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OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

The following students are recognized for their demonstration of *Faith* as the focus virtue for September:

FDKA	Miss Jacobs, Miss MacFarlane - Lena E.
FDKB	Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman - Will P.
Grade 1/2	Mr. Havers – Augustus L.
Grade 1	Mr. Hewitson – Lena M.
Grade 3	Mrs. MacEachern – Mia O.
Grade 2/3	Ms. Bury – Lucas H.
Grade 4	Ms. Cornale - Aliyah G.
Grade 5/6	Mrs. Harold – Naia C.
Grade 6	Miss Filice – Michael O.
Grade 7	Mrs. Ferrara – Joseph V.
Grade 8	Mr. Burgio – William O.

PILGRIMAGE

On **Sunday, October 16th, 2016** students of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board will be participating in our twelfth annual **Pilgrimage “Walk with Christ-Justice for the Poor,”** an event that will raise money to support development projects in Uganda, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. In addition, funds will be set aside for Holy Childhood Society and Development and Peace Emergency Appeal Fund. Staff of the secondary and elementary schools are working with teams of students to plan the event. The pilgrimage raises our awareness of the injustice of world hunger, and inadequate health care, shelter, and education. As a Catholic school community, the pilgrimage gives us the opportunity to do what the Lord asks of us: to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8).

STUDENT COUNCIL 2016-2017

Congratulations to our newly formed Student Council.

Prime Minister: Joseph P Social Conveners: Karly D, Julia H
Premier: Sydney G ECO Representative: Jersey D
Secretary: Grace O Religion Representative: Valerie T-H
Treasurer: Madison R Media Representative: Jersey D



This year's council is off to a great start leading our first Leadership Assembly and organizing our Mission Services Food Drive. Our next leadership Assembly will celebrate Sportsmanship and we will have a **special presentation**. More information to come on the website. Parents are welcome!

Assembly date is October 28th at 8:45am.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

On September 21, 2016 parents met for the first C.S.C. meeting this year and held elections for the 2016-2017 Catholic School Council Executive. WELCOME to the following people who were elected:

Chairperson: Mr. Settimi
Vice Chair: Mrs. Morris
Secretary: Mrs. Perkin
Treasurer: Mrs. Peche
Teacher Representative: Mrs. Harold
Councillors: Mrs. Geaghan, Mrs. Fraser,
Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Cupples & Mrs. Sienna,
Teaching Representative: Mrs. E. Harold

The next Catholic School Council meeting will be held on Monday October 17th @ 6:45 pm. Please check the Catholic School Council section of our website for more information and future meeting dates.

ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH

The next school Mass will take place on October 13th at 9:00 a.m. Lord's Day Mass times are: Saturday - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday - 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. The Church is looking for new altar servers, if you are in Grade 3 or older please call the parish office @ 905 628 2880

ANNUAL PARENT CONFERENCE

"Weaving the Catholic Partnership" – Saturday, November 5, 2016 at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School 1824 Rymal Road East, Hannon, Ontario LOR 1P0. I would encourage as many parents as possible to attend this free worthwhile conference. Excellent guest speakers and workshops! Breakfast and lunch are provided as well as goodie bags.

Visit our board website for more details. <http://www.hwcdsb.ca>.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY



On October 5, 2016, thousands of students from the HWCDSB will join the millions of children worldwide in the movement toward active, sustainable transportation and good health. International Walk to School Day is an annual event that provides a fun and easy way for children to enjoy and learn about their surroundings while increasing physical activity. It's also a great way for children to learn and practice road safety skills. Walking to school has the added benefit of improving air quality through reduced car trips, and that in turn helps the environment. If you walk or ride wear yellow with pride!

This year, Wear Yellow Days are scheduled for the following dates:

- Wednesday, October 5, 2016 (International Walk to School Day)
- Wednesday, February 1, 2017 (Winter Walk Day)
- Wednesday, April 19, 2017 (Spring into Spring)

SCHOOL PHOTOS



School photos will be taken for all students from JK to Grade 8 on **Friday, October 14, 2016**. If a student is absent, they will have their photo taken on retake day (to be announced).

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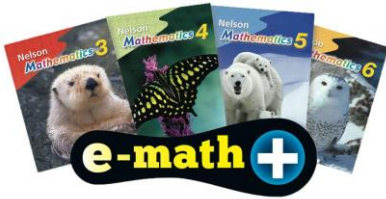
Primary & Junior Assessments individual student reports will be sent home soon. Preliminary public reports can be found on the EQAO website.

FREE MATH HOMEWORK HELP IS BACK! homeworkhelp.ilc.org



In effort to support our students with developing their mathematical understanding both inside and outside of school hours, the Ontario Ministry of Education and TVO are providing each Grade 7 and 8 student with access to the Homework Help website. This site focuses on mathematical help for Ontario students. Students have access to both guided and independent learning in a unique environment that combines technology and personal interaction. Key areas of the site include: Ask a Tutor Chat Rooms, Listen & Learn presentations with certified teachers, Interactive Tutorials and Best Sessions.

Each of our Grade 7 and 8 students has received training on how to log in and access this website. Please ask your son or daughter about this opportunity and encourage them to check in to support their understanding of mathematics.



“The e-math+ tool recognizes that parents play a crucial role in their child’s success and builds on that special relationship by providing interactive lessons, videos, support pages, math tools and workbook solutions to help parents understand the math lessons their children are learning,” he says. “The idea is to make it fun for parents and students alike.”

The digital resource also provides online versions of Grade 3-6 Nelson mathematics textbooks which not only give parents direct access to what their child is learning in the classroom, but free children from having to lug their math books home from school. The interactive platform is both easy to navigate, and easy to understand.

Students in Grades 3-6 have been registered, login information can be found in the front of student agendas.

STAMP CLUB

The Stamp Club has begun to meet monthly. Thank you to Mr. Tan for his continuing to support our students with his time and expertise.

World teacher day October 5th

Child care worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day October 8th.

Many thanks to all the dedicated staff at St. Augustine School who work tirelessly with their students every day to create a safe, welcoming and stimulating learning environment. Their commitment to education is a true example of being a Catholic educator.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

The nutrition Program is up and running again. To improve communication about this wonderful initiative we have added Nutrition Program to our Website! Visit the Nutrition Program page which is found under the School drop down in the menu.

SPORTS NEWS

Fall Cross-Country: Cross-Country training is well underway. The permission forms have gone home, training is occurring during the weeks ahead. The meet will take place on Tuesday, October 7th, 2016 at Camp Marydale, Mount Hope. Thank you to Mrs. Mederios for leading and organizing this for our school.

Junior Boys Flag Football: Thank you to Coach Mr. Havers. Team Members: Eric M, Chris P, Josh M, Evan C, Ethan R, Aiden T, Vince L, Kaylan B, Bryce S, Michael O, Andrew V, Adam H, Daniel G, Noah C, Jack H, Steve H.

Senior Boys Flag Football: Thank you to Coach Mr. Burgio. Team Members: Brendan, William, Lachlan, Jacob, Michael, Juan, Rory, Jordan, Owen, Nicholas, Roman, Brandon, Juancarlos, Dominic.

Senior Girls Flag Football: Thank you to Coach Miss Filice. Team Members: Madison, Reese, Olivia, Julia, Caroline, Erin, Samantha, Stephanie, Valerie, Jersey, Mya, Grace O., Juliana & Gwen

Girls Basketball: The teams are in the process of tryouts. Good luck girls!

ECO NEWS

St. Augustine School has been certified an ECO GOLD SCHOOL! Congratulations to our Eco team you have done an outstanding job. Now we are challenging all staff and students to make ECO practices a part of our daily lives as we continue with our initiatives and look for new and unique projects for the upcoming year.

LUNCHROOM SUPERVISORS

We are looking to hire Paid lunch supervisors to work one hour per day 11:10 am to 12:10pm 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.

SCHOOL CASH ON-LINE



The School Cash online program is being used in all elementary and secondary schools in the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board. This system is a convenient way to pay for school trips and events and reduces the amount of money that passes through the school.

If you've ever purchased items online, school cash online is that easy. You can pay for any St. Augustine registered event using your bank card (like an e-transfer transaction) or your credit card.

We strongly encourage all parents to sign up as this will be the preferred way to accept payment for school activities.

**Please visit their website at <https://hwcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>
Feel free to contact us if you have any questions whatsoever. We can help get you set up!**

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED ADOPTION OR FOSTERING
Would you like to hear more about the process through CCASH?



Please join us for an upcoming Adoption & Foster Parent Information Night
November 8, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School – 470 Kitty Murray Lane, Ancaster,

For more information and to register please call
Julie at (905) 525-2012 ext. 3280 or email julie.vamos@hamiltonccas.on.ca

Jocelyn at (905) 525-2012 ext. 3125

Visit our website at www.hamiltonccas.on.ca



The Family Ministry Office and the Diocese of Hamilton Invite You For:
The Year of Mercy Jubilee of Families Celebration



When: Saturday, October 15, 2016

10:30 Gathering, ending with Mass at 5 PM

Where: Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King (McNally Hall)

Who: Parents, Grandparents, Youth, Children, Single, Married

What: The Pope has called us to celebrate special groups during this Year of Mercy and this is a celebration of family!

All will gather for a keynote and lunch; in the afternoon children will be hosted by the Catholic Youth Organization for their own activities and those 14 and up will have a chance to attend two workshops from a choice of four.

Speakers: Dr. Deanna Benke-Cook; Bishop Daniel Miehm;

Dr. Wendy Hofman; Mrs. Teresa Hartnett

To Registration: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or www.hamiltondiocese.com