

Sacred Heart of Jesus School

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November 2017

✠ A Message From Fr. Charlie

November is very much a month of remembering. Fr. Charlie needs to remember to send a monthly message for the school newsletter!!

We begin with the Solemnity of All Saints - remember those wonderful Disciples of Christ, who close to Jesus on earth, now live with Him in eternity. We continue with the Commemorative of all the Faithful departed - All Souls Day November 2nd. We pray for those who have gone before us and are preparing to be fully with Jesus.

We celebrate Remembrance Day - November 11th, we give thanks for all those who have served our country, those who presently do so and those who will give generously. In this month of remembrance, let us celebrate in gratitude the goodness of our deceased.

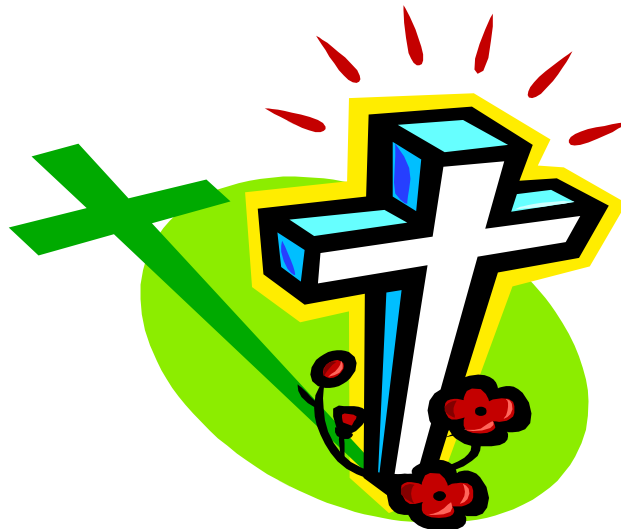
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Message from the Principal



Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me...

As we enter the month of November we particularly remember those who have died and influenced our lives. November 1st is All Saints day, when we honour all saints who led lives modelling the teachings of Jesus. On All Souls day, November 2nd, we remember all the faithfully departed members of our families and community. On Remembrance Day, November 11th, we honour and remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the cause of justice and freedom for all those throughout the world. May God forever give them rest and may we continue to live our lives through our good words and actions. As we

continue to grow as a Faith community, let us pray for one another that God may give us strength to be Peace Keepers and role models for our children.

United Way - Paint the Town Red

On Tuesday, November 7, the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board will be hosting its board wide United Way Red and White Day. Our staff and students are encouraged to wear red and white to support the good work that the United Way does to help finance many different groups and meet the needs of people, in so many ways in our community.

Those students who donate \$1.00 or \$2.00 on Tuesday, November 7th will be able to wear a red or white top, and non-uniform bottoms on that day.

By working together, we can make a difference. Thanks for your support. Let's paint the town RED!



Remembrance Day



We are pleased to invite you to attend the upcoming Remembrance Day Service on **Friday, November 10th, beginning at 10:30 a.m.** in our school gymnasium. It will consist of a reverent liturgy and slideshow presentation. Students are invited to wear their uniforms of service (i.e. Brownies, Girl Guides, Air Cadets, Boy Scouts, Cubs, Beavers etc.) or wear colours of red and white to show our support for those who we remember and honour.

Parents and family members are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

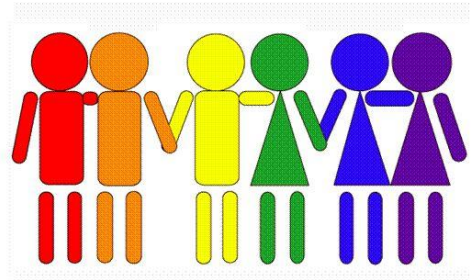
LOCKDOWN DRILL

A lockdown drill will be held on Thursday, November 23rd, 2017. If you arrive at school that day and lockdown is in progress, please be patient.

Catholic School Council

Your representatives for the 2017-2018 school years are as follows:

Co-chair – Mrs. Hamilton
Co-chair- Ms. Monahan-Rankin
Treasurer – Mrs. D. Lamparski
Secretary – Mr. J. Lamparski
Parish Representative – Fr. Charlie Jordan
Teacher Representative – Miss S. Abbruzzese
Non-Teaching Representative – Miss K. Martins



Council Members
Mrs. Fischer, Ms. Homule-Howe, Mrs Melo

→ [Next Council Meeting – Thursday, November 23, 2017](#)

Gratitude

Thank you to all of you; staff, parents and students who donated generously to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

NEW! Pita Pit Lunch Program

Your child will be coming home with information about a new (optional) Pita Wrap lunch program being offered starting Thursday, November 24th, and will continue every last Friday of the month. Pita wraps will be \$5.00 each. The wraps are made fresh, labelled for each student, and delivered to the school.



“Pita Pit takes allergies very seriously and therefore works with schools to ensure a safe enjoyable lunch. We ask that any parent contact us with any questions or concerns with any type of allergy. We’ve been involved with schools across the city for 6+ years with many severe NUT allergies, we take every pre

caution necessary to prevent any cross contamination with ANY allergy. Please do not hesitate to call us directly with any concerns 905-318-2112.”

NEW! Movie Nights at Sacred Heart of Jesus School

We are excited to let you know that every other month a family movie night will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus School. Our first one is scheduled for Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 6:30 pm in our gymnasium. All students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian in order to attend. More details to follow.



Halloween Groove-A-Thon



To all staff, students, parents, family and friends who contributed to our school event we thank you for your generous support! A big thank you to Mr. Czerniga and Mr. Frade for organizing the groove-a-thon event. It was very successful. Thanks to the Student Council for all their help! Thank you also to our Catholic School Council for providing the treats for the students!

Cross Country

Sacred Heart School participated in the *CYO Fall Cross-Country Meet* on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at Marydale Park. We would like to thank Mr. Frade who facilitated the event and other members for helping out.



Safety Concerns



It has been brought to our attention that some parents are parking illegally and this is causing a lot of confusion and traffic congestion problems. Please obey the parking signs by parking legally. Below is the information regarding the parking and fines:

"park" or "parking" when prohibited, means the standing of a vehicle whether

occupied or not except when standing temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers;

Fine: Early Payment \$26.00 (payment within 7 days of the offence) Late Payment \$33.00 (payment within 15 days of the offence)

"stop" or "stopping" when prohibited, means the halting of a vehicle, even momentarily whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a constable or other police officer or of a traffic control sign or signal;

Fine: Early Payment \$60.00 (payment within 7 days of the offence) Late Payment \$75.00 (payment within 15 days of the offence).

We do not want any of our parents/guardians to get ticketed. Therefore, your cooperation and understanding in this important matter is very much appreciated.

Interim Reports & Parent-Teacher Interviews

The November Progress Report will be sent home on Tuesday November 14th, 2017. Parent Teacher interview will be held on Thursday, November 16th, 2017 from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. Information to sign up for interview times will be sent home.



Before & After School



Parents/Guardians you are reminded that supervision is not provided before 8:30 a.m. and after 3:10 p.m. Students who are not directly being supervised by their parents, guardians or caretakers must go home right after the bell for their safety and due to liability reasons. Please remember that the school doors are locked after 3:15 p.m. We thank you all for your cooperation.



INCLEMENT WEATHER – SCHOOL CLOSURE

Unless announced on the radio, all schools will remain open even though the weather may be severe. As always, parents have the right and the responsibility to decide to keep children home if there is any question as to their safety. We do ask that you call us if your child will be absent. Any school closures or cancellations of transportation will be announced on the following TV/radio stations as well as the Board's website and Twitter/Facebook accounts by 7:00 am.:

900 CHML/ Y108 FM/ 95.3 Fresh FM/ K-Lite 102.9 FM/ Jewel 92.1 FM/ CKPC 1380 AM
Radio

CHCH TV Morning Live

The school board website (www.hwcdsb.ca);

Twitter (<https://twitter.com/HWCDSB>)

Facebook (www.facebook.com)

The Hamilton Spectator (www.thespec.com)

CBC Hamilton (www.cbc.ca/hamilton)

WINTER WEATHER



Now that colder weather is approaching, please have children prepared for outdoor recesses. It will become necessary for hats, mittens and even winter coats to be pulled out of storage and worn to school. We strongly encourage labeling of all clothing items to avoid loss of articles.

INDOOR/OUTDOOR SHOES AND BOOTS

Please be reminded that ALL students need indoor and outdoor footwear for the cold and wet weather. Children spend a good portion of time outside and in addition to warm clothing, they require warm footwear. Also, we ask that children **not wear wet** footwear in the school.



NEW

REPORTING ABSENCES (Safe Arrival Program)

Our new Absence Reporting System has been implemented. Parents can report their child's absence quickly and conveniently in one of three ways:

1. Parents can call into an automated interactive telephone system via a toll free number 1-844-469-5486.
2. Parents can log into a website, hwc.schoolconnects.com to authenticate their Portal account.
3. Parents who have authenticated their accounts and have either an iOS or Android device can download an app.

The automated notification system will contact parents at multiple contact numbers until one of the designated contacts is reached. If the system is unable to reach a designated contact after 20 minutes, office staff will follow up. By reporting your child absent in advance using the Safe Arrival toll free number of the Safe Arrival Portal website/app, you will NOT receive a call. We would also like to remind parents to inform the office of any changes in phone numbers and/or addresses as it is essential that we be able to reach you in case of an emergency involving your child.

Playground Safety

For the safety of our children in the playground, we ask that only NERF (soft) balls be used. No other type of ball should be brought to school except for the basketballs being used at the basketball net. For the safety of all of our children **please do not bring any dogs on the school property.** Some children are not only allergic to them but others may be very frightened of dogs and even the best behaved dogs may react unexpectedly when confronted by large numbers of children. Thank you all for your cooperation.



Photo Retake Day



Photo retake day will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017. Students are reminded to dress in school uniform.

Terry Fox Run

Thank you to all students who participated in the Terry Fox Run. Our students and staff members raised \$553.05. A big thank you to all the students and staff members who donated money this year to the Terry Fox Foundation! Terry once said, “even if I don’t finish, we need others to continue. It’s got to keep going on without me.”

In honour of all those who have been touched by cancer, thank you for continuing to support this cause.



November is Anti-Bullying Month



Bullying is defined as unwanted, aggressive behaviour among school aged a child that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Bullying can be physical, verbal, emotional, social or even done over the internet. This is known as cyber-bullying.

Student Council

Congratulations to the following students who are members on the School Council!

Marianne U. – President
Belinda B. – Vice-President
Alyssa W. – Vice-President
Steven B. – Treasurer
Evelyn F. – Sports Rep
Irys P. – Social Justice
Jaida L. – Social Media



Seasonal Flu Update

As the flu season approaches, please remind your child about proper hand washing and hygiene habits. If your child displays flu-like symptoms, it is strongly recommended to keep your child at home in order to prevent the spread of the virus. When reporting the absence to the office, please inform us if your child has flu-like symptoms which include fever, cough, sore throat, sore muscles, joint pain, weakness, fatigue, headache and sometimes diarrhea and vomiting. Students are reminded to wash their hands frequently, to cough/sneeze into the elbow and to avoid sharing snacks and personal effects.



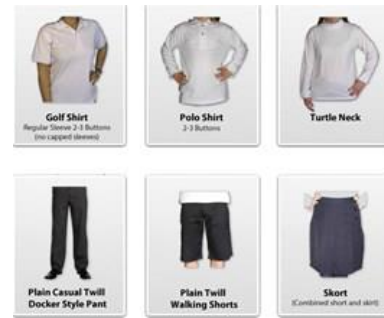
Communication



If you have any concerns or questions about the curriculum, work being sent home or your child's progress or well-being, your child's classroom teacher is a good contact. You may leave a message for your child's teacher at the office or by communicating in the agenda. Please be patient and the teacher will get back to you as soon as he or she is able to. If you have any concerns regarding the school, please do not hesitate to come and discuss the matter with the Principal.

School Uniforms

In conjunction with our Board of Trustees and the Catholic School Council, the expectation is that all students will be in complete and proper school uniform. Our colours are navy and white for tops and navy blue for bottoms. A reminder that all tops must have a collar. Cargo pants or kobe pants (pants with pockets along the leg), track/warm-up pants, skinny pants and corduroy pants are not permitted. Jackets and coats are non-uniform pieces; sweaters for inside must be navy blue or white. Hoodies are not permitted. Crests can be either embroidered or on a patch which is sewn to the garment, not screened-on (ink process). As well, crests can be purchased at the school office for \$3 if needed. In addition, spirit-wear (ie.: team/grad sweatshirts/hoodies, t-shirts) are not part of the school uniform. If you need assistance with the purchase of uniforms, please contact the school to speak with the Principal, Dr. Ssemanda.



Mandatory School Uniform implies that all students arrive at school dressed appropriately and in adherence to the Board and school Uniform Policy. Failure to do so shall result in consequences as outlined in the Board Uniform Policy under the Dress Code/School Uniforms Policy Section 17.

Student Attendance

Regular attendance is crucial to success at school. When students are habitually late or leave habitually early, they miss critical class time, feel disorganized and may miss important information. Punctuality is an important life skill that students learn and helps them establish good work habits for their future. Encourage your child(ren) to take responsibility for themselves to prepare and plan ahead in order to be ready and on time for school. Working together makes a difference for student learning.



Lateness: School Arrival



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Lateness continues to be a concern at Sacred Heart of Jesus School. Many students miss the initial part of their instructional school day due to this late arrival. **Valuable learning time is lost.** This is tabulated and forwarded to the Hamilton - Wentworth Catholic District School Board for auditing purposes. Chronic lateness is reported to the school's social worker. Please ensure that these inappropriate patterns of behaviour are not established with your children. Students should arrive at school no later than 8:50 a.m.

Anaphylaxis



Sacred Heart of Jesus School is a place where all children feel safe and have a sense of belonging. To ensure the safety and well-being of all children, please note below the 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)
- 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.

Cooperation from parent and guardians in adhering to the guidelines below is most appreciated:

- There are students at this school who are allergic to the following foods items: Peanuts, all nuts, tree nuts, raw eggs, sea food, and hazelnuts
- Please avoid bringing these allergens into the school.
- Reinforce hand washing practices: wash hands before and after eating.
- Remind children not to share or trade food, food utensils, or food containers.
- Please do NOT bring any food products into the school; with permission, **non-food items** are permitted for various celebrations and special events and activities.



Thank you for your help in keeping all our children safe.

New Concussion Protocols"



The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCDSB) recognizes that children and adolescents are among those at greatest risk for concussions. The potential for a concussion is greatest during activities where collisions can occur, such as during physical education (PE) class, playground time, or school-based sports activities. However, concussions can happen any time a student's head comes into contact with a hard object, such as a floor, desk, or another student's head or body. Recent research has made it clear that a concussion can have a significant impact on a student's cognitive and physical abilities. Without identification and proper management, a concussion can result in permanent brain damage. Awareness of the signs and symptoms of concussion and knowledge of how to properly manage a diagnosed concussion is critical in a student's recovery and is essential in helping to prevent the student from returning to learning or physical activities too soon and risking further complications.

Please be advised that should your child be suspected of a concussion based on the signs and symptoms they are presenting, this new Concussion protocol will now come into effect.

For more information on this protocol, please visit the Board's website under the Board tab, Policies and Procedures at <http://www.hwcdsb.ca>.

Free Homework Help is Back!



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 and 10 students with their math homework.

Features: Free real-time tutoring with Ontario teachers **Sunday to Thursday, Grades 7 - 10 from 5:30 pm to 9:30 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 has been 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.

homeworkhelp.ilc.org

October Award Recipients



Teacher	Academic	Christian Attitude	Gratitude
Mrs. Giornofelice-Boyd FDKA	Kaiden	Verena	Milena
Mrs. Pagliari - FDKB	Maria	Cameron	Elsie
Mrs. Marques Gr 1	Gabriel	Flori	Jhekiel
Mr. Dibenedetto Gr 2	Lily	Christian	Mariana
Mrs. Lovas Gr 2/3	Odette	Alexander	Jewelene
Mr. Frade Gr 4/5	Abigail	Jaiden	Makenzie
Mrs. Castiglione Gr 5/6	Ralph	Damean	Caitlin
Ms. Marino Gr 7/8	Belinda	Liam	Stanko
Mr. Czerniga-French	Marco - Gr. 4/5, Marisa - Gr 5/6, Marianne - Gr. 7/8		

Curriculum Update

Mrs. Giornofelice-Boyd, Mrs Pagliari & Miss Martins FDK

Students have been working hard at identifying the letters of the alphabet and the “popcorn Words’. We will continue to work on reading the letter poems at school. We have also been sorting items and discussing their attributes, i.e. shape, colour, small, large etc.



Mrs. Marques Gr 1



Grade 1 Literacy – In reading, students will focus on asking questions about information or ideas presented in a text (e.g. I wonder if...?, What if ...?. Why did ...?). In writing, students will focus on using adjectives as they write descriptive passages.

Grade Numeracy - The Grade 1’s will begin the month, by continuing to focus on Number Sense and Numeration. Students will continue to represent and compare numbers. Later in the month they will focus on Data Management. They will learn how to organize and display data on different graphs including concrete and picture graphs.

Mr. Dibenedetto Gr 2 & Mrs. Lovas Gr 2/3

The Grade 2’s in Literacy will complete their work on making connections and investigate the strategy of asking questions as we read. We will practice responding to questions that arise in our reading. In writing, we will explore how adjectives enhance our descriptive paragraphs in their life.



Grade 2 Numeracy will wrap up our exploration of place value and begin to investigate data management. Towards the end of the month we will discover new properties as we work with and sort 2-D shapes.

Mrs Lovas Gr. 2/3



The Grade 2’s have been learning Number Sense and place value and will be moving into Data Management. Students will learn to read, represent, and place numbers in the place value chart and will show multiple ways to regroup. In Literacy we are learning about narrative pieces of writing and what a narrative needs. Students will be moving into descriptive and explanatory writing and the importance of asking questions (who, what, where, when, why and how).

The Grade 3’s have been learning Number Sense and place value and will be moving into Data Management. Students will learn to read, represent, and place numbers in the place value chart and will show multiple ways to regroup. In Literacy we are learning about narrative pieces of

writing and what a narrative needs. Students will learn how to create characters, settings and create realistic problems and solution for the narrative writing. Students will be moving into descriptive and explanatory writing and effective methods of asking questions (who, what, where, when, why and how).

Mr. Frade Gr. 4/5 & Mrs Castiglione 5/6



In November, the juniors will be busy creating and analyzing various graphs, and then later, studying polygons. In literacy, their focus turns to explanatory writing and questioning as a reading strategy. In social studies, the grade 4 students will be learning about early civilizations, the grade 5 students will "fast forward" a few thousand years to the time when the First Peoples of North America first set eyes on the explorers from Europe, and the grade 6 students learn about Canadian heritage and identity by examining Canada's communities from the past and today.

Ms. Marino 7/8

The grade 7/8 class will continue to work on making connections in their reading. We will focus on descriptive writing. We will navigate through patterns and sustainability in the changing world for Geography. We will continue to work on Patterning in Math.



ONLINE PAYMENTS NOW AVAILABLE!

For safety and efficiency reasons, we want to reduce the amount of Cash & Checks coming into our school. School related expenses are now available online for you to make payment.

Parents please register!

Here's how:



- Step 1:** Go to this website:
<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, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.