

St. Clare of Assisi

NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.

Protect them as they protect us.

Bless them and their families

for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Amen

Saturday, 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 **FRIDAY, November 10th at 10:30 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. On **Thursday, November 10th**, the grade 6 to 8 will have a presentation with **John Connors**, RCAMC/CFMS.RCMS RETIRED. **11 is the star number Remembrance Day is commemorated on the 11th day of the 11th month. World War 1 ended on November 11, 1918 at 11 am. Lest we forget**

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 very much appreciated. The 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.



MR. MIELKO

We are sad to announce that on October 18, we marked the one year of the passing of Mr. Mielko. We pray for Mr. Mielko and his family daily. On **November 9th at 10:00 am** in our school gym, we will celebrate the gift of his life and his memory with the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Parents are welcome to join us.

PARISH CONNECTION CONFIRMATION

In October, the grade 7 students attended Camp Brebeuf for their Confirmation Retreat. The 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 in the rustic wooden chapel. Thank you to Mrs. Shamon, Mr. Pizzuti, Mme Noce and Mr. Baird for preparing the students for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The next retreat will be held on **Monday November 16th** at St. Francis Parish Center. Students will be walking to the Church. They must be in full uniform and must bring a peanut free lunch and snacks.

On Saturday, November 25th at 10:00 am, the grade 7 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Pray for our students. We welcome Bishop Crosby on this very special occasion. We are looking for donations of cookies for the celebration in the Church hall after the Sacrament. Please keep in mind all cookies and donations should be peanut/tree nut free. If they are not, clearly mark the item. If you have a container you wish to receive back, label it with your name, child's name and grade. Thank you! The CWL will provide coffee, tea and juice.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

We are collecting plastic bags for St. Francis Xavier Parish, please drop them off at the office.

As a feeder school we are supporting a new program that the Parish has purchased. The program is called FORMED.ORG FORMED is a website that offers video's, books, information etc about our Catholic Faith. It is a wonderful site to explore and delve into your faith a little deeper.

Step 1. Go to <http://formed.org/> Step 2. Look for the Register link on the bottom right. Step 3. Register

Step 4. Fill in the Parish Code of 4B3RPK (This is case sensitive) and then follow the prompts.

Explore the site and discover the wonderful materials that can help your family's faith grow.

WEAR RED & WHITE DAY FOR THE UNITED WAY

We will have RED AND WHITE DAY, for the United Way on Friday November 24th. We ask all students who wear red and white to donate a toonie for the United Way, unless you have already paid online!

PROGRESS REPORTS/PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Progress Reports will be sent home on Tuesday, Nov. 14th. Interviews will be held Thursday, Nov. 16th 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. This is an important time to have key discussions with your child about his/her strengths and weaknesses and how things can be improved. Learning is all about having a positive mind and a growth mindset. Encourage daily reading, reviewing of notes and being on time. Attendance has an impact on learning.

BOOK FAIR

Our annual Book Fair will be held from Nov. 15 - Nov. 17th. Interviews will be held Thursday, Nov. 16th in the evening. FINAL DAY, Friday Nov. 17th closing at noon! If you can volunteer please contact Mrs. Kiely. 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. If you need to get out of your car, you MUST park your car in a designated parking spot or on the road. 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. This rule applies for all types of weather. Rain or snow will not harm the children. Blocking an area that is not designated for parking could harm a child or an adult. SAFETY first!

BOOTIFUL DAY

A sincere thank you to St. Clare Catholic School Council & the parent/grandparent volunteers who assisted with the Move-a-thon on October 31ST. Thank you to all who donated prizes. We had so many wonderful prizes for the students and are very much appreciated. Grand prize winner was: Angelina R, Mrs. Batt's class, BEAT headphones. Congratulations to Mr. Pizzuti and Mrs. Colamartini's class for winning the class pizza lunch. The grand total of the money raised from the Move-a-thon is approximately, \$9000.00. The CSC and the school will discuss the areas that need to be enhanced in order to spend this year's fund raising money. Thanks again to all for making it such a "Bootiful Day!"

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 20th at 6:00 pm in the library.

PILGRIMAGE

Congratulations to Mrs. Shamon, Mr. Pizzuti and the 46 students who attended this year's 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 Crosby. Our school raised over \$1,000.00 for social justice.

Special mention to Mrs. Piro and Mr. Baird for leading the choir with students from St. Clare of Assisi and St. Michael's School. The music was so beautiful and uplifting. We are very proud of the students who took an active part in this day.

Unfortunately, the 8 km walk was cancelled due to the weather. 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

CLOTHE ME

With the winter season soon upon us, the Student Council, along with the Eco-Team are hosting a clothing drive. Many families in our community will benefit from your kindness and generosity. Winter clothing such as boots, winter gloves, winter hats, and winter jackets are needed. Items are to be gently used or brand new. All items collected will be delivered to families within our School Board as well as the Good Shepherd. The clothing drive will run through the month of November. Please considering donating and helping those most in need this winter season.

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. **SNOWBALL THROWING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ANY TIME ON ANY PART OF THE SCHOOLS PROPERTY.**

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 **Monday, November 27th** for any student that was absent or needs their picture re-taken. Full uniform for picture re-takes.

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 and privacy.

CHRISTMAS SEASON

We will not be having an Advent Craft Night this year. We will be having a Christmas Concert on **December 19th**. The concert will be in the evening for parents.



HOMEWORK HELP/ E MATH+ /PRODIGY

Our Gr. 3, 4, 5 and 6 students are now registered for emath+ online. Emath+ is an online tool to support learning math at home. Emath+ has resources to help parents understand math with extra support and practice for your child and online access to Nelson Math textbooks. We hope this is a useful tool to help your child improve math understanding.

PRODIGY MATH

All students in Grade 1 - 8 will receive a student login to use math prodigy. Math Prodigy is fun online math games with over 300 math skills which are critical for math success at school.

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, and the Independent Learning Centre (ILC) is pleased to continue to offer all Grades 7 and 8 Mathematics Students FREE online Mathematics homework assistance. Designed to enhance students' learning skills and contribute to academic success in Mathematics, Homework Help offers all registered users access to free real-time one-on-one Mathematics tutoring with an Ontario Certified Teacher from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and unlimited access to a variety of other learning supports. Homework Help can be readily accessed via the link provided at <http://ontario.ca/homeworkhelp>, or directly at

<http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org>

Many teachers are using the LMS or classroom DoJo. Students and parents are encouraged to log on and check out class projects, homework etc. Assignments and daily school work must be completed

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 Monday November 27th at 7:00 pm. Tours may be provided at 6:30, information session begins at 7:00 p.m.

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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS HAS COME TO AN END

In the interest of home safety, this is also a good opportunity to change the batteries in such things as smoke detectors, alarms, carbon monoxide testers, etc.

NEW SAFE ARRIVAL SYSTEM

Please remember to report your child's absence or late arrival before 8:40 am in one of the following ways:

1. Call 1-844-469-5486
2. Log into hwcdsb.schoolconnects.com
3. If you have an iOS or Android device you can download an app

Thank you for your co-operation.

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St. Clare of Assisi School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Daylight Saving Time Ends						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Pizza Lunch	Snack Day	Gr 5-8 Guest Speaker	Pita Lunch	10:30 am Remembrance Day Liturgy	Remembrance Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Pizza Lunch	Book Fair Reports go home	Book Fair	Book Fair Interview Night		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Pizza Lunch 6pm CSC Mtg.		Gr 3 Camp Marydale	Pita Lunch Confirmation Rehearsal	Wear Red & White for United Way	10 am Confirmation 
26	27	28	29	30	Dec. 1	2
	Photo Re-takes Pizza Lunch	6:30-8:30 pm Family Science Night	Student of the Month Assembly		P.A. DAY No school	
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