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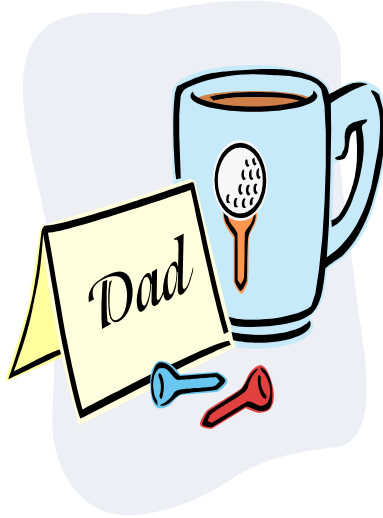
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JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER

Fathers have a special role
In each young child's life,
To mould and shape them to become
A follower of Christ
To show them the Father's heart
And help them understand
How God's love can be their guide
As they take Him by the hand.

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

P.A. Day

There will be no school for students on Friday, June 10th & June 24th, 2016.

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 Cards

The final report for the school year goes home on Tuesday, June 27th, 2016. The 3rd page of the report card must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the school by Thursday, June 30th, 2016. This page is kept in the student's O.S.R. Should you be leaving for holidays prior to June 27th, 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 Thursday, June 30th, 2016. This will be an early dismissal day at 12:00 noon.

Buses will be picking up the students at 12:00 p.m. on this day.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Congratulations to the Grade 2 students from Mrs. Bury's and Mr. Hewitson's classes who celebrated their First Holy Communion in May at St. Augustine's Church. Many thanks to Mrs. Bury and Mrs. Mr. Hewitson's for preparing the students for this special sacrament. Thank you to the Catholic School Council for purchasing Communion gifts as a remembrance for the students.

JUNE VIRTURE IS FAIRNESS



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

Mrs. Bozzo – Isabella W.
Mrs. MacCabe- Nicholas C.
Mr. Hewitson – Mark W.
Mr. Havers – Evan R.
Mrs. Bury – Emily P.
Mrs. MacEachern –
Mrs. Harold – Eric M.
Ms. Cornale – Noah B.
Miss Filice – Ryleigh K.
Mr. Glavic – Sarah S-B.
Mr. Burgio – Marcus R.



EXCELLENCE FOR STUDENTS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION AWARDS

On Tuesday, June 7th, 2016 at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School, the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board will be “*Celebrating Excellence in Catholic Education*” with a special awards ceremony. The JIM HANSEN SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD is being presented to Evan H. – Grade 7. 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 will be awarded to Natalie M. – Grade 8.

Salt of the Earth Award

Congratulations to Ashton P. and Christina G. who are receiving the Kiwanis “Salt of the Earth” Award on Wednesday, June 1th, 2016, at an awards dinner at the David Braley Athletic Centre at McMaster University. One male and one female student are chosen from each school who exhibit qualities of community, leadership, attitude, perseverance, dedication and commitment in making a difference at their school.

Yes I Can Award

Congratulations to Connor V. who received the *Yes I Can Award* on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at a banquet at Michaelangelos.

PROSE AND POETRY

Congratulations to Grace J. for having her poem Fire Lily selected and published in this year’s Prose and Poetry book.

DIRECTOR'S AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING DEDICATION TO STUDENTS AND STAFF

On Thursday, June 2nd, 2016, Mrs. Fortino will be honoured at the Director's Awards for Outstanding Dedication to Students and Staff recognition ceremony and reception. Mrs. Fortino 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 4, 2016, two 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 a public forum. Congratulations to Grace O. (Gr.7) and Kaden K. (Gr. 8) for participating and representing our school.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PENCIL CASE PROJECT -

We are helping the St. Vincent de Paul's Pencil Case Project this year. As the year comes to an end we will be collecting the following used items:

Pencil Cases + Contents
Rulers / Erasers / Sharpeners / Math Sets / Crayons / Pencils / Pens /Markers / Pencil Crayons
Back Packs / Lunch Boxes / Water Bottles
Games /Crafts / School & Sports Uniforms (ie .Jerseys /Shorts / Socks / Shoes)
Sports Equipment (ie. Balls / Gloves)
Notebooks / Blank Paper / Duo Tangs

At the end of the school year, please join us in supporting the right to learn by donating school supplies. To avoid Customs delays, please do not include glue and scissors. All items will be shipped to the Dominican Republic.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Spring Extravaganza

Your donation has helped us to raise approximately \$9,000! These funds will help us in our goal of improving our school physical literacy. Physical Literacy is the mastering of fundamental movement skills and fundamental sport skills that permit a child to read their environment and make appropriate decisions, allowing them to move confidently and with control in a wide range of physical activity situations. It is our commitment to total all the funds that we raise and therefore we will contribute 10% of the money raised to non-profit Charitable Organizations, chosen at our next council meeting. Our Spring Extravaganza would not have been a success without the thoughtful donation we received. Our school is blessed by the support of the individuals and businesses within our surrounding community who helped us to achieve our goals. The Catholic School Council, St. Augustine's Catholic School Staff, and students deeply appreciate your generosity.

Our final council meeting will be held on Monday, June 13th, 2016 at 6:15pm in the school learning commons.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL 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.

SPORTS NEWS

Volleyball



Congratulations to the Junior Boys Volleyball team who made it to the City Championships on Saturday May 7th. Despite a tough loss, the boys showed excellent sportsmanship and determination. Congratulations to Roman C, Owen B, Nicholas S, Michael O, Eric M, Bryce S, Ethan R, Josh M, Chris P, Vince L, Aidan T and Steven H. Great work boys! Special thanks to Coaches Mr. Havers & Mrs. Harold.

Soccer

The intermediate boys and girls in Grade 7 will be participating in a soccer tournament at St. Mary's on June 14th. Good Luck!

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to 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. Stefan P placed 2nd, Anthony L finished 3rd, Ryan H placed 5th and James E finished 8th for the Grade 1 boys. Grace C placed 1st, Sophia C finished 4th, Juliana P placed 6th, Evangeline S finished 9th and Rohan H placed 10th for the Grade 1 Girls. Georgia D finished 1st, Mia O placed 3rd, Anna P was 5th and Porshalyn L was 10th for the Grade 2 Girls. Mark W placed 10th for the Grade 2 Boys. Holte G finished 1st and Saagar A placed 7th for the Grade 3 Boys. Mylana C finished 4th, Allison S placed 5th and Cassandra A placed 10th for the Grade 3 Girls. Adam H finished 1st and Benjamin F placed 9th for the Grade 4 Boys. Natalie G placed 2nd, Daniella L finished 4th, Holly B was 5th, Naia C was 7th and Lilah O was 10th for the Grade 4 Girls. Chris P placed 4th, Daniel G was 5th and Roman C was 9th in the Junior Boys. Julia H placed 5th in the Junior Girls. William O finished 2nd, Brendan M was 3rd, Jacon M placed 4th and Marcus R finished 7th 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 staff and parents who helped make the day run smoothly.

ECO NEWS

Many thanks go out to our green eco team for preparing an informative and fun eco extravaganza afternoon on Tues. May 31st, 2016. Our afternoon was filled with an opening presentation, build a bird feeder contest using only recycled products, a fun trivia game focusing on the importance of bees, and the afternoon was concluded by an eco-themed liturgy and blessing of our beautiful new butterfly garden by Father Bob. Our butterfly garden was prepared by our grade 7 students with the help of their FDK reading buddies, placing soil and planting the pollinating plants and seeds, and painted by our eco team. Our eco team is looking for local families who could help water our garden during the summer months. Please contact Mrs. Glavic if you can volunteer.

RUN4CHANGE

St. Augustine CES participated in making a change for students in our community by raising \$600 to support purchasing running shoes and backpacks for those less fortunate in our community. Thank you to all for supporting this important cause and a special thanks to the grades 6-8 students who participated in the 5K walk/run at Bay Front Park on May 18th.

SASS-Talent Show

Preparations for this year's talent show have begun! Please note a date change in our event. The talent show is now on Tuesday June 21st at 12:30 pm. Those students in the talent show have received a letter. Please stay tuned for more details, including practice times and dress rehearsal.

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.

SAFE SUMMER TIPS!!!

- Slip on a shirt
- Slop on the sunscreen
- Slap on a hat
- Slide on the sunglasses
- Seek the shade



HW/CDSB SUMMER INTENTIONAL 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 2016 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.

HEALTH NEWS

Packing a safe lunch: At school, lunch bags are stored in backpacks until it is time to eat. Here are 2 ways to keep sandwiches made from luncheon meat, chicken or egg salad cold until lunchtime:

1. Make the sandwiches ahead and freeze them. Put frozen sandwiches in the lunch bag. They will be thawed but still cold by lunchtime.
2. Place fresh sandwiches into an insulated lunch bag with a frozen juice box. At lunchtime, your child will have a cold sandwich and an ice-cold juice, too.

Lunch foods that don't need to be kept cold:

- ✓ Fresh whole fruit
- ✓ Muffins & bagels
- ✓ Granola

Water Bottles: A study showed that 65% of the water samples taken from children's water bottles did not meet acceptable drinking water standards (Canadian Journal of Public Health, 2002). Experts say that kids often:

- Refill their water bottles without washing them
- Do not wash their hands properly after using the bathroom.

Multiple-use containers should be washed with hot, soapy water, rinsed and refilled daily. Do not re-use single-use pop or water bottles. Frequent washing of this type of plastic may lead to chemicals leaching into the drink.

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 Karen Dickson k.dickson@sympatico.ca

Please note: The order form does not state the due date for orders - ORDERS ARE DUE JUNE 10th. All books ordered will be delivered to the school **before** the last week of school.

BICYCLE SAFETY

Please take a few minutes to review the following safety rules with your children.

- **Bike helmets are mandatory and students must wear a properly fitted helmet for their safety.**
- Make sure your bike is in good operating condition.
- Use light and reflective clothing if you just ride at night
- Always ride in single file.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Learn your hand signals.
- Ride as near to the right hand curb as possible in the same direction as traffic
- Keep hands on the handlebars unless signalling, and both feet on the pedals
- Lock up your bike when it is unattended.



PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #79 – Please, thank you, excuse me, these are all simple ways of being polite and using manners. Good manners benefit our children in several ways by: increasing self-esteem as mutual respect is established; generating positive attention and respect for and from people; developing an attitude of courtesy towards others; increasing friendships with peers. Children develop good manners through modelling, education and your expectations. Teaching manners helps them to become both confident and successful.

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #59 – Leftovers can be good, but most of us would not want to eat them every day! This is true when it comes to our married relationship as well. Occasional busy days or weeks may mean our spouse gets our leftover time, but when we make this the norm, our connection to each other starts to unravel. Time management ensures we accomplish what is necessary and important – make sure time with your spouse is a true priority. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

LIBRARY

Please remember all library books and materials are due back in the learning commons by June 17th. Also remember that during the summer the Dundas Public Library has summer programs – Check them out!

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED ADOPTING?

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

Please join us for an upcoming Adoption Information Night



Wednesday, June 15, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

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

For more information and to register please call Jocelyn at (905) 525-2012 ext. 3125 or email jocelyn.jacobs@hamiltonccas.on.ca

Visit our website at www.hamiltonccas.on.ca

Please put the information above in your June School Newsletter. Please also show the attached Poster in a convenient location at your school. Thank you!

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, July 13, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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