

APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

MAY THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD FILL OUR HEARTS WITH LOVE AND BE A CONSTANT REMINDER OF HIS EVERLASTING LOVE FOR US. MAY IT FILL EACH OF US WITH HOPE.

April showers bring May flowers! Spring is a time for hope and renewal. We strive to reach our goals and set high expectations so we achieve success and value in all we do. Let this Easter season be a constant reminder of all Jesus has done for us, that we may take every opportunity we are given to grow in his love and spread his message of kindness.

PRAAYER FOR EASTER

*Almighty God, by raising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life.
Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: "OPENING DOORS OF MERCY" - MAY 1ST - 6TH

Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year's celebration entitled "**Catholic Education: Opening Doors of Mercy**" originates from the Gospel of Matthew and celebrates the gift of Catholic Education and our journey together. We are looking forward to a wonderful week of activities. More information will be coming home as the time approaches!

Each year the C.E.W. Committee invites students throughout the system to design a commemorative plaque depicting this year's theme. Congratulations to Cecilia R., whose work was selected and will be distributed to all Board sites at the beginning of May. Thank you for representing St. Clare of Assisi School!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Stations of the Cross - Mrs. Malcolmson - congratulations to the Grade 6's for your beautiful and reverant presentation!

School Mass - Intermediate Division - **Tuesday, April 5th at 9:30 am** at the Church. All are Welcome!!

Chess Tournament - Mr. Mielko - **Thursday, April 26th at 4:30 pm** at Bishop Ryan High School

Junior Math Challenge - Mrs. Scozzari- **Saturday, April 30th** at Bishop Ryan High School

Déjà vu Theatre Presentation - "Echo Beach" starring Christian Yanes, **Tuesday, April 26th**, Gr. 3 - 8.

Scripture Reading - **Wednesday, May 4th** at Bishop Ryan

Mass on the Grass - Mrs. Colamartini/ Mrs. Pagliari, Mr. Machado, Mr. Pizzuti, Mrs. Gris - **Friday, May 13th at 10:00 am**

Family/Grandparents' Day - CSC - **Thursday, May 5th**

Dress Loud for Voice - **Thursday, May 5th**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



The grade 2 students will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Sunday, April 10th at 2:00 pm** at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Thank you to Father Mariusz, Father Mike, Mr. Machado, Mrs. Colamartini and Mrs. Pagliari for preparing the students. Lifetouch will be at the church to take individual and class photos at 12:30 pm.

PARKING

Respect the bus drivers, the students and their safety and the school rules. Follow the flow of traffic at all times. Do not stop in the bus path. Do not block or park in the handicap areas, unless you have a handicap sticker. Respect our neighbours and do not block driveways or stand on their lawns.

YARD

Students are reminded to wear coats outside while the weather is still cool. Only NERF is permitted on the playground. Students are reminded of the school policy of safety first! Running shoes are the best footwear for school inside and outside use.



PRIMARY & JUNIOR EQAO ASSESSMENT

All grade 3 and 6 students across the province will, once again, participate in the provincial assessment done by EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office). These assessments will be carried out between **May 25th** and **June 8th**. We will let you know the specific dates closer to the time. Please try to plan appointments and trips at other times to accommodate this assessment.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to all families who supported our World's Finest Fund Raiser. We will be posting our amount raised in the next newsletter! The money will be used to support technology in our school, as well as our donations to charity. The Big Crunch was held on March 8th. Thank you to Mrs. Sulug for purchasing the apples and her team of parents who volunteered to wash and deliver the apples! Our parents and CSC are a blessing and an asset to our daily school activities. Thank you for being a part and giving your time.

PROJECTED ORGANIZATION FOR 2016-2017

We have begun our planning for the upcoming school year. All classes are determined by numbers sent to the Board. Staff is actively involved in planning for the next school year and determining the best classroom for each student. We have to take into account many factors, academics, social skills, resource involvement etc. As professionals we strive, to make all decisions with the student in mind and doing what is best for their growth and development. If you have any concerns, for next year's placement, **please send in a letter in writing by May 25th** to Mrs. Martino, Principal. I cannot guarantee any placements.

ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT

We would like to remind you to continue to ensure that any chocolate treats that contain nuts or nut products are not brought to school. Thank you for your continuing support. Parents are reminded of the HWCDSB policy and the safety of all students daily!

POLICE CHECKS & END OF YEAR TRIPS

It is a board requirement that all volunteers either in school or on school trips must have a police check. Please see Mrs. Simpson for the forms. It takes approximately 1 month to get the police check. If you are hoping to volunteer for a year end trip, Please allow enough time before the trip to get your clearance. Parents who have not submitted a police check will not be permitted on the trip.

MOVING OUT or MOVING IN? SEPTEMBER 2016



If you are planning to move out of our school area and your children will not be attending St. Clare of Assisi in September, please notify the school office as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you know of a family moving into the school area, please advise them to contact the school office for registration details. This information will be of great assistance in planning for next year.

WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY - FAMILY CARNIVAL - Saturday, April 2, 2016

Free coffee; Art for Sale; Prizes, Raffles, Special Guests; Games; Face Painting

Location: Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, 20 Education Ct., Hamilton (Near Limeridge Mall)

Time: 11:00 am until 3:00 pm Rain or Shine! Indoor Space Available. Admission is FREE!

PARENTING TIP 90

Pope Francis, in his book, *The Name of God is Mercy*, writes that "the family is the first school for children, it is the unwavering reference point for the young it is there that we have been loved and learn to love, have been forgiven and learn to forgive." As parents our role is to teach with love, to raise children of faith and to teach the ways of mercy. Parents allow, elicit, or maintain behaviours by their response to their children's actions. A child's future ability to thrive depends on parents taking the time to create habits and behaviours that will lead to success. Schools of love provide support, love and discipline to help their children grow. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

MARRIAGE TIP 70

In this Year of Mercy, the Pope calls each of us to engage in works of mercy. In **marriages** we can do this by striving to have a conciliatory spirit. This can be done by comforting our spouse when they are having difficult days, forgiving our spouse when they offend us in word or deed and by patiently bearing wrongs, while expressing what we need instead. **Marriage** is a place of intimacy and love - both are strengthened when we purposely practice a conciliatory spirit.

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STONEY CREEK LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Here are the FREE programs we're offering at the Stoney Creek Library. Please note that programs with an * beside the title require registration. You can do that by calling 905-643-2912.

Saturday, April 2nd @ 2:30 p.m. - Create Blackout Poetry *

Celebrate poetry month by learning how to create blackout poetry. Create new poems using old newspaper, book, or magazine pages.

All materials provided. Ages: 12 - 18 years

Saturday, April 9th @ 2:30 p.m. - Teddy Bear Picnic *

Bring your Teddy or Stuffy along and enjoy some Teddy Bear fun with stories and activities. Ages: Birth - 5 years

Saturday, April 16th @ 2:30 p.m. - Make a Seed Bomb *

Make a seed bomb to throw into a neglected green space! All materials provided. Ages: 12 - 18 years

Thursday, April 21 @ 4:00 p.m. - Tween Bookclub - When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

Chat about your favourite titles and discover new ones and meet new friend.

Saturday, April 23rd @ 2:30 p.m. - Make a Terrarium *

Design a miniature environment in a bottle for plants to grow in. All materials provided. Ages: 5 - 12 years

Saturday, April 30th @ 2:30 p.m. - Mother's Day Craft *

Celebrate Mother's Day by creating beautiful crafts. Ages: 5 - 12 years

Saturday, May 1st @ 2:30 p.m. - Lego Animation *

Unleash your inner film director and tell your story. We'll help you create your own movie using an iPad and LEGO. All materials will be provided. Ages: 10 - 12 years

Saturday, May 14th @ 2:30 p.m. - Scaredy Squirrels Storymob *

We're celebrating Canadian fan favourite Scaredy Squirrel! Join us for an interactive reading of Mélanie Watt's *Scaredy Squirrel has a birthday party* followed by some nutty activities. Ages: All ages

Thursday, May 19th @ 4:00 p.m. - Tween Bookclub - Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

Chat about your favourite titles and discover new ones and meet new friends



Homework Help Clubs 2016

The Hamilton Public Library's Homework Help Clubs assist students in grades one through six with their homework needs. Students are matched with trained volunteer tutors. Drop ins welcome

Homework Help Clubs run from the week of Thanksgiving to the week of Victoria Day inclusive.