



THE MARAUDER EXPRESS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WELCOME BACK!

This year we will be celebrating the theme *“Catholic Education: Serving in the Love of Christ.”* in our Ontario Catholic Schools.

**Jesus, You ask us to walk hand-in-hand with You,
to serve with humility.
Show us the way of peace in our families.
Show us the way of kindness with our friends.
Show us the way of hope for the new school year.
Show us the way of love with Your creation.
This we humbly ask in Your name.
+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.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, September 24

Stamp Club Meeting gr. 3-8

Wednesday, September 25

Mad Science Begins

Thursday, September 26

Feast Day Liturgy

Friday, September 27

P.A. DAY no school



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. In order to save paper we will be sending home a condensed version of the newsletter with a calendar in October. The full newsletter will be 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 subscribe on the school's website so that information can be emailed periodically for your information.

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



COMMUNICATION

We encourage parents to contact their child's teacher early in the year to enhance the lines of communication between home and school. 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 Canadian Martyrs CES. We hope they are all excited to put forth their best efforts in the days and months ahead.

NEWSLETTER

All monthly newsletters will be found on line through the Board's website at www.hwcdsb.edu.on.ca A letter was sent home last week requesting your preference of a hard copy or online viewing.

CANADIAN MARTYRS' CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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More information to follow. Please check the School Calendar.

STUDENT NEWS

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Student Council Elections were held on Friday, September 13th. Classrooms will be conducting their own elections within the class for Student Reps. There will be two Student Reps from each class. The Executive Council and Principal's Council students presented their speeches then votes were calculated. Grades 4-8 students will vote for their Executive Student Council.

SPIRIT DAYS

Friday, September 20th is Beach Day at Canadian Martyrs. Students will be able to wear shorts, hats, and sunglasses to school. It will be a Civvies Day provided your child wears appropriate beach attire. We will have Spirit Days throughout the year for the students. Please check your calendars for more information.

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 at home please make sure that it gets returned to school as soon as possible.

HWCDsb - Déjà Vu Youth Theatre

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board is proud to introduce, Déjà vu Youth Theatre. A program for all students in grades 4 - 8 of our board designed specifically to develop creativity, enhance self-confidence and encourage an interest in musical theatre and the performing arts. Our goal is to create and perform musicals with a Catholic message that reaches young people. Rehearsals in singing, dancing and acting will be coupled with age-appropriate theatre games, improvisational activities and role-playing activities to add energy and fun to our weekly gatherings. This hard work will culminate with students sharing their newly developed skills in an original musical with schools across our board.

For more information, please contact us at dejavu@fc.hwcdsb.ca

MEDICAL CONCERNS

There are many students that may have allergies and may have to take medication for a variety of reasons. The Hamilton-Wentworth Roman 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 their 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.

REMEMBER!!!!

WE ARE A PEANUT AWARE SCHOOL.

There are a number of students in our school who endure very severe anaphylactic reactions to sesame, milk, peanut butter, nuts of any kind, and/or peanut food products. 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. Parents of students with any allergies/medical concerns are asked to inform the classroom teacher and the main office immediately. We are concerned for the health and well being of all our students. We thank you in advance for your co-operation and support in this matter.

OFFICE NEWS

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 and send a note to the teacher.



Students are reminded of the bus rules regularly. Please reinforce these rules so that the transition from home to school is smooth. Students must only ride their designated bus. In the past, parents have sent notes giving their child permission to ride a friend's bus. This procedure is not allowed as the buses have a record of the students and the contact numbers in case of an emergency. When students are not taking the bus home, a written note must be sent to the school to confirm this. If your child is being picked up by another person, please notify the school with a written note. Your child's safety is important to us. Thank you for your cooperation.

Hot Lunch Program Update

Our School's "Hot Lunch Program" will continue this year with The Lunch Lady. The Lunch Lady will be delivering healthy, hot lunches to our students' every week on Mondays. We will begin the program on Monday, September 24. Forms will be arriving shortly.

You can view the September menu, order on-line and see photos of all meals on the website.

Go to: www.thelunchlady.ca

Check out the new menu choices and hand in your lunch order form by the due date.

Thank you

Uniforms

A reminder that uniform items can be purchased at JML Uniforms

95 Parkdale Ave. N. Hamilton 905-544-1608

***Purchases can also be made at the Open House

ATTENDANCE, LUNCHROOM PROCEDURES and VISITORS

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 school in the morning. 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 8:35a.m. at the latest when the warning bell rings and should be waiting for the entry bell. Any student that is late must report to the office for a late slip.
- 3) Our lunch break is from 11:35 to 12:25 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.
We will have Grade 7 and 8 lunch monitors and students are expected to show respect towards them at all times.
- 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 interrupt instruction time.** Please leave lunches and /or forgotten articles with our secretary in the main office.

SCHOOL HOURS

8:40	Entry and Opening Exercises
10:00-10:15	Morning recess
11:35 - 12:00	Lunch recess
12:00- 12:25	Students eat lunch
1:35-1:50	Afternoon recess
3:10	Closing Exercises and Dismissal

VOLUNTEERS

Provincial law makes it mandatory that volunteers who work with children must have a current police check. For 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.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A STUDENT

" Our talents are God's gift to us.

What we do with them is our gift to God.



"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.

HOMEWORK

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) is a good way to reinforce concepts and skills. Also daily reading is essential for good skill development. Students that regularly fail to complete assignments may lose privileges, have in school withdrawals and further action will be taken if necessary.

DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

In order to help improve the fitness level of our students and to fulfill the Ministry of Education's mandate for daily physical activity we will once again take time for students to run/walk and exercise throughout the day. Please support healthy eating and exercise at home as well so that children can work to reach their full potential.

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 \$3.00 as soon as they can.

LUNCH MONITORS

Thank you to those students that have volunteered to be lunch monitors this year. You have demonstrated your leadership skills through your actions. Our younger students have responded positively towards their lunch monitors this past week. Volunteering is one of the most outstanding characteristics of a Catholic School. We thank them for giving service to others as they continue their years at Canadian Martyrs.

FAITH CORNER

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The Parish of Canadian Martyrs is pleased to assist you, the parents, in the Catholic education of your children. The parents have been given the role of “first teacher” in the way of spiritual life by God himself and reinforced by the baptismal promises. This religious teaching by the parents is demonstrated in the home by daily prayer, a life of charity toward one another and worship of God, particularly by the participation at Sunday Mass. The parish will work closely with the school and parents to pass on our Catholic faith.

Mass Times are as follows: Saturday – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

School Masses: Please refer to the monthly calendar and the website for dates and times.



Bringing
NIAGARA TO YOU III
Canadian Martyrs
Parish Hall
Sideroad Twenty Cellars
Wine Tasting Evening

Sample Chardonnay, Vidal, Merlot-Cabernet, Shiraz, Malivoire Guilty Men Red & White and Select Late Harvest Wine. Cheese pairings and expert commentary as well. The 6 sample wines and others will be available for order. 10% of all sales come back to the parish. Order forms are available through the parish office or at the event. Tickets are \$15 and Walk-ins are welcome. Call Andy Hanta 905-628-9533 or Raf Tofano 905-526-6023 to purchase tickets or for further information.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

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.

Congratulations to the following parents who have been nominated and acclaimed for the 2013-2014 School Year. Lina Cannella, Sarah Dennison, Val Iantomasi, Margarida Monteiro, Dolly Palin, Bobbi Potter, Lisa Potter, and Deb Tallevi. 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 BAR B Q

The Open house for our school was held on Tuesday, September 10th from 5:00 until 7:00. It was a great success! Thank you to all for coming to celebrate the beginning of a new school year. More detailed information will follow.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Precious Moments Boutique

The Hamilton - Wentworth Catholic District School Board is once again collecting new and gently experienced First Holy Communion and Prom Dresses/Suits appropriate for First Holy Communion and Grade Eight Graduation. 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 4, 2013 and thank you for your continued support.

Information regarding Open Houses for 2014 will be forwarded in the New Year.

For information contact: **Kelly Duffy-Kariam**
School Social Worker
905-525-2930 Ext. 2831

Have You Ever Considered Building Your Family Through Adoption or By Becoming a Foster Parent?

Please join the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton at the upcoming Adoption and Foster Parent Information Night and get all your questions answered! October 16, 2013 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School 25 Alma Street, Dundas

For more information, or to register, please contact Julie Vamos, (905) 525-2012 ext. 3280 or email julie.vamos@hamiltonccas.on.ca Visit our website www.hamiltonccas.on.ca



Catholic
Children's Aid Society
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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 attached to this newsletter. To see what is available in your area please log onto www.St.Charles.ca

PARENT CONFERENCE

The H.W.C.D.S.B. will be holding its Parent Conference for 2012, "Weaving the Catholic Partnership" at Cathedral Catholic Secondary School on Saturday, November 2, 2013 from 7:45a.m.-2:15p.m. Registration forms will be sent at a later date.

MedicAlert's No Child Without Program is at Our School

The *No Child Without* program offers a free MedicAlert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a MedicAlert membership through this program. MedicAlert is your child's voice in an emergency. For further information go to www.nochildwithout.ca. Registration forms will be available for students shortly. Please call the school and leave a message for Mrs. Rossi stating that you need a registration brochure for your child.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

If your child has outgrown their uniform please donate it back to the school so that another student can take advantage of wearing it. We like to keep a variety of sizes so that parents can swap the uniforms instead of buying them. Please send any clean and gently used uniform to the school at any time throughout the year. If you would like to get some gently used uniforms please make an appointment with Mrs. Rossi. Thank you for your help!