

Welcome to the Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to St. Michael Catholic Elementary School! We look forward to working with you and we know that our partnership will be an asset in starting your child's education.

Please find enclosed information regarding your child's entry into Junior Kindergarten at St. Michael CES. We would like to make this transition as smooth as possible for your child.

JML Uniform Supplier

All students in the H.W.C.D.S.B. wear a school uniform. School uniform consists of solid navy blue bottoms and white or navy blue polo shirts (long/short sleeved).

Location: 95 Parkdale Ave. N.

Tel: 905-544-1608

<http://www.jmluniforms.ca>

Hamilton Wentworth Catholic Child Care Centres

Before and After Care

135 Hester St. Hamilton. Ont.

www.hwcccc.ca

Tel: (905) 523-2349

Self-Help Skills

You can now begin to make sure that your child can dress him/herself, toilet on his/her own-as **we cannot assist in the bathroom**-and use proper hygiene in washing hands. Children should know how to turn clothing from inside out to right side after taking clothes off at school. It takes a lot of practice to learn how to do buttons, zip zippers, etc. Now is the time to start practicing self-reliance skills. Students wash their hands with soap before each meal time, and immediately after using the washroom.

Backpacks

Your child needs a large backpack that has space for his/her lunch bag, mailbag, school work, change of clothes, library books, etc. Encourage your child to take responsibility for his/her belongings. Please ensure it has your child's name inside.

Lunches/Snacks

Students are encouraged to eat 2 snacks and their lunch in our classroom. It is strongly encouraged that students bring only healthy foods to school. A lunch bag with a small ice pack is advisable to keep foods cool and safe. Students do not have access to a refrigerator or microwave. It is a good idea to let your child know what he/she has for lunch. First snack **MUST** be a **HEALTHY snack**. If a student has a 'treat' it can be enjoyed as their last snack if all lunch items have been eaten. Please send food containers that students can easily open on their own. We do not keep knives in the classroom so please have your child's food peeled, cut and ready to eat.

Food Allergies

We have members in our school community with severe food allergies. In order to keep everyone safe, **NO products containing peanut/tree nuts** are allowed at school. Please read labels VERY carefully. Products that "may contain peanuts/nuts/tree nuts" are not safe for school. Thank you for your co-operation!

Personal Belongings

Please label all personal articles-bags, boots, jackets, sweaters, umbrellas, small containers, etc. with your child's name.

Name Printing

We will be learning to read and print our names. Please encourage the use of lower case letters. (Angela not ANGELA)

School Times

It is very important that your child arrives to school on time each day. Supervision begins at 8:25 a.m. every morning. School begins at 8:40 a.m. and dismisses at 3:00 p.m. Daily attendance is vital to school success. Please ensure that you pick up your child promptly at dismissal.

Absent

If your child will be absent from school, please call the School Messenger system at **1-800-920-3897** or you can log into their website <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/account/login> which absences can be reported. Please see additional information inside the Kindergarten bag. **1-800-920-3897**

Transportation

You and your child may feel anxious about riding the school bus at the beginning. It is recommended that your child come on the bus for his/her first **full** day of school. If you would like to be there, you may follow the bus on your own. Older students will be paired up as “bus buddies”. Bus buddies help take your child off the bus and bring him/her to our class line. Bus buddies come to our classroom at the end of the school day and bring your child to the bus. (we will assign an older student to your child) If you prefer your child to have an older sibling or a family friend paired up with your child please inform your child’s teacher of the request. You will receive a letter from the transportation department during the summer indicating the bus stop location and pick up/drop off times.

Change of Clothes

Please send a change of clothes to stay at school in your child’s cubby for the entire year. Even if your child is not prone to accidents, children may get messy and need to change. Please include a full set of clothes-**shirt, pants, underwear and socks.**

Shoes

Students must wear running shoes at school. It is best to have shoes with Velcro at this age unless they know how to tie their own shoes.



We look forward to seeing you
and your child in September!
Wishing you a safe, restful and
happy summer!

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Classroom Teachers & Designated Early
Childhood Educators (DECE)

Full Day Kindergarten Team

St. Michael Catholic Elementary School



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