



Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic Schools
150 years of 'Believing, Achieving, Serving'

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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A place
To LEARN
To GROW
To BELONG

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St. Augustine Catholic School is a place that is proud of its students!

OCTOBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

ON THANKSGIVING...

We thank thee, Lord,
For fields of grain
Gold and ripe from summer's rain,
For hillsides bright
With scarlet trees
That rustle in the autumn breeze,
For friends so dear,
For those we love,
For all things sent from heaven above...
We thank thee, Lord.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING! MAY WE CONTINUE TO BE THANKFUL FOR ALL OF GOD'S BLESSINGS THAT ARE BESTOWED UPON US.

EXPECTATIONS OF THE ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE

Catholic education views human life as an integration of body, mind and spirit. Rooted in this vision. Catholic education fosters the search for knowledge as a lifelong spiritual and academic quest. The expectations of Catholic graduates, therefore are described not only in terms of knowledge and skills, but in terms of values, attitudes and actions.



Vision of the Learner

The Graduate is expected to be:

- (1) **A discerning believer** formed in the Catholic Faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living.

- (2) **An effective communicator** who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of gospel values.
- (3) **A reflective, creative and holistic thinker** who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.
- (4) **A self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner** who develops and demonstrates their God-given potential.
- (5) **A collaborative contributor** who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work that respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good.
- (6) **A caring family member** who attends to family, school, parish and the wider community.
- (7) **A responsible citizen** who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.



ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH NEWS

Dear students, families, teachers and staff of St. Augustine School, during the month of October we offer prayers through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We welcome you to join us to celebrate the Eucharist on Saturdays or Sunday. 150th Anniversary Mass celebrated with Bishop Daniel Miehm is at 6 pm on Friday, December 6, 2013.

PILGRIMAGE

"Walk with Christ - Justice for the Poor"

On Sunday, October 20, 2013, students of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board will be participating in a Pilgrimage "Walk with Christ - Justice for the Poor" which will raise money to support various projects. The pilgrimage will serve to create awareness around world hunger, need for health care, shelter and proper education. As a Catholic school system, we are called to identify with the needs of the world, to promote Christ's presence and love for the poor. It is our hope that St. Augustine School's Intermediate division students will participate and support this worthwhile event.

ST. AUGUSTINE BIBLE CLUB

We would like to welcome all students back for another great year of learning about our faith, Bible and prayer.



Thanks to Mr. Wedekind for leading this.

WORLD TEACHER'S DAY! - OCTOBER 5th

Many thanks to all the dedicated teachers at our school who work tirelessly with their students every day to create a nurturing learning environment. Their commitment to education is a true example of being a Catholic educator. Students are encouraged to show their teacher how glad they are that their teacher is there for him/her. Thank God for all that they do each and every day.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken for all students from JK to Grade 8 on Thursday, October 10, 2013. If a student is absent, they will have their photo taken on retake day on November 13, 2013.

STUDENT COUNCIL 2013-2014

Elections and voting has taken place. Thank you to all the students who campaigned. Congratulations to the following students and class representatives:

President	Gr. 1 Reps	Gr. 1/2 Reps
Noah E.	Niamh T. Maya R.	Noah C. Nina S.
Vice President	Gr. 2/3 Reps	Gr. 3 Reps
Mackenzie G.	Michael O. Elizabeth S.	Eric M. Samantha G.
Secretary	Gr. 4 Reps	Gr. 4/5 Reps
Adele B.	Madison G. Nicholas S.	Reese C. Derrick H.
Treasurer	Gr. 5/6 Reps	Gr. 6 Reps
Ally H.	Kate D. Grace O.	Natalie M. Christina G.
Social Convenor	Gr. 7A Reps	Gr. 7B Reps
Adriana P. Stella O.	Larua S. James M.	Paul M. Isabella O.
	Gr. 8 Reps	
	Avery S. Patrick L.	

HALLOWEEN MOVE-A-THON!

On Thursday, October 31, 2013 students will be able to dress in their costumes for the day. We ask that they do not bring any masks or weapons to school on that day for safety reasons. Ensure your child wears a costume they can walk in. More details to follow.

PARENT CONFERENCE

Please plan on attending the Annual Parent Conference on **Saturday, November 2, 2013** at Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School. Check the board web page for further information. <http://www.hwcdsb.ca>.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

On September 23, 2013 parents met for the first C.S.C. meeting this year and held elections for the 2013-2014 Catholic School Council. WELCOME to the following people who were elected:

Co -Chairs:	Mr. Perkin & Mrs. Fraser
Treasurer:	Mrs. Faria Sienna
Secretary:	Mrs. Campanaro
Councillors:	Mrs. Bonacorso Mr. Crichton Mrs. Cupples Miss Hogan Mrs. Kerr Mrs. MacDonald

The next Catholic School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 6:45 p.m. The calendar on the website has the remaining meeting dates.

Be sure to check the Parent Information Board, in the front hall of the school, of useful information and resources.

HOMEWORK

Parents, please assist your child to establish good homework routines. When completing homework, children need to be free of distractions (TV, computers, phones, radios) and often times require the patient guidance of a parent, especially in the Primary and Junior years. By the Intermediate grades, students should be independent and motivated enough to complete work with parents confidently taking a "guide on the side" stance. Whatever the nature of the child, it is up to parents/guardians, along with educators, to drive home the message that school work needs to be a priority. **It is an expectation of the school that students are showing parents their agendas and that parents are signing them daily.** In this way, parents are kept informed and are helping to keep their children on track when it comes to having assignments completed. Guideline is 10 min. per grade.

GOOD WORK HABITS

Work habits, like other habits, are the result of learning. They do not just happen, rather spring from the training and experiences children have during their formative years.

Objectives:

In order to help your child develop good work habits keep in mind the following:

- Be generous with praise, encourage children to try, allow for mistakes and be immediate with feedback.
- Give directions clearly, and show concern.
- Encourage play because it helps develop many work skills.
- Feelings of security and satisfaction come from doing a task well.

How can an adult help?

Begin by recognizing the young child's level of ability and fit tasks to the child's capacity. Make sure the child understands what is required and that the child has the necessary skills. Permit the child to determine how to go about a task alone and find an individual approach, rather than provide a set procedure. If the child's own plan is not successful, the adult can help the child try another. This will develop thoughtful approach. As children accumulate knowledge they learn to analyse their own procedures and to learn from their mistakes. One does not hope

for perfection, but rather, for continually improved procedures,

Together, parents and teachers work to teach the self-discipline based on values and faith that give a child the emotional, intellectual and spiritual tools.

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

Promoting Calm Children: This is a very busy time of year. Routines are being reinstated after the summer when routines are often loosened. Children must adjust to a new grade level, new teacher, homework and a busy schedule all of which can cause them to feel hectic and overwhelmed. Set aside fifteen minutes every day and simply sit with your child and ask about his/her day. If at first the child doesn't talk a lot, try asking specific questions such as "who did you play with at recess today?", "what kind of activities do you do in math class?", Targeted questions may help to improve the flow of communication. End of the day. Every child needs to feel cherished and special. Because of this, it is important to help a child recognize the power that they do have in their life.

For example give them a choice about:

- which uniform top or bottom they will wear
- how will they style their hair
- how they can arrange their bedroom
- which artwork they post on the fridge
- what TV show they can watch
- what time of day they can be on the computer
- which board game you play together

These simple ideas can empower your child to feel more competent at home and school. Actively talking with your child about his/her day and helping them realize that they have power over aspects of their life can promote a feeling of calm for your child.

Social Work Services is a resource service made available through the Board to its system of schools. Each social worker is a trained professional and a member of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers. They administer their duties with care and concern, with the dignity of the person as their uppermost goal. Each social worker has the responsibility for several schools and works collaboratively with all members of the school community. These services include assistance with individual, family and school concerns and can be accessed by completing a referral that is available at your child's school. St. Augustine's Social Worker is Mrs. Kelly Duffy-Kariam.



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 Wednesday, October 16th, 2013 at Marydale Park, Mount Hope. Thanks to Mrs. Medeiros and Mrs. Stayshyn for leading and organizing this for our school!

Junior Boys Flag Football Team: Osezua I., Marcus R., Shane S., Evan D., Ashton P. Alejandro L., Sangeith A., Willian O., Lachlan P., Jordan H., Michael F., Brandon M. Jacob M., Juan Carlos L., and Aiden T. Thank you to Mr. Havers for coaching!

Senior Boys Flag Football Team: Jack P., Daniel K., Dante A., James M., Ethan B., Tyan E. Dante M., Luke H., Jackson R., Adam D., and Patick L. Thank you to Mr. Burgio for coaching!

Junior Girls Flag Football Team: Adele B., Ally H., Mackenzie G., Avery S., Rachel O., Jessica B., Abbey M., Stella O., Bella G., Lily C., Kaleigh H., Natasha Y., Adriana P., and Emily B. Thank you to Miss Filice for coaching!

Senior Girls Basketball Team: Adele B., Adriana P. Abbey M., Stella O., Ella T., Lily C., Bella G., Chloe L., Chelsea, Isabella O., and Jessica B. Thank you to Miss Filice for coaching!

ECO NEWS

The ECO Schools Celebration and ECO Fair at Marydale Park on September 25, 2013 was attended by Mrs. Glavic, our ECO staff rep, and 5 ECO student reps: Corey H., Isabella O., Grace O., Madison R., and Jared W.

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 heading this.

ABC Kids Fit

An exercise and stretching program is being offered at lunch time on Mondays and Wednesdays for 9 sessions at \$5.00 per session. Information was sent home with interested students.

CONSIDERING ADOPTION/FOSTER PARENT?

CCAS Upcoming Information Night
Wednesday, October 16, 2013 @ St. Augustine
St. Augustine School

NEW PROCEDURE...FRONT DOOR LOCKED

The board has installed a camera and monitor to help schools with safe entry procedures. The front door will be locked. Please use the buzzer and Mrs. Fortino will let you into the building.

ST. AUGUSTINE GIRLS HOUSELEAGUE BASKETBALL

Are you interested in playing basketball in a non-competitive, fun house league? This will be the 35th season that parent volunteers have organized a fun house league for girls in grades 2 to 8. All games are played at St. Augustine and St. Bernadette schools on Friday nights between 6 and 9 pm. The league runs from mid-October to early March. If your daughter is interested in joining us this year or if anyone is interested in volunteering to help referee or coach please contact Melissa Cameron or Sheila Young at staugustinegirlsbasketball@gmail.com.



VIRTUE OF FAITH

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

Mrs. Glavic - Karma C.
Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman - Jaiden V.
Mr. Hewitson - Genevieve C.
Mrs. Nelson - Lexie M.
Mrs. Bury -Kendra F.
Mrs. Harold - Nicholas S.
Ms. Cornale - Gwen R.
Mr. Havers - Lachlan P
Miss Filice - Natalie
Mr. Burgio - Laura S.
Mrs. Stayshyn - Stella O.

EQAO - Primary and Junior Assessments

Grade 3 and 6 student reports have been sent home. St. Augustine did very well and the full report is available on www.eqao.com As a staff, results are thoroughly analyzed and used as data in school improvement efforts. We continue to do well in all areas. A specific area of focus is Junior Math.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Paid for by the Ministry of Education...Free for Intermediate Students will begin on Wed., Oct. 16 and offered every Monday and Wednesday 3-4 pm. Please contact Madame Greco to sign up as she will be the teacher in charge for this.