



HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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OLOA FALCON FLYER OCTOBER - 2019 NEWSLETTER



Thanksgiving
For each new morning with its light
For rest and shelter of the night
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything
Your goodness sends
Amen

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It was wonderful to see so many of our families at the Meet the Teacher/Art Auction Fundraiser. I sincerely hope that everyone who was able to attend, enjoyed an evening of community with one another. We feel very blessed to be part of such a collaborative, warm and vibrant community. It was wonderful to see new and returning families and I hope for our new families, you had the opportunity to tour this beautiful school that we are so fortunate to call home. Thank you sincerely for your generosity and in taking part in our fundraiser. It is our hope that when you view your child's art work, you also see the gratitude we have for your continued support. A report of exact fundraising dollars and exact items it will purchase will be in the November newsletter. The staff and I look forward to our continuous partnership for the education and well-being of our children.

OCTOBER is a humbling month. We are humbled by the beauty that surrounds us, the colours of the leaves, the sunsets and sunrises, the harvest moon. Sometimes we have to force ourselves to stop and take a look around and appreciate all the beauty of God around us. We have been blessed with such a wonderful, free country. We have the gift of Catholic Education. Our theme this year is "Igniting Hope." We give thanks during this time for all that we have and have been blessed with over the years. We continue to pray for all of those in need of our prayers, for those who are hungry, or thirst, or have no home or job. We pray for all the sick and suffering and all those in need of our prayers. Give thanks and reach out to others!

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mrs. L. Fama

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The first meeting of our Catholic School Council took place on Monday, September 24, 2019. I would like to extend thanks to the parents who were able to put their names forward to join our Catholic School Council and help to shape the school experience that your children will receive at Our Lady of the Assumption School. The following names comprise our 2019-2020 Catholic School Council:

Chair: Mrs. G. Gambacorta-Dim

Vice Chair: Mr. Gumieniak

Secretary: Mrs. Tomasic-Bonner

Treasurer: Mrs. Marchetti

Councilor: Mrs. Toaldo

Councilor: Mrs. Reid

Councilor: Mrs. Adamo

Councilor: Mrs. Vicinotti

Councilor: Mrs. DeSantis

Councilor: Mrs. Thompson

Teacher Rep: Mrs. T. Jones

Non-Teaching Staff: M. Persin

Principal: Mrs. L. Fama

Vice-Principal: Mrs. J. Cannon

Regular monthly meetings will take place on the last Tuesday of the month @6:30 pm. Please note that ALL parents from the community are welcome!!!

STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to all grade 8 students who took the time to create posters and a speech in their quest to seek a position on Student Council. The entire class was gracious and showed excellent sportsmanship.

This year, our grade 8 student council representatives are:

Prime Minister Lisana G.

Deputy Prime Minister Ella X.

Secretary Miana G.

Technical Support Alexa N.

Visual Co-ordinator Sofia C.

Treasurer Ayva C.

Our Lady of the Assumption CES looks forward to the influence of its new Student Council Executive.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS

October 2nd is Custodial Workers' Recognition day, October 5th is World Teachers Day and October 16th is World Child Care Worker/Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day. Thank you God for all our teachers and all those who work in education! Keep them refreshed, renewed and safe.

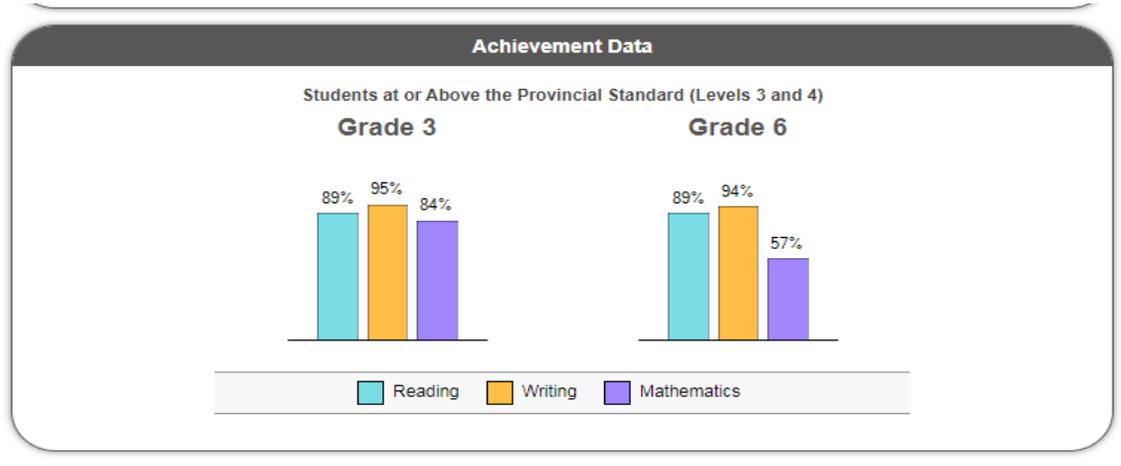
INTERIM REPORT CARDS

To help keep you informed, we will send home an Interim Progress Report for Grades 1 - 8. This report will identify how the student is doing in relation to the Learning Skills as well as academic subjects. Interim Progress Reports will be sent home on Tuesday November 12th. Interviews will be arranged in November. More information will be announced. This should be a useful time for the parent and child to review the learning skills and academic progress and to collaboratively set goals for continued development of these areas. Kindergarten observation times and

EQAO RESULTS

Results from the EQAO testing for grade 3 and 6 completed last May and June have been released. We are very proud of our students and Catholic Schools. Individual results will be sent home.

Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)



ALLERGIES

We are asking your cooperation in continuing to keep Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School safe for all our children. We have a number of students who suffer from life-threatening food allergies to nuts, peanuts, and nut products. Should these students come into contact with any of the above mentioned foods - or the residue left when someone else has been in contact with the food - the student can go into anaphylactic shock - a potentially life threatening situation. We ask you to remind your children not to share snacks, treats or lunches at any time with others. For a list of snacks please visit www.anaphylaxis.canada.ca We want all of our children to be safe and healthy, and these measures will help ensure this. Hence, we continue to strive towards maintaining a NUT SENSITIVE school.

A gentle reminder as we approach the Halloween season of treats: please be extra vigilant with the selection of school snacks.

TEAMS AND CLUBS

The co-curricular life at Our Lady of the Assumption is alive and well. To date, some of the teams and clubs currently in action: Junior and Senior Girls Basketball Teams, Boys and Girls Flag Football Teams, Health Action Team, Student Council, Recycling Team, Cross-Country Team and Robotics. Thanks to the many staff members as well as parents providing their time to coach and/or mentor.

ONTARIO CATHOLIC GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

Our Lady of the Assumption CES will continue our monthly recognition assemblies this school year. Staff will recognize the accomplishments of students in each class for exemplifying the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations. These awards will allow the students to see their own growth and contributions and help them set their own personal goals. Our assemblies are held the last Thursday of each month.

Catholic education fosters the search for meaning as a lifelong spiritual and academic quest. It is not only described in terms of acquiring knowledge and skills, but also in terms of values, attitudes and actions informed by reason and faith.

The Ontario Catholic graduate Expectations calls all learners to grow and become:

Discerning Believers

Effective Communicators

Reflective, Creative and Holistic Thinkers

Self-Directed, Responsible, Lifelong Learners

Collaborative Contributors

A caring Family Member

A Responsible Citizen

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

For the safety of our children, we ask that you follow the school protocol for visitors to the school. ALL VISITORS must report to the office first. Thank you for your continued cooperation. Lunches must be dropped off at the counter inside the main office. We are taking all precautions to keep students safe at all times. Please do not go up the front stairs without checking into the office first. During recess or lunch you may experience a delay in getting into the school or having the phones answered. If we are having a lockdown or fire evacuation drill, you will not be let into the school and your call will not be answered at this time. We will return the call as soon as possible.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

SPIRIT DAYS

On Wednesday, October 31st, students are permitted to wear their Halloween costumes to school that day. Students not participating can wear orange and black. We ask that students leave masks and accessories such as wands and spears at home, as they will not be allowed to wear or carry them at school.

The students will be given an opportunity throughout the day to participate in a Halloween Groove-a-thon. Student council will be organizing the event.

SOCKOBER

Student council is leading a sock drive. Through the month of October, we will be participating in a Sock Drive. All classes will be collecting non-used socks to donate to St. Vincent de Paul. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international non-profit organization dedicated to serving the poor and providing others with the opportunity to give back to the community. Our goal is to collect as many socks as possible for the less fortunate, who are not as lucky as we are to have simple things, like hats and socks, especially in the colder seasons. We encourage everyone to participate, as it is going towards a good cause. Please be generous and help someone stay warm this winter.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE IN MONTH OF OCTOBER

Student Council collected non-perishable food items for Hamilton Food Share through the month of October. We thank you in advance for your generosity in helping others in need.

PARENT CONFERENCE

The 27th Annual Parent Conference is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 7:45 a.m.—2:30 p.m. The day will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Crosby. The event will take place at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School., 1824 Rymal Rd. E. Registration details are available on the Board's Website: www.hwcdsb.ca or by calling 905-525-2930 x 2271.

MORNING DROP OFF AND PLAYGROUND & PARKING IN FRONT OF SCHOOL

The safety of all the children is our main concern. Thank you to the many families that are able to walk their children to school. We ask that everyone please respect the posted signage. Cars can only park in visibly marked parking spaces in the east lot. The Kiss and Ride is for drop off only. Pulling up to the front of the school is not permitted as it is a fire route. We ask for your cooperation when you are dropping off or picking your child(ren) and park on the road in front of the school. The school bus drivers are reporting it is difficult for them to pull in and out when cars even partially block both driveways. Your cooperation for student safety is much appreciated.

REMINDER AS WE APPROACH COLD AND FLU SEASON

The best way to prevent or reduce the spread of influenza and many other illnesses is through personal protection:

- ☐ Wash hands well and often with soap and water for at least 15 seconds.
- ☐ Cough and sneeze into your upper sleeve or
- ☐ Cough
- ☐ Fatigue
- ☐ Muscle aches
- ☐ Chills
- ☐ Shortness of breath
- ☐ Vomiting and diarrhoea which are common in children.

If you require information about the flu, visit www.hamilton.ca/flu or call 905-546-CITY (2489)

- ☐ Flu clinic details, visit www.hamilton.ca/flu
- ☐ Clean commonly touched surfaces like door knobs, light switches, phones and computer equipment often.
- ☐ If you have a fever and influenza-like symptoms, stay at home until you no longer have a fever and are well.

If your child is sick and not able to go to school, report your child's absence to the school and let them know if your child has flu symptoms.

CLASS AND STAFFING UPDATE

With October being the month where expressions of our gratitude are offered, I must begin by thanking staff, students and the parent community for a successful start to the school year. It has been heartening to observe students transition smoothly to new classrooms and new grades with great resilience. Staff has started the year by setting expectations, developing routines, creating class mission statements and raising the level of expectations where student achievement is concerned. Parents have been working closely with staff on many levels to ensure that good work habits and routines are in place early. These measures will ensure that your child's success is inevitable throughout the 2019-2020 school year. As always, a strong partnership with the home will remain critical. Relationships and connections remain at the core as we all work together as Merchants of Hope for one another. As a Catholic community, we will be most successful when we model our thoughts, words and actions after Jesus Christ. On behalf of the entire staff, we sincerely look forward to serving the school community this 2019/2020 school year.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION STAFF 2019-2020

Principal	L. Fama
Vice-Principal	J. Cannon
Secretary	D. Pelz
Secretary	T. Agro
K	T. Flammini-Jones
K	L. Robert (Mrs. Constantini)
K	S. Guagliano
K	R. Palkowski
K	J. Lenjosek
Gr. 1	M. Bratetic
Gr. 1	T. Dupuis
Gr. 1	H. Uhler
Gr. 1	A. Cataldo
Gr. 1/2	M. Babineau
Gr. 2	M. Furlanetto/Mr. Martin(pm)
Gr. 2	N. Brunetti
Gr. 2/3	S. VanUlzen
Gr. 3	M. Fianza
Gr. 3	M. Tazzeo
Gr. 3	N. DiMartino
Gr. 4	C. Mascarenhas
Gr. 4	S. Dzuiba (A. Filice-Black)
Gr. 4/5	A. Perin
Gr. 5	C. Lolua
Gr. 5	M. DeStephanis
Gr. 5	M. Mammoletti
Gr. 6	M. Capretta
Gr. 6	M. Turkstra
Gr. 6	S. Capoferri-Liota
Gr. 7	J. Mamer
Gr. 7	M. Palumbo
Gr. 8	L. DiFilippo
Gr. 8	A. Baird

FSL	L. DiBussolo
FSL	N. Cerio
FSL/PPT	S. Scime-Civitrealo
SERT	A. D'Alesio
Teacher Librarian	R. Marcantonio
Library Clerk	G. Carna
PPT	J. Vlastic
PPT	E. Zelzenak
PPT	A. Garzo
RR/PPT p.m	A. Smith
Arts Integration Teacher	N. Petrino
Arts Integration Teacher	R. Kutlesa
Arts Integration Teacher	A. Lenjosek
DECE	P. Battista
DECE	E. Martinello
DECE	M. Persin
DECE	M. Ciannavei
DECE	R. Knox-Lee
Educational Assistant:	J. Osztermayer
Educational Assistant:	M. Zavarise
Educational Assistant:	M. Hill
Educational Assistant:	P. Chowen
Educational Assistant:	S. Hamilton
Educational Assistant:	D. Knox
Educational Assistant:	B. Bell
Educational Assistant:	A. Steeves
Educational Assistant:	R. Fazl
Educational Assistant:	J. Rosales
Educational Assistant:	L. Sinclair
Day Custodian	N. Bufalino
Night Custodian	T. Earl
Assistant to the Custodian	S. Slota
Assistant to the Custodian	T. Bufalino

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/>

COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENTS

From time to time the school does provide the opportunity to various groups from the community to advertise their events or programs through the school newsletter or through independently produced flyers. Regardless of the information item, academic, athletic or social, at no time should parents feel any obligation to participate.

PILGRIMAGE

On Sunday, October 20th, 2019 students of the Hamilton- Wentworth Catholic District School Board will be participating in our 16th annual Pilgrimage "Walk with Christ-Justice for the Poor," an event that will raise money to support development projects. Staff of the secondary and elementary schools are working with teams of students to plan the event. The Pilgrimage raises our awareness of the injustice of world hunger, and inadequate health care, shelter, and education. As a Catholic school community, the Pilgrimage gives us the opportunity to do what the Lord asks of us: to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8).

Grade 7 and 8 students are being called to participate in the Pilgrimage. Pledge forms and participation forms were sent home and we ask that you return these as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support. Special thanks to Mr. Mamer Mrs. Flammini-Jones, and Ms. Ianuzzi for leading this initiative.

HEALTH ACTION TEAMS

As part of the school's commitment to the health and wellness of all, a Health Action Team is in the process of being created. The Health Action Team will meet regularly to ensure physical and mental wellness for the entire community. The team is comprised of students and staff. The health action team is making a request to the community for instructors of physical activities such as dance, karate, yoga etc., that are willing to donate their time to come and run some sessions here at school for our students. If you are interested in volunteering your talents, please let the school know. As always when working with our students a police check will be required.

CYO CROSS COUNTRY

On October 10th, OLOA runners from grades 1-8 will be participating in races at the CYO Cross Country event at Marydale Park. All our athletes always represent our school incredibly well. Way to go Falcons!

GRADE 8s TO BISHOP RYAN CSS

On October 11th Bishop Ryan CSS hosts the Grade 8 students from all feeder schools for a tour and a chance to join the student body to enjoy the high school team's football game. The students have a great opportunity to build community with our local catholic high school.

SCHOOL SAFETY - FIRE DRILLS and LOCKDOWN DRILLS

Throughout the year, the school must conduct 6 fire-drills (3 in each of the fall and spring terms), and 2 lockdown procedure drills (Ontario fire Code - O. Reg. 33/97, cl.2.8.3.2 (1)(b)) as well as a bomb threat drill. Please review these drills through discussion with your children. Staff will be speaking with them to prepare for the drills. We will hold our first fire drill next week. Students are reminded to evacuate the school in a timely and orderly fashion and to remain calm, both during the evacuation and while waiting outdoors. A second fire drill is planned for the beginning of November. A lockdown drill is planned for the end of November.

TWITTER

A reminder to parents and guardians, to subscribe to the school's Twitter account. Once you 'subscribe' you can receive tweets regarding school life and important notices. This function can be accessed directly from the Our Lady of the Assumption website. Look for the 'Follow Us on Twitter' section.

ECO NEWS

The Eco-Team is looking forward to another successful year. As we commence with our green initiatives for the 2019-2020 school year, we look forward to the continued commitment and effort on the part of our OLOA students and families.

LABELS ON CLOTHES

Our coat areas and lost & found box have unclaimed uniform pieces. Please have outerwear labelled with your child's name to ensure whom they can be returned.

PIZZA WEDNESDAYS

Pizza will begin on Wednesday. Thank you for returning the order form to school. Please keep in mind that paying on-line is always our preferred method of payment.

POLICE CHECKS

A new procedure has made it more convenient for parents to get a police check. The form and letter must still be picked up in the school office, filled out and submitted to the police station. If you have two pieces of identification when you drop off the letter and form, your police check will be mailed to you (saving you another trip to the police station). Cost of the police check continues to be a onetime fee of \$25.00 Yearly declarations which will be sent home in June must still be signed to keep police check valid.

HOMEWORK HELP

homeworkhelp.ilc.org is funded by the Ministry of Education and exclusive to the Hamilton-Wentworth Public and Catholic Boards. The website is designed to complement the classroom and to assist grade 7, 8 & 9 students with their math homework.

Features: Free real-time tutoring with Ontario teachers Sunday to Thursday

- Grade 7 & 8 Tutors from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- Grade 9 Tutors from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- 24/7 access to math resources including past chat sessions and interactive tutorials
- Interactive Tools: scientific calculator, virtual locker and an in-depth glossary of math terms
- Listen & Learn: interactive seminars on the most-common math questions

Important Information:

- Student registration requires the OEN to ensure authentication and to gain access to the tutors (This will be completed at school.)
- Teachers and parents can register as guests but cannot participate in the chat sessions.

Developed and hosted by the Independent Learning Centre with the participation of certified math teachers. <http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org>

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 Meet the Teacher/Art Auction Night	4	5
6	7	8 Camp Brebeuf Grade 8's	9 Camp Brebeuf Grade 8's	10 Cross Country @ Marydale Park Bus Patrol Training	11 FDK trip to Lindley Farm Grade 8 Orientation & Football game at Bishop Ryan	12
13	14 Happy Thanksgiving 	15	16	17 Grade 3's at Camp Marydale	18	19
20 PILGRIMAGE -HWCDSB 	21	22	23	24 Child Care Worker & DECE Appreciation Day	25 Grade 7 Immunizations	26
27	28 Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations Assembly	29 Catholic School Council Meeting in Library @ 6:30 p.m.	30	31 Groove-A- Thon 		