

## NOVEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*God of Peace, grant all your people a vision of peace. May each of us use our gifts to promote peace. May all those who live in fear, feel comfort in the support that we offer in prayer.*

*God of Love, we pray that all violence in the world will end. We pray for a sense of calm in a time of great uncertainty.*

*We pray that the world be given the gifts of peace and reconciliation.*

*May love help us overcome all our fears so we can work together toward peace. Amen*

*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.*



**TUESDAY, 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 **TUESDAY, November 11th at 10:25 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.

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 overwhelming. The Volunteers from the Food Bank were very appreciative. Thank you for donating to our Shoe Box Drive, Operation Christmas Child. This will make Christmas a little brighter for a child in a third world country.

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. They were very much appreciated by the students. Grand prize winners were: Nicolas F. Congratulations to Mr. Mielko, Mrs. Machado and Mrs. Malcolmson's class who won a pizza lunch. The grand total of the money raised from the Move-a-thon is \$9721.65. The money will be put towards new technology, gym equipment and books for the school. Thanks again to all for making it such a "Bootiful Day!"

A very special 'THANK YOU' to Mrs. Germana-Miller, Mrs. DeBellis and the team of helpers for the excellent organization, dedication and foresight in moving forward with the Move-a-Thon.

Thank you to Mr. Bracco for taking care of our aquarium. The fish are now in and happily swimming! Mr. Bracco all your hard work and travels to make our aquarium look so nice is very much appreciated. Thank you to Mr. Turcan for all his help around the school, inside and out! Your efforts and time is very much appreciated.

### PARISH CONNECTION CONFIRMATION

On **Wednesday, October 29th**, the Grade 7 students attended Camp Brebeuf for their Confirmation Retreat. The weather was cooperative as 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 mass, celebrated by Father Martin in the rustic wooden chapel.

On **Thursday, November 13th**, the grade 7 students will meet their teachers at St. Francis Xavier for **7:30 am** mass. Following mass, the students, along with their teachers will have breakfast in the Parish Hall. The confirmation rehearsal will commence immediately after breakfast and the students will walk back to school. Details to follow.

On **Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** at **1:30 pm**, the grade 7 students will receive the sacrament of confirmation. The confirming Bishop will be Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton, Daniel Mieh. Students are presently working on Saint's projects and enhancing their faith through daily religion classes. Students are asked to be at the parish hall by **1:00 pm** on that day. We are accepting baked goods from the students for the Confirmation. Baked goods, peanut and tree nut safe, may be dropped off on Friday Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at the school or Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Center. Thank you for donating.

**Parish Evangelization Committee** has been formed at **St. Francis Xavier Parish** to explore and develop strategies to spread the Good News in our Parish, build our parish community and strive to bring non-practising Catholics back to the Church. If you are interested in knowing more, and possibly serving on this Committee, its inaugural formation meeting will be held in the Small Meeting Room of the Parish Centre on

**St. Francis Xavier Fall Fair Fun - Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>**

Food, games, crafts, vendors and so much wait for you there, so don't miss out on some early Christmas shopping ideas. gently used See flyer or parish bulletin for more details.

### **NEW ALTAR SERVERS**

If your son/daughter is in Grade 4,5,6,7 or 8 please encourage them to volunteer as an Altar Server at St. Francis Xavier Church. Registration forms for training with Father Martin are available in our school office. Thank You.

### **WEAR RED & WHITE DAY FOR THE UNITED WAY**

We will have RED AND WHITE DAY, for the United Way on **Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup>**. We ask all students who wear red and white to donate a loonie or toonie for the United Way.

### **PROGRESS REPORTS/PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Progress Reports will be sent home on Wednesday, **Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>**. Interviews will be held Thursday **Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>** **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 by Monday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> or at the interview. Envelopes must also be returned to the school.

### **BOOK FAIR**

Our annual Book Fair will be held **Tues., Nov. 11 - Mon., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please check the school calendar for times. If you can volunteer please contact Mr. Mota at [motaj@fc.hwcdsb.ca](mailto:motaj@fc.hwcdsb.ca). The Library now has 24/7 access. Go to <https://library.hwcdsb.ca> for access.



### **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 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 6:30 pm in the library.

## 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.

## SNACKS

Just a reminder that 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.

## Tip of the Month for Healthy School Lunches

### **Get the kids involved!**

Kids who help plan and prepare their lunch are more likely to eat it. Work with your children to come up with a weekly lunch plan. Look at the four food groups in **Canada's Food Guide** and ask your children to name a few items from each food group that they would like to take to school. Aim to have three of the four food groups included in each lunch.

Check out: [www.eatrightontario.ca](http://www.eatrightontario.ca)

## PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

Picture re-take is **Friday, November 21st** for any student that was absent or needs their picture re-taken.

## 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.

## GRADE 8 CRAFT SALE



Our grade 8 students are preparing for their annual craft sale on **Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**. All proceeds from this event will help offset the costs for graduation. We are looking for any gently used children's books, tapes, movies and new or gently used toys. Donations may be dropped off at school starting **Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## ADVENT LITURGY & FAMILY FUN CRAFT NIGHT

The committee is inviting all St. Clare of Assisi families to participate in a short Advent Liturgy followed by a family fun craft night on **Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** in the school gym. Due to fire regulations and available space, only the first 50 families who return the response portion of the letter which was sent home can be accommodated. Responses are needed by **Monday November 24<sup>th</sup>**. **"Jesus is the reason for the season"**.



## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Keep open **Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** for our Christmas Concert. A reminder, numbers are restricted due to the size of our gym. More information will be coming home

## **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.

## **SUCCESS MAKER & RELEX MATH**

Both of these programs have been put on hold by the school board indefinitely due to technical difficulties. Nelson E-Math for grade 3 to 6 is an excellent tool for all students to use nightly. Homework help is available for our grade 7 and 8 students.

## **RECYCLING INK CARTRIDGES**

If you are disposing of empty printer cartridges from laser and inkjet printers, photocopiers and fax machines, please consider dropping them off at school as we can receive rebates for them that we can in turn use to spend on supplies for our school. Not only do you help the environment, but the school also benefits. Thank you for taking the time to bring these cartridges into the school. To assist us, please send only the cartridge, not the box & packaging.

## **CARDINAL NEWMAN CONNECTION**

St. Clare will be visited by the Cardinal Newman Music Group on **Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** in the **pm**. A performance by Cardinal Newman students is always a real musical treat!



## **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 **Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**.

## **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](http://www.hamilton.ca/flu)