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## ***OLOA FALCON FLYER JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER***



GOD,

Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank You for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence, and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

Amen.

### ***PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE***

June is such a busy month and has come so very quickly! We have had a very busy school year and it has really flown by. We have had many great experiences! We thank God for the many blessings that we have been given. First for the gift of Catholic Education, something we can never take for granted. We thank God for our students and families, our staff, our Catholic School Council and all we have done throughout this school year. We thank God for Father David and his spiritual guidance.

This month is filled with joy and fond farewells as we welcome our newest and youngest students and their parents to the school and wish our grade eight students much success as they continue on their Catholic School journey.

I thank our staff who have committed to the academic, spiritual and social development of our students. I also wish to extend a warm thank you to the parents who work so well in partnership with the school. To those who have been visible and assisted in so many ways, thank you. To those who offer your quiet support and excellent parenting behind the scenes, we thank you. Many thanks as well to the Catholic School Council for their time and dedication.

Another newsletter will be coming home with important information for dismissal on the last day of school, classroom organization and information for September.

On behalf of the entire staff, may you enjoy a safe, beautiful and restful summer with your families.

Many Blessings,

Mrs. L. Fama

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

### What Makes A Dad

God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree. The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a quiet sea.

Happy Father's Day to all the important male figures in our students' lives!

## P.A. DAYS

Friday, June 7th and Friday, June 28th are P.A. Days. There will be no school for students on these days.

## TERM 2 REPORT CARDS

Your child's Term 2 Final Report Card will be sent home on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. The third page of the report *must* be signed by the parent/guardian and returned to school by Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. This page will be kept in your child's O.S.R.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to the CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL, for their hard work, their time and dedication to ensuring the best for your son or daughter over the school year. Your time and energy is so very much appreciated. In partnership we have been able to accomplish many wonderful things for our school community. Think about joining Council in September and being a part of this incredible team. All parents are welcome to attend the meetings.

## LEARNING COMMONS NEWS

It's the time of year to start thinking of returning library books and taking care of overdue notices. This is to facilitate inventory and correct shelving of library materials. Please encourage your child to return all library materials to the Learning Commons before the end of the school year.

## SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS

Please check for textbooks at home. Without these books, students may be forced to proceed by sharing texts. A significant amount of school budget has gone in to updating textbooks and completing class sets. Let's work together to take care of what we as a school community own. Working together we can ensure that we not only save parents and the school additional costs for replacement books, but also help our students to be more responsible as well.

## THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school will be Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. It will be a regular full day. Students may wear Red and White to celebrate their Canadian heritage.

## GRADE 8 GRADUATION

Our Graduating class of 2018-2019 will be honoured at a liturgy on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the OLOA gym. The graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. at Michelangelo Banquet Centre and will be followed by a dinner and dance. Please arrive at 5:15pm. sharp. Thank you to all past and current staff members for all of their hard work and dedication during the journey of our grade 8 students here at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School. We wish our graduates much happiness in their future endeavours and all of God's blessings always. We will continue to keep them in our prayers and wish them great success in their lives.

## FRENCH CAFÉ



Salut,

Cafe Francais is a wonderful, cultural event that Our Lady of the Assumption experiences every year. The staff and students were immersed in the French culture through a taste of French cuisine, artists, photos, music and mimes as the grade 8 students displayed their French skills. We would like to thank all families and staff who have donated gift baskets, items and their precious time. Also, to all staff and parents who have assisted and supported the event in every way! A thank you goes to Mrs. Pacheco, Mrs. Ifeonu, Mrs. Scandinavo, Mrs. Giannolo, and Mrs. Sayej for volunteering at the café and Mr. Gambale for the musical entertainment. All much appreciated. A very big thank you Mme. DiBussolo and Mme. Cerio for the incredible work they do and time investment to bring this event to our students. Merci beaucoup!

## PIZZA DAY

June 12<sup>th</sup> will be our last pizza lunch. Parents please ensure your child brings a lunch for the remaining Thursdays in June. Thank you to Mrs. Scandinavo and Mrs. DeSantis who helped to make this year's pizza luncheon a great success.

## MILK PROGRAM

Milk will not be sold the last week of school. Last day to redeem milk tickets will be June 21<sup>st</sup>. Unused tickets can be redeemed for milk next year.

## SPRING CROSS COUNTRY

Special thanks to all of our Cross Country participants! Our Lady of the Assumption was well represented by a great contingency of runners who performed well on the course. Congratulations to all of our runners on their great performance. We also appreciate the support of all the parents, grandparents, caregivers, and all spectators who came out to watch the events.

## TRACK AND FIELD

Track and Field was held on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at Mohawk Sports Complex. Congratulations to our runners, they trained extremely hard for this event! Thank you Mr. Mamer, Mrs. Lolua and Mr. Tazzeo for coaching our team!

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Please review the school uniform policy on our school's website. Students must be in complete and proper uniform daily. A reminder that all tops must be either navy or white, have a collar and be crested. Families may purchase pre-embroidered uniform tops from McCarthy Uniforms. Embroidered crests may be purchased from the school at a cost of \$3 each. Students may wear either a navy or white t-shirt or cami under their uniform top provided that it does not go past the bottom of the shirt. Students will be asked to remove any t-shirts or camis that are not white or navy. Cargo pants (pants with pockets along the leg) and corduroy pants are not permitted. Also, only OLOA crested sweaters will be permitted in the classroom. Jackets and coats are non-uniform pieces; sweaters must be navy blue. Running shoes are the best option for students, however; sandals must have a strap around the heel/ankle, crocs/flip flops not allowed. \*\*\*Please ensure that your child is wearing the approved uniform shorts, just above the knee in length. Shiny shorts, gym shorts, fleece shorts, spirit wear shorts are not permitted as part of the uniform. If students change their uniform shorts during sporting practices or gym class, they must change back into uniform pieces after the event. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

### **PEANUT ALLERGY ALERT REMINDER**

As always, thank you, to all families for their continued diligence with respect to the avoidance of peanut and nut products at school. Parents are reminded that treats coming to school must be nut safe and that we continue to encourage label reading and to review all ingredients present in the product. We must protect the safety of our anaphylactic children. To enable us to continue to enforce this very important protocol, we remind the parents of all of our anaphylactic children to ensure the allergy information is up-dated. This month, the anaphylactic protocol packages will be sent home in preparation for 2019-2020 school year. **STUDENTS ARE REMINDED NOT TO SHARE THEIR LUNCH OR SNACKS.**

### **ASTHMA PROTOCOL**

With the onset of humid weather and the likelihood of physical education and DPA activities being held outside, please ensure your child's asthma medications are on hand and are up-to-date, particularly if your child is affected by exercise-induced asthma. Please communicate your specific instructions through the Student Asthma Management Plan. It is important that school staff be aware of all students who have asthma. All medical concerns must be brought to the attention of the Main Office as soon as possible. Safety is first.

### **MEDICATION PICK UP**

A reminder to all parents that medication, which is kept in the office, including epi-pens, should be picked up by a parent on the last day of school, Thursday, June 27th.

### **CRIMINAL REFERENCE CHECK**

The Board requires all employees and volunteers, including parents attending trips, to have a Criminal Reference Check on file at the school. If you are planning to volunteer at the school in the 2019-20 school year, please obtain a referral letter from the office before attending the Police Station for the Reference Check. (This letter reduces the Reference Check fee.) If you obtained a Criminal Reference Check this past year, you need only sign a *Declaration of Offences Form* which can be picked up in our school office. It is necessary for every volunteer to have a criminal reference check as a measure to ensure the safety of all students. Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

### **CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER**

Changes can happen at any point prior to October 31, 2019. When building a class, many factors are considered in the decisions to develop heterogeneous groupings such as: balance of abilities, gender, learning style, and social blending. Combined classes continue to be a reality. Teachers are people and all people have different styles and strengths. Please be open to the professional judgement of staff and if any concerns arise, see the teacher first as per protocol. Agenda's will be sent home the first week in September. School Uniforms may be purchased through McCarthy on Nebo Road. Gym shorts are not part of the school uniform. Crests are sold in the main office for \$3.00 each. Meet the Teacher Open house will take place in late September early October. More information will be sent home in September.

## **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.

## **PARENT CONFERENCE 2019- INVITING ALL PARENTS!**

Mark your calendar now! The 27TH Annual Parent Conference is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 2nd, 2019, Watch for more information and registration packages will be in all schools in September.

## **OPERATION CLEAN UP!**

We have many items in the lost and found. If they are not claimed they will be donated. If your child is missing an item please inquire at the office. All items will be on display on Monday June 24th and Tuesday June 25th.

## **FDK REGISTRATION**

Children turning 4 years of age by December 31st, 2019 are eligible to register for Junior Kindergarten, and children turning 5 years of age on or by December 31st, 2019 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 for more information.

## **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

# JUNE 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	3	4	5 <b>PIZZA DAY</b> FRENCH CAFÉ  	6  TRACK AND FIELD	7  PD DAY	8
9	10  GRADE 8 TRIP TO TORONTO	11	12   <b>LAST PIZZA DAY</b>	13  GRADE 7 CONFIRMATION AT CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL	14	15
16  FATHER'S DAY 	17	18  PRIMARY TRIP TO SOCCER WORLD GROUP A	19  SK GRADUATION    PRIMARY TRIP TO SOCCER WORLD GROUP B	20  GRADUATION LITURGY@9:30am GRADUATION @5:30pm 	21	22
23	24  GRADE 7 TRIP TO NIAGARA FALLS  JUNIOR DIVISION TRIP TO MEDIEVAL TIMES  GROUP A KINDERGARTEN CLASSES TO JUNGLE JAM	25  REPORT CARDS GO HOME  GROUP B KINDERGARTEN CLASSES TO JUNGLE JAM	27  LAST DAY OF SCHOOL DISMISSAL 3:30pm  LAST DAY TO RETURN SIGNED 3 <sup>RD</sup> PAGE OF REPORT CARD	28  P.D. DAY	29  	