

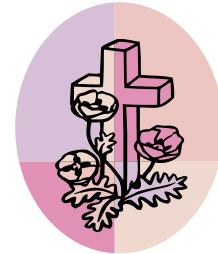
MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

May is here! We pray for the warmth of spring, the blooming of flowers and the beauty of our surroundings to shine through.

**Holy Mary, help those in need,
give strength to the weak,
comfort the sorrowful,
pray for God's people, assist the clergy,
intercede for religious.
May all who seek your help
experience your unfailing protection.
Amen.**



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK THEME: "Exploring Paths of Joy"

We are so blessed and fortunate to have Catholic Education. During this week, we focus our attention on the Blessings God has given us and show how we are unique. We are called to serve in the love of Christ and to be His hands, feet, heart and eyes on this earth. We have many special events taking place:

Friday May 1st: AUTISM AWARENESS dress down day. All students are encouraged to dress in red, yellow and blue for Autism. We will be collecting a toonie.

Monday May 4th: Mass at Cathedral High School. Mr. Pizzuti and the grade 7 class will represent our school. The St. Clare Liturgy will be in our gym at 10:00am. Mrs. D'Ascenzo and the grade 6 classes will lead the Liturgy.

Tuesday May 5th: Director's Award Presentation at 10:30 am at the HWCDSB office. All award winners are to be at the Board office by 9:45 am. Bring a camera!

Wednesday May 6th: Scripture Reading at Bishop Ryan High School at 7 pm. Congratulations to Amanda G. and Whalen K. in Gr. 7 and Aliya S. and Kaya G. in Gr. 8. These students will be representing our school at the event. Thank you to Mrs. D'Ascenzo for working with all the students who tried out for Scripture Reading.

Thursday May 7th: Throughout all of May and June, the classes will be offering their prayers to the Diocesan Seminarians. We have become part of a Spiritual Bouquet with the SERRA Club of Hamilton. Please keep all the seminarians in your prayers.

Friday May 8th: Mass on the Grass - 10:00 am Join us for this beautiful tribute to Mary, Our Mother. The grade 7 Confirmandi and the grade 2 students will be recognized for their wonderful accomplishments on the Sacramental Journey. We congratulate all the grade 2's and 7's and we ask that you continue to Pray for them. Please send in flowers to honour Mary.

Wednesday May 13th: Run4Change will take place at the Bay Front Park. We will be joining many schools from the HWCDSB and running in support of the Start to Finish Organization, helping our fellow students. We are encouraging all students from grade 1 to 8 to participate. Take the challenge and work on fitness, healthy eating and giving back to our community.

Thursday May 14th: FAMILY DAY - Grand Parents or family members are invited to come to our school and visit. Thank you to our CSC for organizing this wonderful event.



Friday May 15th: We will be having a casual day with the theme 'Dress Loud' to support VOICE which is a board recognized charity that helps deaf & hard of hearing children learn to listen and speak so that they are fully integrated and contributing members of the community. Students are invited to dress 'wild and wacky' and bring a loonie or toonie for a donation.

UNIFORM

We are mandated to wear school uniforms. Our school supplier is **McCarthy**. **Gym shorts and track pants are not permitted at school**. Pants with different logos are not allowed. The uniform is a symbol of who we are and how we come together in faith. The prices at McCarthy will be going up during the spring 5% and another 5% in the fall.

DIRECTOR'S AWARDS

Congratulations to all of our Director's Awards Winners. They will receive their award on **May 5th at 10:30 am** at the Board Office. All students are to be in full and proper uniform.

 Catholic School Mission/Vision	Marko M.	
Academic Excellence Award	Christian P.	
Excellent Effort in the Pursuit of Learning Award	Matthew R.	
Stewardship of Creation: Environmental Award	Aliya S.	
Religion & Family Life	Angelo C.	
Language	Cassandra G.	
Science/Technology	Gerard B.	
Mathematics	Whalen K.	
Social Studies /History/Geography	Paulina G.	
Arts	Tommy S.	
French as a Second Language	Faith D.	
Health & Physical Education	Carmen H.	

CONGRATULATIONS

Our Grade 2 students received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday April 11th at St. Francis Xavier Church. Thank you to Mrs. Batt, Mr. Machado, Miss Laskowski, Miss Scozzari, Mrs. Mamone, Father Martin, Father Mike and Wes and all parents. We are so blessed to have a wonderful relationship with the Church, our parish, the school and the parents. Take your children to Church weekly to continue to receive the graces of God. Thank you to all staff member who came to be with the children and witness in this beautiful Sacrament.

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all the families who supported the Easter Food Drive for the Stoney Creek Food Bank. They were very grateful for our donation.

SHARE LENT

During Lent, Mrs. Staresina and the grade 3 class collected \$120. for Share Lent. After Easter they presented Father Martin Vallely with the cheque as their contribution towards helping those who are less fortunate. Congratulations grade 3 students!! The school has decided to match the amount for Share Lent to bring our grand total to \$ 240.00.

BICYCLE SAFETY

Please take a few minutes to review the following safety rules with your children:

- Bike helmets are mandatory. For their safety, students must wear a properly fitted helmet.
- Ensure that the bike is in good operating order.
- Wear light and reflective clothing if you must ride at night.
- Always ride in single file .
- Obey all traffic signs & signals.
- Learn hand signals.
- Ride as near the right hand curb as possible, in the same direction as traffic
- Keep hands on the handlebars, unless signalling, and keep both feet on the pedals.
- Walk your bike onto school property.
- Lock up your bike when it is unattended.
- The use of skateboards and inline skates (roller blades) are strictly prohibited on school property.



EQAO

Parents of our Grade 3 and 6 students, please note that the provincial assessment will take place from **May 25th**, to **June 4th** for Grade 3 and Grade 6 students. These assessments allow your child to demonstrate his or her skills and knowledge of reading, writing and math. These results will also be used to review teaching approaches and to improve learning. Please avoid making appointments for your children during this time. It is important that students eat a healthy breakfast and are present during these days.

MASS ON THE GRASS

We honour Mary our Mother during this beautiful Month. On **Friday, May 8th at 10:00 am** we will celebrate our Mass on the Grass and honour Mary with the May crowning. To all staff and students who are involved in this incredible celebration of Mass, the Sacraments, Mary and God our Father, we thank you! Please join us.

HWCD SB GARAGE SALE- ST. LUKE SCHOOL

This fundraiser is organized by the Custodians & Assistant Custodians of the HWCD SB in support of the "Equal Opportunities Fund", a fund established by the Board to ensure that all students are provided with an opportunity to achieve, regardless of their social or economic status. You can support the garage sale.....

- By coming out to **St. Luke School** - 345 Albright Rd.
Saturday, May 9th from 8:00 am—3:00 pm
- Donating items (new or gently used) to your home school by **April 30th**.
- By purchasing raffle tickets for BBQ, LCD TV, Bike, Patio Set 3 for \$5.00

For further information, please contact Teresa Susi or Karen Moyer at St. Luke School 905-561-3966

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Women play such an important role in the life of a child. For all of our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, family friends we pray that God continues to bless and protect you. Keeping each of you strong and healthy to provide the nurturing love you give so freely to all those in your care.

What Is a Mother?

A mother is someone to shelter and guide us,
To love us, whatever we do,
With a warm understanding and infinite patience,
And wonderful gentleness, too.
How often a mother means swift reassurance
In soothing our small, childish fears,
How tenderly mothers watch over their children
And treasure them all through the years!
The heart of a mother is full of forgiveness
For any mistake, big or small,
And generous always in helping her family
Whose needs she has placed above all.
A mother can utter a word of compassion
And make all our cares fall away,
She can brighten a home with the sound of her laughter
And make life delightful and gay.
A mother possesses incredible wisdom
And wonderful insight and skill -
In each human heart is that one special corner
Which only a mother can fill!
- Katherine Nelson Davis



HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED ADOPTING?



Would you like to hear more about the process through CCASH?

Please join us for an upcoming Adoption Information Night

Wednesday, May 20, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, 735 King St. East

For more information and to register please call Jocelyn at (905) 525-2012 ext. 3125 or email

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