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APRIL 2018 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. Aim to give your best! Spread kindness, by way of words and actions. Remember, our children imitate our words and actions.

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2018 is "Catholic Education: Renewing the Promise", a beautiful theme which originates from "For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." (Acts 2:39) The five sub themes are:

Remembering the Promise
The Promise is Within You
Praying the Promise
Living the Promise
Proclaiming the Promise.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: "Catholic Education: Renewing the Promise." May 7th to 11th, 2018

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: Renewing the Promise"

This calls us to remember how we came to be and why we still exist. How do we move forward and continue with Catholic Education in the future. Each year the C.E.W. Committee invites students throughout the system to design a commemorative plaque depicting this year's theme. Congratulations to who submitted designs for this year's theme. Thank you for representing St. Clare of Assisi School!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Stations of the Cross - Mrs. Malcolmson and the grade 6 students created a beautiful re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross on **Thursday March 29th** in our school gym.

School Mass - Intermediate Division - **Thursday, April 19th** at 12:45 pm at the Church. All are Welcome!!

Catholic Education Mass - Monday May 7th at Cathedral High School

Director's Awards of Excellence - May 8th at 10:15 AT HWCDSB MAIN OFFICE, 90 Mulberry Street

Scripture Reading - **Wednesday, May 9th at Bishop Ryan**

Mass on the Grass - **Friday, May 25th at 1:30 am**

Family/Grandparents' Day - CSC - **Thursday, May 10th** 9:00 am until 11:00 am

Dress Loud for Voice - **Thursday, May 10th** Donations are being accepted on this day for Voice, Hearing Impaired

REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2018-2019

We are now accepting registration for FDK. Your child must be 4 years old by December 2018. If you know of any new families in the neighbourhood let them know about our school and have them contact us for registration FDK to grade 8 are being accepted. Packages are available at the office.

SAVE THE DATE - Tuesday, April 24th at 6:00 pm

The CSC will be Creative Math Night. Families will come together to solve math challenges.

Family Math Night with Creative Club will allow you to: Gain a clearer understanding of some of the mathematical strands that your child is learning in school, in an approachable, fun setting that is all hands on!

Learn the power of LEGO and “where the math is” in it, and in other materials you may already have at home. Bring the math from the classroom to your living room! Take home a handy tips sheet with more ways to incorporate math at home! Interact with other families: meet other parents and connect socially while using one of the most powerful learning tools out there... **PLAY! SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE SENT HOME, SOON!**

Get your child engaged and excited about math: it will build their confidence both at home and at school!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



The grade 2 students will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Saturday May 12th 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 on April 12th at 6:30. Special thanks to Miss DiLivio and Mrs.

Colamartini for preparing the students. Special thanks to Father Mariusz, Father Francesco and Wes for all the spiritual guidance! Thank you to Mrs. Beraldo for her excellent musical direction.



CHESS TEAM

Congratulations to the following students who entered the system Chess Tournament on Tuesday March 27th at St. Teresa of Calcutta School: Grade 2, Mairead M., Grade 3 Isaac M., Grade 4, Declan M., Grade 5, Noah S., Grade 6 Gianluca M., Grade 7 Jakub S, Grade 8, John Paul D. Special thanks to Mr. Dviliatis for working with all the students who tried out and those who made the team! We are very proud of your efforts!



ECO NEWS

Mrs. Habza and Mrs. Shamon 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 at Stewards of the Earth. Keep up the great work Cougars!! We are collecting plastic bags!

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.

BASEF

Congratulations to Daniella I and Alyssa G for representing our school with their project on Diabetes! What a terrific learning experience. We are very proud of both of you for representing our school.

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 22nd** and **June 4th**. 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 grand total in the next newsletter. We are at approximately \$6,000.00. The money will be used to support needs 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 2018-2019

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 17th** to Mrs. Martino, Principal. **I cannot guarantee any placements**, nor do I know staffing at this time. Often we do not know our full complement until the end of June and in some cases September.

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 2018



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 - DRESS IN BLUE JEANS AND A BLUE TOP!

Light it up blue for Autism! Read and be informed, check out the Autism Canada. Students are asked to participate in Autism day on Friday April 6th. Students are allowed to dress in blue jeans and a blue t-shirt or top for Autism.

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

GARAGE SALE - ST. LUKE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - SAT., MAY 12TH

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Garage Sale is scheduled for **Saturday, May 12, 2018** at St. Luke Catholic Elementary School, 345 Albright Road., Hamilton, Ontario.

You can show your support by attending the event donating items (new or gently used) to your home school by **Thursday, April 26, 2018**. 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 7 TO 10, 2018**.

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 importance of taking such a threat seriously. We will have a drill in the spring. The language use will be clear and concise as outlined by the board.



EASTER PRAYER

O Lord, How amazing is your love,
A love that overcomes, endures and redeems.
How astounding is your life,
A life that sustains, heals and creates.
How awesome is your hope,
A hope that promises, restores and inspires.
How absorbing is your truth,
A truth that releases, changes and rebuilds.

How we worship you, as we remember the moment when your love conquered.
When out of the cave of sorrow Jesus arose to release forgiveness to the world.
And each time we encounter this resurrection day we are again lifted to an eternal place.
Our sin, brokenness and darkness fall away and your light and peace flood our lives.
How we thank you for this incredible celebration we call Easter. Amen.

HAPPY EASTER! BOUNA PASQUA! SRETAN USKR! JOYEUSES PÂQUES ! FELICES PASCUAS!

May the Risen Lord Bless You and Your family abundantly and bring renewed Joy, Happiness and Hope!