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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 Carol Service 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 Ronald MacDonald House.

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 BALDWIN	EVIE T.
MRS. FERRARA	JAMES K.
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ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

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

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Ronald MacDonald House campaign raised about 3,420.00 for families. We are so proud of our Student Council for organizing such a successful campaign.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020. NO SCHOOL

FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registrations take place February 1 – February 15, 2020

Junior Kindergarten: Child must be 4 years of age by Dec 31, 2020.

Senior Kindergarten: Child must be 5 years of age by Dec. 31, 2020



Parents you will be able to enroll your child online under St. Augustine website – HWCDSD. 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 on will be coming from the church. Information will also be posted on the school web page.

SCIENCE FAIR



St. Augustine is holding its annual Science Fair on Thursday, February 13, 2020. All intermediate students and junior volunteer participants are encouraged to work hard on their projects both at home and school.

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.


GRADE 8

St. Mary's will be here to help our students with their option sheets and register on **FRIDAY, 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/>

