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WE ARE A PROUD FEEDER SCHOOL OF ST. JEAN DE BREBEUF SECONDARY

Summer Prayer

*We are grateful for the summer months ahead,
And grateful for the summer joys
and the laughter of the children
in our families, our schools and our parishes.
Bless our children during these next months;
may they grow in grace through play and picnics,
camps and friendships, family visits and vacations.*

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As we approach the end of this school year and reflect upon the past ten months, we are grateful for all the blessings we've experienced as a school community. We thank God for the time together as we celebrate our achievements, growth and continuous learning. May the Lord offer us guidance and protect us in the coming summer months.

With Christ at our side and the Holy Spirit in our hearts, we end successful year at St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic Elementary School. We would like to congratulate our students who have grown academically, spiritually, physically and socially with your guidance and that of our most dedicated school staff working closely together along with our wonderful pastoral team Father Mahony.

On behalf of the administration team, we would also like to thank our wonderful staff members who have given of themselves daily for the betterment of our students, parents and our community. Their dedication to our students never ceases to amaze us.

Our staff would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our parents, Catholic School Council, Pastoral Team and volunteers including all of our wonderful Co-op students and Tutors, who have played an integral part in the success of our students.

Many of us are filled with mixed emotions; we are excited for the summer holidays and all the new learning it will bring. We are also filled with some sadness as we say good bye to some of our friends, staff and colleagues.

At this time we bid farewell to a number of staff members:

Mrs. Parisse our Grade 3 Teacher, will be retiring and we wish her much happiness, good health and peace after dedicating her 34 years to being a mentor, educator and cherished colleague to many. Ms. Gera, our FDK teacher as she moves on to Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Elementary School Ms. Luca, our Grade 1 Long Term Occasional Teacher as she pursues some new avenues Mrs. Moniz, our Grade 5 Teacher as she moves on to Regina Mundi Catholic Elementary School Ms. Rogano, our Grade 5 Long Term Occasional Teacher as she pursues some new avenues Mrs. Babin, our Educational Assistant as she moves on to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Elementary School Mr. Chesla, our Educational Assistant as he moves on to St. Thomas Catholic Elementary School Ms. Domasig, our Educational Assistant as she moves on to St. Michael Catholic Elementary School We would like to thank all of the above mentioned staff for their dedication to our community, their years of service to our children as well as their support to our parents. We wish them God's blessings as they embark on their new journey sharing their many gifts with another school community. We wish them much success in their future endeavours.

The start of the New Year will bring some new faces. Mr. Quaglia will continue to be our Principal Intern. We welcome Mrs. Zampini our new Vice Principal and Grade 4/5 Teacher. Mrs. Verrecchia our Grade 1 Long Term Occasional Teacher, Mr. Tittarelli our Grade 2/3 Teacher, Ms. Gulley our afternoon Grade 4/5 Teacher, Mr. Czerniga our Grade 5/6 Teacher and Mme Dragusica for Core French as well as Ms. Halleran our new Educational Assistant. We are looking forward to all of them sharing their many gifts to enhance our community.

To those families who will be moving on, we wish you continued happiness and much success in your new location.

To our returning families, we pray for a safe and relaxing summer and look forward to your return on Tuesday, September 6th.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION FOR 2016-2017

We have been preparing class lists for September. To alleviate concerns, we want to share with you all the factors that are considered in placing your child in a particular grouping. We realize that we cannot make a decision for one child that may cause us to make an unfair or inequitable decision for other children. With this basic premise in place, we then also consider a number of other factors including:

- Accommodations for our special needs students who are on a similar academic program and levels of programs
- Students who are a positive support or influence for each other
- Students who are a negative or antagonistic influence for each other
- Number of classes per grade needed
- Number of boys and girls

Our Staff work collaboratively to determine which classroom placements will benefit the students and provide for the delivery of the best possible program. As you can appreciate student class placement is not an easy process and careful consideration is given to the needs of each student. In spite of this, it is virtually impossible to keep everyone satisfied. We ask for your continued support as we attempt to meet the needs of all of our students. No changes to classroom assignments will be made at this time. Classes are subject to change due to increased or decreased enrolment.



The Classroom Organization for 2016-2017

Grade	Teacher	Room Number
FDELK A	Mrs. Simpson Ms. Murray	103
FDELK B	Mrs. Mirra- Ammendolia Mrs. Rabcaniak	102
FDELK C	Mrs. Racanelli Mrs. Borges- Jeffery	104
Grade 1 A	Mrs. Bellavia	202
Grade 1 B	Mrs. Verrecchia	206
Grade 1/2	Ms. Bilanzola	203
Grade 2	Mrs. Hunt	201
Grade 2/3	Mr. Tittarelli	204
Grade 3 A	Mrs. Clement	205
Grade 3 B	Mrs. Cowell	209
Grade 4 A	Mrs. Krawesky	216
Grade 4/5	Mrs. Zampini/ Ms. Gulley	210
Grade 5 A	Mr. Morrison	214
Grade 5 /6	Mr. Czerniga	254 Portable 1
Grade 6 A	Mrs. Reilly	211
Grade 6 B	Ms. Rivera	212
Grade 7 A	Mr. DiVitanionio	213
Grade 7 B	Mr. Saranko	215
Grade 8 A	Mr. Quaglia	145
Grade 8 B	Mrs. Shea- Metcalf	101

SCHOOL HOURS AND TIMETABLES

Families, please note our school timetable for September, 2016. Students will start at 9:05 a.m. and be dismissed at 3:25 pm.

Entry	9:05 a.m.
Morning Recess:	10:15-10:30
Lunch Time:	11:50 Outdoor play 12:15 Lunch Time
Afternoon	12:40
Afternoon Recess:	1:55-2:10
Dismissal:	3:25



UNIFORMS

Just a couple of reminders as you are preparing for next year. It is still expected that all tops are either navy or white. This includes t-shirts, turtlenecks, sweaters etc. worn over uniform tops. Anything worn under a uniform top must be navy or white. Cargo, denim, fleece, athletic and splash pants are not permitted. Skorts, skirts and tunics must be of an appropriate length. Finally, a reminder

that clothing with logos is not permitted. Parents are encouraged to use the guideline outlined in the Board Policy for walking shorts – to the knee.

POLICE CHECKS

We appreciate and welcome volunteers in our school! As per Board policy, all school volunteers are required to provide to the Board, at their own expense, an original Police Record Check. Thank you to the many volunteers who have taken the time to obtain their police checks. If you have already obtained a police check, then you are required to sign an offence declaration which is available in the school office. This will enable you to volunteer for the 2016-2017 school year. Thank you very much for your co-operation!

ANNUAL PARENT CONFERENCE

The flyer for the Annual Parent Conference is included in your child's report card envelope. Please mark Saturday, November 5 on your calendar and plan to attend this great, free conference. You will have the opportunity to network with other parents while enjoying a wonderful keynote speaker and workshop.

GRADUATION

Congratulations to all of our Grade 8 students who are moving on to Secondary school next year. Remember to Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe. Continue to make our school community proud as you embark on a new journey. God bless all of you and thanks for making such a wonderful contribution to our school community. We would like to thank Mr. Quaglia and Mr. DiVitanonio for their organization and work in preparing the Graduation Ceremony and Dinner for our students. We appreciate all of the work and effort involved in planning such an extravagant event. We would also like to thank Mme Giro, Mme Quaglia, Ms. DiTrapani, Mrs. van Kester and Mrs. Smith for nurturing the spiritual, academic and personal growth of our Grade 8 students.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

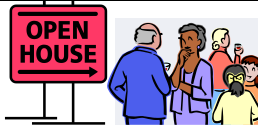


Hey kids! Don't miss the Summer Reading Club at the Public Library this summer. Check with your local branch for fun programs.

Parents-the Summer Reading Club is a great way for your child to maintain or even improve their reading skills so that they are ready for school in September. Programs are available for children and teens from birth to age 18.

Read your way to fun at the Public Library's free summer programs for children, teens and families. Visit the Public Library's website for all the details-www.hpl.ca/kids.

OPEN HOUSE



Please join us for our **Open House** on **Tuesday September 27th at 5:00 p.m – 7pm.** We will also have our Catholic School Council Elections that day. Parents please give some consideration to get involved in our Catholic School Council and plan to attend. Please consider running for a position. We need your voice to help lead our school!

SUMMER 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 International Languages program of the Board is to offer children an opportunity to learn and or/maintain a language other than English and French and to develop an appreciation for diversity and inter-cultural activities.

The Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board offers free classes to elementary students in schools throughout the city. To see what is available in your community have your child request a flyer from their school office or view the flyer at www.stcharles.ca

TELLING TALES



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Sunday, September 18, 2016

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

Westfield Heritage Village

Rockton, Ontario

Free parking at Rockton Fairgrounds.

Join us at the annual Telling Tales Festival celebrating more than 20 of Canada's leading children's writers, illustrators, storytellers, and musicians.

Visit our website www.tellingtales.org for all the details as they unfold! **ALL PROCEEDS GO TO RAISING AWARENESS AND SUPPORT FOR LITERACY IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

CHANGES IN PARKING LOT FOR SEPTEMBER

On June 7th, a committee including Trustee Pat Daly, Ward 7 Councillor Donna Skelly, and officials from Hamilton Public Transit, Hamilton Police Service and Hamilton Public Health participated in a school walk-a-bout to explore ways to improve safety for children on the morning trek to school.

The neighbourhood walk-a-bout followed a survey completed by classroom teachers last month to obtain data on the number of students who carpool, walk, roll or drive to school. The data is reflective of changing attitudes over the past several years around active sustainable transportation and physical literacy.

Each year we get more daily walkers and rollers. Roller is the label given to a student who bikes, roller blades or

rides a scooter to school.

Our school set-up needs restructuring to accommodate changes in lifestyle habits and the increase in ridership as many are choosing more healthy and active ways to get to school.

The committee observed morning entry behaviour and brainstormed on ways we can improve the environment to encourage more students to walk and roll to school.

One of the observations that arose from the walk-a-bout was the need for a crossing guard at the intersection of Brigade Drive and Bonaparte Way, the mid-point between St. Marguerite d'Youville and its public counterpart, Helen Detwiler School. A letter was sent on our behalf to Councillor Skelly in which our traffic safety concerns were highlighted.

The school has received numerous phone calls, emails and letters from concerned parents and neighbours regarding the lack of attention from drivers when dropping off or picking up children at our school. Many of these drivers stop on both sides of the street and let their children out to cross in the middle of the street. The Crossing Guard would be an asset in helping the drivers obey the rules of the road. Ms. Skelly has promised to take the school's concerns to Hamilton City Hall.

City staff is also looking into the design of the parking lot, which at present draws an excess of traffic due to morning and afternoon drop offs.

Starting in **September only staff will be using the parking lot and no drop offs allowed on school property.** We hope this change will encourage more to walk as well as provide for additional safety for our students who use the parking lot to get to the playground. This is a journey in progress and we have many travelling with us to help make our environment cleaner and safer. We know we can count on your support in keeping our children safe.



Award Winners – June 2016

Teacher's Name	Christian Service Award	Enthusiasm Award	Excellence Award	Healthy Habits Award
Mrs. Simpson	Cecilia S.	Andrea B.	Aria C.	Ella A.
Mrs. Mirra-Ammendolia	Gabriella D.	Logan H.	Elona M.	Mila P.
Mrs. Racanelli	Celina S.	C. J. M.	Veronica F.	Molly M.
Miss Gera	Acacia B.	Callie P.	Angela H.	Nicolas P.
Mrs. Bellavia	Violet C.	Oneil M.	Miguel S.	Emmanuel B.
Ms. Luca	Brooklyn M.	Kolten M.	Anthony K.	Kyler R.
Mrs. Hunt	Leo R.	Nehemiah U.	Bianca S.	Malik H.
Ms. Bilanzola	Makayla P.	Alexis M.	Elizabeth L.	Jakub T.
Mrs. Clement	Emma H.	Lucas L.	Blake C.	Anglinamarie A.
Mrs. Parisse		Carlos M.		
Mrs. Krawesky	Lucas T.	Giancarlo M.	Alexis M.	Jackson B.
Mrs. Cowell	Sephora O.	Zizi S.	Matthew C.	Evan V.
Mr. Morrison	Aria S.	Malia A.	Anthony L.	Ariela A.
Moniz/Palmese	Rylan R.	Keith D.	Lola P.	Arther A.

Mrs. Reilly	Paulina S.	Ava A.	Elmar R.	Maia M.
Ms. Rivera	Jessica A.	Joshua A.	Lorenzo R.	Jordin C.
Mrs. Metcalfe	Alessia T.	Danielle O.	Julia N.	Christian P.
Mr. Saranko	J. C. V.	Vivian D.	Oryana A.	Johnathan K.

St. Marguerite d'Youville School

Wishes All of You

A Safe and Enjoyable Summer!

School resumes **Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 9:05 a.m.** Have a safe and active summer. Read, write and do a little math every day!!!

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Jesus Christ is Our Greatest Role Model

J. Frappa ~ Principal