



Hamilton-Wentworth
Catholic District School Board
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THE ARCHANGEL TIMES

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This year we will be celebrating the theme "*Catholic Education: Renewing the Promise*" God of mercy, We thank you for the gift of Catholic education. We walk in faith and thanks, guided by those who have gone before us, who nurtured and sustained Catholic education. Inspired by our Catholic Graduate Outcomes, we acknowledge that the promise of Catholic education is within us, that it is a promise that we live out in our families and communities and that it is a promise that we proclaim in acts of justice and compassion in word and deed. We make this prayer that we may live out the promise of Catholic education for many more years to come. Amen. +

Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to all new staff, students and families. As educators we focus on helping students develop academically, socially and spiritually. Please take the time to read over the newsletter carefully and to check your child's agenda regularly to see if any important events are forthcoming. The full newsletter will be made available on line or a hard copy upon request (Please fill out the survey that was taken home). Please stay informed and together we can all work towards making this year a great school year for all! I will also ask that you visit the school's website for important information.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mrs. M.J. Rossi,
Principal



SOME IMPORTANT DATES

- Thurs. Sept. 14**
Meet and Greet Night
School Council Voting
- Fri. Sept. 15**
Concussion Awareness Assembly
- Sun. Sept. 17**
Telling Tales Festival 2016
- Tues. Sept. 19**
Student Council Elections
- Thurs. Sept. 21**
Crazy Hair Day/Dress Down Day
- Fri. Sept. 22**
P.A. Day
- Tues. Sept. 26**
Awards Assembly
- Fri. Sept. 29**
St. Michael Feast Day Mass
- Sept. 25- Oct. 5**
Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Fri. Sept. 29**
(Dress Down Day) Crazy Hair Day

COMMUNICATION

We encourage parents to contact their child's teacher early in the year to enhance the lines of communication. It has been our experience that ongoing communication between parents and teachers helps to alleviate problems later on in the year. Teachers will also communicate with parents to keep them informed of issues, concerns and events in the classroom. On behalf of the staff, we wish to extend our best wishes to all our students for a very successful year at St. Michael CES. We hope the students are all excited to put forth their best efforts in the days and months ahead.

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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SEPTEMBER 2017

- Mrs. M.J. Rossi**
Principal
- Mr. J. Curto**
Vice-Principal
- Mrs. T. Kovach**
Superintendent of
Education
- Mr. P. Daly**
Trustee
- Reverend Bernard (Mike)
Francis, Pastor**
- Sts. Peter and Paul
Parish**



REMEMBER

In order to see the complete newsletter please visit our site that is linked to the **HWCSDB** site @ www.hwcsdb.ca or have your child pick-up a complete copy at the office.

SCHOOL NEWS

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Student Council Elections will be held on September 19th.

SPIRIT DAYS

Thursday, September 21st is Dress Down-Crazy Hair Day. No uniform day for students but they are expected to wear appropriate clothes that are respectful. Students will be able to do something crazy with their hair. Let them be creative! We will have Spirit Days throughout the year for the students. Please check your calendars for more information. Please bring a canned good for the Good Shepherd Food Drive.

STUDENT BUS PATROLLERS

Students in grade 6, 7 and 8 will be volunteering to be bus patrollers. The students will be trained at a later date. If your child has a bus patroller vest from last year at home please make sure that it gets returned to school as soon as possible.

STUDENTS IN GRADE 8 NEEDED FOR BABYSITTING DURING OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

If your child is interested in watching children that will be coming to school during the Parent Meeting Nights, please have them come to see me and I will provide them with a form that needs to be signed by you. We hope that more parents will attend our meetings if we provide their children with a sitter at the school for the duration of the meeting.

MEDICAL CONCERNS

There are many students that may have allergies and may have to take medication for a variety of reasons. The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board has procedures that must be followed for the proper dispensing of medication. In order to help us at the school please have your child come to the office or send a note to the teacher to get the forms that must be completed by your Family Doctor. All forms and medication are kept on file with the Special Education Resource Teacher. We ask that parents send the medication clearly labeled with your child's name. **Under no circumstances are children to bring any kind of prescription or over the counter medication to school with them.** All medications must be delivered to the office with the proper documentation in order for it to be administered. Please help keep our school a safe learning environment for all.

OFFICE NEWS

OFFICE CONCERNS

The office is a very active and busy place. The phones are a necessary component of daily office procedures. As you can appreciate, lines must be kept free for incoming and outgoing calls. Students will not be allowed to use the phone for forgotten homework, after school arrangements, school supplies or trip permission forms. It is the students' responsibility to prepare for the school day the night before. In the case of an emergency, we will contact the parent. We believe that it is important that students understand their responsibility of coming to school prepared. Please be sure to let your child know if the after school pick-up arrangements have changed before they leave home. Please notify the teacher in writing.

VOLUNTEERS

Provincial law makes it mandatory that volunteers who work with children must have a current police check. Those volunteers that have provided a police check in the past must sign a declaration form each year. More information about the process can be obtained at the office. We hope to see more parents volunteering for the Catholic School Council events.

Uniforms

A reminder that uniform items can be purchased at
JML Uniforms
95 Parkdale Ave. N. Hamilton 905-544-1608
(Patches are available for \$3.00)

REMEMBER!!!!

WE ARE A PEANUT AWARE SCHOOL.

There are a number of students in our school who endure very severe anaphylactic reactions to peanut butter, nuts of any kind, sesame seeds and/or peanut food products and other allergens such as dairy. These reactions can be caused by ingestion and/or airborne. We ask for your assistance by not sending any snacks or lunches that contain peanut products. We also ask you to remind your children not to share snacks, treats or lunches at any time with others. For a list of snacks please visit www.anaphylaxis.canada.ca



PIZZA DAYS AND SPECIAL FOOD DAYS

WILL BE PUT ON THE CALENDAR.

WHITE OR CHOCOLATE MILK IS AVAILABLE FOR
\$1.00

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

As you know the safety of the children under our care is one of our most important responsibilities. To help us keep the students safe and to help us keep track of all the students under our care the following policies will be implemented this year.

- 1) If your child is going to be absent please call the Safe Arrival number by 8:30a.m. Students may not leave the school unless they have a note from their parents and **they are picked up by an adult at the office**. The adult must come into the school and sign the student out.
- 2) All students should be in the playground by 8:40a.m. at the latest when the warning bell rings and should be lining up with their class for entry. Any student that is late must report to the office for a late slip.
- 3) Our lunch break is from 11:25 to 12:15 p.m. A child who is going out for lunch is to be picked up by an adult at the office so they can be signed out. Any student who leaves the building without written permission shall be deemed truant and will face the consequences.
- 4) All visitors to the school are asked to report to the main office and sign in the visitor's book. If someone other than a parent is meeting your child, kindly let the teacher know.
- 5) If you need to drop off lunch or any item forgotten by your child, we ask that you do so at the main office. **In the interest of providing the best learning environment possible, we try not to interrupt instruction time.** Please leave lunches and /or forgotten articles with our secretary in the main office.

JK/SK REGISTRATION

To be eligible for Junior Kindergarten, a child must be four (4) years old by December 31, 2017, for Senior Kindergarten, a child must be five (5) years old by December 31, 2017.

Registration has begun. **Please call the school for an appointment at 905-383-2986.**

When registering, please bring the following documentation for your child:

Parent and child's Baptismal Certificate

- Birth Certificate
- Citizenship Documentation—if not Canadian born
- Emergency Contact Name and Number
- Proof of residency (utility bill)

Please remind any friends and neighbours about registering.

AGENDAS

Students will be using agendas to keep them on task. The agenda is a great communication tool to help you communicate with staff. Please take the time to read it and sign it daily. Please have your child bring in \$2.00 as soon as they can.

STUDENT NEWS

How to communicate with your school-age child...

5 Tips for sharing family stories

Bring your child into the story Choose stories about interesting things that happened to you or to members of your family, including your child. Include your child in the storytelling by making links to him/her. For example, "You know how you like to ride your bike? Well this story is about a time when I was your age and I rode my bike to get bread for dinner..."

What kind of story to tell Stories do not have to have a clear beginning, middle and end with a problem and solution. They could simply describe an event that happened. Try to keep the stories brief and simple, especially for younger ones. Children's attention spans become longer as they get older.

Bring in all five senses Use words that will relate to your child's five senses – sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste. These words help to bring the story to life and make it more real for your child. Use physical gestures like hand movements to show action, and facial expressions to show emotion.

Introduce new words

Including one or two new words will add detail to the story and help expand your child's vocabulary. These could be words that relate to the story that help to paint a better picture in your child's mind, e.g. invitation, guests, celebration, etc.

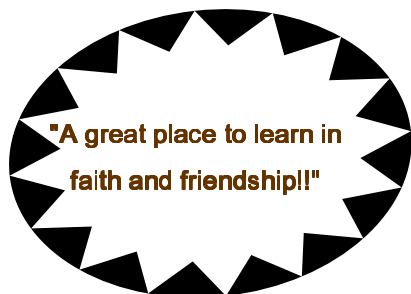
THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A STUDENT

"All students are expected to work to the best of their abilities and complete work as it is assigned. Proper behaviour in the playground and the classroom also help students find success since the focus at school is to challenge ourselves to do our best in all areas at all times."

Please reinforce with your child the importance of completing their daily assignments since it helps them find success. Daily homework based on a child's grade (approximately 10 minutes per grade-*ie. Grade 1- 10 min. Grade 6- 60 min.*) is a good way to reinforce concepts and skills. Also daily reading is essential for good skill development. When students regularly fail to complete assignments, parents will be contacted and teachers will notify administration.

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A proud feeder school to
**ST. THOMAS MORE
CATHOLIC
SECONDARY SCHOOL**
905-388-3030
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Principal:
Mrs. S. Cannon



FAITH CORNER

Mass Times are as follows: Saturday – 5:10 p.m.
Sunday – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

School Masses 2017/2018

Saint Michael School

Opening/ School Feast Day Mass

Friday, September 29, 2017 @ 9:30 a.m. @ School

Advent Mass

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 @ 10 a.m. @ Church

Lenten Mass (Ash Wednesday)

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 @ 12:30 p.m.

Mass for Catholic Education Week

Friday, May 11, 2018 @ 1:30 p.m.

Mass at the Conclusion of the School Year

Wednesday, June 20, 2018 @ 9:30 a.m.

The students from Grade 3-8 will be offered an opportunity for Reconciliation at the school by class.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

2017-2018 CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Catholic School council plays an important role in the development of a strong school community. Depending on the school's needs, the Council fills a variety of roles and helps the staff, parents and students work together for the betterment of all. The guidelines governing Catholic School Councils have been laid out by the Government of Ontario and require that new councils be elected every school year in September. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school.

Thank you to the 2016-2017 council members for all their hard work: Debbie Cherrett, Rose Mayne, Heather Valerio, Elena Virga, Tony Mari and Jaymie Luang-Asa.

A full list of the new Catholic School Council and the Meeting dates will be sent home in the October newsletter.

OPEN HOUSE/MEET THE TEACHER

The Open house for our school will be held on Thursday, September 14th at 5p.m. We will have hotdog sales for this event. So please come out and enjoy some good food and fun!

PARENT CONFERENCE, 2017

Inviting all parents! The **25th Annual Parent Conference** is scheduled to take place on **Saturday, November 5, 2017, 7:45 - 2:30 pm** at Bishop Ryan Catholic High School, 1824 Rymal Road East, Hamilton. Mark this date on your calendar for the Fall.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RELAXING EVENING!

Babysitting will be provided during the time of the meeting so that parents with school-aged children can attend. Our first meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 3rd.

SCHOOL /COMMUNITY NEWS

NOTICE FROM FATHER MIKE- FIRST SACRAMENTS

First Communion is most properly celebrated in the student's Home Parish. Parents should immediately contact their "Home Parish" to find out the schedules and what is required of you for your Parish.

For students whose families attend Saints Peter and Paul Parish as their Home Parish (i.e. attend weekend Mass here and are registered in the Parish, supporting the Parish), the process for preparation for First Sacraments begins immediately. The First Stage (called "Sign-Up") begins at the Parish on September 2/3, at any of the Masses, or on the 5 subsequent weekends. The parent may pick-up the **Sign-Up Sheet** any of those weekends, and complete (with wallet-size photo) and submit the sheet by the "deadline weekend of October 7/8.

As the student participates in Mass each week, they will present their "participation sheet" to Father Mike, so that it may be "stamped" and returned for the following weekend.

The students will need to submit a Baptismal Certificate, updated Parish Registration by November 25/26.

Important dates:

Parents Meetings: Tuesday, October 24 @ 7 p.m.
Tuesday, November 14 @ 7 p.m. re: First Reconciliation
Tuesday, March 13 @ 7 p.m. Re: First Communion

Dates of Reconciliation: Tuesday, December 5 @ 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 6 @ 6:30 p.m.

Dates of First Communion:
April 7/8, April 14/15, (April 21/22)

These dates and times are tentative, and will be confirmed at the Parent Meetings.

FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (GRADE 7 STUDENTS)

The Sacrament of Confirmation at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish is open to any Catholic student at St. Michael School regardless of which Catholic Parish he/she attends. St. Michael and Sts. Peter and Paul Schools' Confirmation will be on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 7p.m. More information will follow.

TELLING TALES

Event: Telling Tales 2017 - A Celebration of Literacy For All Ages

Date: Sunday, September 17th, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Westfield Heritage Village

1049 Kirkwall Road, Rockton Ontario

Telling Tales is a **free**, one-day, outdoor festival, promoting literacy and a love of reading. The 8th Annual Telling Tales Festival is held at Westfield Heritage Village in Rockton, Ontario. The event will include over 20 of Canada's leading children's authors, illustrators, musicians and storytellers. Attendees will enjoy live performances, book signings, costumed characters, a Giant Book Swap and Shop, Children's Activity Centre, contests and prizes and much more.

Free parking is available only at the Rockton Fairgrounds with complimentary shuttle services offered to Westfield Heritage Village from various locations in the city. Please consult www.tellingtales.org for further details.

St. Michael School Choir

We are so proud of our choir and hope to continue to have students participate. Parents are asked to speak to their children regarding trying out for the choir. Every child has a special gift and we would like to have them show their talents.



ARCHANGEL LEARNING COMMONS

St. Michael Learning Commons
September Newsletter

WELCOME BACK!!!	TAKE THE TIME TO READ WITH YOUR CHILD. MAKE IT A ROUTINE EACH DAY.
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School Heroes Unite will be coming to St. Michael

The School Heroes Unite program is designed to cultivate a new culture of heroism and teamwork. The presentation along with students will redefine the terms “Bully” and “Hero”, and after choosing the path of the hero the students create an action plan of simple and achievable ways they can be heroes’ to each other. We hope to have this presentation covered by the Ministry Pro Grant. We will announce when the Ministry has confirmed the Grant and the date of the presentation. The students will have a presentation during the day followed up by a parent presentation in the evening.

NEWS FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS

Welcome Back!! My name is Mrs. Malarczuck and I am the teacher-librarian here at St. Michael. I will be at St. Michael on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

My role as a teacher-librarian is to support teachers and students with technology, research and literacy, and of course to help foster and encourage our students to develop a life -long love of reading.

By now, your child should have a schedule for their book exchange day. If a book is not returned on that day, the student is unable to take a book out until the previous book has been returned.

A notice will be given to a student when a book is overdue. Due to the high cost of replacing library materials, lost or damaged materials are the responsibility of the student.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with your child/children during this school year.



International Language Program for Elementary School Students

Current educational research indicates that learning or maintaining a second or third language has a positive effect on all aspects of a child’s educational development. The focus of the Catholic School Board International Language Program for elementary school students is to offer an opportunity to develop and/or maintain the ability to read, write, listen and speak a new language or the language of the home or heritage. The Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board, through St Charles, offers free classes to elementary school students in schools throughout the city. Flyer is on the school website. To see what is available in your area please log onto www.St.Charles.ca

St. Michael will be hosting the Italian and Portuguese Classes.

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 LABOUR DAY	5 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 School Council Nominations due in office	13	14 <i>Chocolates go home</i> 5:00 -Meet and Greet Night-Hot dog sales 6pm- Brief School	15 <i>Chocolates go home</i> 9a.m. Concussion Awareness Assembly	16
17 Telling Tales Literacy Day	18	19 Student Council Elections	20	21 DRESS DOWN CRAZY HAIR DAY	22 P.A. DAY No School	23
24	25 Good Shepherd-FOOD DRIVE BEGINS!	26 9:20a.m. Awards Assembly	27	28	29 12:30p.m. St. Michael Feast Day Mass	