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# November

## NEWSLETTER 2016

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: Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, "All Saint's Day", we remember all the saints who are with God in Heaven. On "All Souls Day" November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

ALL SAINTS  
 DAY



### **SCHOOL MASS**

Please note that the school Mass for November has been moved to November 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

### **PROGRESS REPORTS**

*Reports will be going home on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.*

*Parent/Teacher Conferences will held on Thursday, December 1, 2016*

*More information to follow!*



## **FUNDRAISER!**

The Grade 8 students did a fabulous job performing *THRILLER* for each division for the Halloween Move-a-thon. Special thanks to Mr. Furlong and Mme. Oliverio. A reminder that all funds are due by November 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.

## **LUNCHROOM SUPERVISORS**

We are looking to hire Paid lunch supervisors to work one hour per day 11:20 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.

## **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 unattended.

## **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. Medeiros 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 on a successful season. Good luck in the playoffs! 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. and Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Stayshyn

### **Senior Boys Football**

After a great season the boys are off to the playoff s. Goof Luck! Thank you to Mr. Burgio for coaching.

### **Senior Girls Basketball**

The Senior Girls Basketball has had an exciting 2016 regular season. Good luck to the girls as they begin the play-offs in November. Thank you to coach Miss Filice and Mrs. Stayshyn.

### **Senior Girls Football**

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Football team a hard fought season. Thank you to coach Miss Filice.

**“WALK WITH CHRIST” PILGRIMAGE** St. Augustine students 'Walked with Christ' on October 16th. 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.



**OCTOBER VIRTUE**



The following students are recognized for their demonstration of **Empathy**:

<b>Miss Jacobs/ Miss MacFarlane</b>	Colton K.
<b>Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman</b>	Lillian W.
<b>Mr. Hewitson</b>	Alexis K.
<b>Mr. Havers</b>	Spencer B.
<b>Mrs. Bury</b>	Xavier F.
<b>Mrs. MacEachern</b>	Sadie G.
<b>Ms. Cornale</b>	Connor F.
<b>Mrs. Harold</b>	Kate M.
<b>Miss Filice</b>	Samantha G.
<b>Mrs. Ferrara</b>	Sydney G.
<b>M. Burgio</b>	Stephany L.

**ADOPTION AND FOSTER PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School Foster/Adoption Information Night

**When:** Tuesday, November 8, 2016 – 7 to 9 pm

**Where:** Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School, 470 Kitty Murray Lane, Ancaster, Ontario

For more information and to register please call Julie at 905-525-2012

Julie at ext. 3280 for Fostering

Jocelyn at ext. 3125 for Adoption

[www.hamiltonccas.on.ca](http://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](http://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 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016**

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.

## **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.



## **HEALTH ACTION TEAM**

The Health Action Team at St. Augustine's has created an Anxiety Awareness Fair to be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> for all staff and students to attend. Activities will include fun and interactive methods to reduce anxiety, how the brain works relative to stressors, and how Christian meditation can be beneficial in creating a calm mind.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER - SCHOOL CLOSURE**

When schools are closed or buses cancelled due to extreme weather conditions, details will be announced on the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board website ([www.hwcdsb.ca](http://www.hwcdsb.ca)) and Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services website ([www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/public\\_v2/index.aspx](http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/public_v2/index.aspx)) as well as the following Hamilton and area media outlets:

900 CHML / 95.3 Fresh FM / Y108 FM

CKOC 1150 / K-Lite 102.9 FM

CHCH TV Morning Live (Channel 11)

CBC Hamilton [www.cbc.ca/hamilton](http://www.cbc.ca/hamilton)

The Hamilton Spectator [www.thespec.com](http://www.thespec.com)

Twitter <https://twitter.com/HWCDSB>

Facebook [www.facebook.com/hwcdsb/](http://www.facebook.com/hwcdsb/)

School closures and bus cancellations will be posted on the HWCDSB and HWSTS websites and communicated to the local media by 7:00 a.m., whenever possible. If schools close early, the information will be posted on the HWCDSB and HWSTS websites and sent to the media for dissemination. In addition, each school will initiate its own procedures for notifying parents of early closures due to inclement weather. We ask parents/guardians to take notice of the following guidelines:

- In the event of impending severe weather conditions, parents should consider the safety of their children in deciding whether or not to send them to school;
- Parents should stay tuned to Hamilton and area radio stations for weather reports and school board announcements;





- Parents who, in spite of bus cancellation, drive their children to school, should ensure that their children can get into the school and will be required to make the necessary arrangements for the safe return home of their children at the end of the day or in the event of an early closure. Buses which do not run in the morning will not run for the rest of the day;
- Phone calls to the school during severe weather conditions are to be made only in the case of extreme emergency;
- Parents shall be requested to provide the school with the name and telephone number of a neighbour alternate, (someone who lives in close proximity to the home) who would be willing to act on their behalf in the event that they cannot be reached.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours truly,  
David Hansen

**Inviting All Parents!**

# Parent Conference 2016

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*"Weaving the Catholic Partnership"*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!  
NOVEMBER 5!**

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Parent Conference is scheduled to take place on  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016**  
7:45a.m. —2:30 p.m.

Bishop Ryan  
Catholic Secondary School  
1824 Rymal Road East  
Hamilton, ON

**WATCH FOR!!!**  
More information and registration packages will be in all schools in September!  
or call (905) 525-2930 Ext. 2205

*Mass—Celebrant  
Bishop Crosby  
Workshops!  
Lunch!*

## **PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH**

### **Parenting Tip 92**

Most parents want their children to be happy and spend a great deal of their energies trying to ensure this is the case for their children. A new study released by the World Leisure Journal suggests that it may be much simpler than we believe. A variety of leisure activities, including hiking, board games and visiting local tourist attractions, can be combined with time spent at home undertaking activities as a family. Being together produces feelings of satisfaction and happiness. Simple undertakings can be the best way to bond as a family and feel connected to each other. Combine activity with attending weekly Mass and praying together each day and your children will benefit in numerous ways!

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

## **MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH**

### **Marriage Tip 72**

As a member of a couple it is important to decide which is more important to you: being right or being connected. When it comes to conflict, which exists in every relationship, it is important to see the other's view, decide where compromises are possible and together come up with a solution that works for both of you. With a "we" attitude in all you do, including conflict resolution, you can feel more deeply connected and content.

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## **HEALING MASS FOR THOSE MOURNING THE LOSS OF A CHILD**



Healing Mass for Those Mourning the Loss of a Child – Losing a child is a painful and life-altering experience for parents, grandparents and other family members. The feeling of loss, regardless of the amount of time that has passed, is often more profound during the Christmas season. A Diocesan Healing Mass, meant to bring hope to all those trying to cope with such grief, is planned at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King for Sunday, November 27, 2016 at 4 pm. Anyone who has lost a child of any age from any cause, including those that have lost a child prior to birth, or who have had a still birth are invited to this Mass celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby. God is close to those who mourn, come and experience His healing presence.

Registration is preferred, but not necessary, as it will assist us in knowing how many spaces to reserve and to ensure we have enough of the small memento each family will receive. Please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register on-line at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).