

Sacred Heart of Jesus School

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✠ Message from Fr. Charlie

Dear staff, students, and parents of Sacred Heart of Jesus School,
Happy New Year 2018!

Time is a gift of God. We have to take every second as it comes, and if we do not have the awareness of this gift, it passes away without waiting for us. I am quoting for you an excerpt from Steven B. Cloud, "A year of Time." As we look into 2018 we look at a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. And all is a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchased it. Like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life. The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally to each person. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak—every man, Women and child has the same twenty-four hours every day. Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time marches on. And you cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone. Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year's block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it. Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God. The New Year is full of time. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count? Blossom like fresh flowers and spread the sweet fragrance wherever you go. Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for a New Year, a time of new beginnings and a hope for freedom and renewal in my life. No matter how many times I may have fallen short of my goals in the past, may I be reminded that You are a God of tomorrows. With You, all things are truly possible. Help me to trust You. I ask that You would instill deep inside every one of Your children a new hope and greater level of trust as we take those first baby steps forward toward our future. God bless us all!

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A VERY HAPPY & JOYFUL NEW YEAR!

Message from the Principal

Welcome back! May 2018, be filled with God's blessings and good health for all of us at Sacred Heart of Jesus School community. As we begin a new year, we reflect upon the fact that Jesus is the main focus of our Catholic school. His words and teachings are part of our daily existence. Through prayer, reflection, charitable actions and masses, our school community celebrates His glory. As we set new goals for our families, and ourselves let us work towards leading others to God in all that we say and do. We are all looking forward to a rewarding new year in the education of your children. May God 's love shine through each and every one of you making our community a more peaceful, caring and loving one, where our children can grow to realize their God-given gifts and talents to make our world a better place. May God bless us all at Sacred Heart of Jesus School community with His peace, joy and happiness!



New Year's Prayer

Dear Lord,

*In this New Year I pray:
To live deeply, with purpose,
To live freely with detachment,
To live wisely, with humility,
To live justly, with compassion,
To live lovingly with fidelity,
To live mindfully, with awareness,
To live gratefully, with generosity,
To live fully, with enthusiasm.
Help us to hold this vision and
to daily renew it in our hearts,
becoming ever more one with You.*

Amen

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. Your cooperation and understanding in this important matter is very much appreciated.

Graduation Pictures

Graduation Pictures will be taken on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Students are to wear a white top of their choice for these pictures. A collared dress shirt and tie are recommended for the boys while a collared blouse is recommended for the girls. Turtlenecks are also an option. Photos taken will form the graduation composite received with the diploma in June.



Next Council Meeting

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will be on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons. All parents are welcome to attend.

Provincial Report Cards

Term 1 officially ends on Thursday, February 1, 2018. First term Provincial Report Cards will be sent home with all students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. Parents who wish to have an interview with their child's teacher are requested to please send a note to school so that arrangements can be made to accommodate the request. Please remember to return page 3 of the report card so that it can be filed in your child's OSR - Ontario School Folder.



New Registrations

Registrations for students entering Junior Kindergarten or Kindergarten in September 2018 are now being taken in February. Please call Mrs. Conciatori at the school to book an appointment to register your child. Tell neighbours and friends! We need to know about all new students as soon as possible in order to begin planning for class organization and staffing for September. Please make sure you have the following documents with you upon registration:



- Original Birth Certificate (if Canadian Citizen)
- Landed Immigration or Refugee Status (if applicable)
- Original Catholic Baptismal Certificate
- Proof of Residency

Copies will be made at the school to initiate your child's file. Junior Kindergarten students must have been born in 2014

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Please note that Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Elementary School will continue to offer the Full Day Kindergarten Program for Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten children for September 2018. Parents may wish to read the information brochure which is available at the following website to become more familiar with the program being provided.

<http://www.hwcdsb.ca/programsandservices/kindergarten>

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 here, please have children come prepared for outdoor recesses. It is necessary for hats, mittens and winter coats to be worn to school. We strongly encourage labeling of all clothing items to avoid loss of articles.

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 caregivers 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.

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.

Check It Out Clinics

Community Professionals are available at a variety of locations to meet with families and their children from newborn to 6 years of age to offer consultation, teaching and referral with respect to their child's development. Early Child Development Identification sessions are free and no appointment is necessary. Please note the hyperlink to a newspaper article highlighting the importance and benefit of Check It Out Clinics for children and families. <http://www.thespec.com/news/local/article/624994-checking-out-your-child's-development>



Cold Weather Alerts



During Cold Alerts, schools have been advised to keep students indoors. The Medical Officer of Health for the City of Hamilton issues a Cold Alert when current or anticipated weather conditions are at or below minus 15 degrees Celsius or minus 20 with a wind chill. If there is no Cold Alert Advisory, students will more than likely be outdoors for recesses; therefore, proper winter clothing is needed daily. This includes layered clothing, a heavy coat, snow pants, waterproof boots, hats, gloves and scarves. Both indoor and outdoor shoes are required.

Winter Safety

Snowball throwing is forbidden on school property. Since most snowballs may contain ice, throwing snowballs becomes similar to throwing rocks; therefore, students who throw snowballs will face very serious consequences, which may include suspension.



Now that we often have snow hills in our playground, climbing them is not permitted, before, during or after school. We have had many accidents on the snow hills. Winter activities can be exciting and fun, but we want to ensure that everyone is safe. Activities which are safe between 3 or 4 students in their backyard, can become a dangerous activity when there are many more students in one area. Please discuss these reminders with your children. We will continue to remind them at school! **Students who choose not to abide with these safety rules will be given consequences.**

Safety



We need your cooperation to make sure the fence and gates to the playground remain closed to ensure the safety of our staff and students.

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.



Seasonal Flu Update



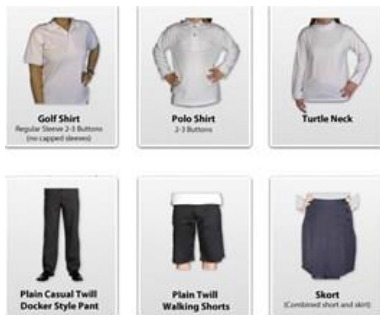
As the flu season approaches, please remind your child about proper hand washing and hygiene habits. If your child displays flu-like symptoms, it is strongly recommended to keep your child at home in order to prevent the spread of the virus. When reporting the absence to the office, please inform us 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, Mrs. 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

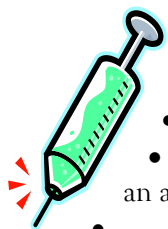
Lateness continues to be a concern at Sacred Heart of Jesus School. Many students miss the initial part of their instructional school day due to this late arrival. **Valuable learning time is lost.** This is tabulated and forwarded to the Hamilton – Wentworth Catholic District School Board for auditing 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.



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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"



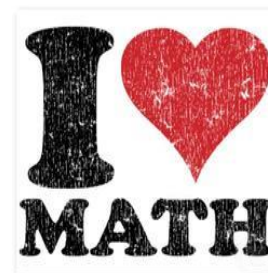
The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCDSB) recognizes that children and adolescents are among those at greatest risk for concussions. The potential for a concussion is greatest during activities where collisions can occur, such as during physical education (PE) class, playground time, 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>.

Making Math Fun In The Classroom & At Home!

E-math+, a new online tool for Grades 3-6 has been created in partnership with Nelson Mathematics to connect math learning in the classroom and at home. Your child in grades 3-6 has been registered and a package containing their login and information about the new tool has been sent home. E-math+ has features designed specifically to help you understand the math lessons your child is learning and help you assist your child to be successful: understand current math language and teaching strategies. Extra support and practice for your child can be obtained online as well as accessing the Nelson Mathematics textbooks. Be sure and take some time to view this tool with your child(ren) and to use it to reinforce math concepts!



Precious Moments Boutique Open House

Wednesday, March 7, 2018
 Wednesday, May 16, 2018
 From 3:00 -6:00 p.m.



At St. Mary Catholic Resource Centre, 3rd Floor 203 McNab Street, North Hamilton
 Gently new and experienced Graduation and First Holy Communion dresses and suits are available to students at no cost. Students & parents are welcome.
 Contact Kelly Duffy-Kariuum, Social Worker, 905-525-2930 Ext. 2831.

Precious Moments Boutique Clothing Drive



The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board is once again collecting new and gently experienced First Holy Communion and Prom Dresses/Suits appropriate for first Holy Communion and Grade Eight Graduation. These events are marked with much excitement but also can pose a significant financial burden for many families in our community. Please bring donations to your home school the week of **February 5, 2018** and thank you for your continued support. Contact Kelly Duffy-Kariuum, Social Worker, 905-525-2930 Ext. 2831.



December Award Recipients

Teacher	Academic	Christian Attitude	Charity
Mrs. Giornofelice-Boyd FDKA	Audrey	Zelda	Rolei
Mrs. Pagliari - FDKB	Haley	Mason	Jayce
Mrs. Marques Gr 1	Aila	Elise	Felix
Mr. Dibenedetto Gr 2	Cameron	Scarlett	Fiona
Mrs. Lovas Gr 2/3	Abigail	Larenz	Maryam
Mr. Frade Gr 4/5	Aiden	Katelyn	Juliane
Mrs. Castiglione Gr 5/6	Marisa	Anne	Marlon
Ms. Marino Gr 7/8	Alyssa	Gemma	Adam
Mr. Czerniga-French	Kwaku - Gr. 4/5, Amber - Gr 5/6, Alyssa - Gr. 7/8		

Curriculum Update



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

In January our Kindergarten class will be celebrating the new year and all that it holds for us! In literacy, we will be learning some reading strategies to help our emerging and developing readers find greater success, and also making connections to text and their world. To support your young readers, have them use their "eagle eyes" to find clues in the pictures to solve difficult words (e.g. The kitten is eating. - notice that the picture is a baby cat instead of a full grown one, so the word is 'kitten' rather than 'cat'), and to be a "stretchy snake" when sounding out words (e.g. cat is "c-a-t, c-a-t, c-a-t, cat). Our math focus will be on data management looking at concrete graphs, picture graphs. and probability words such as 'sometimes' and 'might'. Near the end of the month we will also be exploring 3-D shapes such as cones, cubes, cylinders, spheres, pyramids and rectangular prisms. At home, try to find these shapes in your pantry or the fridge (cylinder = can of soup, prisms = cereal boxes, etc.). Happy new year to you all!

Mrs. Marques Gr 1



Grade 1 Literacy - In Reading, we will focus on how good readers use text clues to make reasonable predictions about the author's message. In Writing, we will focus on procedural writing. We will look at how to identify and order main ideas using simple graphic organizers.

Grade 1 Numeracy - This month we will focus our attention on Measurement. Students will focus on measuring and describing length, perimeter and area using non-standard units of the same size.

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

The Grade 2's in Literacy will continue to develop their descriptive writing skills and begin to explore report writing. As readers we will learn to predict and visualize while we explore different texts.



Grade 2 Numeracy will explore measurement -length, perimeter and area, and work on our understanding of addition and subtraction strategies.

Mrs Lovas Gr. 2/3



The Grade 3 in Literacy will learn to use non-fictional information to help guide our inquiries. We will integrate our Social Studies learning of First Nation communities with our writer's workshop focus on report writing.

The Grade 3's in Numeracy students will begin the math strand of linear measurement. We will be estimating and measuring distances using standard units as well as comparing measurements and choosing appropriate unites of measure.

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



Upon return from their Christmas break, the grade 4 and 5 students will be moving on to geometry in math and continuing with predicting in reading. In social studies, the grade 4 students will be learning about the wonderful country in which they live, while the grade 5 students learn about their country's government and citizenship. Junior boys' basketball and junior girls' volleyball each commence the regular seasons in the first week of January.

Math 6: Sorting and classifying quadrilaterals by geometric properties related to symmetry, angles, and sides, through investigation using a variety of tools. Sorting polygons according to the number of lines of symmetry and the order of rotational symmetry, through investigation using a variety of tools. Measure and construct angles up to 180° using a protractor, and classify them as acute, right, obtuse, or straight angles. Construct polygons using a variety of tools, given angle and side measurements

Ms. Marino 7/8



In the new year the Intermediate division will be moving onto Geometry and Spatial sense in Math. We will continue to work on friendly letter writing and reading strategies. In Science the Grade 7 students will be learning about Interactions in the Environment and the Grade 8 students will be learning about cells. Any students that have not yet signed up for Homework Club are encouraged to do so.

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