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## APRIL NEWSLETTER 2016



### *Springtime Prayer*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

*For flowers that bloom about our feet,  
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet,  
For song of bird, and hum of bee,  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!*

*For blue of stream and blue of sky,  
For pleasant shade of branches high,  
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,  
For beauty of the blooming trees,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!*

### **GRADE 7- CONFIRMATION**



The Grade 7 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, April 24, 2016 conferred on them by Bishop Crosby. We ask you to pray for them as they take the next step in their faith development. Thank you to Mrs. Glavic for helping to prepare the students for this special sacrament.

### **GRADE 2 - FIRST COMMUNION**



The Grade 2 students will be receiving their First Communion on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Augustine Church. Thank you to Mr. Hewitson and Mrs. Bury for helping to prepare the students for this special sacrament.

Thank you to the Catholic School Council for purchasing the Confirmation & First Communion gifts for the Confirmandi & Communicants



## **CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

Tickets for the Catholic School Council 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Spring Extravaganza" are available now. This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at the St. Augustine Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m. and tickets are only \$15.00 each!! Purchase your ticket before they are sold out!! Contact the school office to purchase tickets for this year's event. Please consider making a donation/gift to our toonie or silent auction. Thank you in advance for your support!!

Please note that the Catholic School Council Meeting for this month will be on Thursday, April 18th at 6:15 p.m. in the Learning Commons

## **VIRTUE OF MONTH**

The following students are recognized for their demonstration of *Kindness* in the month of March



Mrs. Bacik/Miss MacFarlane – Lena E.  
Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman/Mrs. Clausen - Samantha B.  
Mr. Havers – Evan R.  
Mr. Hewitson – Capri S.  
Mrs. MacEachern – Avery H.  
Mrs. Bury – Atticus L.  
Ms. Cornale – Lilah O.  
Mrs. Harold – Jack P.  
Miss Filice – Sydney G.  
Mrs. Glavic – Vincent W.  
Mr. Burgio – Natalie M.

## **SCIENCE FAIR NEWS**

We would like to congratulate all the students who will be participating in the BASEF Science Fair on April 2, 2016. We would like to congratulate the following students for their excellent work and dedication towards their projects: Natalie M., Kalya G. Hannah M., Jessica C., Daniel H., Zachary H., Marcus R., Madison R., Grace O., Grace C., Olivia F., Reese C., Gwen R., Stephany L., and Valerie T.

## **SCHOOL SAFETY**

Our school will be conducting fire drills and a lock down drill during the month of April. These drills ensure that staff and students are prepared in the event of an emergency.

I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation in complying with our request to keep dogs off of school property.

## **PEANUT ALLERGIES / SEVERE REACTIONS**

As you are aware, there are a number of young children who endure very severe allergic reactions to peanut butter and/or peanut oil products. We do not permit the children to share snacks, treats, lunches, etc. with each other at any time. We also ask for your assistance in not sending your child with food items containing peanut butter or oil products. We are concerned for the health and well-being of all our students. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and support in this regard.

## **SAFE ARRIVAL**

Please phone the school at 905-523 2338 when your child will be absent or late. Thank you to the many parents who consistently keep us informed! We do appreciate it.

## **ST AUGUSTINE STAR SEARCH**



We are excited as we prepare for this year's annual St. Augustine Star Search. This year the show will take place in June 2016. Stay tuned for more information.

## **SAVE THE DATE: NOTRE CAFÉ**



On Thursday, May 12th, 2016, we will be celebrating our annual French celebration “**Une journée à Paris**”. It will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Students will spend the day in Paris immersed in French culture, traditions and style. The students will be able to purchase flowers, baked desserts, candy, popcorn and ice cream at our little boutiques. There will be guessing games, raffle prizes, illuminated Eiffel tour portraits, face painting, and more. If families wish to donate raffle items please contact the school. A menu order form will be sent home with your child in the weeks to follow. We look forward to celebrating this special event with our school community. *Merci beaucoup!*

## **SECRETARY'S DAY (ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL'S DAY)**

**APRIL 27TH, 2016**

Best wishes on this day to our school secretary Mrs. Fortino and to all parents in our community who work as secretaries.

**YOU ARE TRULY APPRECIATED!!**

Have a great day! Boys and girls, please be especially nice to Mrs. Fortino on this day! She does so much for all of us everyday! We are grateful!

## **RUN4CHANGE**

A gentle reminder that students from Grades 6-8 are participating in 20 minutes of daily physical activity challenges to prepare for the RUN4CHANGE that will be on May 18, 2016. Please remind your child to bring in their extra change!

## **HEART & STROKE – JUMP ROPE**

The kick off will be on April 14, 2016 at 12:30 p.m. The Jump Rope event will be held on May 6, 2016!

## **SPORTS NEWS**

Good luck to Junior and Senior Boys' Volleyball teams this season!

The Senior Boys Basketball team will be participating in a tournament on April 15th and 16th. The schedule and final details will be given as soon as they are made available. Good luck boys!

## **EQAO-PRIMARY AND JUNIOR PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENTS**

Each year grade three and grade six students in Ontario are assessed in reading, writing and mathematics for a period of five days. This year the dates for this assessment are from Tuesday, May 24th and end on Friday, June 5th. Please make every effort to ensure your child/s regular attendance during this time.

## **CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: OPENING DOORS OF MERCY**

*“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy” Matthew 5:7*

In our schools the Spirit of God is alive! This year's Catholic Education Week (May 1 –6) gives us an opportunity to shine a light on our schools with this theme: *“Opening the Doors of Mercy”*. Catholic Education Week 2016 combines both the theme of mercy and the act of opening doors of reconciliation, mercy and forgiveness to all around us.

We hope to see many of you during our festivities.

Please look for our May calendar that will be coming home highlighting all of our activities.

*“...you show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy.” Ps 16:11*

## **PARENTING TIP 90**

Pope Francis, in his book, *The Name of God is Mercy*, writes that “the family is the first school for children, it is the unwavering reference point for the young it is there that we have been loved and learn to love, have been forgiven and learn to forgive.” As parents our role is to teach with love, to raise children of faith and to teach the ways of mercy. Parents allow, elicit, or maintain behaviours by their response to their children’s actions. A child’s future ability to thrive depends on parents taking the time to create habits and behaviours that will lead to success. Schools of love provide support, love and discipline to help their children grow.

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## **MARRIAGE TIP 70 The Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton** Teresa Hartnett, Director

In this Year of Mercy, the Pope calls each of us to engage in works of mercy. In marriages we can do this by striving to have a conciliatory spirit. This can be done by comforting our spouse when they are having difficult days, forgiving our spouse when they offend us in word or deed and by patiently bearing wrongs, while expressing what we need instead. Marriage is a place of intimacy and love - both are strengthened when we purposely practice a conciliatory spirit.

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## ***HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED FOSTERING OR ADOPTING?***

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



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

**Foster** - Wednesday, April 6, 2016 - 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm

**Adoption** - Wednesday, April 20, 2016 – 7:00 - 9:15 pm.

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 or email

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