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A Proud Feeder School to Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School

## APRIL 2017 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.

#### *Walking Forward Together*

**"DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS AND WALK HUMBLLY WITH YOUR GOD"**

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: "WALKING FORWARD TOGETHER" - APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> TO MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

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: Walking Forward Together**", 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 Alex P and Kennedy R., who submitted designs for this year's theme. Thank you for representing St. Clare of Assisi School!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Stations of the Cross - Mr. Macleod and the grade 5 students, Mrs. Piro and the choir **Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am** in our school gym. Parents are welcome to join us

School Mass - Junior Division - **Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm** at the Church. All are Welcome!!

Catholic Education Mass - **Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** at Cathedral High School

Scripture Reading - **Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** at Bishop Ryan

Mass on the Grass - **Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 am**

Family/Grandparents' Day - CSC - **Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Dress Loud for Voice - **Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** Donations are being accepted on this day for Voice, Hearing Impaired

### REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2017-2018

We are now accepting registration for FDK. Your child must be 4 years old by December 2017. If you know of any new families in the neighbourhood let them know about our school and have them contact us. Registrations for FDK to grade 8 are being accepted. Packages are available at the office.



### SAVE THE DATE

The CSC will be hosting an evening with Mr. Paul Davis, expert on Social Media. During the day, Mr. Davis will meet with the students to discuss the use of phones, tablets, internet. In the evening, he will discuss the pro's and con's of Social Media. All are invited to attend, bring a guest! Mr. Davis will be at our school on Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>. BE OUR GUEST!

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



The grade 2 students will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm** at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Lifetouch will be at the church to take individual and class photos at 12:30 pm.

The students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in March. Special thanks to Mrs. Staresina, Mrs. Colamartini, Mrs. Santroni for preparing the students. Special thanks to Father Mariusz, Father Luc and Wes for all the spiritual guidance!



### CHESS TEAM

Congratulations to the following students who entered the system Chess Tournament on Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Teresa of Calcutta School: Grade 1, Mairead M., Grade 2, Jacob S., Grade 3, Declan M., Grade 4 Nicholas H., Grade 5 Julia G., Grade 6 Phillip T., Grade 7 John Paul D., Grade 8, Ryan P. Special thanks to Mr. Bozzo for working with all the students who tried out and those who made the team and being there for them on Tuesday night. We are very proud of your efforts!



### ECO NEWS

Mr. Calgagni and Our Conserving Cougars have been working very hard to make St. Clare of Assisi an Eco-Friendly School and get a Gold Certification for this school year. Litterless Lunch Wednesdays will still be continuing, but we are asking our school community to try their best to bring in a litterless lunch every Wednesday to help with this initiative. This March our school participated in ECO hour. We turned off all computers and lights for an hour, aiming to conserve energy! Our Conserving Cougars continue to show their excellent determination to come up with different initiatives to help our school community fulfill their roles as Stewards of the Earth. Keep up the great work Cougars!!

Here are some ECO facts:

The average North American uses 700 lbs. of paper a year. This equals approximately 465 trees per person, just for paper! Recycled paper only creates 25% of the pollution that new paper creates when making it into new products. A glass bottle will take 40,000 years to decompose if it's not recycled. Recycling a single aluminium can will save enough electricity to power a TV for three hours. Do your best to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!



### 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. Slow down, the school parking lot is a safe zone, where parents, students, and staff cross.

### 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. The first recess at 8:25 is walk and talk only. Supervision does not begin until 8:25.



### **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 25<sup>th</sup>** and **June 8<sup>th</sup>**. 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 Chocolate 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 2017-2018**

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 19<sup>th</sup>** to Mrs. Martino, Principal. I cannot guarantee any placements.

### **ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT**

We would like to remind you to continue to ensure that any 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! This is a life threatening situation so give it your attention at all times.

### **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, 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 2017**



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 - APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2017**

Light it up blue for Autism! Read and be informed, check out the Autism Canada. Our board will be celebrating this day on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **SUPPLY LUNCHROOM SUPERVISORS**

We are in need of parents interested in being a Supply Lunchroom supervisor, to be called upon to assist when a regular lunchroom supervisor is unavailable. This is a paid position. A police check is required. Please contact Mrs. Simpson at 905-523-2344 if interested.

## Why Are Healthy Lunches and Snacks Important at School?



Your child's school lunches and snacks are a major source of the essential vitamins and minerals they need to grow and develop over the years.

The foods you pack for your child will give them the energy and nutrients they need to learn and play at school. Without enough energy from food, they may feel tired and find it difficult to concentrate in class. Just like adults, if tasty healthy foods are not available when your child is hungry, the chances that he or she will reach for unhealthy food is greater.

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

## GARAGE SALE - ST. LUKE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - SAT., MAY 13TH

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Garage Sale is scheduled for **Saturday, May 13, 2017** at St. Luke Catholic Elementary School, 345 Albright Road., Hamilton, Ontario.

You can show your support by attending the event or donating items (new or gently used) to your home school by **Thursday, April 27, 2017**. All proceeds will go to support the 'Equal Opportunities Fund'.

Please be aware that the collected items will be picked up by the school board truck at your school on **May 8, 9, 10, 2017**. Thank you for your continued support.

## BOMB THREAT

All publicly funded schools must plan and practice an evacuation for a bomb threat. All classes will have instruction on how to evacuate the school and the importance of taking such a threat seriously. We will have a drill in the spring. The language used will be clear and concise as outlined by the board.



### A LENT PRAYER

Loving God you walk with us always in times of joy and sorrow  
Strength and weakness, work and rest  
As we journey through Lent  
Open our eyes to be filled with your love  
Open our eyes to see your hope for us  
Open our hands to do Your work.  
Give us patience in our fast  
Help us to set asked those things in our lives that distracts us from you  
Help us to see in one another  
The face of Your Son, Jesus  
Give us hope in our prayers  
Help us to see your vision for us  
Filled with love and peace  
Help us to know that we are never alone  
That you are always there for us.  
Give us compassion in our almsgiving  
Help us to see that in providing to one another  
We truly provide for you  
Help us to share our plenty with those who have little  
We ask these things through Your Son,  
The one who is with us always.  
Amen