

Sacred Heart of Jesus School

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Dr. M. Ssemanda, Principal

November 2019

✠ 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.

Farewell and Welcome

We would like to bid farewell to Mrs. Markoulis who has been with us for the past 7 months. Mrs. Markoulis has been filling in for Mrs. Conciatori who retired at the end of June. We thank Mrs. Markoulis sincerely for **everything** she has done for us during this time. We want her to know that, she will be greatly missed! The new secretary is Mrs. Bennici who will be joining our school community in mid-November. We would like to give her a very warm welcome!

Remembrance Day



We are pleased to invite you to attend the upcoming Remembrance Day Service on **Monday November 11th 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 2019-2020 school years are as follows:

Chair – Mrs. S. Ficher

Vice-chair - Mrs. D. Eddy

Treasurer – Mrs. H. Brittain-Giglia

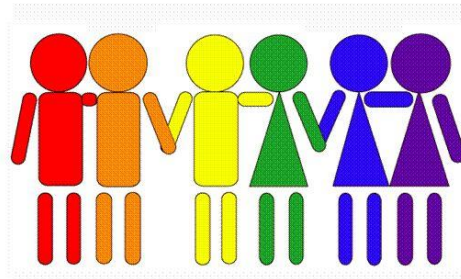
Secretary – Mrs. L. Almonte

Council Members - Mrs. J. Desrocher, Ms. L. Homulos, Mrs. D. Lamparski, Mrs. K. Sciore, Mrs. K. Rozniski, Mrs. E. Minich, Mrs. L. McAllister

Parish Representative – Fr. C. Jordan

Teacher Representative – Mr. J. Czerniga

Non-Teaching Representative – Mrs. K. Ianiero



→ Next Council Meeting – Thursday, November 22, 2019 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, Mrs. Clannon and Mrs. Ianiero 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 Monday October 1st, 2019 at Marydale Park. We would like to thank Mr. MacLeod who facilitated the event and other members for helping out.



Pizza Days

Friday Pizza Days are back at Sacred Heart of Jesus School. The cost of one pizza slice is \$2. Money must be handed to the teacher before 10:00 am on the Wednesday or through School Cash Online. Parents please hand in EXACT CHANGE. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.



Interim Reports & Parent-Teacher Interviews

The November Progress Report will be sent home on Tuesday November 12th, 2019. Parent Teacher interview will be held on Thursday, November 28th, 2019 from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. Confirmation 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 REPORTING ABSENCES (School Messenger Program)

Our new Absence Reporting System has been implemented. Parents can report their child's absence quickly and conveniently in one of three ways:

1. Parents can call into an automated interactive telephone system via a toll free number
1-833-275-6703.
2. Parents can log into a website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> 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.

Lockdown Drill

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

Fire Drills



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

Photo Retake Day



Photo retake day will be held on **Tuesday November 26th, 2019**. 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!

Jai. M. – President
Zachary C.– Vice-President
Madison C.– Secretary
Caitlin D. – Student Rep.
McKayla H. – 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

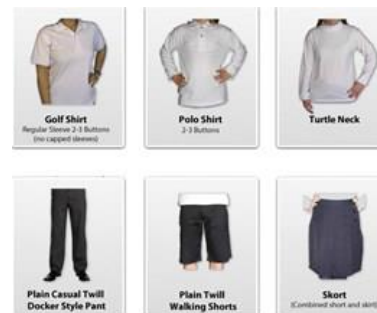


If you have any concerns or questions about the curriculum, work being sent home or your child's progress or well-being, your child's classroom teacher is a good contact. You may leave a message for your child's teacher at the office or by communicating in the agenda. Please be patient and the teacher 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

Lateness has improved tremendously at Sacred Heart of Jesus School. However, some students continue to come in late and miss the initial part of their instructional school day. We encourage all students to 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>.



October Award Recipients

Teacher	Academic	Christian Attitude	Gratitude
FDKA	Emily T.	Ellie R.	Elijah C.
FDKB	Maya M.	Theodore J.	Douglas F.
Gr 1/2	Christopher L.	Briar M.	Benjamin B.
Mr. Donelson Gr 2/3	Xander N.	Verena D.	Cameron C.
Miss Alessi Gr 3/4	Angelica D.	Sheldon V.	Keynan S.
Mr. DiBenedetto Gr 4/5	Maryam R.	Alex C.	Jamie A.
Mr. MacLeod Gr 6/7	Venessa L.	Joshua M.	Thomas P.
Mrs. Richard Gr 7/8	Jackson W.	Katelyn C.	Caitlin D.

Curriculum Update

FDK

Literacy

The literacy focus this month will be:

- Making connections between stories and personal experiences
- Phonemic awareness (matching letters and sounds, sounding out short words)
- Peace, solving conflicts, making and keeping friends



Numeracy

The focus for numeracy this month will be:

Measurement:

- Estimating and comparing length, height, mass and capacity

Spatial Awareness:

- Describing position and location

Gr 1/2

Literacy – In our reading strategy this month, students will focus on asking questions about information or ideas presented in a text. i.e. (I wonder if?... What if...?, Why did...?). In writing we will be finishing up our recount writing unit with Halloween stories and will be moving on to Procedural writing.

In Mathematics – We will begin this month by continuing our focus on Number Sense and Numeration. Students will continue to focus on representing and comparing numbers. Next, we will be moving on to Data Management and Probability. Here they will be learning how to organize and display data on different graphs including concrete, tally charts, pictographs 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 continuing our recount writing and the students will be writing about their Halloween.



Miss Alessi Gr. 3/4

In literacy, the grade 3 and 4 students are finishing their focus on the reading strategies of visualization and predicting. We will then begin our focus on retelling the main events in a story. In writing, students are finishing writing descriptive paragraphs. This month, we will begin recount writing. Students will create detailed recounts of personal events.



In math, students will complete their numeration unit focusing on place value. The grade 3 and 4 students will then begin our data management unit. Students will complete surveys, and utilize many different types of graphs to interpret data and organize information.

Mr. DiBenedetto 4/5

In literacy we will finish visualization and predicting. Then we will focus on retelling main events in a story. Our writing focus will be on creating a detailed recount of a personal event. For math, we will conclude our numeration unit and begin to explore data management using various types of graphs to organize information.

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 and mysterious stories. 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 will begin studying "Canada's Interactions with the Global Community". In Gr. 7, students will begin a new Geography unit called "Physical Patterns in a Changing World".



Mrs. Richard 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 are working on descriptive and narrative writing. We are finishing our Numeration Unit and 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.

