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A Proud Feeder School to Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School

## SUMMER 2016 NEWSLETTER

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

June 2016! It has come so very quickly! We have had a wonderful year filled with tons of new experiences for our students. We hope that it was a great year for all.

June comes with the happiness of summer and the sadness of saying good-bye to some of our staff and students:

Father Mike has been at St. Francis Parish for the past 3 years. Father has a gentle, calm way about him and always greets everyone with a friendly smile. We will certainly miss our Father Mike. Father Mike is retiring and moving on to Holy Rosary Parish in Burlington. He will be with Father Martin once again.

Miss Tomasevic has been with us for the past 2 years. Miss Tomasevic has been our active and fun loving PPT teacher. She will be moving on to a full time position at one school, St. Ann's Hamilton.

Miss Ciotti has been with us for the past 2 years. Miss Ciotti is always so kind and giving. She will be moving on to a FDK classroom at Our Lady of Lourdes School.

Mrs. Pagliari has been our kind and gentle grade 2/3 teacher for since December. She has been with us on two LTO positions over the past two years. She is now leaving us for a FDK position at St. Michael's School.

Mrs. Pitura-Salerno has only been here for 6 weeks and her term has come to an end. We thank her for all her hard work in preparing the students for Graduation and ending their elementary school years.

Mrs. Gail Shewfelt, our school nurse and HAT team leader is retiring. She has brought us some powerful knowledge and the courage to continue on with a Healthy Action Team.

Our Crossing Guard, Mrs. Hamilton, has been faithful to the Dewitt and Glenashton crossing area for 12 years. We wish her the very best on her new exciting journey in her retirement.

To our Grade 8 students, we wish you continued success as you move onto your High School Journey! May God be with you and always protect you. To any families who are moving, best of luck in your new school community.

We will miss all of you and keep you in our prayers. We pray that God inspires and guides all of you on your new path and that He always keeps you safe!

Thank you to Father Mariusz, Father Mike and Wes Moga for leading us spiritually throughout this school year. Thank you to Mrs. Germana-Miller- Chair and Mrs. DeBellis, Co-Chair, and the Catholic School Council for all of their hard work and supporting all school ventures. Thank you to Mrs. Sulug for taking care of the garden and being our parent representative on the Healthy Action Team.

Thank you to Mrs Germana-Miller and all the CSC for another excellent year. The CSC is an important part of the home, parish connection. The CSC works tirelessly for the students and to provide for all students. I thank Mrs. Germana- Miller for her leadership and strong commitment to our school. We are blessed to have you. To all of our parent volunteers - a huge thank you for your time, and energy!

Special thanks to the CSC for providing \$10.00 off of each end of the year school trip. Please keep in mind that school trips take a lot of planning and work on the part of the school. Much consideration goes into what is appropriate and safe and can include all students. Trips are earned and are part of a regular school day. Many are part of what the students will be doing in the classroom over the course of the year. The end of the year trip is a way to bond as a class, relax and say job well done! We ask that you support the trips the school offers and encourage your child to participate. If they do not participate, legally it is a school day and the student should be at school. Trip costs are figured out by counting on all students in the division or class to attend.

The last day of school is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Students may leave at 11:20 if they are picked up by a parent/guardian or have a written note. Otherwise, students are dismissed at noon. The school bus will arrive at school at 12:10 for all bus students.

We will meet outside at 11:10, weather permitting and sing O'Canada and say our good bye's. All students may dress in red and white to celebrate Canada Day!

To all staff leaving, graduates, students and families, we offer you this Prayer:



**A PRAYER FOR SUMMER**

Father, Creator of all, thank you for summer

Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank you for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank you for the increased time to be with family and friends and the casual days of summer.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with your word and counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst to know You better.



**St. Clare of Assisi...Pray for us. Amen**

**CLASS ORGANIZATION**

At this time, the approved organization along with the assigned teachers for our classes next year is as follows:

PRINCIPAL: Mrs. C. Martino

FDK: Mr. L. Machado

FDK: Mrs. A. Batt,

GRADE 1: Mrs.J. Roy-Crooker

GRADE 2: Mrs. L. Staresina

GRADE 4: Ms. M. DiLivio

GRADE 6: Mrs. Malcolmson-Matecki

GRADE 7: Mr. J. Pizzuti

FRENCH: Mrs. M. Noce

TEACHER LIBRARIAN: Mr. Mota

SER/LRT: Mrs. Lancia

CUSTODIAN: Mr. J. Gonzalez

SECRETARY: Mrs. D. Simpson

E.A.: Mrs. C. Piva E.A.: Mr. K. Piant E.A.: Ms. C. Federiconi E.A.: TBA

ECE: Mrs. Grsic, Mrs. D. Bajus-Harrison

GRADE 2/3: Mrs. T. Colamartini / Mrs. A. Santroni

GRADE 3/4: Mr. S. Mielko AM / Mrs. L. Habza PM

GRADE 5: Mrs. D. France

GRADE 8: Mrs. A. Gris

GRADE 8: Mrs. C. Scozzari

PPT-PM: Mr. S. Mielko

LIBRARY CLERK: Mrs. Cusano

AIT: Mrs. T. DeMedeiros & Mrs. S. Piro

ASSISTANT CUSTODIAN: TBA

Please note that school organization is a school priority. In the case of two grades or a split, careful consideration is given by the staff, according to academic data. Students will find out their class placements in September. We will assemble and instructions will be given in September. Students are expected to be in uniform the first day of school.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PENCIL CASE DONATION**

All donations to St. Vincent de Paul will be picked up on Wednesday. We are looking for new or gently used binders, duo-tangs, pencils, pencil crayons, erasers, rulers etc. These items will be sent to third world countries. Thank you to all who have donated.

## **MOVING/VACATIONS**

Families who are planning to move during the summer are requested to let the school know as soon as possible. Parents, who are intending for their children to return **after** the start of school September 6th, are also asked to notify the school.

## **DAY ONE START-UP SEPTEMBER 2016**

The first day of school for students is **Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**. Day 1 procedures for students in **Grades 1 to 8** will be as follows: Doors will open at **8:40 am** and all students are to make their way to the **gym** under the supervision of the staff who will be supervising the entry points to the building. Primary students (JK-Grade 3) are to enter using the **EAST** doors. Junior and Intermediate Students (Grade 4 - Grade 8) are to use the doors to the North Playground off of the back yard of the school. Any adults who intend on joining us for this opening celebration must check in at the Office and obtain a Visitor's Pass. **All SK students** in the FDK classes are to meet in the **library**. **All JK students** will have different entry days, the **JK girls** will be here on **Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** and the **JK boys** on **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** and all SK and JK students on Friday.

Once all students are seated in the gym, we will begin with a school opening prayer service followed by staff introductions and a reading of the class lists. Students will then proceed to class with their teacher to continue on with their day and begin to establish their new routines.

Please remember that class organization is always tentative until approved by Senior Administration during the first week of school and possibly as late as the end of October. You will, of course, be notified if your child is involved in any change.

## **REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2016 - Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> - 9am - noon**

Documents needed at time of registration are child's Baptismal and Birth Certificate and proof of residency. If child and/or parents were born outside of Canada, immigration papers for both child and parents will be needed.

## **GRADE 8 GRADUATION**

Congratulations to our Grade 8 graduates and to their teachers Mrs. Pitura-Salerno and Mme Noce. The Graduation dinner, ceremony and dance were a great success. Thank you to Mrs. Pitura-Salerno and all staff who worked together, for taking care of all of the details—it was a wonderful celebration! We wish all of our grade 8 students continued success! We are very proud that all of our grade 8 students will be furthering their education at Cardinal Newman High School!

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR 2016-2017**

**School Year:** September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - June 30, 2017 **Christmas Break:** December 24, 2016 - January 1, 2017 (school resumes January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017) **March Break:** March 13—17, 2017

## **SEPTEMBER BELL TIMES:**

8:40 a.m. ENTRY BELL, 9:50 a.m. - 10:05 a.m. - RECESS, 11:25 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - LUNCH,  
1:25 - 1:40 p.m. - RECESS, 3:00 p.m. - DISMISSAL

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISING**

The major fundraiser by School Council will continue to be the "Move-a-thon" which will be held in the fall. This fundraising event continues to be very successful and enjoyed a great deal by the students. Any donations of prizes are very much appreciated. If you are able to start generating prizes or donations over the summer, it would be very much appreciated.

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be held **Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 10:00 am** at St. Frances Xavier Church with Bishop Anthony F. Tonnos presiding. We will notify parents with dates for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion once they are set.

## PARENT CONFERENCE "Weaving the Catholic Partnership"

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Parent Conference at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School will be on **Saturday, November 5, 2016**. It is open to all parents of students in our board and will feature outstanding workshops and displays. Registration Pamphlets will be available in September. Please plan to attend.

## TELLING TALES

Telling Tales is a free, one-day, outdoor Festival, and a year round commitment to promoting literacy and inspiring a love of reading. The 7th Annual Telling Tales Festival celebrates stories on **Sunday, September 18th** at Westfield Heritage Village in Rockton, Ontario. Meet over 25 of Canada's leading children's authors, illustrators, musicians and storytellers. Enjoy live performances, book signings, costumed characters, a Giant Book Swap and Shop, Children's Activity Centre, contests, prizes and much more.

## REPORT CARDS

All students have received their report cards. Please return the response page of the report card as soon as possible. This official document must be filed in the Ontario Student Records with a copy of the Report Card. Your cooperation is appreciated

## PARKING CONCERNS

Parking and entering and leaving the school, still is a concern. The one way signs are very important and must be followed. Enter and leave from opposite driveways. Parking in the front is **NOT PERMITTED**. This is a drop off zone only. This is for **Student Safety!!**

## ALLERGIES

We continue to be very careful with the food coming into and out of the school. Remember that allergies can be life threatening. We are a peanut and tree nut safe school.

*Please be advised that Sanofi Canada has issued a Precautionary Voluntary Recall for two specific lots of Allerject 0.15 mg / 0.15 mL (pediatric) epinephrine injection, distributed as of June 1, 2015.*

*Full details, as well as instructions on what to do if you have one of these lots, can be found at this [LINK](#).*

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**All medication and EPI-Pens will be returned on the last day of school. If you are here to pick up your child, please ensure you have all their medication and Epi-Pens!**

