

## NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*God of Peace, grant all your people a vision of peace. May each of us use our gifts to promote peace. May all those who live in fear, feel comfort in the support that we offer in prayer.*

*God of Love, we pray that all violence in the world will end. We pray for a sense of calm in a time of great uncertainty.*

*We pray that the world be given the gifts of peace and reconciliation.*

*May love help us overcome all our fears so we can work together toward peace. Amen*

*November is the month of remembering. We remember all the saints, our heroes who we pray to and ask for guidance, support and help along the way. We remember the souls of the faithfully departed, those who have passed away. We pray that they guide and watch over us. We pray for those who have and who continue to fight for freedom and for peace.*



**WEDNESDAY, November 11th** is Remembrance Day, the day we remember all men and women who have died to protect our democratic freedom and the freedom of others. Please feel free to join us on **WEDNESDAY, November 11th at 10:25 am** for a Liturgy in our school gym as we join together as a school community to remember and honour Canada's Veterans and Peacekeepers for their service and sacrifice. We pray for and remember Cpl. Nathan Cirillo and Officer Patrice Vincent as well as their families and friends. We will walk to the corner of Dewitt and Hwy 8 with banners of peace at approximately 10:45 and remain there until 11:05, weather permitting.

Thank you to the students and families for their generous support to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. The quantity of items donated to the Stoney Creek Food Bank was overwhelming. The Volunteers from the Food Bank were very appreciative. This November Dress down will be for the United Way. If you did not pay on line, please send in a toonie with your son/daughter.

A sincere thank you to St. Clare Catholic School Council & the parent/grandparent volunteers who assisted with the Move-a-thon on October 30th. Thank you to all who donated prizes. We had so many wonderful prizes for the students and are very much appreciated. Grand prize winners were: Serena A., iPad prize and Danica, Great Wolf Lodge prize! Congratulations to Miss Senia, Mrs. Staresina, Mr. Mielko and Mrs. Malcolmson classes who won a pizza lunch. The grand total of the money raised from the Move-a-thon is approximately \$9,000.00 The money will be put towards new technology, jerseys for our teams, gym equipment and books for the school. Some team jerseys have been purchased for \$800.00. We are lacking technology in the following classrooms: Mrs. Batt, Miss Ciotti, Mrs. Roy-Crooker, Miss Senia and the PPT room. The Smart technology in the library also must be replaced since it has broken down and is not repairable. Thanks again to all for making it such a "Bootiful Day!"

A very special 'THANK YOU' to Mrs. Germana-Miller, Mrs. DeBellis, Mrs. Gibilaro and the team of helpers for the excellent organization, dedication and foresight in moving forward with the Move-a-Thon.

### PARISH CONNECTION CONFIRMATION

On Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Grade 7 students attended Camp Brebeuf for their Confirmation Retreat. The weather was cooperative as students had the opportunity to try some high level challenges on the climbing wall and high ropes. They learned more about their faith through "shine" activities. The day concluded with a Liturgy, with Father Mike and Wes in the rustic wooden chapel. Thank you to Mrs. Gris and Mr. Pizzuti for preparing the students for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The next retreat will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Wes Moga for working with the teachers and planning this experience for our students.

On Friday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, the grade 7 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Pray for our students. We welcome Bishop Tonnos on this very special occasion.

Students are presently working on Saint's projects and enhancing their faith through daily religion classes. Students are asked to be at the parish hall by **6:00 pm** on that day. We are accepting baked goods from the students for the Confirmation. Baked goods, peanut and tree nut safe, may be dropped off on Friday Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at the school. Thank you for donating. Thank you to Mrs. Matesa and the CWL for taking care of the refreshments and the hall.

**Parish Evangelization Committee** has been formed at **St. Francis Xavier Parish** to explore and develop strategies to spread the Good News in our Parish, build our parish community and strive to bring non-practising Catholics back to the Church. If you are interested in knowing more, and possibly serving on this Committee, its inaugural formation meeting will be held in the Small Meeting Room of the Parish Centre on

**St. Francis Xavier Fall Fair Fun - Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>**

Food, games, crafts, vendors and so much wait for you there, so don't miss out on some early Christmas shopping ideas.

See flyer or parish bulletin for more details.

### **NEW ALTAR SERVERS**

If your son/daughter is in Grade 4,5,6,7 or 8 please encourage them to volunteer as an Altar Server at St. Francis Xavier Church. Registration forms for training are available in our school office. Thank You.

### **WEAR RED & WHITE DAY FOR THE UNITED WAY**

We will have RED AND WHITE DAY, for the United Way on **Friday November 27<sup>th</sup>**. We ask all students who wear red and white to donate a toonie for the United Way, unless you have paid online!

### **PROGRESS REPORTS/PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Progress Reports will be sent home on **Tuesday, Nov.17<sup>th</sup>**. Interviews will be held **Thursday Nov.19<sup>th</sup> in the evening**. (information about times to follow). If this is not a convenient time, please contact your child's teacher to make other arrangements. Please remember to return the response page of the Progress Report at the interview or send it in with your son/daughter as soon as possible. Envelopes must also be returned to the school.

### **BOOK FAIR**

Our annual Book Fair will be held **Tues., Nov. 17 - Mon., Nov. 23<sup>th</sup>**. On Monday November 23<sup>rd</sup>, it will only run in the morning. Please check the school calendar for times. If you can volunteer please contact Mr. Mota at [motaj@fc.hwcdsb.ca](mailto:motaj@fc.hwcdsb.ca). The Library now has 24/7 access. Go to <https://library.hwcdsb.ca> for access.



### **PARKING CONCERNS**

Parking is still a concern. Parents are asked to park in the side lots or on the street. The front area is for quick drop off and not stopping or leaving the vehicle. **This is a major safety concern.** The front area is a bus lane! Student safety is paramount and all parents need to respect this rule.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

We are pleased to announce St. Clare of Assisi's successful achievement with our recent Move-A-thon.

This success was accomplished for many reasons. Thank you to our students and families for your generosity and support of this fundraiser. We would like to express our appreciation to Mrs. Martino, teachers and staff for your guidance and assistance in organizing this event. Your commitment to our school is evident in all that you do! Lastly, to our parent volunteers, thank you for your collaborative effort put forth. It is your remarkable dedication that will allow us to continue to grow and achieve continued success. St. Clare of Assisi Catholic School Council - Congratulations a very successful and job well done!

Next Catholic School Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm in the library.

## PILGRIMAGE

Congratulations to Mrs. Gris, Mrs. France and the 26 students who attended this years Pilgrimage, as well as Mrs. Martino. It was a beautiful day! We began with Mass at Cathedral High School and celebrated the Mass with Bishop Miehm. After Mass, all students embarked on a walk for Justice to St. Anthony Daniel School. We are very proud of the students who took an active part and spent their Sunday with us and completed the 8 km journey. Your faith is an inspiration!



## TIP OF THE MONTH FOR HEALTHY SCHOOL LUNCHES

Children experience food using taste, touch and sight. Keep them interested with lunches that include a variety of shapes, colours and textures.

\* Switch up the veggies and fruit. Give your kids something different to experience with each bite. Group foods according to: Type (citrus, tropical.); color (green, red, orange, yellow, purple); shape (balls, strips, chunks, whole); or texture (soft, juicy, crunchy) \* Kids love to dip. Use cottage cheese, hummus, yogurt, or guacamole as healthy dips.

For more ideas check out: [www.eatrightontario.ca](http://www.eatrightontario.ca)

## SNACKS

**ALL snacks coming to school must be peanut/tree nut safe. Please be sure to check the Halloween candy! THIS IS FOR STUDENT SAFETY. Students are reminded not to share snacks on regular school days.**

## COLD WEATHER ALERT

November brings with it the advent of cooler weather. Students must be prepared for the upcoming weather changes by coming to school with suitable coats, boots, hats, gloves etc. It is important that parents realize that we go outside three times a day for recesses and in order to enjoy this time, students must be protected from the elements with proper winter attire. We appreciate your assistance with this matter.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURE

When schools are closed or buses cancelled, due to extreme weather conditions, details will be announced by radio (900 CHML / Y108FM/Oldies 1150(CKOC)/K-Lite 102.9 FM/820 CHAM/WAVE 94.7 FM and T.V. (CHTV Morning Live—Channel 11). This information is also posted on our website and the board website. If buses are cancelled in the am, they will be cancelled **ALL** day.

## PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

Picture re-take is **Tuesday, November 24<sup>TH</sup>** for any student that was absent or needs their picture re-taken.

## VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

For the safety of our children, we ask that you follow the school protocol for visitors to the school. **ALL VISITORS must report to the office first.** Thank you for your continued cooperation. Any students arriving late for school must pick up a late slip at the office. Parents are asked to say goodbye in the foyer and not walk students to class. This is for student safety.

### ADVENT LITURGY & FAMILY FUN CRAFT NIGHT

The committee is inviting all St. Clare of Assisi families to participate in a short Advent Liturgy followed by a family fun craft night in the school on **Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**. Forms have been sent home and must be returned by **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** in order to participate. **"Jesus is the reason for the season"**.



### Nelson E-Math and Homework Help

Nelson E-Math for grade 3 to 6 is an excellent tool for all students to use nightly. Homework help is available for our grade 7 and 8 students.

Many teachers are using the LMS. Students and parents are encouraged to log on and check out class projects, homework etc.

### GRADE 8 PARENT NIGHT @ CARDINAL NEWMAN

An information night has been planned at Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School to provide parents with information on what they need to know and need to do to prepare their children for high school. Secondary staff will also provide parents with important information on programs and pathway choices and answer frequently asked questions about high school. The date for the Parent night is **Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**.

### FLU CLINICS



The City of Hamilton, Public Health Services is offering Community Flu Clinics during the month of November. For more information call 905-CITY (2489) or visit [www.hamilton.ca/flu](http://www.hamilton.ca/flu)

### TEAM NEWS



#### JUNIOR GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL

The girls played each game with such heart and dedication. Unfortunately our season ended after a very close first playoff game. It was an absolute joy to coach the girls and I wish we could have gone further together. Great effort girls! Team members: Lucy D., Eva D., Alissa G., Alessia P., Nyla B., Ella B., Olivia G., Sophia H., Meagan K., Abby K., Olivia W, Sierra K. Special thanks to Miss Scozzari for working with the girls throughout the season!!

The girls finished the season undefeated with a 4-0 record. They lost a hard fought playoff game on Wednesday to STA. The girls would like to thank Mr. Bracco and Mr. Sawyer for coaching them this year. Thanks to Mr. Pizzuti and Mr. Mota for supporting us. The team members: Carmen, Serena R, Maya H, Amanda, Megan S, Aliya R, Emma B, Vanessa U, Ava M, Amanda C, Oliva C, Sophie B.

#### JUNIOR BOYS FLAG FOOTBALL

The Junior Boy's Flag Football team finished the regular season with a 2-1 record. On Saturday the boys advantaged to the quarter finals with a win (14 -7) against Our Lady of Lourdes. The team plays Monday November 2 against St. Paul. Good Luck Boys!

The teams consists of: Enzo, Evan, Johnpaul, Anthony, Stone, Brayden, Julian, Morgan, Nicholas, Thomas, Francesco, Elijah, Alexander P, Alexander V and Mr. Mielko.

**Robotics101** is underway. Thank you to Mr. Scheer! We are looking forward to building and working together throughout the school year!

**Caribou Math** has also begun this term. Thank you to Mrs. Lancia.

Our **HAT Team** will begin this month. We welcome Nurse Gail to our school. The Healthy Action Team will meet on Tuesdays.