

Sacred Heart of Jesus School

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October 2018

✠ *A Message from Fr. Charlie*

October is a month that we dedicate to give thanks for the many ways that we are truly blessed. We often do this by gathering for a meal when we share time together with family and friends. Gratitude is a virtue that recognizes all is gift and with that disposition comes a willingness to give, whether that is of our time, talent or in a material way.

We also give Mary special honor this month – this is a person who in her “Magnificent” gave praise and thanks to God for being graced to be the Mother of God. With her spirit of generosity. Let us truly give thanks for the bounty entrusted to us.

Fr. Charlie

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Happy
Thanksgiving

Message from the Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, parents and students for contributing to a very successful beginning to the new school year. It is hard to believe how quickly September has passed by. It was great to see many parents and students at our Meet and Greet Teacher/Parent Evening. Our sincere gratitude goes to the members of the outgoing Catholic School Council and staff for organizing and helping to ensure that it was an enjoyable evening.

October is a busy month. We are looking forward to Thanksgiving celebrations and to our big fundraiser the Halloween Groove-a-thon. As a school community, we continue to create a welcoming, inclusive and safe learning environment which promotes the spiritual, academic, social, physical and emotional growth of all the students.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher who can directly answer questions and concerns about your child. For concerns about the school, you are welcome to call me or to come and discuss them with me.

On behalf of the staff and students of Sacred Heart of Jesus School, I wish you and your families a blessed Thanksgiving weekend.

Thanksgiving Prayer

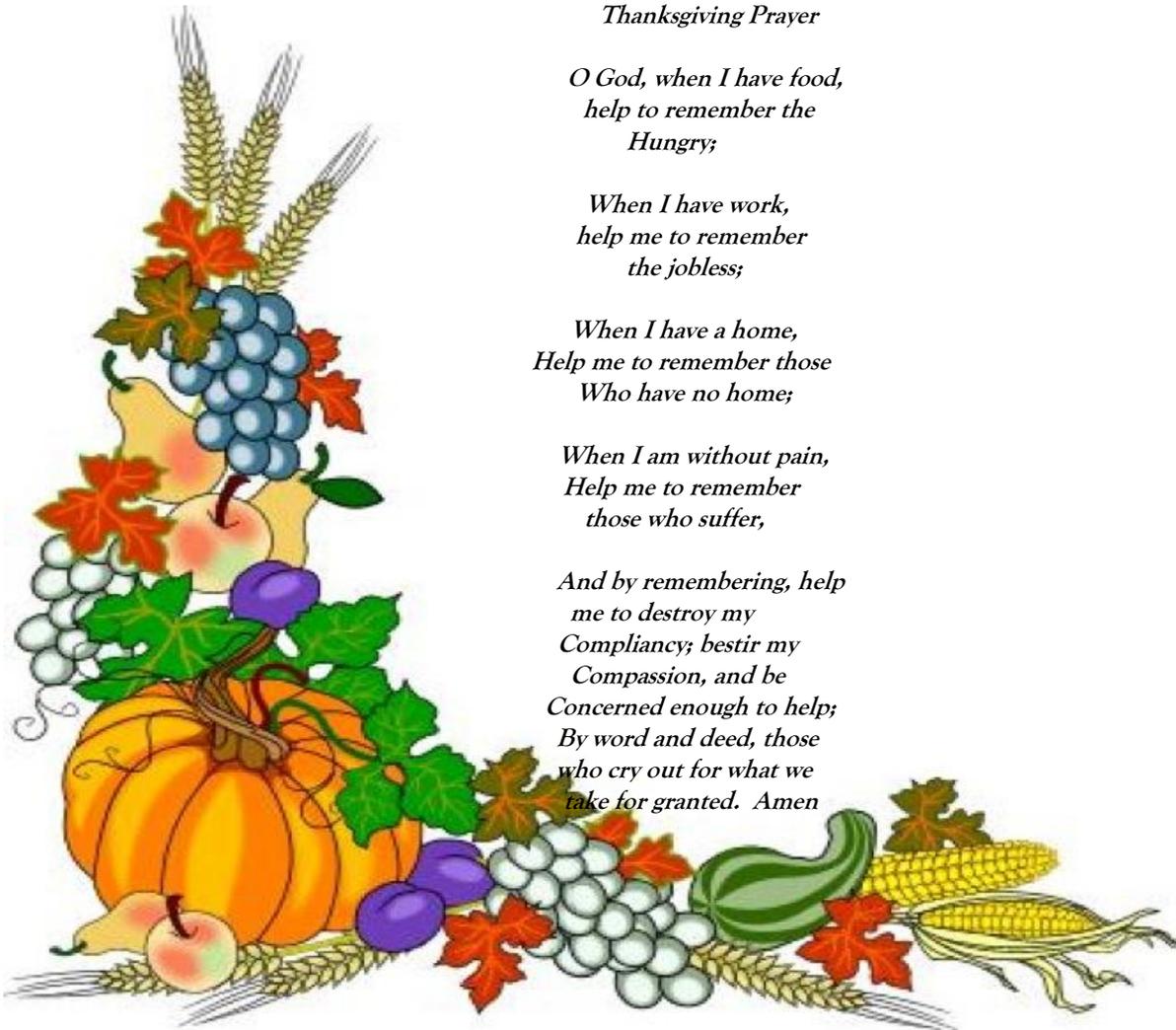
*O God, when I have food,
help to remember the
Hungry;*

*When I have work,
help me to remember
the jobless;*

*When I have a home,
Help me to remember those
Who have no home;*

*When I am without pain,
Help me to remember
those who suffer,*

*And by remembering, help
me to destroy my
Compliancy; bestir my
Compassion, and be
Concerned enough to help;
By word and deed, those
who cry out for what we
take for granted. Amen*



Parent Conference

The HWCDSB 26th Parent Conference 2018 – “Weaving the Catholic Partnership” will be held on Saturday, November 3, from 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Bishop Ryan High School. Mark your calendar now and join us for this great event! For registration information, please contact 905-525-2930 ext. 2141 or download Registration Forms online at www.hwcdsb.ca.



Honouring Mother Mary



The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary devotion. Every morning during our morning prayers we will be reciting a decade of the rosary to honour our dear Mother Mary. We encourage you to say the rest of the decades at home with your family

2018 HWCDSB Pilgrimage

Sunday, October 14th, HWCDSB students and staff will take part in the Annual Awareness of “the injustice of world hunger, and inadequate health care, shelter, and education”.



“Walk with Christ: Justice for the Poor” Pilgrimage in support of third world charities. The pilgrimage serves to create awareness around world hunger, the need for health care, shelter and proper education. Students will start from Cathedral High School with mass, and then go on a 8 km walk along the Rail Trail to St. Daniel School to raise funds for humanitarian projects in Haiti, Uganda, Famine Relief in South Africa and the Dominican Republic. Please join us as we set Catholic Education into action to serve others.

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.

Pizza Days

Friday Pizza Days are back at Sacred Heart of Jesus School. Our first Pizza Day will be October 12. The cost of one pizza slice is \$2. Money must be handed to the teacher before 10:00 am on the Thursday. Parents please hand in EXACT CHANGE. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.



Lockdown Drill

Two lockdown drills will be held over the course of the year. One lockdown drill will be in the fall and the other one in the spring. Please do not hesitate to call the school if you have any questions and/or concerns. Also an Evacuation Drill will be practiced during the school year.

Fire Drills



Fire drills will be conducted over the course of the year: 3 in the fall and 3 in the spring. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions and/or concerns.

Cross Country

Students will be attending the Cross-Country Event at Marydale Park on Friday, October 5, 2018. We wish our teams a fun and positive day!



Interim Reports & Parent-Teacher Interviews

The November Progress Report will be sent home on Tuesday November 13th, 2018. Parent Teacher interview will be held on Thursday, November 22, 2018 from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. Information to sign up for interview times will be sent home at the end of October.

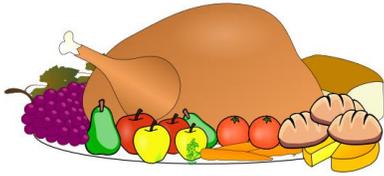


Thanksgiving Food Drive

Sacred Heart of Jesus School will be holding a Thanksgiving Non-perishable drive, e.g. boxes of cereal, pasta, and canned food items. The Drive will begin on Tuesday, October 2 and end on Friday October 5. All the donations collected will be given to the Wilma's Place. We thank everyone in advance for your contributions and generosity. Let us rally together to help families in need.



Thanksgiving Luncheon



This year we are very grateful to Mr. Czerniga who made arrangements with Michelangelo Banquet Centre to provide the school with a free Thanksgiving luncheon. The staff and students will sit together and break bread together in thanksgiving. We will have an opportunity as a school community to reflect upon the many blessings we have in our lives.

Groove-a-thon

This year the school's major fundraiser will be a Halloween groove-a-thon with funds raised being used to continue to enhance our Numeracy programs, Improving technology and other school resources. Please see the information regarding the Fundraiser which will be going home shortly. If anyone has any question, or would like to help out please call the office.



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.

World Teachers' Day



“The integration of Religious truths and values with the rest of life is expressed above all in the lives of the teachers in Catholic schools whose daily witness to the meaning of mature faith and Christian living has a profound impact upon the education and formation of their pupils.” (Teach Them -1976. p. 3). Thursday, October 4th is world Teacher’s Day. Thank you to all staff for their continued dedication, care and Christian example.

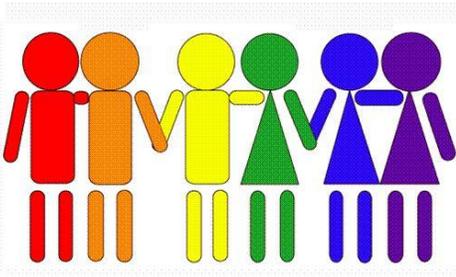
Movie Nights at Sacred Heart of Jesus School

We are excited to let you know that we will have three family movie nights during this school year. Our first one is scheduled for Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 6:15 pm in our gymnasium.

All students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian in order to attend. More details to follow.



Catholic School Council



We extend our deep gratitude to our Catholic School Council of 2017-2018. Your gift of time and commitment to the students of Sacred Heart of Jesus School was very much appreciated. Congratulations to the new members of the Catholic School Council. The following parents/guardians were acclaimed to the 2018-2019 Catholic School Council.

Mrs. H. Brittain-Giglia, Mrs. J. Desrochers, Ms. D. Eddy, Ms. S. Hamilton, Ms. L. Homulas-Howe, Mrs. D. Lamparski, Ms. J. Lamparski, Ms. J. Monahan-Rankin and Mrs. K. Sciore.

The first meeting for the executive members will be held on be held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, October 18, 2018 in the Learning Commons Room. In this meeting the roles of the council members will be voted on.

City Water Chemistry Changes

Beginning in November, 2018, the City of Hamilton will begin adding phosphoric acid to the municipal drinking water as part of their Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) approved Corrosion Control Plan.

If you have any questions or concerns to please contact the City directly at (905)546-2489 or visit www.hamilton.ca/corrosioncontrol.

Safe Drinking Water



Results from 2018 water testing for schools of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board are now available. We are happy to report that lead testing results for Sacred Heart of Jesus School have met the Ontario drinking water quality lead standard of 10 micrograms per litre (10 µg/L) or below.

Since 2007, Ontario law has required child care centres and schools to flush their plumbing and test their drinking water for lead.

Terry Fox Run

Thank you to all students who participated in the Terry Fox Run. Our students and staff members raised \$700.00. 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.



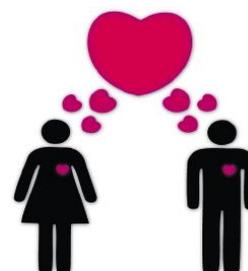
Parenting Tip Of The Month



In order to feel confident and connected, children need to feel that they belong. Their sense of belonging comes, in large part, from how they connect to their families – do they spend time together having fun, do they participate in chores and contribute to the household, do they have a sense of family values and traditions? As parents we need to be diligent in making sure our children feel a secure attachment within the family unit, so they can thrive when they venture away from us.

Marriage Tip of the Month

Marriages that are cared for reap rewards as the years pass: both people feel connected and in love; children feel secure in the love of their parents; they share times of joy and an ability to pull together when trials present themselves. Couple care includes spending time together, using good communication skills, and asking each other, “What are we doing well, what could we be doing better.” The rewards for continuous care of your marriage are endless! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)



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.

Playground Safety

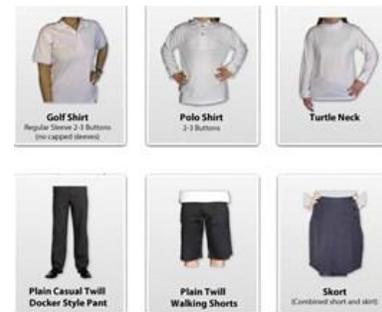
For the safety of our children in the playground, we ask that only NERF (soft) balls be used. No other type of ball should be brought to school except for the basketballs being used at the basketball net. For the safety of all of our children please do not bring any dogs on the school property. Some 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.



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.



If your child has outgrown their uniform, please donate it back to the school so that another student can take advantage of wearing it. We like to keep a variety of sizes so that parents can share the uniforms instead of buying them. Please send any clean and gently used uniform to the school at any time throughout the year. If you would like to receive some used uniforms, please make an appointment with the office. Thank you for your help!

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.

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.



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 1-833-275-6703.
2. Parents can log into a website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>
3. Parents who have authenticated their accounts and have either an iOS or Android device can download an app.

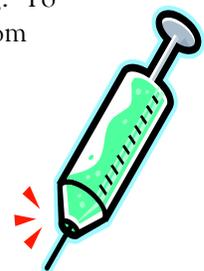
The automated notification system will contact parents at multiple contact numbers until one of the designated contacts is reached. If the system is unable to reach a designated contact after 20 minutes, office staff will follow up. By reporting your child absent in advance using the Safe Arrival toll 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.

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 & cooked 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 home-made 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 de-signed 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

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.

The Branches of Faith Youth Ministry



October Kids Kingdom (Grades 1-5)

This month the youth group will be meeting October 5th and 19th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to our local food banks. A permission form must be on file. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

Grade 6-12 Youth Group

This month the youth group will be meeting October 5th and 19th from 8:00–9:30 p.m. Please bring a non-perishable food item to

donate to our local food banks. A permission form must be on file. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

Halloween for Hunger

Grades 6-12 students are invited to participate in Halloween For Hungers. On Halloween Night, the youth will collect non-perishable food items for Neighbour to Neighbour. Information can be found on our parish website or at the doors of the Church, or by emailing Rachel.

Message from Rachel McNamara, Youth Minister

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Formed.org

The parish has purchased a year long subscription for their parishioners and school families. Formed is an online streaming service (like Netflix), with Catholic content. These resources are top quality productions, from some of today’s best speakers and writers. The material is solid in it’s teaching of the Catholic faith, this takes away the concern if the doctrine is Catholic; with so much on the web, it can be hard to discern what sources are reliable. There are also children and youth specific videos and books.

To access this free resource, please go to the following link: mbssh.formed.org .

Register a family account using your email address and a password for your family. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 905-385-3570.

September Award Recipients

Teacher	Academic	Christian Attitude	Hospitality
Mrs. Giornofelice-Boyd FDKA	Julia	Benjamin	Briar
Mrs. DiGiacinto – FDKB	Elsie	Theodore	Alani
Mr. DiBenedetto Gr 1/2	Abigail	Cameron	Elise
Mr. Donelson Gr 2/3	Cameron	Sheldon	Mary
Miss Cifani Gr 3/4	Gozel	Christian	Celina
Mr. Frade Gr 4/5	Charles	Jewelene	Francis
Mr. MacLeod Gr 5/6	Chyra	Katelyn	Louise
Ms. Delio Gr 7/8	Marisa	Irys	Marcel



Mr. Czerniga-French Kavan - Gr. 3/4, Benjamin - Gr 4/5, Rob - Gr. 6/7 - Luis - Gr. 7/8

Curriculum Update

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



Our FDK students have been working very hard to learn and master the many routines and safety procedures they will need to follow at school. They have made many new friends and are developing skills to work and play alongside them. In literacy, we have introduced the alphabet through the story Chicka Chicka Boom Boom and will continue to work on identifying letters, how they sound and how to print them. Through poetry, short stories and guided lessons your children will be working on identifying beginning sight words. Printing, stamping and identifying their names correctly, using supports and independently, is also a focus.

Mr. DiBenedetto Gr 1/2

The Grade 1 & 2 will focus on reading and identifying text elements such as character, setting problem and solution. During writing, the class will learn to construct creative sentences and descriptive paragraphs.

The Grade 1 & 2's will also begin to wrap up our exploration of patterns and begin to learn about place value and representing and comparing numbers in different ways.

Mr. Donelson Gr 2/3

The grade 2/3 are finishing up patterning and will be moving on to Number Sense and Numeration. The Grade 2 students will learn to read, represent, compare and order number to 50 or 100. Grade 3 students will explore place value and rounding of numbers to 1000.



In literacy we are learning how to make connections to self-using various stories. We are working on sentence structure, organizing our details, as well as writing recounts in which they will retell an event that happened in their life.

Miss Cifani Gr 3/4

The Grade 3 and 4 students will be finishing up our patterning unit and moving onto Number Sense. Students will be learning to read, represent, compare and order whole numbers from 1000(Gr.3) and 10,000(Gr.4). We will also be exploring whole and decimal numbers as well as rounding numbers to the nearest 10(Gr.3) 100 and 1000 (Gr.4). In Literacy, we will continue practicing our Daily 5 skills with a focus on visualization for our reading strategy. In writing, we are working on persuading our audience through our writing.

Mr. Frade Gr. 4/5

The grade 4/5 class will be busy in October exploring place value and number representation then moving onto creating and analyzing various graphs. In literacy, their focus transitions from recount to explanatory writing and questioning as a reading strategy. In science, the grade 4 students continue learning about rocks and minerals, while the grade 5 students keep on their learning journey about the conservation of energy and resources. Many students will also be busying themselves with extracurricular, such as cross-country, flag football, girls' basketball, cross country, choir and eco team.



Mr. MacLeod Gr 6/7

In Math, the Grade 6 and 7 class will be exploring Number Sense and Numeration, with a particular focus on whole numbers to 1 000 000 and decimal numbers to thousandths. In writing, students will wrap up their personal recounts, and turn their focus to Narrative writing, with an emphasis on suspense. In reading, our classroom reading strategies will be visualizing and summarizing. October is an exciting month for literacy as our class begins the "Global Read Aloud". We will be reading the book "Refugee" by Alan Gratz and discussing the book with other grade 6/7 classrooms around the world through technology present in the classroom.

In science, grade 6 students continue to learn about biodiversity, while the grade 7 students keep learning about Human Interactions with the Environment.

Ms. Delio Gr 7/8



The grade 7/8 class will continue to work on identifying novel elements in different literature they read (i.e. plot, setting, character, literary devices etc.). In the next few weeks we will be focusing on descriptive and narrative writing. We will be moving on to Numeration in Math (Unit 1 and 2 in Math Makes Sense Textbook). In History, we will continue to investigate Canadian's early history (1713-1800 for Grade 7 and 1800-1890 for Grade 8). In science, we will continue to investigate "Ecosystems" in grade 7 and "Cells" in grade 8.

