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**ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
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## OCTOBER 2014 NEWSLETTER



*Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health and for grace. Thank you for a plentiful harvest, for food and drink. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us.*

### UNITED WAY AWARENESS DAY – OCTOBER 1



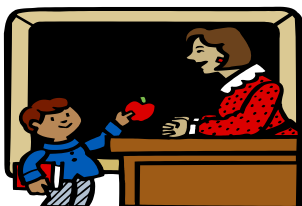
Students are invited to wear red and white for the United Way spirit day on Wednesday, October 1st. Bring in a Toonie for dress down and your name will be entered into a classroom draw. One student from each class will be chosen to 'spray' the Principal and the Principal Intern with silly string at the assembly in the gym. Additional tickets for this draw are 50 cents each. There will be mystery prizes and a jelly bean counting contest. Make your guess for 25 cents. Hamilton's very own Laura Fortino (Olympic Gold Medal Champion for Women's Hockey) will also be present along with other guests. Please support this worthwhile event and have fun too!

### PILGRIMAGE

“Walk with Christ – Justice for the Poor”

On **Sunday, October 19, 2014**, 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 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 many of the St. Augustine School's Intermediate division students will support this very important event.

### WORLD TEACHER'S DAY – OCTOBER 5



Many thanks to all the dedicated teachers at St. Augustine School who work tirelessly with their students every day to create a safe, welcoming and stimulating learning environment. Their commitment to education is a true example of being a Catholic educator. Teachers also give of their time, talents and energy to coach and run a variety of extracurricular clubs. Students are encouraged to show their teacher how glad they are that teachers are there for them. Thank God for all that they do each and every day.

## PARENT CONFERENCE - All are welcome (at no cost)

“Weaving the Catholic Partnership” - Saturday, November 1, 2014

The conference, held this year at the new Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School at 1824 Rymal Road East, begins with a Mass at 9:00 a.m., followed by a keynote address and workshop. Breakfast is provided and a light lunch at 1:15 p.m. will conclude the day's events. Check the board web page for further information. <http://www.hwcdsb.ca>.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

On September 22, 2014 parents met for the first C.S.C. meeting this year and held elections for the 2014-2015 Catholic School Council Executive. WELCOME to the following people who were elected:

**Co-Chairs:** Mr. Perkin & Mrs. Fraser

**Treasurer:** Mrs. Faria Sienna

**Secretary:** Mrs. Campanaro

**Councillors:** Mrs. Cothran

Mr. Crichton

Mrs. Cupples

Mrs. Geagan

Mrs. Kerr

Mrs. MacDonald

Mrs. Morris

The next Catholic School Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 3, 2014 @ 6:45 pm

The calendar on the website has the remaining meeting dates.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS



School photos will be taken for all students from JK to Grade 8 on **Friday, October 10, 2014**. If a student is absent, they will have their photo taken on retake day on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

## STUDENT COUNCIL 2014-2015

Elections and voting has taken place.

Congratulations to the following:

**President** - Stella O.

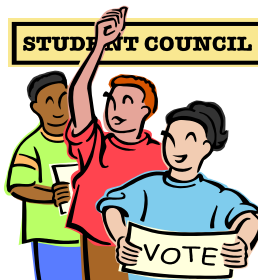
**Vice President** - Bella G.

**Treasurer** - Jessica B.

**Secretary** - Chelsa K.

**Social Convener** - Claire H.

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Thank you to all the students who campaigned.

## HOMEWORK

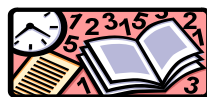
Parents, please assist your child to establish good homework routines. When completing homework, children need to be free of distractions (TV, computers, phones, radios) and often times require the patient guidance of a parent, especially in the Primary and Junior years. By the Intermediate grades, students 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. The homework guideline is 10 minutes 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 completing task and 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 exactly 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 profit by their mistakes. One does not hope for perfection, but rather, for continually improved procedures.

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

### 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 volunteering his time.



### VIRTUE OF

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

FDK Mrs. Woloszyn/ Miss MacFarlane – Alex M.  
 FDK Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman/Ms. Mandarino – Isaiah S.  
 Grade 1 Mr. Havers – Sophia C.  
 Grade 1/2 Mr. Hewitson – Michaela O.  
 Grade 2/3 Mrs. MacEachern – Steven H.  
 Grade 3 Mrs. Bury – Ellah V.  
 Grade 4 Ms. Cornale – Alexandra F.  
 Grade 4/5 Mrs. Harold – Katheen F.  
 Grade 5/6 Miss Filice – Abby M.  
 Grade 6 Mrs. Grant – Brendan M.  
 Grade 7 Mrs. Glavic – Eli D.  
 Grade 8 Mr. Burgio – Stella O.  
 Grade 8 Miss Novak –Justine C.

### EQAO

Primary & Junior Assessments individual student reports have been sent home. St. Augustine did very well and the full reports for the school, board and province are available on [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com). As a staff, school results are thoroughly analyzed and used as data in school improvement efforts. We continue to do well in all areas.

### 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 Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at Camp Marydale, Mount Hope. Thank you to Mrs. Mederios for leading and organizing this for our school.

**Junior Girls Basketball:** Thank you to Coaches: Ms. Novak, Mrs. Woloszyn, Mrs. MacEachern, and Mr. Hewitson. Team members are: Madison R., Grace C., Reese C., Margo Y., Ella V., Olivia F., Alessandra C., Gwen R., Stephany L., Madison G., Grace O and Ryleigh K.

**Senior Girls Basketball:** Thank you to Coach Miss Filice and community volunteer coach Catharine Bowman. Team Members: Abbey M., Ella T., Stella O., Jessica B., Isabella O., Bella G. Natasha Y., Hannah M., Lily C., Natalia W. , Chloe L., Chelsa K.

**Junior Boys Flag Football:** Thank you to Coach Mr. Havers and Miss Novak. Team Members: Lochlan P., Jordan H., Brendan M., Jacob M., Mike F., William O., Nicholas S., Juan Carlos L., Bryce, Eric M., Christopher P., Michael O., Brandon H., Joshua M., Ethan R.

**Senior Boys Flag Football:** Thank you to Coach Mr. Burgio. Team Members: Dante M., Johnathan G., James M., Jackson R., Nolan T., Andrew T., Sam W., Alejandro L., Marcus R., Daniel H., Zach H., Luke R., Ethan B., Evan D.

**Senior Girls Flag Football:** Thank you to Coach Miss Filice. Team Members: Ella T., Abbey M., Stella O., Bella G., Chelsa K, Lily C., Tatum O., Margarete D., Hanna M., Natalie M., Natasha Y., Kaleigh H.

## MARRIAGE & PARENTING

**Marriage Tip #61** – Time for ourselves as a couple can seem like a precious commodity, especially when we have young children. Time together through, engaging with each other, having fun, sharing moments for the two of us, strengthens the bonds a couple share and deepens our love. Not having enough time to spend together, just the two of you, is not an option – book yourselves some couple time and watch your love grow stronger and your attraction for each other deepen.

**Parenting Tip #81** – “I love you!” Important words for every child to hear, but knowing what these words mean is even more significant. Loving someone is about looking outward beyond our own needs and wants to see what is best for the other; it is caring and compassion; it is empathy and mutual respect. In short, love is more about what we give to a relationship than what we get from it. For our children, teaching them about good relationships and the true meaning of love allows them to love in a mature way when they get older and to expect a healthy love for themselves.

## PRECIOUS MOMENTS BOUTIQUE



The Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board is once again collecting new and gently experienced First Communion and Prom Dresses/Suits and accessories for the Precious Moments Boutique.

These events are marked with much excitement but also can pose a significant financial burden for many families in our community. Please bring donations to your home school the week of November 3, 2014 and thank you for your continued support.



Information regarding Open Houses for 2015 will be forwarded in the New Year.

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## ECO NEWS

Did you know that countries around the world participate in International Walk To School Month for the entire month of October. On **Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** we are encouraging students, staff and parents to wear yellow and walk or bike to school (no skateboards or scooters) to celebrate **National Walk To School Day**.

St. Augustine School is challenging all staff and students to a **WASTE FREE LUNCH WEEK** during the week of October 20<sup>th</sup>. Our ECO Team will be providing many examples of how to pack a waste-free lunch during school announcements and posters displayed on the ECO board. There will be tips for parents coming soon.