

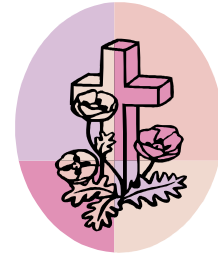
MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

May is here! We pray for the warmth of spring, the blooming of flowers and the beauty of our surroundings to shine through.

**Holy Mary,
help those in need,
give strength to the weak,
comfort the sorrowful,
pray for God's people,
assist the clergy,
intercede for religious.
May all who seek your help
experience your unfailing protection.
Amen.**



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK THEME: SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

We are so blessed and fortunate to have Catholic Education. During this week, we focus our attention on the Blessings God has given us and show how we are unique. We are called to serve in the love of Christ and to be His hands, feet, heart and eyes on this earth. We have many special events taking place:

Monday May 5th: Mass at Cathedral High School The grade 8 class will represent our school. The St. Clare Liturgy will be in our gym at 10:00 am.

Tuesday May 6th: Spring Photo Day - Wear Civies.

Wednesday May 7th: Scripture Reading at Bishop Ryan High School at 7 pm. Congratulations to Marianna S. Ashley O., Robbie G. and Aliya S. These students will be representing our school at the event. Thank you to Mrs. Staresina for working with all the students who tried out for Scripture Reading.

Thursday May 8th: FAMILY/Grandparent Day! Bring your grandparents or a family member to school in the morning! **Dress Loud Day** for the Hearing Impaired and Director's Award Day at the Board office at 1:00 pm.

Throughout all of May and June, the classes will be offering their prayers to the Diocesan Seminarians. We have become part of a Spiritual Bouquet with the SERRA Club of Hamilton. Please keep all the seminarians in your prayers.

Friday May 9th: Closing Liturgy for Catholic Education Week and awards at 10:30 am. JK/SK Mother's Day Tea at 2:00 pm.

UNIFORM

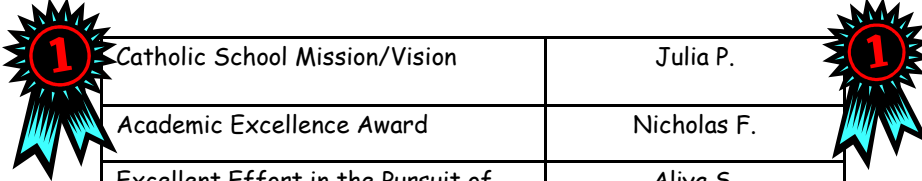
We are mandated to wear school uniforms. Our school supplier is **McCarthy**. Gym shorts and track pants are not permitted at school. Pants with different logos are not allowed. The uniform is a symbol of who we are and how we come together in faith.

SPECTATOR

Mrs. Batt is in need of copies of the picture of the day found in the Classified Section of the Hamilton Spectator. If you can cut them out and send them in to the school, it will be very much appreciated.

DIRECTOR'S AWARDS

Congratulations to all our Director's Awards Winners. They will receive their award on **May 8th at 1:00 pm** at the Board Office. All students are to be in full and proper uniform.



Catholic School Mission/Vision	Julia P.
Academic Excellence Award	Nicholas F.
Excellent Effort in the Pursuit of Learning Award	Aliya S.
Stewardship of Creation: Environmental Award	Sierra H.
Religion & Family Life	Tamara J.
Language	Cassandra G.
Science/Technology	Michela D.
Mathematics	Justin I.
Social Studies /History/Geography	Joseph K
Arts	Jenavieve A.
French as a Second Language	Cameron P.
Health & Physical Education	Sasha W.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our Grade 2 students received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday April 26th at St. Francis Xavier Church. Thank you to Mrs. Batt, Mrs. Roy Crooker, Father Martin, Father Mike and Wes and all parents. We are so blessed to have a wonderful relationship with the Church, our parish, the school and the parents. Take your children to Church weekly to continue to receive the graces of God.

On **Thursday, May 8th** we will be having a casual day with the theme '**Dress Loud**' to support **VOICE** which is a board recognized charity that helps deaf & hard of hearing children learn to listen and speak so that they are fully integrated and contributing members of the community. Students are invited to dress 'wild and wacky' and bring a loonie or toonie for a donation.

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all the families who supported the Easter Food Drive for the Stoney Creek Food Bank. They were very grateful for our donation.

SHARE LENT

During Lent, Mrs. Staresina and the grade 3 class collected money for Share Lent. After Easter they presented Father Martin Vallely with a cheque of just over \$ 130.36 as their contribution towards helping those who are less fortunate. Congratulations grade 3 students!! The school has decided to match the amount for Share Lent to bring our grand total to \$ 260.72.

FATHER MARTIN

CONGRATULATIONS TO Father Martin Vallely as the recipient of the OAPCE Monsignor Harrigan Award. Father Martin was nominated by a variety of people for all the wonderful work he does in promoting our faith, our spirituality and supporting so many people, students, families etc. Father Martin is so deserving of this award and we are very proud of this accomplishment. Congratulations Father Martin!!

BICYCLE SAFETY

Please take a few minutes to review the following safety rules with your children:

- Bike helmets are mandatory. For their safety, students must wear a properly fitted helmet.
- Ensure that the bike is in good operating order.
- Wear light and reflective clothing if you must ride at night.
- Always ride in single file .
- Obey all traffic signs & signals.
- Learn hand signals.
- Ride as near the right hand curb as possible, in the same direction as traffic
- Keep hands on the handlebars, unless signalling, and keep both feet on the pedals.
- Walk your bike onto school property.
- Lock up your bike when it is unattended.
- The use of skateboards and inline skates (roller blades) are strictly prohibited on school property.



EQAO

Parents of our Grade 3 and 6 students, please note that the provincial assessment will take place from **May 26th, to June 5th** for Grade 3 and Grade 6 students. These assessments allow your child to demonstrate his or her skills and knowledge of reading, writing and math. These results will also be used to review teaching approaches and to improve learning. Please avoid making appointments for your children during this time.

MASS ON THE GRASS

We honour Mary our Mother during this beautiful Month. On **May 15th at 9:30 am** we will celebrate our Mass on the Grass and honour Mary with the May crowning. To all staff and students who are involved in this incredible celebration of Mass, the Sacraments, Mary and God our Father, we thank you! Please join us.

HWCD SB GARAGE SALE- ST. LUKE SCHOOL

This fundraiser is organized by the Custodians & Assistant Custodians of the HWCD SB in support of the "Equal Opportunities Fund", a fund established by the Board to ensure that all students are provided with an opportunity to achieve, regardless of their social or economic status. You can support the garage sale.....

- By coming out to **St. Luke School** - 345 Albright Rd.

Saturday, May 10th from 8:00 am—3:00 pm

- Donating items (new or gently used) to your home school by **Thursday, April 24th**.
- By purchasing raffle tickets for BBQ, TV, Bike, Patio Set 3 for \$5.00 or 8 for \$10.00

WHAT A FRUITFUL FAMILY BY ALESSIA P.

Once upon a time there lived a very happy family in a small town just outside of Orlando, Florida, named the Hillsons. The Hillson's were a family of six, four kids and two adults. The mom's name was Jessie, the dad's name was Gabe and their children were: Austin, Charlie, Bill and Alley. Austin was tall, fair skinned ten year old boy who was also a terrific hockey player. He was known as the banana of the family because he would always slip up! Charlie was acute, outgoing child who loved to sing. Her nickname was "Pear", because she always wanted someone with her, in other words to do things in pairs. Bill, was a practical joker and loved to play soccer, but everyone thought of him as a strawberry because he was always in some kind of jam! Finally, Alley was a happy little girl who love to dance. She was the apple of the family because she was good to the core in everything she did! Their mom, Jessie, was a tall, beautiful housewife, known as the orange of the family because she often had a juicy story to tell. Their dad, worked as a builder who loved to be outdoors. Mrs. Hillson would call her husband a pineapple, rough on the outside but sweet on the inside. Austin and Bill got along and Charlie and Alley got along but all four of the fruity children for some reason could not get along.

So, Mr. Hillson decided to challenge his kids and design a map for them. In big letters the map said, "Four kids needed to work together to get a surprise." The surprise was a ticket for each child to go to Disney World! The next morning, the kids said, "We are going to do this!". However the map also said it needed the help of a ten, eight, six and three year old to find the surprise. So the kids had no choice but to work together and so they did. The four kids followed the map through the house starting in their kitchen, into their laundry room and finally into their living room. From the living room, the clue sent them into the backyard and up the treehouse to find the surprise. The older kids helped read the clues, while the younger kids could easily climb through tight spaces in the house and finally, they got a boost from the older children to climb the treehouse. There it was, their surprise...a big bowl of fruit, filled with strawberries, apples, pears and bananas. This is our surprise, they thought. Underneath the bowl were the tickets to Disney World. Everyone started jumping up and down, I guess you can say they were really excited. Of course, the four children asked their parents to drive them the very next day. The whole family had a great time and enjoyed their fruitful snacks. From that day forward, the four Hillson children learned that good things come when they work together!

Alessia's story brings the important message of getting along with everyone and the importance of team work, even with your siblings! We are all God's children and we are called to Be the Face of Jesus and to See the Face of Jesus in all people we meet!

Thank you to Joey G. for donating a soccer ball to our school!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Women play such an important role in the life of a child. For all of our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, family friends we pray that God continues to bless and protect you. Keeping each of you strong and healthy to provide the nurturing love you give so freely to all those in your care.

What Is a Mother?

A mother is someone to shelter and guide us,
To love us, whatever we do,
With a warm understanding and infinite patience,
And wonderful gentleness, too.
How often a mother means swift reassurance
In soothing our small, childish fears,
How tenderly mothers watch over their children
And treasure them all through the years!
The heart of a mother is full of forgiveness
For any mistake, big or small,
And generous always in helping her family
Whose needs she has placed above all.
A mother can utter a word of compassion
And make all our cares fall away,
She can brighten a home with the sound of her laughter
And make life delightful and gay.
A mother possesses incredible wisdom
And wonderful insight and skill -
In each human heart is that one special corner
Which only a mother can fill!

- Katherine Nelson Davis

