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May 2019

✠ *A Message From Fr. Charlie*

The month of the Holy Family! May is traditionally the month dedicated to Mary, our Blessed Mother. However, there is plenty of room to remember Joseph and Jesus (of course). The month begins by celebrating the memorial of St. Joseph the Worker and ends with the Visitation of Mary. We remember the risen Lord in between. As we begin May then, let's take a little time to reflect on the work we do, paid/unpaid. The work we do should help develop the world community, in unison with nature. That is a tall order in the fast paced world we live in. The work we do should also help us to grow as individuals, connecting us more and more to the Holy Family who had to live in the world. Something to think about.

Happy Mother's Day to all you moms, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers.



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Message from the Principal

It is hard to believe that we have just two months left before the end of this school year. May is an exciting month. During the week of May 6 - 10, 2019 we set time aside to celebrate in a very special way our Catholic Education. We are very blessed in Ontario to continue to have our Catholic Schools where we have Christ centred in everything we do. Our faith is integrated in all subject areas and in our words and actions.



May is dedicated to our mother, Mary. At the school, every morning, we pray together a decade of the Rosary and we encourage the families to pray the rest of the decades together at home.

May is also the month in which we especially recognize the love and caring of all of our mothers. We thank God for them and ask Him to bless them wherever they are, whether they are still with us or whether He has already called them home. Shortly, we will begin planning for next year with regards to classes, scheduling and staffing. Much time and effort is put into this process to arrive at a placement that is beneficial for all of the students in the school. Therefore, your cooperation and understanding is very much appreciated.

On behalf of the staff and students, I wish all of you mothers a very blessed and fun-filled Mother's Day.

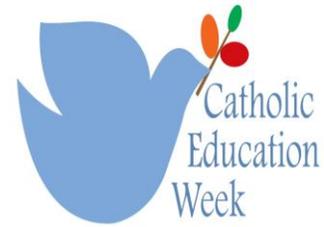
Mother of Unity Prayer

*Virgin Mary, our Mother of renewed faith, hope and love,
instill in us your call to unity,
so that we may be one in heart with you and the most Holy Trinity.
Show us your way to peace and bring us to oneness in spirit and mind.
All for the glory of God we pray.
Amen.*



Catholic Education Week Activities: Monday May 6th to 10th, 2019

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "Living as Joyful Disciples". The 2019 CEW theme and its five sub-themes are drawn from three contemporary Catholic documents that address the unique mission of Ontario Catholic education, the importance of its shared leadership by all those involved in Catholic education and the critical role of Catholic education in contemporary society. Catholic Education Week will begin on Monday May 6th and runs until Friday May 10th. Sacred Heart will open the week with a school liturgy in the gym. The week will be filled with activities that promote Catholic Education and its values.



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 at the 9:00 a.m. mass. Please keep them in your prayers. 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.

Invitation to Spring Concert

Our students will be participating in a Spring Concert. It will be on Wednesday June 5th at 1:00 pm in the school gym. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend. We are looking forward to seeing you all. Grandparents and friends are welcome.



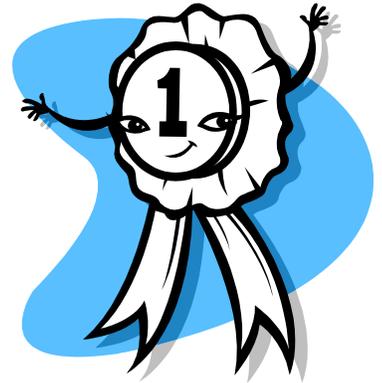
Chocolate Fundraiser

Thank you to all the parents for your generosity in our fundraising efforts. The students raised approx. \$4,500.00 thanks to generous donations. This will certainly go a long way to supporting our various activities and educational purchases in the school. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity!

Congratulations Director's Awards Recipients

Catholic School Mission/Vision Award
Excellent Effort in the Pursuit of Learning Award
Stewardship of Creations: Environment Award
Academic Excellence Award
Arts
French As a Second Language
Health & Physical Education
Language
Mathematics
Religion and Family Life
Science/Technology
Social Studies/History/Geography

Gozel
Diego
Angelica
Irys
Cassandra
Gemma
Jackson
Andrea
Summer
Rob
Amber
Abigail



Congratulations!

School Book Fair

There will be a Book Fair in our school Library on Tuesday May 7th to Thursday May 9th from 9:00 am – 3:00pm.



Next Council Meeting

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will be on Thursday May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons. All parents are welcome to attend.



Graduation



Congratulations to our grade 8 students who will be graduating this year. Graduation is scheduled for Tuesday June 18th, 2019. It will begin with a 9:15 a.m. Mass. The Awards Ceremony and family dinner will be held at Liuna Station beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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 21st to May 28th 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.

Cross Country Meet



The C.Y.O. cross Country meet will be held on Monday May 13th at Marydale Park. Our runners have been practising under the leadership of their coaches. We wish our runners the best of luck as they represent us at the annual Cross Country Meet.

HWCDSB Multi-Year Strategic Planning (MYSP) Consultation

Journey with us.

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board is seeking your input into its Multi-Year Strategic Plan. The plan identifies strategic priorities that will guide board operations over the next three years. As with our previous Multi-Year Strategic Plan, the consultation invites stakeholder input into the core areas of Catholic Community (Believing), Student Achievement & Well-Being (Achieving), and Effective Management of Resources (Serving). This consultation process is called “Journeying Together,” and similar to another journey more than two thousand years ago on the road to Emmaus, gives rise to new hope and endless possibility. Your views and ideas will be collected through Thought exchange, an online engagement tool that will keep you updated throughout the process. We invite you to join the conversation. Visit <https://www.hwcdsb.ca/myspconsultation/> for details. The online survey launches on May 6 and runs until June 14, 2019.

New Registrations

Registrations for students entering Junior Kindergarten or Kindergarten in September 2019 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:



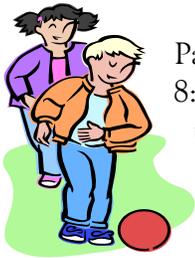
- Original Birth Certificate (if Canadian Citizen)
- Landed Immigration or Refugee Status (if applicable)
- Original Catholic Baptismal Certificate
- Proof of Residency

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 2019. 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>

Tuesday June 4th, 2019 - 6:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. - FDK Meeting for Parents/Guardians of New JK Students in the Learning Commons

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

Health & Safety

As the weather begins to warm up, students will want to wear their sandals to school. Please be aware that flip flops are not permitted as they pose a safety risk to students of tripping, especially on the stairs. Students are encouraged to wear running shoes throughout the spring and summer months to school as they will be participating in either physical education or in Ministry mandated DPA (daily physical activity) on a daily basis.



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.

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.

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.





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.

School Arrival



Parents are kindly reminded to please drop students off on time in the morning so that students may line up with their class. If parents are late dropping off, we ask your cooperation to assist us in ensuring the security of our students by not going past the main office into the school with your child. We also encourage parents of JK/SK students to allow their children to develop more independence by letting them

carry their school bag and remove their coat and boots on their own. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Keep Valuables at Home

Students should keep items of value at home. If items are brought to school and they go missing it is the student's responsibility. It is strongly recommended that anything of value remain home. Thanks for your continued support.



Are You Moving?

We ask any family who will be moving out of the area for the 2019-2020 school years to please notify the office in writing. We are in the process of projecting student enrolment for September 2019 and having this information assists us in being more accurate with our projections. Your assistance with this information is greatly appreciated as school organization changes with enrolment at each grade level.



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

Some 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.

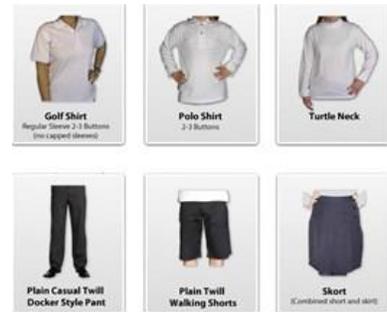
Communication

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.

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>.

Volunteer Police Checks

A reminder to all parents that a current Police Check is required for anyone wishing to attend class trips or to volunteer at the school. Please contact the office to obtain a reference letter which will reduce the cost of the police check.



CURRICULUM UPDATES

Mrs. DiGiancinto, Ms. Demydchuk & Miss Martins FDK

May is going to be a very busy month for us.

In May we will be celebrating Catholic Education Week where the emphasis will be placed on the importance of our faith and being a Catholic student. We will also focus on the devotion of Mother Mary while discussing the importance of our mothers and the things they do for us. May also brings the discussion of Spring and the many changes that take place along with planting (hands on) and the lifecycle of insects. We will be focusing on 3D shapes and how they are all around us as well as the concept of time (analog clock, before, after, now, etc.,).

Mr. DiBenedetto Gr 1/2

In literacy, the grade 1's and 2's will continue to make connections to texts that they read. The students will also complete their second narrative, with an additional focus on adding illustrations and a book cover. Towards the end of the month, the class will learn about the characteristics of a persuasive text.

In math, the students will finish their exploration of mass and capacity. We will also learn to read both digital and analogue clocks. The remainder of the month will be spent learning about probability and the likelihood of events that may occur.

Mr. Donelson Gr 2/3

We will be moving onto Measurement in math. Grade 2s will be learning to estimate, measure, and record area, mass and capacity using nonstandard units of the same size. Grade 3s will be learning to estimate, measure, and record area, mass and capacity using standard units. In language we will be continuing to learn about Persuasive writing and to identify the topic, purpose, and audience for media texts they plan to create (e.g., an advertisement to interest both boys and girls in buying an action toy).

Ms. Cifani Gr 3/4

In May, the grade 3's and 4's will continue our next measurement. We have been focusing on demonstrating an understanding of capacity (ml, L), mass (g, kg) and measuring units of time. We will also begin our fractions unit. We will explore equal parts (grade 3) as well as comparing and ordering fractions (grade 4).

In literacy, we will finish with our narrative writing unit and begin our descriptive writing and letter writing. For our reading strategy, we will continue summarizing, focusing on understanding a text's main ideas using the strategy 'Somebody Wanted But So.'

Our grade 3's will begin EQAO on Tuesday May 21st.

Mr. Frade Gr. 4/5

In May the junior students will be moving onto measurement (mass, capacity, volume, time) in math. In literacy, they will continue to use inferencing to help determine the main idea as a reading strategy, and point-of-view writing. In social studies, the grade 4 students will learn about the political and physical regions of Canada, while the grade 5s learn about the role of government and responsible government. In sports action, cross country will take place on May 13, with track and field following not long after.

Mr. MacLeod Gr 6/7

In Math, the Grade 6 students have completed their mini units on Measurement, Geometry and Spatial Sense and look to continue exploring concepts of Probability. Following the completion of the Probability unit, grade 6 students will begin their final preparations for May's EQAO assessment, which will take place at the end of the month. The Grade 7s have also completed their units on Measurement and Geometry and will continue to study Integers. In Religion, both grades will explore themes of relationships and stewardship in the Fully Alive Program. Grade 6 will continue their Social Studies unit "Communities in Canada Past and Present" with Sacred Heart's School Librarian, Mr. Rossini. Grade 7 students will turn their attention from History to Geography and will begin the unit "Our World's Resources: Use and Sustainability". In Literacy, students in both grades will be transformed into lawyers, as the class will begin persuasive writing and will focus on making connections through reading.

Ms. Delio Gr 7/8

The grade 7/8 class will be working on evaluating as they read. We will continue with on persuasive/augmentative writing. In math, we are working on Integers (Unit 9) and will be moving on to Probability towards the end of the month. In Geography, we will continue investigating "Natural Resources Around the World" (Grade 7) and "Global Inequalities and Quality of Life" (Grade 8). In Science, we will continue to investigate "Heat in the Environment" (Grade 7) and "Water Systems" (Grade 8).



April Award Recipients

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Academic</u>	<u>Christian Attitude</u>	<u>Justice</u>
Ms. Demyschuk FDKA	Benjamin	Audrey	Holden
Mrs. DiGiancinto - FDKB	Jayce	Hayley	Alaina
Mr. DiBenedetto Gr. 1/2	Zoe	Alex	Abigail
Mr. Donelson Gr. 2/3	Mary	Jamie	Jhekiel
Ms. Cifani Gr. 3/4	Daniel	Gozel	Tavio
Mr. Frade Gr 4/5	Kwaku	Pierce	Abigail
Mr. MacLeaod Gr. 6/7	Katelyn	Emanuella	Thomas
Ms. Delio Gr. 7/8	Luis	Marlon	Ashley
Mr. Czerniga-French	Eva - Gr 4, Makenzie - Gr. 5, Kaitlyn - Gr 6, Marlon - Gr 7		

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.