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NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Shortly before losing his life on December 1943, a Canadian infantry sergeant wrote:

Today a bird sang for me. I leaned against the strong trunk of a living tree. Today a little lizard ran across my hand. So I am not alone. When I get back to Canada I'll remember this. I will cherish all of life, for all life is really one. I will never again be a destroyer. This is my dream that we will learn to live in harmony, not between man and man alone, but with the whole living world.

Let us pray for peace in our community, in our country and in our world.

Please join us for a Remembrance Day Ceremony:

Grades Jk-3 in our gym on: Wednesday, November 11th at approximately 10:30

Grades 4-8 at the Cenotaph at approximately 10:30a.m.

ALL SAINT'S DAY – ALL SOUL'S DAY

In the month of November we remember all those who have died. On November 1st, "All Saint's Day", we remember all the saints who are with God in Heaven. On "All Souls Day" November 2nd, we remember the members of our own families who have died. They are also with God. During these days, we pray that on day all people will share the glory of the Saints. Throughout the month we also offer prayers of intercessions for those who suffer most: the poor, the hungry and the homeless.

PARISH NEWS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD PROGRAM

In order for our Children's Liturgy Of The Word Program to run this year St. Augustine's Church is in need of a coordinator and volunteers to run this program on Sunday mornings at the 9AM Mass. If you could help in this ministry please contact the Parish Office at 905-628-2880. If no one comes forward unfortunately we will have to cancel the program this year. If you are in grades 4-8 and are interested in Altar Serving application forms are available at the Parish office or school's main office.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Reports will be going home on Tuesday, November 17, 2015.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will held on Thursday, November 19, 2015

More information to follow!

HALLOWEEN MOVE-A-THON FUNDRAISER!

The Grade 8 students did a fabulous job performing *THRILLER* for each division for the Halloween Move-a-thon. We also had an ECO monster contest with recycled materials. Students were dressed up in great costumes and a lot of fun was had by all. Thank you to all who donated we raised \$3700.00!!! Prizes will be drawn this week and all individual and classroom winners will be announced later this week. Special thanks to Mr. Furlong and Mme. Oliverio and Mr. Havers.

LUNCHROOM SUPERVISORS

We are looking to hire Paid lunch supervisors to work one hour per day 11:15 am to 12:15pm Monday to Friday. Applicants will need to have a Police Criminal Reference Vulnerable Screening dated within the year, a TB Test Result – dated within the year as well as a SIN number. Applicants please contact the Main Office.

OUTERWEAR

The beautiful fall colours bring with them colder temperatures. Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for outdoor conditions. Also, a reminder that only navy blue fleece or navy blue sweaters are permitted in the classroom. There are still some students wearing non-uniform sweaters/hoodies in class. Your assistance is very much appreciated in helping students adhere to our school's uniform dress code.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

Please use the crosswalks and crossing guard at the corner of Sydenham and Alma to ensure student safety, also if you are dropping students of please ensure that they are not exiting the car on the traffic side or crossing un attended.

SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country

Congratulations to the all the athletes that ran in this year's Fall Cross Country Meet. All students put forth an excellent effort and they should be proud of their accomplishments. Thank you to teacher coaches and to Mrs. Medieros for leading this. Check out our webpage for a complete article on the event.

Junior Boys Football

Congratulations to the junior boys flag football team. The boys have won their first round game and are headed deeper into playoff action! Good luck! Thank you to Mr. Havers for coaching.

Junior Girls Basketball

A job well done by the junior girls in their season this year! The girls played with excellent sportsmanship. We wish them good luck as they enter into playoffs. Thank you to coaches Mr. Hewitson, and Mr. Ladanyi.

Senior Boys Football

After a great season the boys lost a very close playoff game. The Boys displayed excellent sportsmanship and thank you to Mr. Burgio for coaching.

Senior Girls Football

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Football team on their very successful season, They lost their play-off game Excellent commitment and sportsmanship was demonstrated by all! Thank you to coach Miss Filice.

Senior Girls Basketball

The Senior Girls Basketball has had an exciting 2015 regular season. Good luck to the girls as they begin the play-offs in November. A special thank-you goes back to community volunteer Catharine Bowman for her commitment and help with the team. Thank you to coach Miss Filice.

“WALK WITH CHRIST” PILGRIMAGE

St. Augustine students ‘Walked with Christ’ on October 18th. The students from Grades 7 & 8 participated in the “Justice For The Poor” walk with great spirit. The event started at Cathedral Catholic Secondary School with the celebration of the Eucharist and concluded at St. Anthony Daniel’s Catholic Elementary School. The students represented St. Augustine School extremely well displaying Catholic leadership and reverence.



VIRTUE

A virtue is a habit or established capability to perform good actions according to a moral standard. In other words, a virtue is a habit that shows people and God that we are good people.

VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER – EMPATHY

The following students are recognized for their demonstration of Empathy:

Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman/Mrs Clausen – Lena M.

Mrs. Bacik/Miss MacFarline – Augustus L.

Mr. Havers – James F.

Mr. Hewitson – Matthew M.

Mrs. Bury – Noah W.

Mrs. MacEachern – Grace J.

Ms. Cornale – Lexie M.

Mrs. Harold – Kathleen F.

Miss Filice – Julia H.

Mrs. Glavic- Rory C.

Mr. Burgio – Rachel N.



November Virtue: This month we celebrate the virtue of **Conscience**. God helps us to choose to be good people. Conscience is the voice of God within us. As you develop your conscience, you will learn to make decisions that will make sure you will always have love in your life. Our conscience reminds us how to act towards other people and how to be a good friend. We must always remember that the right thing to do is not always the easy thing to do. A person of *conscience* allows prayer and scripture to influence him/her.

A person of *conscience*...

- **Chooses to do the 'right thing' and feels good about it**
- **Can see how his/her actions may hurt others**
- **Admits his/her wrong-doing and feels badly or remorse**
- **Says 'sorry' and tries to make up for mistakes**
- **Keeps promises**

Thanksgiving Food Drive to support the Good Shepherd...a success!

Sincere appreciation for sending in canned goods to help those in need in our community!

ADOPTION AND FOSTER PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Tuesday, November 24, 2015 —7:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School
470 Kitty Murray Lane, Ancaster

For more information, or to register, please call:

(905) 525-2012

Julie at ext. 3280 for Fostering

Jocelyn at ext. 3125 for Adoption

www.hamiltonccas.on.ca

VISITED EMATH+?

Make math fun by connecting math learning in the classroom and at home with e-math+.

The teachers have registered all students in Grades 3-6 on our school computers.

Your child's login and password were sent on a sticker in their agenda earlier this year

To learn how you can make the most of all the features available on e-math+, watch the tutorial video at www.nelson.com/emathplus

Our students can now view their Grades 3, 4, 5 or 6 Math textbook on line and complete any assignments, with the support of their parents, using this valuable educational tool. This valuable resource is being provided free of charge on behalf of the HWCDSB.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY IS ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015

Photo retakes will be held in the morning. If a retake is required, please hand the original order form in to the photographer on retake day. If your child was away a picture for the original photo day, it can be taken on that day. Please ensure that students are in uniform for their picture.

CHESS CLUB

The chess club is up and running again this year. Many students attend this strategic and fun club. Thanks to Mr. Wedekind for volunteering your time.

STAMP CLUB

Did you know that someone who collects stamps is known as a philatelist. Learn more about stamp collecting with Mr. Than at Stamp Club one Wednesday each month.

ECO NEWS

The ECO team has been hard at work involving all of our students in the initiative of Waste reduction and Energy Conservation. Students from the ECO team are continually monitoring the recycling habits and energy consumption of the school. The Eco Team encourages all students to bring in a litter-less lunch.

Next Catholic School Council Meeting on Monday, November 23rd, 2015