBLIES PRESENTATION FOR OLOA DONATIONS 1:15PM YES I CAN AWARDS	10 GRANDPARENT/ SPECIAL PERSON TEA	11 FIRST COMMUNION
12 MOTHER'S DAY 	13	14	15 PIZZA DAY	16 POLICE IN THE PARK TRIP FOR BUS PATROLLERS	17 MAY CROWNING 9:30 	18
19	20 VICTORIA DAY 	21 EQAO BEGINS	22 PIZZA DAY DENTAL SCREENING JK/SK/2	23 DENTAL SCREENING JK/SK/2	24	25
26	27	28	29 PIZZA DAY WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN NIGHT	30 MAY OCGE AWARDS ASSEMBLIES	31 EQAO ENDS	