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NEWSLETTER



On behalf of the staff at St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School, I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and a great start to the new year. A new year offers the opportunity to set goals and work hard to do our best remembering that we are all leaders in our own way. As Catholics, we are called to live a faith-filled, loved-filled life, willingly share gifts and talents for the good of the Kingdom of God.

Many thanks to everyone involved in our Christmas Concert and the numerous other activities that took place during the month of December. The events were enjoyed by all and served as great community building opportunities. A special thank you to all for the very generous donations to Operation 370.

A Prayer for the New Year

Loving God, thank you for looking after our school. Thank you for loving each and every one of us here.
 This year help us to learn, play and share together, so that the wonderful world you have made becomes more beautiful every day.
 Amen

VIRTUE OF MONTH

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR DEMONSTRATION OF



IN MONTH OF DECEMBER

MRS. BACIK/MISS MARFARLANE	EVEY B.
MRS. FERRARA	MARINA C.
MRS. HAROLD	TATUM W.
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ADVENT NIGHT

Thank you to all of the families that participated in our Advent Mass. It was wonderful to gather as a school community in prayer during Christmas Season.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please join us for our next Catholic School Council Meeting on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 6:15pm.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Operation 370 campaign raised 3,000.00 for mission services. We are so proud of our Student Council for organizing such a successful campaign.

FUNDRAISING

Thank you for supporting this year school fundraiser. Our Move-a-thon brought in 3,689.00 and a great time was had by all. Funds will support our Spirit wear and on going support of school initiatives. Our Fresh from the Farm fundraiser raised 1,200.00, this money will help support healthy eating and living initiative within the school.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019. NO SCHOOL

FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registrations take place February 1 – February 15, 2019

Junior Kindergarten: Child must be 4 years of age by Dec 31, 2019.

Senior Kindergarten: Child must be 5 years of age by Dec. 31, 2019



Parents you will be able to enroll your child online under St. Augustine website – HWCDSB. When completed you may book an appointment with the following documents. Non-Catholic admissions should contact the school before filling out a registration form.

Birth & Baptismal Certificates: For verification, we will require your child's Birth & Baptismal Certificate, which the school will copy and return to you immediately. Immigration papers, if applicable.

Tax Form: If you already have a child attending St. Augustine School, a new tax form is not necessary unless you have recently moved. **Separate School Lease:** Necessary to accompany the tax forms if one parent is Non-Catholic. Both parents must sign this form.

Immunization Record: Re: Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1982: This act requires that records be maintained and immunization status of each school student under the age of 18 years.

Proof of Residency: Driver Licence or any document with your current address.

Please call the school office (905 523-2338) to book an appointment.

SAFE TRAVEL PLAN

Our school continues to promote a safe travel plan for our students.

Please note the STOP sign located at the corner of Sydenham and Alma. Remember our walk-a-block theme for drop-off/pick-up of students e.g., use Parkside Ave to park and walk students to playground. Great exercise and less congestion! Some issues outline in the report:

- Double parking to let students in/out
- Parking in wrong direction
- Stopping in bus loading area
- Doing a 3-point turn to reverse direction

Please help us to make our drop off and pick up zones safer for everyone by using the crosswalk and crossing guard, crossing at corners.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students must wear only uniform pieces of clothing to school on regular uniform days. Please ensure that your child is wearing only a white or blue t-shirt under any polo shirt or sweater. Also, students are to wear the navy uniform crested fleece, vest or sweater as indoor warm wear. The school crest should always be visible either on the warm wear pieces or, on a turtle neck. Unfortunately, some students continue to wear tights and brand name "hoodies" and jackets in class and around the school. In addition, students require indoor shoes for the winter months as they will need to remove boots before entering the classroom. Please ensure that your child leaves home in full uniform in the morning. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Information regarding First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be coming from the church. Information will also be posted on the school web page.

NEW YEAR JANUARY SCHOOL MASS

Thursday, January 10, 2019 @ 12:30 P.M. at St. Augustine Church.

All parents and guardians are welcome to join us.

WEATHER

Please Ensure...

- That your child is dressed properly for outdoor play at recess. All students should come to school with a hat, gloves, winter boots, and a warm coat or jacket.
- That all personal items are labelled for easy identification.
- It is recommended that a pair of running shoes is left at school. For health and safety reasons, students will not be allowed to wear their boots or wet shoes in the classroom.
- Please do not send your child to school if he/she is not well enough to go outdoors for recess. Germs spread quickly and we want to keep everyone healthy.
- Snowballs may have particles of ice, grit or stones can be imbedded in the snow without the person's knowledge and could result in head or eye injuries. SNOW THROWING IS NOT PERMITTED. All students have been given verbal warnings about the dangers of throwing snow or snowballs.

Please listen to your local radio and T.V. station during the winter months for warnings about wind chill conditions and school closures. If our school is closed it will be announced on the radio by 7 am. If the school is open, as a parent it is your decision as to whether your child should brave the weather conditions. Unless schools have been officially closed early in the morning or the night before, there will be school staff on site. Please call the school if your child will stay home.

SCIENCE FAIR



St. Augustine is holding its annual Science Fair on Friday, February 12, 2019. All intermediate students and junior volunteer participants are encouraged to work hard on their projects both at home and school.


GRADE 8

St. Mary's will be here to help our students with their option sheets and register on **Thursday, JANUARY 10 @ 1:00 p.m.**

TRIPS

Please visit our school calendar on our website to view all trips as they are booked.

SPORTS

Many sports teams are  underway - Junior & Senior boy's basketball and Junior & Senior Girl's Volleyball. We truly appreciate staff and parents for generously volunteering their personal time at lunch hour or after school to be able to provide these extra curricular activities. Students and parents are reminded about a respectful Code of Conduct at all times. CYO Crusader sports schedules are available on the CYO website <http://cyo.on.ca/>

DUNDAS LITTLE LEAGUE WINTER BALL

Register Today. The Dundas Little League is pleased to announce that we have recently partnered with Batter Zone to provide a Winter Training program. The program will not require volunteers. Batter Zone will provide all the programming and coaches necessary depending on the children that register for the program. The program will be available to children from ages 4-12. To register simply click onto the link below. Any questions regarding the program or

registering can be directed to Batter Zone staff at www.soccerworldhamilton.com or call them at 905-521-8750.

<https://www.amilia.com/store/en/soccer-world/api/Activity/Detail?activityId=xpnjNLb> Don't miss out on this valuable off-season training in preparation for the upcoming season. PLEASE NOTE: This program is independent of the Travel Team programs at Dundas Little League. If your child is involved with those teams, coaches Ryan, Ron, and Jae will be in contact with you directly. WHERE? Batter Zone 100 Ray Street North Hamilton, ON L8R 2X9 WHEN? The program will run from late January to late April 2019 on Tuesday evenings between 5:00-7:00 pm. REGISTER TODAY Only 50 spots are available for the program. BATTER ZONE COACHES ONLY This is not a volunteer supported program. Batter Zone will be providing all the programming and coaches. COST \$125.00 + taxes



ELEMENTARY PILOT SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN PLAYGROUNDS AND SNOW REMOVAL

This winter our school will be piloting a new initiative which involves having our playgrounds not plowed or cleared. Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. There are great benefits when children experience fresh air, exercise and time spent time outside. Outdoor play is also a break from the structure of the classroom. Preparing for winter playground play is important. Children will require boots, mittens/gloves, hats and even extra mittens and socks in case they are needed.

Head Caretakers will continue to inspect playgrounds and sand and/or salt areas made slippery by changing temperatures. Students, will take extra caution when walking or playing on school property that may be slippery. Principals concerned about weather or playground conditions may hold indoor recesses and lunch/nutrition breaks.

School parking lots, school sidewalks, exits and walkways to portables will continue to be cleared and salted as needed by the Board contractor and or Custodial staff.

If you have any further questions or concerns about winter outdoor play, please contact your school principal.

Thank you.

Mathstronauts has launched its 4th Annual Science and Engineering Competition at McMaster University called STEM Hacks. STEM Hacks is an exciting one-day opportunity that takes place on January 26, 2019, in which students (grades 5 - 8) will work in teams to create solutions to STEM (Science, Tech, Engineering and Mathematics)-related challenges. Student teams will be paired with a University Mentor, who will assist them in their development of solutions. A panel of judges will grade solutions and winners will be announced at a closing ceremony. Participants will attend workshops, meet STEM professionals, work collaboratively to problem solve, and make new friends! Register online at www.stemhacks.net by January 13, 2019.

Date: January 26, 2019

Time: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Grades: 5 - 8 (Teams of 4-5 students)

Registration Deadline: January 13, 2019

Registration Costs: \$25 per student

Should you require any further information about STEM Hacks 2019, please learn more at www.stemhacks.net, or contact us via email: contact@mathstronauts.ca or phone: (289)-887-2157.

Sarah Hirst-Planning Committee,
STEM Hacks 2019

