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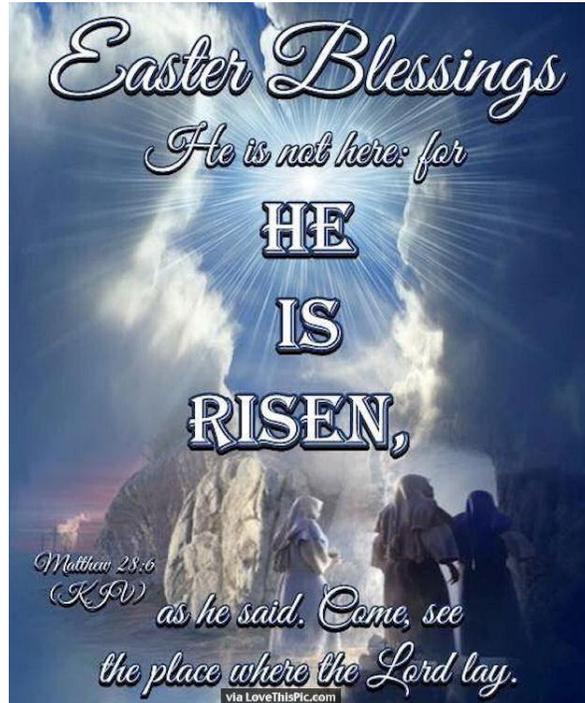
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HAPPY EASTER



Wishing all of our families a blessed, holy and joyful Easter!
May the Risen Lord fill our days with peace and joy!

EASTER REFLECTION

“Jesus once said, ‘Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these’ (Matthew 19:14). He also said, ‘Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest’ (11:28). And ‘I will not reject anyone who comes to me’ (John 6:37). It’s an open invitation. There are no conditions, no strings attached. Jesus wants everyone to come to him, just as they are.

On Easter Sunday as we celebrate the most important event in human history, accept Jesus’ invitation. Run to him, don’t hold back, receive his overflowing mercy. Receive him in the Living Bread at Mass...He is Risen. He is Alive. He wants to help us just as much as he helped all those people on his journey.” (The Word Among Us, Lent 2019 p 71)

Alleluia! Jesus Christ Is Risen Alleluia!

How can we share our Easter Joy in our community? What new life will you bring to the table?

As Easter arrives, we hope it brings the joy of Spring’s warmth, we want to wish

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<p><u>Prayer to St. Marguerite d'Youville</u></p> <p>Saint Marguerite d'Youville, we turn to you in humble prayer because your life speaks to us of goodness, compassion and love in a world of suffering, anguish and pain. It is not unlike the world you knew as you went about doing good</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PASSION PLAY</p> <p>Our Passion Play was once again a wonderful success. A sincere thank you to Ms. DiTrapani for all of her hard work and dedication in preparing our students. We all know this is a labour of love for her and her attention to detail is amazing. She works very hard and with consistent effort to ensure our Catholic Traditions are highlighted in such a positive and inclusive way for our school community. We all appreciate her creativity and dedication!</p> <p>Thank you to the Grade 8 students for the wonderful depiction of Jesus' last hours with his friends. A great big thank you goes out to all of the students who graciously gave up their time to practice and perform this very inspirational and moving St. Marguerite Tradition. Thank you to the Student Readers, the students in the Passion Play, our student dancers, our technical crew and those students who were behind the scenes.</p> <p>Thank you also to Mrs. van Kester for sharing her very precious gift of music and for her musical solo. It was a very moving part of the celebration.</p> <p>Thank you also to our Grade 4 choir under the direction of Mrs. Krawesky for doing such a wonderful job of the songs. The students sang like angels and the audience was moved by their performance. Thank you to Mrs. Krawesky for taking the time to mentor her students.</p> <p>Thank you also to our soon to be first communicants for sharing their song and to Matteo B. for his musical accompaniment, they did a tremendous job.</p> <p>Thank you to Antonio our co-op student from our feeder school St. Jean de Brebeuf, for being our resident photographer and for his continued help under the mentorship of Ms. Ditrapani.</p> <p>Thank you to all of the staff who made adjustments to schedules to accommodate this fabulous presentation.</p> <p>Thank you also to Mrs. Paiva for her outstanding support in any task she has</p>

with a great love for the human family, with preference for the poorest of all. Your dream of universal charity became a mission in the Church. We give thanks to you for the inspiring vision that is ours today as your dream lives on.

May we learn as you did the life-giving power of love, the profound peace of unfailing trust, the deep mystery of suffering and pain, the comfort of prayer. Saint Marguerite, teach us to listen, In the silence of our hearts, to the God of Mercy and Compassion. that we, too, may be signs of God's love to all people of our world. Amen. St. Marguerite d'Youville, Pray for us. Amen.

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been asked to complete. We also thank her for taking her own personal time to bake the very tasty sweet bread we will all be enjoying later on in our classrooms. A great big thank you goes out to Mrs. Ciancone, our very own seamstress. She single handedly sowed all of the costumes for all of our students. I believe there was at least 25 costumes and then several revisions along the way.

Thank you also to Mrs. Mederios and our Child Care Centre friends who made adjustments to their program to accommodate us.

Thank you to our special visitors especially His Excellency Bishop Crosby, Rev. Fr. Mark Gatto, Sr. Anne Marshall, Mr. Hansen our Director of Education, Mrs. Pizutti our School Superintendent, Dr. Beaudette, Mrs. Kontic, Ms. Tarli and Mrs. Thompson for their continued support to our community.

Thank you also to all of the parents and relatives who came out to celebrate with us.

We are all truly blessed to be able to live our faith openly and rejoice in the varied religious celebrations. We must fight to keep our Catholic Schools alive! And it is through these celebrations that our children grow in re-visiting the traditions of our faith.

Thank you also to all of our staff, who consistently dedicate themselves on a daily basis to caring for each and every one of the students entrusted to their care.



Following the performance, Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton thanked our students for helping those present remember an important story. "They say when we remember something important that happened, it's like we made it happen again and we experience it in a new way," he said. "When Jesus was crucified a long time ago, his arms were open, and it helps us to remember that his arms are open always to love us. And to welcome us. And to make us His. So that's what we must remember about today – that Jesus loves us. If you can remember that from this celebration you can remember everything that is important about it."

We are so blessed, honoured and appreciative that His Excellency Bishop Crosby was able to join us.

Our students truly exemplified **Living as Joyful Disciples** and we are so proud of all of them!

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Our grade 2 students will receive the following sacraments:

First Holy Communion: Saturday May 11th at 3:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Site

Please continue to keep our Grade 2 students in your daily prayers as they prepare for these very important Good Days in their lives.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: LIVING AS JOYFUL DISCIPLES



During the week of May 5-10, 2019, the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board will celebrate the significant contribution that Catholic Education has made to the community, to the province, and to Canada.

The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is "Living as Joyful Disciples." The overall scriptural theme is taken from St. Peter's Gospel (1 Peter 1:8), "Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy."

Inspired by three sources, "Renewing the Promise," "Gaudete et exultate" and "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment," the theme and sub-themes for this year's Catholic Education Week are very much directed to the young people in our schools, especially in their growth in holiness and their formation as disciples of Christ through the discernment of their vocational pathways.

In the section of Renewing the Promise entitled, "A Community that Forms Joyful Disciples," the Ontario Catholic Bishops write: "Our Catholic schools help to form joyful disciples as hearts and minds are opened to the transforming love of God and to the flame of faith in action. On a daily basis, Catholic schools demonstrate the joy of believing and witness the Good News to the communities that they serve."

Pope Francis continually reminds us in word and in action, that in imitation of Jesus, we are called to service in our work in Catholic education.

The five sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2019 are:

- Monday: Rooted in Prayer
- Tuesday: Living in Community
- Wednesday: Doing Justice and Creating Hope
- Thursday: Journeying Together in Faith
- Friday: Sharing the Good News

Catholic Education Week is marked by special activities at the school and system level, including prayer celebrations and service activities.

Parents, family and community members are invited to visit our school during this special week and join in the many activities planned to celebrate Catholic Education Week 2019.

Catholic Education Week Prayer

Loving God,

We thank you for our Catholic school community where we can journey in faith together. Help us to accompany each other in our learning as we grow, living as joyful disciples of Jesus and bringing good news to the world.

May your love speak to our hearts, helping us to bring hope to others and a commitment to justice in all we do.

We make this prayer through Jesus, our Lord and teacher.

Amen.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



Please join us for our Catholic School Council Meeting **Monday May 27 at St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic Secondary School from 6-7:30**. All are welcome to attend! Please come! We will all take part in the process of renewing the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP). The MYSP Provides important strategic direction to both the trustees and staff of the Board in determining areas of importance and the necessary actions required to address these areas. The MYSP also guides budget decisions and is the basis for all other operational plans (e.g. Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement, Information Technology Department plans, Plant Operations plans, etc.)

All are welcomed to gather important feedback from all of the Board's various stakeholders. This consultation will involve a face to face opportunity for members of various Catholic School Councils (CSC) to provide input. These consultations will be facilitated by members of Senior Administration and our trustees.

Please plan to attend this important meeting!

GARAGE SALE

SAVE THE DATE! - SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019 GARAGE SALE – ST. ANN (HAMILTON) CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 2019 at St. Ann (Hamilton) Catholic Elementary School, 15 St. Ann St., Hamilton, L8L 0B8 (near Barton St. and Sherman St.). You can show your support by attending the event or donating items (new or gently used) to your home school by Thursday, May 2, 2019. All proceeds will go to support the 'Equal Opportunities Fund'. Please be generous. If you are doing some Spring Cleaning, send us your extra items.

<https://hwcdsb.sharepoint.com/employeecentre/Board%20Memos/2018-2019/370%20ATT%20-%20HWCDSB%20Garage%20Sale%20Flyer%202019.pdf>

ROAD AND STUDENT SAFETY



Parking

Thank you to the many parents and guardians who are respecting the school focus of ensuring students are able to enter the playground safely when being dropped off and picking up children. For the most part drivers are being attentive, respectful and understanding.

Please do not pull into the parking lot between 8:35-9:05 as many of our students are walking through to get to the playground.

Use of Community Crosswalks

We work in partnership with community partners to keep our children safe. Recently, our crossing guard has made us aware of a dangerous practice among parents and their children while making their way to school. **Those parents crossing their children in the middle of the street instead of walking the short distance to the crosswalk are encouraged to use the crosswalk.**

Please remember that it is important that we be safe and model safe practices for our children. **Please cross where crosswalks are at all times.**

It has been noted that some vehicles are not coming to a complete stop at the Stop Sign. Please be sure to completely stop at the Stop Signs.

Please avoid **pulling up in front of the school to drop your children off.** Be sure to obey the **NO PARKING OR NO STOPPING** signs around the school.

Why not park a few blocks away and walk your children to school!

CYO VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS

Good luck to our Junior and Senior Boy's Volleyball Teams who will be heading into the playoffs. Our Junior Boy's will play on Wed. Apr. 24th at 4:15 in our school gym against Guardian Angels School and our Senior Boy's will also play at 5:00 pm against Sts Peter and Paul School

Thank you to Ms. Alessi, Mrs. Presta, Ms. Ditrapani and Ms. Rivera for coaching our teams.

Please note spectators at these games must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

Go! Mustangs! Go!

CROSS COUNTRY MEET

We will be starting to practice for our Cross-Country Meet. Students from Grades 4-8 will run immediately following lunch at 12:40 and we will all participate in Christian Meditation at 1:10. Cross Country Meet date is still to be determined.

Please encourage your children to participate daily.



SUB DAY

Sub Day on Wed Apr 24.



EARTH AND PITCH IN WEEK

Earth day is on Mon. Apr. 22 and it kicks off Pitch in Week. We will be having a Earth Day Prayer Service on Tues. Apr. 23 at 9:30 am. All are welcome to attend. Thank you to our Student Council for leading this service. Please join us.



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ST. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE SEVENTH HEALTHY ECO FAIR

Our Eco and Hat Teams are hosting our seventh Healthy Eco Fair on Friday, April 26th. We have chosen this day to celebrate with the school community our many initiatives that have also been recognized locally and nationally. We have invited many community groups and leaders to join us to spend the day sharing best practices about health and the environment. We are proud of the students' commitment in environmental stewardship and healthy practices at St. Marguerite d'Youville as we know that the successes, we are celebrating this year are because of the tremendous support by the family and home.

We thank you for the many practices that you have extended at home to support your child's learning in becoming environmentally friendly and health conscious in choosing better active lifestyles. Your support in our many Walk and Roll to School Yellow Days, Litterless Lunches, Energy Conservation practices, Waste Management initiatives, packing healthy snacks and lunches, using safe reusable containers, drinking more water and banning plastic water bottles, anti-idling campaigns, greening projects, building our outdoor classroom, Sweater Days,

Earth Hour, Butterfly Release, Gardening and many more activities which have helped our school achieve success and recognition in each of the six areas of Ontario EcoSchool. This culture of environmental stewardship has garnered us Platinum Certification with the Ontario EcoSchool for the last seven years, along with being recognized as the Greenest School in Canada in 2015 and receiving Hamilton's Environmentalist of the Year Merit Award in 2016. We received a fourth Gold Ophea certification for all our work in promoting a healthy and active lifestyle. We take this time to embrace our values and stewardship and thank everyone who has made a difference in our school community.

We have received both local and provincial recognition as well as awards for many of our activities which you, as parents and guardians, have whole heartedly supported. Our litterless lunches and proper recycling practices have moved us to a new level of waste management. Our school's active transportation modes have increased each year so much that on Yellow Days we have more than 180 bike riders, including parents riding alongside their child on a bike ride to and from school. We are reducing our carbon footprint and helping improve the air quality in our local environment! In addition, we have received many grants to help us support these activities. We have used the Metro Green Apple to help develop healthy eating habits. We have found creative ways to celebrate with nutritious fruits and vegetables. We have also used grants to help us to continue to green our gardens and add to our outdoor classroom.

As partners in our environmental and healthy school initiatives over the past year, we would like to invite the parents and guardians to join us throughout the day. Below is a schedule of events. There will be many community groups as well as an entertaining professional Puppet Show from Hamilton Water. We understand if you cannot join us, but we wanted to take this time to thank each parent and family for supporting your child in making a positive difference in our environment and healthy lifestyle. This strong and solid relationship between the school, family, environment and healthy living will definitely benefit your child and all the community. Taking this learning beyond the school walls is truly making your child a lifelong learner who has the knowledge and experience in making wise and informed choices of better healthy living.

With tremendous thanks and continued partnership,
The Students and Staff of St. Marguerite d'Youville

Friday, April 26th 9:15 - 10:00 - H2O Puppet Show (Daycare, JK-6) and Water Poster contest winners announced

10:00 - 10:25 - JK - 1 classes tour booths in gym

10:25 - 11:10 - Grade JK/SK, 1, 2, 2/3, 3, 6 (Rivera) tour booths in gym

11:05 - 11:45 - Grade 7, 8, 5, 4 tour booths in gym

Lunch Hour - Eco Teams from St. Michael, St. Patrick, St. Anne Ancaster, Bishop Ryan, St. Jean de Brebeuf, St. John Paul II, St. Joachim, St. Mark and St. James the Apostle share best practices with St. Marguerite d'Youville's Eco Team

12:45- 1:50 - Grades 5/6 and St. Marguerite HAT and Eco Team members with 200 students from 6 other schools tour booths

Booths: Lightening Bike (stage), Hamilton Public Water Works, Hamilton Conservation Authority, Platinum Schools Display, Student Nurses/Hat Team, City and Bike Transportation, Naturalist Club – Trees Please, Staples, LRT, Sugar Shockers, Student Voice, Graffiti Wall, Fresh Air for Kids

Project, Green Venture, Forestry, Nutrition, Substance Abuse, Fruit Table and Fruit Basket Raffle, and Tesla, Dr Edwards and Dr. Taylor, Operation Safety (SERT Room). The Mayor's Representative Councillor Esther Pauls, Director of Education, Trustee, Parish and special guests will also be visiting throughout the day. Visitors: Please enter at the front of the building, report to the office to sign in and get a sticker before entering the gym and playground area. Thank you!



SPRING PHOTO DAY

Our Spring Photo Day will take place on Thurs. Apr. 25. Students are able to dress up for this photo opportunity and have photos done with siblings. No uniform required, please make sure your child(ren) are dressed appropriately for school. Bring your best smiles!



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S DAY

Wed. Apr. 24 is Administrative Professionals' Day and we would like to publicly thank Mrs. Spatazzo for all she does daily for our entire school community. We want to acknowledge the kind and continued willingness of our fabulous secretary/administrative assistant Mrs. Spatazzo. She is always willing to take on yet another task while continuing to perform all of her 1000 other tasks. She never ceases to amaze us with her energy, enthusiasm and positive energy as she continues to be that great welcoming professional despite all the busyness in the office. Kudos to Mrs. Spatazzo! Be sure to show your appreciation to her by saying thank you for all she does.

Way to Go Mrs. Spatazzo! We love you!

GRADE 2 ROSARY BRACELET MAKING

For those students who registered, we will be making Rosary Bracelets on Sat. Apr. 27 from 3:30 to 4:30 in our school gym. Thank you to Mrs. Mariani for setting up this wonderful opportunity for our students. Thank you also to Ms. Bilanzola and Mrs. Hunt for volunteering to supervise.

ECO INITIATIVES INVITATION

Thank you to Sacred Heart Parish Catholic Women's' League for inviting our school to talk about our Stewardship of Creation Mission. We will be attending a Mass on Sun. Apr. 28 at 9 am followed by our presentation. We are grateful for this opportunity. Thank you to Mrs. Hunt, Tarryn S. and Paulina S. for offering to speak on behalf of our school.

GROWTH MINDSET

Growth mindset	Fixed mindset
Embraces challenges	Avoids challenges
Accepts criticism and negative feedback as constructive	Rejects criticism and is hurt by negative feedback
Equates reward with effort	Expects reward without effort
Persists in the face of setbacks	Lets setbacks derail them
Never gives up	Gives up easily
Learns from failure	To fail once is to fail completely
"Talent is developed"	"I'm no good at this"
"What more can I do?"	"Why should I bother?"



MATH NUGGET

Can you solve this puzzle?

CAN YOU SOLVE THIS?

$$\text{Watermelon} - \text{Drink} + 1 = 4$$

$$2 \text{ Flamingos} = \text{Drink}$$

$$\text{Watermelon} + \text{Shirt} = 15 - 3$$

$$8 - \text{Watermelon} = \text{Watermelon}$$

mashupmath

$$\text{Watermelon} = ? \quad \text{Shirt} = ? \quad \text{Flamingo} = ? \quad \text{Drink} = ?$$

FROM POPE FRANCIS TWITTER

“Let us welcome Christ’s victory over sin and death into our lives. In this way, we will draw His transforming power upon all creation as well.”



LOOKING AHEAD



EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT’S APPRECIATION DAY

Educational Assistant’s Appreciation Day will take place on Mon. Apr. 29. Please show your appreciation by encouraging your child(ren) to thank our support staff for all they do to make our school a great and welcoming environment!

You can’t spell
TEAM
without an EA.

COMPOSTING TRIPS

Mrs. Krawesky (AM) and Mrs. Mirra-Ammendolia’s classes (PM) will be attending a trip to the Eco House on Tues. Apr. 30. Mrs. Reilly (AM) and Ms. Alessi’s

classes (PM) will be attending on Tues. May 7. We wish our students a wonderful learning opportunity.



DIRECTOR'S AWARDS PRESENTATION

A number of our students will be honoured on May 1 at 2:30 at the Board Office on being the recipient of a Director's Award. Keep posted for more information in next week's weekly memo!

HAMILTON TIGER CATS FIRST ON THE FIELD DAY

Our grade 5/6 and grade 6 classes will be joining the Tiger Cats on the field on Wed. May 1 at the stadium. We wish our students a great time working out with our very own Hamilton Tiger Cats!

MONTHLY AWARDS ASSEMBLY FOR APRIL

Our Kindergarten students from Mrs. Simpson/Ms. Murray and Mrs. Racanelli/Mrs. Borges-Jeffery will be presenting our April Awards Assembly. We look forward to seeing their participation. The awards assembly will take place on Thurs. May 2 at 10:30. All are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

ST. JEAN DE BREBEUF FEEDER SCHOOL SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Good luck to our Senior Boy's Basketball team as they head over to St. Jean de Brebeuf for a Feeder School Tournament on Fri. May 3.