

Sacred Heart of Jesus School

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✠ *A Message From Fr Charlie*

Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart Schools

Lent 2019

Most people would agree that “good preparation” leads to “good celebrations”! It can be so true when we look at how joy-filled the Easter Season can be if we take the Lenten season seriously.

Lent is a time of prayer – not always “more” prayer but rather measuring the quality of our prayer. We can become better focused and attentive to the Word of God during this time of the Liturgical year.

Lent is a time of penance. This often involves giving up something which may not be healthy for us. Discipline as we all know is very tedious and requires a lot of personal honesty and reflection.

Lent is a time of almsgiving. It is a time to consider what your contributions will be to

the annual Share Lent collection for Development and Peace. Also, consider coming to our pasta supper at \$20.00 per person on Sunday March 31st, at Michelangelo’s.

Once again, I encourage you to prepare well this Lent in order to celebrate Easter well.

Fr. Charlie Jordan

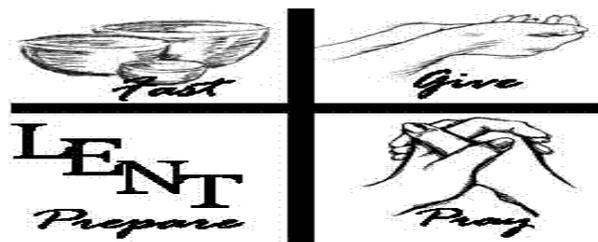
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A Message from our Principal



Lent

During this month of March, we begin our journey through Lent. This Forty-day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday is a time in which the church invites us to grow in self-awareness. It is a time for us to look at our lives and reflect on our weaknesses. It is a time of almsgiving, works of mercy and sacrifice. It is a time to grow in love, a time to resolve, to build a positive relationship with God and our community. In this way, we prepare for the joy of Easter, the greatest feast in the Church, where we can celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead.

On Ash Wednesday we as Catholics, receive ashes on our foreheads as a sign of sorrow for sin. It is a public sign that tells everyone that we are not perfect. We tell God and each other that we are sorry for our sins.

Please continue to pray for our Grade 2 students as they prepare to receive the sacrament of First Communion and the grade 7 students as they prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation.

A reminder that, the March Break Begins on Monday, March 11, 2019. Our first day back is Monday, March 18. We hope it is a special time of rest and enjoyment for all of you. For those who will be travelling over the break, we pray for your safe travels.

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.

First Communion



The grade two students are excited about celebrating the Sacrament of the Eucharist (First Holy Communion) this year. The Sacrament of the Eucharist (First Holy Communion) will be celebrated at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on Sunday, May 5th, 2019 at the 9:00 a.m. mass. If you have any questions and/or concerns at this time, please contact Mr. DiBenedetto and Mr. Donelson.

Confessions

Reminder that open confessions are offered every Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 6:30 pm.

Confirmation

The grade 7 students will be receiving their confirmation. The sacrament of Confirmation will be on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Blessed Sacrament Church at 5:00 pm.



Next Council Meeting

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will be on Thursday, March 21 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons. All parents are welcome to attend.

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 2015 and

Kindergarten students must have been born in 2014.

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>

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



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)

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.

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.



Illness

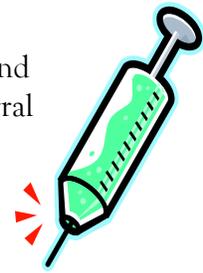
During the winter months, children have the tendency to become sick often. We have had too many students come to the office with health complaints shortly after they arrive at school.

(Should your child show symptoms of illness in the morning, please keep him/her at home.) Once at school, they are expected to be here for the entire day unless physical symptoms of high fever or vomiting are present. Also, please keep in mind that if a child is well enough to come to school, he/she is well enough to go outside to play.



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 be 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



To prevent the spreading of flu students are reminded to continue to wash their hands frequently, to cough/sneeze into the elbow and to avoid sharing snacks and personal effects. 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.

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)



Golf Shirt
Regular Sleeve 2 1/2 Buttons
(no capped sleeves)



Polo Shirt
2 1/2 Buttons



Turtle Neck



Plain Casual Twill
Dockers Style Pant



Plain Twill
Walking Shorts



Skort
(Combined short and skirt)

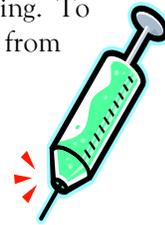
are not part of the school uniform. If you need assistance with the purchase of uniforms, please contact the school to speak with the Principal, Mrs. Ssemanda.

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.

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>.

Precious Moments Boutique Open House

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

From 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.



At St. Mary Catholic Resource Centre, 3rd Floor 203 McNabb 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.

EQAO Testing – Grades 3 & 6



Once again this year, our grade 3 and 6 students will participate in the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Primary and Junior Division assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Our grade 3 and Grade 6 students will write the EQAO test from May 21 to June 3, 2019. Students will be required to complete three test booklets: one reading, one, writing and one mathematics: The kind of questions in the booklets will be familiar

to your child as they are based on the type of work which they have been doing throughout the year. Sample questions can be viewed on the EQAO website at www.eqao.com.

We ask that you make every effort to avoid holidays during these days and to ensure that your child is in attendance each during the assessment. We would also appreciate your efforts in scheduling appointments around this block of time.

Additional information regarding the EQAO assessment will be sent home to our Grade 3 and Grade 6 parents in the month of April.

CURRICULUM UPDATES

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

This month the FDK students will continue to take part in inquiries, and explore literacy around the classroom. In Mathematics, the primary objective will be to reinforce addition number sentences by subitizing (recognizing how many dots are on the dice, without counting).



Mr. DiBenedetto Gr 1/2

In literacy, our class will take the first two weeks to complete our reports on various saints, friends, and influential figures in black history. After March break we will venture into writing narratives. Both grades will also explore how to use clues in texts to make an accurate inference.

In math, the grade 1's and 2's will continue to explore addition and subtraction strategies, including time and problem solving. After March break, we will work on our understanding of 3-dimensional geometry.

Mr. Donelson Gr 2/3

We are continuing our two-digit addition and subtraction unit and then we will be moving on to Geometry and Spatial Sense. Grade 2s will be learning to three dimensional figures and sort and classify them by their geometric properties. Grade 3s will be learning to compare three dimensional figures and sort them by their geometric properties. In Social Studies Grade 2s will be learning about People and Environments: Global Communities. Grade 3s will be learning People and Environments: Living and Working in Ontario.



Ms. Cifani Gr. 3/4

In March, the grade 3's and 4's will begin our second geometry unit. We will be focusing on comparing and identifying three dimensional figures and sorting prisms and pyramids. We will focus on geometric properties such as number and shape of faces, edges, and vertices. (Gr.3/Gr.4). Both grades will also be focusing on constructing three dimensional figures in various ways such as nets, pictures, and skeletons(Gr.4). Additionally, will be looking at the location of objects on a grid map (Gr.3), grid location (Gr.4), and identifying various translations such as flips, slides and turns.

In literacy, we will begin our narrative writing unit, focusing on organizing ideas and information in order to write main ideas and include supporting details such as setting, characters, problem and solution in a logical sequence. For our reading strategy, we will continue inferencing, and reading to understand meaning, and looking beyond the text.

Mr. Frade Gr. 4/5

In March the grade 4 and 5 students will be continuing with addition and subtraction, and then move onto multiplication and division. Both grades will continue with inferencing as a reading strategy and work on their speeches for public speaking in writing. In science, the grade 4 students will be learning about light and sound, while the grade 5 students investigate matter, its properties and changes. As for sports, the grade 4, 5 and 6 boys will be working hard to crack the junior volleyball team for CYO action.

Mr. MacLeod Gr 6/7

In Math, the Grade 6 and 7 class is beginning our third Numeration Unit of the year. The grade 6 class will be exploring fractions, percents and ratios. The grade 7 students will focus their attention on ordering, adding and subtracting integers. In literacy, our writing focus will continue with Expository/Report writing. Students will have the choice of writing a research report or a humorous report in preparation for public speaking. This will be a major focus this term for both written and oral communication. In Science, the grade 6 students will start a new unit on “Flight”. Grade 7s will begin their new unit on “Form and Function” with special attention to structural strength and stability. In their History Unit “New France”, students will continue to study the early organization and Royal Government in New France, and influences of British Settlements.

Ms. Delio Gr. 7/8

The grade 7/8 class will be working on making inferences as they read. We will be continuing with expository writing and beginning to write speeches. In math, we will be moving on to geometry; grade 7 will focus on transformations and grade 8 will focus on pythagorum theorem. In History, we continue to investigate Canadian’s conflicts and changes between 1800-1850 in Grade 7 and the changing society between 1890-1914 in Grade 8. In science, we continue to focus on “Pure Substances and Solutions” in Grade 7 and “Fluids” in Grade 8.



February Award Recipients



Teacher	Academic	Christian Attitude	Love
Mrs. Giornofelice-Boyd FDKA	Tiana	Alice	Luc
Mrs. DiGiacinto - FDKB	Alani	Elsie	Theodore
Mr. DiBenedetto Gr 1/2	Mikeal	Erica	Denno
Mr. Donelson Gr 2/3	Xander	Aryahna	Isla
Miss Cifani Gr 2/3	Theodora	Jaydon	Eva
Mr. Frade Gr 4/5	Abigail	Maryam	Eliana
Mr. MacLeod Gr 6/7	Rob	Jaiden	Essabella
Ms. Delio Gr 7/8	Amber	Jomar	Gemma
Mr. Czerniga-French	Aaron - Gr. 4/5, Dylan - Gr 5/6, Zachery - Gr. 7/8		

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.schoolcashonline.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.

Any questions or concerns, please contact parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com or 1-866-961-1803