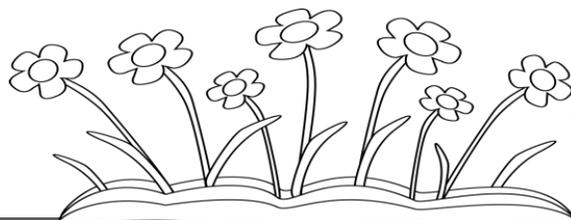


# Sacred Heart of Jesus School

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## June 2019

### ✠ *A Message From Fr. Charlie*

An inspiring prayer as we soon break for the summer.

My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going,

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself,

And the fact that I think that I am following Your will,

does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please You

does in fact please you.

And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing,

I hope that I never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this,

You will lead me by the right road,

though I may know nothing about it.

Therefor will I trust You always

and though I may seem to be lost,

I will not fear,

for You are ever with me

and You will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Thomas Merton

Thoughts in Solitude

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## *Message from the Principal*

As we begin the last month of the school year 2018 - 2019, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students and parents/guardians for a wonderful school year. Sacred Heart of Jesus School has provided many opportunities for students for learning and growing - spiritually, physically, socially, and academically. Deepest gratitude goes to our teachers and staff who have worked diligently to provide valuable and enrichment experiences for our students in the classroom and extra-curricular activities. A very special thank you goes to our Catholic School Council and the parent community at large who have worked in true partnership by volunteering their valuable time, expertise and most importantly their support for all our school initiatives. Our triad partnership between the parish, school, and home continues to be developed as we strive to work together to spread the good news of Jesus Christ through our words and actions. We are very grateful to our Pastoral Team: Fr. Charlie Jordan and Mrs. Teresa Emberson for their spiritual guidance in providing us with numerous opportunities to practice our faith.

To our grade 8 graduating class, we extend our very best in all your future endeavours and gratitude for your many contributions to Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please remember to build upon all you have learned here as you continue on your faith and academic journey. We are indeed proud of your accomplishments.

### **Dear God our Father**

**Bless all these men you have given the blessing of being fathers.  
Help them to fulfill their valuable duties  
of shaping the lives of the ones you entrusted with them  
so that they can continue to spread your message of love, peace and joy.  
Help them to live their lives as models  
to their children through which your light will be reflected.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

**Happy Father's Day to all Fathers & Grandfathers  
from Sacred Heart of Jesus School Staff**



## Class Placements

We have begun preparing class placements for the 2019 - 2020 school year. In forming class groupings, the following issues are given due consideration:

- Equitable balance of boys and girls in each class of the classes at any grade level
- a range of academic ability and potential in each class
- a mix of previous classes (so students can form new friendships, meet different social/academic challenges)
- children who are best kept together and children who are best kept apart



Keeping the above issues of class formation in mind, each teacher develops a profile for every student noting academic, social, behavioural and physical strengths/needs. Following this, the grade team compiles tentative groupings. These are reviewed by administration and returned for discussion and suggestions to the group of teachers at each grade with further changes made as needed. The class lists then remain tentative pending necessary

changes because of the increased/decreased enrolment. The objective of this organization process is to achieve the most workable, heterogeneous combination of student groups. With your trust in our professional judgment, we will continue to provide all of our students with the best possible learning environment.

## Celebrating Excellence in Catholic Education

Congratulations to Mr. J. Czerniga on being the recipients of the Director's Awards for Outstanding Dedication to Student and Staff. This award recognizes staff members who give witness to their Catholic faith and who demonstrate dedication to students and staff as exhibited by outstanding performance and contribution to school community.

## Last Day of School

Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school. The students will be dismissed at 3:10pm.



## 2019-2020 School Year Calendar

Please be advised that our 2019 - 2020 School Year Calendar has received final approval from the Ministry of Education. Please visit our Board's website for all important dates to remember for next year or view the chart shown for those specific to the elementary schools.

## Invitation to Spring Concert

Our students will be participating in a Spring Concert. It will be on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm 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.



## Graduation

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



## Play Day



Our Play Day will be Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> at Dofasco Park. Please ensure your child(ren) is dressed appropriately for the weather, wear lots of sun screen and bring their reusable water bottle marked with their name on it.

## 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.



## Catholic School Council



Mark your calendars! The Catholic School Council is planning a year-end school Barbecue on Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 p.m. sharp. Please keep this day open so that you can come and “visit” with other families.

Sincere gratitude and thanks are extended to the present council for all the time and effort they have given to our school community. Their leadership has facilitated and supported many activities for the students of Sacred Heart of Jesus CES.

### Thank you to:

Mrs. J. Monahan-Rankin	Chairperson
Mrs. S. Ficher	Co-Chair
Mrs. H. Brittan-Giglia	Treasurer
Mrs. S. Eddy	Secretary

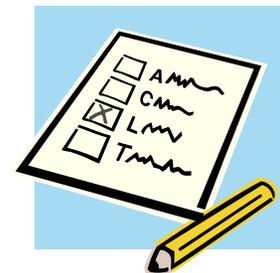
### Council Members:

Mrs. D. Lamparski  
Ms. J. Lamparski  
Mrs. K. Sciore  
Ms. L. Homulos  
Mrs. S. Hamilton  
Mrs. J. Desorchers

Fr. C. Jordan	Parish Representative
Mr. G. Frade	Teacher Rep.
Ms. K. Martins	Non-Teaching Staff Rep.
Dr. M. Ssemanda	Principal

## Catholic School Council

In September we will be electing a new Catholic School Council as stated in the Guidelines. As outlined in these regulations, elections for the new council must take place in September. During the month of September, we will be asking parents from the school community to nominate themselves for the School Council. The term is for one year where you will be working together with other parents, staff members and the Principal to fulfill the mandate of the Council. All forms will be sent out the first week of school with the submission deadline being Friday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The elections if needed will be held on Thursday September 26, 2019. Please give serious



consideration to putting your name forward to be a representative on the 2019 - 2020 Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic elementary School Council. Your time, effort and input are always appreciated.

## Student Council

We thank our student council for all their support and participation in school initiatives throughout this academic school year. Thank you to: Marisa V., Amber S., Irys P., Joanna O., Jai M., Britton G.

## New Registrations

Registrations for students entering Junior Kindergarten or Kindergarten in September 2019 are now being taken. 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:

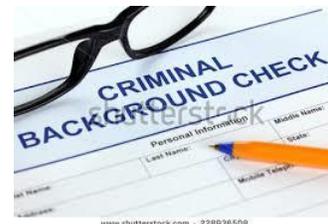


- Original Birth Certificate (if Canadian Citizen)
- Landed Immigration or Refugee Status (if applicable)
- Original Catholic Baptismal Certificate
- Proof of Residency

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>

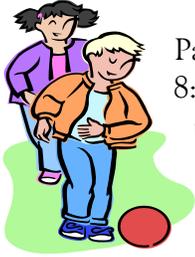
## Volunteering & Criminal Reference Check

The Board requires all employees and volunteers, including parents attending trip, to have a Criminal Reference Check on file. If you are planning to volunteer at the school in the 2019-20 school, please obtain a referral letter from the office before attending the Police Station for the Reference Check. (This letter reduces the Reference Check fee.) If you obtained a Criminal Reference Check this past year, you need only sign a Declaration of Offences Form which can be picked in our school office. It is necessary for every volunteer to have a criminal reference check as a measure to ensure the safety of all students. If you would like to volunteer, please obtain a



Criminal Reference Check during the summer so we can have it on file as of September 2019.  
Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

## 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.

## 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.



**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](http://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.



## Student Attendance



Regular attendance is crucial to success at school. When students are habitually late or leave habitually early, they miss critical class time, feel disorganized and may miss important information. Punctuality is an important life skill that students learn and helps them establish good work habits for their future. Encourage your child(ren) to take responsibility for themselves to prepare and plan ahead in order to be ready and on time for school. Working together makes a difference for student learning.

## Lateness: School Arrival

Lateness continues to be a concern at Sacred Heart of Jesus School. Many students miss the initial part of their instructional school day due to this late arrival. **Valuable learning time is lost.** This is tabulated and forwarded to the Hamilton - Wentworth Catholic District School Board for auditing purposes. Chronic lateness is reported to the school's social worker. Please ensure that these inappropriate patterns of behaviour are not established with your children. Students should arrive at school no later than 8:50 a.m.



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## 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.

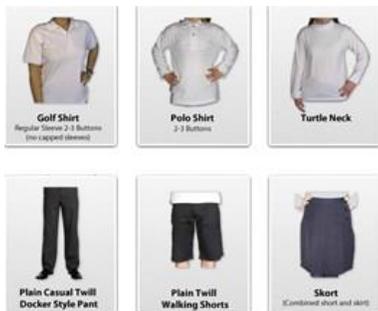


## Communication

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 or tights 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 (i.e.: 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.

## Uniform Shorts

As the weather turns from warm to hot, students may wear shorts to school. Please ensure that your child is wearing the approved uniform shorts: cotton-twill shorts (like the pants – docker style) with no pockets along the leg. Shiny shorts, gym shorts, fleece shorts, spirit wear shorts are not permitted as part of the uniform. If students change into non-uniform shorts for gym or for a sport practice, they must change back into uniform shorts for the rest of the day. Only uniform shorts may be worn during recess and to travel to and from school. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.



## 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>.

## Award Recipients

Teacher	Academic	Christian	Compassion
Ms. Demyschuk FDKA	Niko	Alejandro	Emerson
Mrs. DiGiancinto - FDKB	Dominic	Emmett	Landon
Mr. DiBenedetto Gr. 1/2	Cameron	Leyla	Zelda
Mr. Donelson Gr. 2/3	Aila	Mary	Isla
Ms. Cifani Gr. 3/4	Justin	Eva	Christian
Mr. Frade Gr. 4/5	Mustafa	Pierce	Alyssa
Mr. MacLeaod Gr. 6/7	Fadi	Mateo/Corey	Aaron
Ms. Delio Gr. 7/8	MacKenzie	Jai	Dylan
Mr. Czerniga- French	- Gr. 4, Julia Gr. 7, Fadi	- Gr. 5, Eliana	- G.r 6, Luca

## 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.

## SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### UNIFORM POLICY 2019/2020

As per the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board's mandatory school uniform policy taking effect September 2004, students at Sacred Heart Catholic School are required to wear the approved school uniform (effective September 2004) as outlined below. Uniform pieces may be purchased through the school's supplier **Bombardieri** or at **any other retail outlet** provided that the items are comparable to those provided through the supplier, and have **no advertising or brand names on them**. **School crests are available at the school office for \$3.**

Uniform pieces may be purchased from the supplier **Bombardieri** as follows:

1. At their retail outlet 448 Barton Street East.
2. By phone 905-525-6684 x22.

#### UNIFORM

The uniform shall consist of a navy blue or white top, that embroidered and navy blue bottoms. There must not be any manufacturer names, logos, etc., other than the School Logo anywhere on the uniform. The following are acceptable pieces to choose from:

#### Girl's Uniform

Navy casual pants  
Navy flat front or pleated skort  
Navy box pleated tunic, embroidered

White long or short sleeved blouse  
Navy walking shorts

#### Boy's Uniform

Navy casual pants  
Navy pleated pants  
Navy walking shorts

Navy Capri pants  
 White Blouses  
 Tights/nylons - Navy blue or flesh colour

**Unisex Uniforms**

Oxford shirt

White or navy short sleeve golf shirt  
 White or navy long sleeve golf shirt  
 White or navy turtle neck  
 Crew neck sweatshirt  
 Navy fleece jacket  
 Athletic pants (solid navy only, no stripes)(for gym class only)  
 Socks - White or navy

**Footwear**

**NO FLIP FLOPS**

**Tops:** All items must be either white or navy blue.

**Bottom:** All items must be navy blue. No cresting required on pants.

**No sweatpants/track/dockers/cargo pants, denim, tights, cords, or pants with zippers on pockets/legs, are allowed for the regular school uniform.**

**Important Dates to Remember**



September 2019	
September 2, 2019	Labour Day
September 3, 2019	First Day of School
September 3, 2019	Full entry for All SK's
September 4, 2019	All Year Two SK's Attend <u>First</u> Half of the Year One JK Entry
September 5, 2019	All Year Two SK's Attend <u>Second</u> Half of the Year One JK Entry
September 6, 2019	All Students Attend
September 20, 2019	P.A. Day
September 26, 2019	Meet & Greet Parent/Teacher Open House