

Sacred Heart of Jesus School

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November 2018

✠ A Message from Fr. Charlie

Remembering is a lot more than “not forgetting”! It allows us to celebrate the gift that people are whose memory we venerate. November is that month of remembrance. On All Saints Day and All Souls, we celebrate those whose lives have affected us on the road to holiness. The saints and those on the road to sainthood remain a big part of our memory. We remember on November 11th those who gave their lives in service to our country. We will celebrate that with 2 minutes of silence at the beginning of all the Masses that weekend.

Why not visit the grave of a loved one during this month? It may inspire you to a greater holiness which we remember our loved ones for.

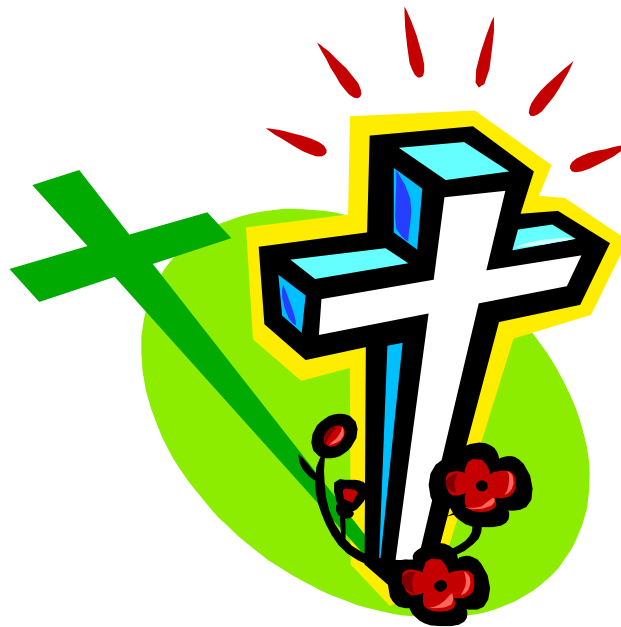
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Message from the Principal



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 Wednesday, November 14, 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 \$2.00 on Wednesday, November 14 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 9th, 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.

Catholic School Council

Your representatives for the 2018-2019 school years are as follows:

Chair – Mrs. J. Monahan-Rankin

Vice-chair - Mrs. S. Ficher

Treasurer – Mrs. H. Brittain-Giglia

Secretary – Mrs. D. Eddy

Council Members - Mrs. J. Desrocher, Mrs. S. Hamilton,

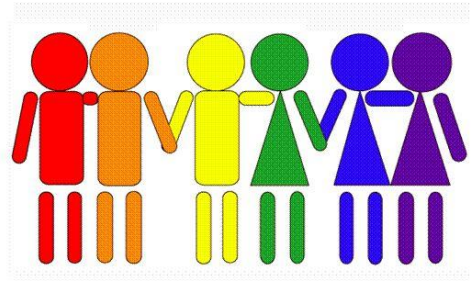
Ms. L. Homulos, Ms. J. Lamparski, Mrs. D. Lamparski, Mrs. K. Sciore

Parish Representative – Fr. C. Jordan

Teacher Representative – Mr. G. Frade

Non-Teaching Representative – Miss K. Martins

Dr. M. Ssemanda (Principal)

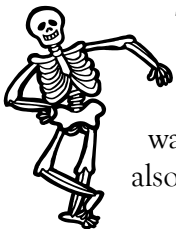


→ Next Council Meeting – Thursday, November 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm

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.

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, Miss Delio 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 Friday, October 5, 2018 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 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.



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
Program)

REPORTING ABSENCES (School Messenger

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> 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 School Messenger 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 Wednesday, November 28, 2018.
Students are reminded to dress in school uniform.

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!

Marisa V. – President
Amber S. – Vice-President
Irys P. – Secretary
Joanna O. – Secretary
Barnett G. – Student Rep.
Jai. M. – Student Rep.
Britton G. – Sports Rep.



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

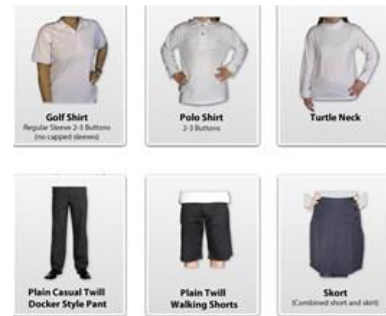


If you have any concerns or questions about the curriculum, work being sent home or your child's progress or well-being, your child's classroom teacher is a good contact. You may leave a message for your child's teacher at the office or by communicating in the agenda. Please be patient and the teacher 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	Makaylah	Briar
Mrs. DiGiacinto - FDKB	Sofia	Jericho	Maya
Mr. DiBenedetto Gr 1/2	David	Zelda	Verena
Mr. Donelson Gr 2/3	Joseph	Jhekiel	Hayden
Miss Cifani Gr 2/3	David	Maria	Angelica
Mr. Frade Gr 4/5	Odetta	Juliane	Benjamin
Mr. MacLeod Gr 6/7	Andrea	Thomas	John Henry
Ms. Delio Gr 7/8	Zachary	Damean	Adam

Mr. Czerniga-French Steven - Gr. 3/4, Eliana - Gr. 4/5, Rob - Gr 6/7, Zachary - Gr 7/8

Curriculum Update

Mrs. Giornofelice-Boyd, Mrs. DiGiacinto & 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 been working on creating patterns and identifying patterns in our classroom. *



Mr. DiBenedetto Gr 1/2



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 finish using adjectives as they write descriptive passages. They will then move on to learn how to write recounts.

Grade Numeracy - The Grade 1/2'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 and bar graphs.

Mr. Donelson Gr 2/3

We are finishing up our Number Sense/Place Value units and we will be moving onto Data Management and Probability. Grade 2s will be learning to collect and organize categorical primary data and display the data using tally charts, concrete graphs, pictographs, line plots, simple bar graphs, and other graphic organizers, with appropriate labels. Grade 3s will learning to collect and organize categorical or discrete primary data and display the data using charts and graphs, including vertical and horizontal bar graphs, with labels as needed. In literacy, we are finishing up our Halloween recount stories and will be learning about narrative writing and what a good narrative story needs. They will learn how to create characters, settings, problems and solutions for their stories.



Miss Cifani Gr. 3/4



In November, the grade 3's and 4's will begin our data management unit focusing on analyzing various graphs and learning how to collect and display data. In literacy, their focus turns to summarizing key information and re-telling as our reading strategy. We will continue using Harry Potter and the Philosopher Stone as our novel study as students will continue to practice their comprehension skills.

Mr. Frade 4/5



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 and 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

Mr. MacLeod 6/7

In Math, the Grade 6 and 7 class will be exploring Data Management, by creating and analyzing various graphs and surveys. In literacy, their focus turns to Narrative writing, with special attention given to suspenseful stories, just in time for Halloween! The "Global Read Aloud", continues through the month of November with our partner class in Fort Worth, Texas. This month we are also learning to find the main ideas in fiction and non-fiction texts along with various forms of media. In Social Studies, Gr 6 students have begun studying "Canada's Interactions with the Global Community". In Gr. 7, students will begin a new Science unit called "Pure Substances and Mixtures."



Ms. Delio Gr. 7/8

The grade 7/8 class will continue to work on identifying novel elements in different literature and begin to make connections and visualize as they read. We continue to work on descriptive and narrative writing. We will be moving on to Data Management in Math (Unit 5). In History, we will continue to investigate Canadian's early history. In the near future, we will be moving on to "Physical Environments" (grade 7) and "Global Settlements" (grade 8) in geography. In science, we will be moving on to "Structures" in grade 7 and "Systems in Action" in grade 8.

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.