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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.

### 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

I would like to thank the entire St. Augustine staff for being so prepared to transition to online learning so quickly upon return to learning this year. The staff join me in thanking you for the efforts on your end to make learning from home possible – To the parents we thank you for your assistance and patience and please pass this thanks on to those assisting in your homes supporting our students. The adage – Together there is nothing we cannot do has definitely proved to be true.

Thank you  
 M. Trotta

### STUDENT COUNCIL

A special thank you to all for the very generous donations to the Dundas Food Bank. We are so proud of our Student Council for organizing such a successful campaign.

### VIRTUE OF MONTH

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR DEMONSTRATION OF IN MONTH OF DECEMBER

MRS. BACIK/MISS MAC FARLANE	CHAS B.
MRS. FERRARA	HALEY K.
MRS. MACEACHERN/MISS FURLONG	SOPHIE P.
MRS. HAROLD	SADIE M.
MR. HAVERS	LAURA R.
MR. CORNALE	LILA S
MR. BRATETIC	CONNER H.
MISS. MANCINI	TARUN P.
MRS. STAYSHYN	GONÇALO R
MRS. GRICE	JOSH C

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY: FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021. NO SCHOOL

**Parents/Students – Overview – HWCDSB PARENTS** <https://parents.hwcdsb.ca/>

1. **Virtual Learning** - <https://parents.hwcdsb.ca/virtual-learning-overview>

Virtual Learning Overview - <https://parents.hwcdsb.ca/virtual-learning-overview>

b. Virtual Learning Elementary - <https://parents.hwcdsb.ca/virtual-learning-elementary>

c. Virtual Learning Secondary - <https://parents.hwcdsb.ca/virtual-learning-secondary>

d. Elementary Virtual School - <https://www.hwcdsb.ca/schools/virtualschoolselementary/>

e. Secondary Virtual School - <https://www.hwcdsb.ca/schools/virtualschoolsecondary/>

2. **Parents/Students – Tech Help** - <https://parents.hwcdsb.ca/tech-help>

a. Getting started Elementary Virtual learning - [Click Here](#)

b. What is mySite – [Click Here](#)

c. How to Change Your Password on mySite – [Click Here](#)

d. What is myClass – [Click Here](#)

e. How to Access myClass – Elementary [Click Here](#)

f. How to Access myClass – Secondary [Click Here](#)

What is MS TEAMS – [Click Here](#)

g. How to Access MS TEAMS – [Click Here](#)

h. Virtual Learning Tips for Parents – [Click Here](#)

i. Virtual Learning Tips for Students – [Click Here](#)

j. Tech Help for Remote Learning – [Click Here](#)

3. **Parent Portal (LMS/VLE)** - <https://parents.hwcdsb.ca/parent-portal>

**FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM REGISTRATION**

**Registration dates will be coming soon and will be on the school webpage.**

Junior Kindergarten: Child must be 4 years of age by Dec 31, 2021.

Senior Kindergarten: Child must be 5 years of age by Dec. 31, 2021

**Parents can enroll online under St. Augustine website – HWCDSB.**

**Non-Catholic admissions should contact the school before filling out a registration form.**

**When completed you may book an appointment with the following documents.**

**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 of 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 turtleneck. 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 be sent early next week and also be posted on the school web page.

## **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.