

JUNE 2014 NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



June is such a busy month and has come so very quickly! We thank God for the many blessings that we have been given. First for the gift of Catholic Education, something we can never take for granted. We thank God for our students and families, our staff, our Catholic School Council and all we have done throughout this school year. We thank God for Father Martin and Father Mike and Wes. Their spiritual guidance and involvement is vital to the success of our school. The last day of school is Friday June 27th. Students still have expectations in regards to attitude, manners, work in class and at home and uniform.

Another newsletter will be coming home with important information for dismissal on the last day of school, classroom organization and information for September.

As we send our students off for a summer of fun and relaxation and our graduates off into a whole new world of High School, we wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer filled with God's blessings.

The quote from John's gospel reminds us, "**Happy are those who have not seen, yet still believe.**"

John 20:29. We will encourage our students to continue to put their faith into action by bringing the Gospel spirit into every aspect of their lives even in the summer months. This is how we become true witnesses to Christ, extend the kingdom of God and build a more humane world. Our Motto remains the same, "**To be the Face of Jesus and to see the face of Jesus in everyone you meet.**"

GOD, 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 I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. 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 for You. Amen.

DRESS LOUD CASUAL DAY

On May 8th, we held our "Dress Loud" casual day. A donation of \$ 415.90 was collected to send to VOICE to help deaf and hard of hearing children. Thank you to everyone who supported this cause.

MAY CROWNING

Mary was adorned with many beautiful flowers at our annual Mass, thank you to all the families that sent in flowers or plants. Our annual Mass on the Grass was a beautiful celebration in honour of Mary, and the students who have received the graces of the Sacraments this school year.

PEANUT ALLERGY ALERT REMINDER

As always, thank you, to all families for their continued diligence with respect to the avoidance of peanut and nut products at school. Parents are reminded that treats coming to school **must be nut safe and that we continue to encourage label reading to review** all ingredients present in the product. We must protect the safety of our anaphylactic children. To enable us to continue to enforce this very important protocol, we remind the parents of all of our anaphylactic children to ensure the allergy information is up-dated. In June, the anaphylactic protocol packages will be sent home in preparation for September.

ASTHMA PROTOCOL

With the advent of humid weather and the likelihood of physical education and DPA activities being held outside, please ensure your child's asthma medications are on hand and are up-to-date, particularly if your child is affected by exercise-induced asthma. Please communicate your specific instructions through the Student Asthma Management Plan. It is important that school staff be aware of all students who have asthma.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to our Catholic School Council for contributing \$10.00 per student towards the end of the year trips. We are looking forward to the wonderful experiences and memories we will create. Thank you to all the CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL, for their hard work, their time and dedication to ensuring the best for your son or daughter over the school year. A special thank you to Mrs. Germana- Miller for chairing the council! We will have our last meeting on **Monday June 9th at 6:00 p.m.**

Think about joining Council in September and being a part of this incredible team. All parents are welcome to attend the meetings.

MEDICATION PICK UP

A reminder to all parents that medication, which is kept in the office, including epi-pens, should be picked up by a parent on the last day of school, **Friday, June 27th.**

VOLUNTEER TEA



Volunteers, Thank You! We are very fortunate at St. Clare of Assisi to have a marvelous group of volunteers who do so much for our students and staff. To show our appreciation to this wonderful group of people, the staff is hosting our annual Volunteer Tea on **Wednesday June 11th from 1:30—2:30 pm** in the library.

POLICE CHECKS

An **Offence Declaration** form will be sent home this week to parents/volunteers who have a **current Police Check** on file. If you **do not** return this form to the school by **June 17th** and you still wish to volunteer, you will need to apply for a new Police Check at the Police Department on King William St. Please keep in mind new Police Checks can take up to 3 or 4 weeks to receive. If you need to apply for a Police Check for the **first time**, you may pick up a form and a letter from the office to receive a discount.

P.A. DAY

Friday, June 6th is a P.A. Day. There will be no school for students on this day.

SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS



Many students are missing a textbook or two. Please check for the books at home. Without these books, students may be forced to proceed by sharing texts. A significant amount of school budget has gone in to updating textbooks and completing class sets. Let's work together to take care of what we as a school community own.

Mr. Mota is trying to complete his inventory of library books and has found that some books are outstanding. Please ensure that your child has returned all library books by **June 13th**. Working together we can ensure that we not only save parents and the school additional costs for replacement books, but also help our students to be more responsible as well.

REPORT CARDS



It's hard to believe, but the school year is quickly coming to a close. The final term report cards will be going home on **Tuesday, June 24th**. Students are encouraged to continue to work hard and to set goals to achieve academic success. Students learn best when school and families work as a team. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns about your child's progress. The parent and student comment page must be returned to school.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Thank you to those parents who have submitted their requests to be considered when placing your children in classes for September. Changes can happen at any point **prior to October 31, 2014**. When building a class, many factors are considered in the decisions to develop heterogeneous groupings such as: balance of abilities, gender, learning style, and social blending. Combined classes continue to be a reality.

PARENT CONFERENCE 2014 - INVITING ALL PARENTS!

Mark your calendar now! The 22nd Annual Parent Conference is scheduled to take place on **Saturday, November 1, 2014, 7:45 am - 2:30 pm** at the NEW Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School, 1824 Rymal Road East, Hamilton. Watch for more information and registration packages will be in all schools in September, or call 905-525-2930, ext. 2205.

HWCD SB SUMMER INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM (ELEMENTARY)

Current educational research indicates that learning or maintaining a second or third language has a positive effect on all aspects of a child's educational development. The focus of this summer IL program is to offer children an opportunity to learn and/or maintain a language other than English and French and to develop an appreciation for diversity and inter-cultural activities. During the month of July the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board offers free language classes in many of their elementary schools. These take place from Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and no prior knowledge of the language is necessary. Children who turn 4 before December 31st of 2014 are also welcome to attend and get a jump start on their formal education. To see which schools are offering this program please refer to the international languages flyer at www.st.charles.ca.

LEARNING ADVANTAGE CAMPAIGN

There is still time to get your "Learning Advantage" book. This 192 page, fully coloured, activity book is designed to maintain children's academic learning over the summer months. ***There is one activity book per grade level from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7.*** Each grade level book contains major units aligned with the Ontario curriculum expectations and 3 summer fun units. The books have parent information pages, evaluation forms; follow up activities and a family focus. In addition to the summer the books can be used all year long from September to the following June. A full line up of French Immersion books is also available. The cost of each book is \$19.05 plus GST (\$20.00 total). This is a savings of \$1-\$4 from the retail and online prices. You can visit www.learningadvantage.ca to download a free unit of the book you would like to order for further review.

If you did not receive the order form we sent home in late May, or if you have misplaced it and require another one, the forms are available at the office. Please direct questions to Mary-Jo Montalban mmontalban@cogeco.ca

Please note: The order form does not state the due date for orders - ORDERS ARE DUE JUNE 5th.

All books ordered will be delivered to the school before the last week of school.