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## JUNE 2015 NEWSLETTER



God our Father  
 Bless these men,  
 that they may find strength as fathers.  
 Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.  
 Grant that we, their sons and daughters,  
 may honor them always  
 with a spirit of profound respect.  
 Amen!

### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

#### P.A. Day

There will be no school for students on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> & Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

#### Class Placements



Student Placements for next year will be announced the first day back to school in September. On the first day of school, students will proceed directly to the gym when the bell rings. Students will then be informed of their assigned classes. Collaboratively, the staff spent many hours to prepare class lists in the best interests of all students.

#### Report Card



The final report for the school year goes home on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. The 3<sup>rd</sup> page of the report card must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the school by Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This page is kept in the student's O.S.R. Should you be leaving for holidays prior to June 26<sup>th</sup>, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to your child's teacher and they will mail the report to your home.

#### Last day of School



The last day of school will be Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This will be an early dismissal day at 12:00 Noon. Buses will be picking up the students at 12:05pm on this day.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Thank You to all the volunteers that helped at the May Crowning brunch and for all the donations. It was a special event for our Grade 2 and Grade 7 students that recently celebrated their First Communion and Confirmation. The children really enjoyed it.



#### C. S. C. ELECTIONS

Now is a good time for you to start thinking about becoming a member of the Catholic School Council in September. Regulations established by the Ministry of Education stipulate that School Council Elections are to take place within the first 30 days of a new school year by a nomination/voting process. All positions are for a one-year term and all positions are therefore up for election every year. We strongly encourage all parents to consider a position on the Council. Please get involved. Help us to represent the views of as many in the community as possible. The Catholic School Council is responsible for providing advice to the Principal about various issues related to improving the learning environment of the students. No special training or experience is required. All are welcome! Plans are being formulated to circulate the election material very early in the new school year. A maximum of 10 members form the Catholic School Council. The positions are: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and six Councillors who are also voting members.

## VITRUE FOR THE MONTH

RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR DEMONTRATION OF ACCEPTANCE IN THE MONTH OF MAY ARE:



Mrs. Woloszyn/Miss MacFarlane – Juliana P.  
Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman/ Ms. Mandarino – Lena M.  
Mr. Havers – Seamus O.  
Mr. Hewitson – Grace S.  
Mrs. MacEachern – Saagar A.  
Mrs. Bury – Holly B.  
Ms. Cornale – Luke B.  
Mrs. Harold – Madison G.  
Miss Filice – Jakob L.  
Ms. Hall – Vincent W.  
Mrs. Glavic- Kalya G.  
Mr. Burgio – Owen O.  
Miss Novak – Rachel B.

## *Congratulations!*

### EXCELLENCE FOR STUDENTS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION AWARDS

On Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board will be “*Celebrating Excellence in Catholic Education*” with a special awards ceremony. St. Augustine will be represented by Stella O. who will be receiving the “*Living the Spirit – Believing, Achieving, Serving*” award which is given to one graduating student from each school, who achieves a respectable degree in academics, is a visible witness to living the faith, and who demonstrates a sense of justice and service by way of their extra-curricular and voluntary activities

### *Canada Wide Science Fair*

We would like to congratulate the two students who competed at the Canada Wide Science Fair in New Brunswick, Ontario. St. Augustine had two students make it to Canada Wide which is an incredible accomplishment. All students should be proud of themselves for making it so far. We would like to recognize Claire H. and Jessica B. for their excellent projects and great work. Congratulations to Claire H. for winning a Silver Medal Award. Isabella O. was selected by Youth Science Canada to be Canada’s representative to the Broadcom Master’s program at the International Fair. These accomplishments will be celebrated at the “*Celebrating Excellence in Catholic Education*” awards ceremony. Congratulations to all of them!

### *Yes I Can Award*

Congratulations to Alexander M. & Matthew E. who received the *Yes I Can Award* on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at a banquet at Michaelangelos. Alexander M. received the award in the Arts Category and. & Mathew E. received his award for displaying Independence.

### DIRECTOR’S AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING DEDICATION TO STUDENTS AND STAFF

On Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Mr. Hewitson will be honoured at the Director’s Awards for Outstanding Dedication to Students and Staff recognition ceremony and reception. Mr. Hewitson was selected by the staff, as this award recognizes staff members who give witness to their Catholic faith and who demonstrate dedication to students and staff as exhibited by outstanding performance and contribution to the school community.

### SCRIPTURE READING

On Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, three students from Grade 7&8 represented our school in the O.E.C.T.A/Trustee Scripture Reading event at Bishop Ryan Secondary School. The Intermediate Scripture Reading event enhances the children’s celebration of the Word of God in a visible, active manner. The event provides an opportunity for intermediate students to become more familiar with Scripture and more comfortable proclaiming (reading) the word of God in as public forum. Congratulations to Hannah M., Natalie M., and honourable mention to Laura S. for representing our school. We are proud of you!

## PAN AM GAMES

In celebration of the Pan Am Games, St. Augustine's will be participating in a soccer play day during the month of June. More details will be provided at a later date.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the all the athletes that ran in this year's Spring Cross Country Meet. Honourable mention goes to the following athletes who finished in the top 10. Mark W. placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Grade 1 Boys. Georgia D. placed 1<sup>st</sup> Mia O. finished 6<sup>th</sup> and Porschaly L. placed 10th for the Grade 1 Girls. Allison S. finished in 4th, Mylana C. placed 5th and Kassandra A. was 6<sup>th</sup> for the Grade 2 Girls. Thomas W. placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saagar A. finished 5<sup>th</sup>, Jason M. placed 6<sup>th</sup> and Holte G. was 7<sup>th</sup> for the Grade 2 Boys. Steven H. finished 8<sup>th</sup> for the Grade 3 Boys. Holly B. finished 5<sup>th</sup>, Daniella L. placed 8<sup>th</sup> for the Grade 3 Girls. Chris P. finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, Michael O. placed 4<sup>th</sup> and Daniel G. placed 6<sup>th</sup> for the Grade 4 Boys. Laura H. placed 5<sup>th</sup> and Josie F. finished 6<sup>th</sup> for the Grade 4 Girls. Lachlan P. placed 1<sup>st</sup>, William O. placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jordan H. placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Boys. Julia H. placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Girls. Abbey M. placed 1<sup>st</sup> and Stella O. finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the Senior Girls. Dante M. finished 6<sup>th</sup> for the Senior Boys. All students put forth an excellent effort and they should be proud of their accomplishments. A special thank you to all the responsible Grade 7 and 8 volunteers, staff and parents who helped make the day run smoothly.

## TASTEBUDS

We are pleased to announce that our nutrition program will be officially starting on June 2nd. Food will be served Tuesday and Thursday in the morning.

Menu: - half a bagel (whole wheat and honey)  
- yogurt tube  
- apple (slices for FDK-1)

The nutritional food delivered is optional for students. Students may take one, all, or none of the food choices that are delivered to their class. The intent is to provide students a nutritional start to their day. We are currently working on a webpage application to help us let you know what is being served as well as get your feedback on the program.

## FOOTWEAR ETIQUETTE

Flip flops should not be worn to school for health and safety reasons. Please keep children's feet happy and safe! Also, all students need to have a pair of running shoes at school to be worn during the day. They are not allowed to walk around in stocking feet. This is a health and safety issue. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## 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.. You can visit [www.learningadvantage.ca](http://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 Karen Dickson [k.dickson@sympatico.ca](mailto:k.dickson@sympatico.ca)

***Please note: The order form does not state the due date for orders - ORDERS ARE DUE JUNE 4th. All books ordered will be delivered to the school before the last week of school.***

### HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED FOSTERING?

*Would you like to hear more about the process through CCASH?*

**Please join us for an upcoming Foster Parent Information Night**

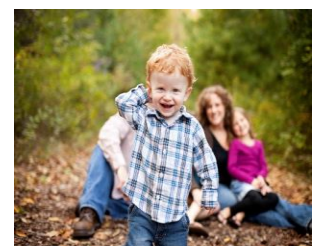
Wednesday, June 10, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.

Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, 735 King St. East

For more information and to register please call Katrina at (905) 525-2012 ext. 3280

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Visit our website at [www.hamiltonccas.on.ca](http://www.hamiltonccas.on.ca)



# INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE OPPORTUNITY



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. Since 1976, the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board has provided elementary school children, currently in Junior-Kindergarten to Grade 8, with an opportunity to experience the culture, traditions and language of other countries.

This program provides the opportunity for children to speak, listen, write and read an international language and at the same time learn about the culture and heritage associated with the language.

Free language classes are offered in many elementary schools and taking place Monday to Friday for 2 ½ hours per day beginning at 9:00 a.m. or 9:30 a.m. from Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. No prior knowledge of the language is necessary.

Registrations will take place on Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the school of your choice but students can register any time during the month of July. JK students should bring proof of age (e.g. birth certificate, passport or report card) to be handed in to the head instructor.

Please refer to the International Languages flyer at [www.stcharles.ca](http://www.stcharles.ca) to locate which schools are offering this program and the languages being taught.

*Chief's Gala Dinner* *September 10, 2015*

Please join Chief Glenn De Caire and his special guest Bishop Douglas Crosby, on Thursday, September 10, 2015 for an evening of fine food and entertainment, as we raise funds in support of the C.Y.O.'s community service programs for children in need in our community!

*Together... We can make a Difference for Children in Hamilton.*



C.Y.O. Honourary Camper Brook with Bishop Crosby & Chief De Caire