

# ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

Catholic Elementary School

NOVEMBER 2017



## St. Kateri Tekakwitha

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## NOVEMBER VIRTUE - CONSCIENCE

God has given us the ability to know the right and decent way to act and then to act that way. We trust that the common Spirit we share inspires us and guides us to make good decisions if we allow our conscience to be well-formed.

A person of *conscience* allows prayer and scripture to influence him/her.

## ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

### An Effective Communicator

One who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of gospel values.

- Listens actively and critically to understand and learn in light of gospel values
- Presents information and ideas clearly and honestly and with sensitivity to others
- Uses and integrates Catholic faith tradition in the arts, media, technology to enhance the quality of life.

## TIME CHANGE



Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 5th. A reminder to turn your clocks back one hour.

## P.A. DAY

Friday, November 3, 2017 is a Professional Activity Day and there will be no school for students.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

On **Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** the St. Kateri Community will come together to remember our fallen soldiers and those who are protecting peace in our world. Our service will begin at 10:45 a.m.



## IN FLANDERS FIELDS

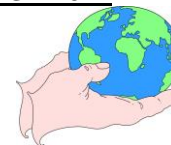
*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies  
grow In Flanders fields.*

**John McCrae**

## PILGRIMAGE 2017



Congratulations and thank you to the Gr. 7 and 8 students who participated in the Board's annual pilgrimage, "Walk with Christ: Justice for the Poor."

On Sunday, October 15th, students and staff assembled at Cathedral High School for the annual Pilgrimage Mass and Walk. There they learned that the Wentworth Street Rail Trail had been closed for safety reasons due to the impending storm, and the 8-kilometre walk was cancelled.

A special thanks to Mrs. Callea-Ruiu, and to Mr. Ferretti for accompanying the students. As Principal, I was humbled and proud of the respect and reverence shown by our students at mass. They showed the true meaning of "Being Respectful and Make a Difference".

Thanks again!  
Mr. B. Condari

## PROGRESS REPORTS



### Wednesday, November 1

Parent Interview Sheets will be sent home requesting preference in interview times.

### Wednesday, November 8

Parent Interview Sheets requesting preference in interview times **due back to the school.**

### Tuesday, November 14

Final interview times are sent home with each individual student progress report.

### Thursday, November 15

Parent-Teacher Interview Night - 3:20 to 8:00 pm.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

*The book fair is once again coming to St. Kateri on November 14 to November 17. Our book fair will be held in our school library.*

The book fair dates are as follows,

Tuesday, November 14  
Sales day 8:55 – 3:00

Wednesday, November 15  
Sales day 8:55 – 3:00  
And 4:00 – 8:00

Thursday CLOSED

Friday – November 17  
Sales 8:55 – 11:35

Thank-you all in advance for your support in this great literacy event, that will give our school library the opportunity to purchase new books for the library.

M. Richber  
Teacher-Librarian

## INDIGO ADOPT A SCHOOL

Love of Reading Program

### **For the Love of Reading**



Congratulations St. Kateri for your overall support of our "Love of Reading" program. We managed to raise over \$5000.00 dollars, that will be used to replenish our school library and classroom libraries. Thank-you to all who generously donated to this worthy cause. Sincerely, Melissa Richber, Teacher-Librarian

## PARENTS' INFORMATION NIGHT AT St. Jean de Brebeuf for Grade 8

The parents of our Grade 8 students are invited to attend a Parents' Information Night at St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic Secondary School on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

This Parents' Night will provide you with important information, offer advice and answer any questions you may have about the Grade 9 program.

## ALLERGEN SENSITIVE SCHOOL



This is just a reminder that St. Kateri School is an allergen sensitive school.

We have several students at our school with severe allergies to nuts, peanuts, tree nuts, milk, shellfish and eggs. Please plan your child's lunch with consideration for the health and safety of these students.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

## COLD WEATHER



Please ensure that your child/(ren) come dressed appropriately (hats, mittens, boots etc.). Please send an indoor pair of shoes. The shoes are essential because of health and safety. In case of an emergency, stocking feet are unsafe, especially in an evacuation. **Please label your child(ren)'s clothing so that there is no mistaken identity of items.**

Thank you for your cooperation

## 25th ANNUAL PARENT CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 4, 2017  
"Weaving the Catholic Partnership"

On Saturday, November 4, hundreds of parents will converge at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School for the 25th Annual Parent Conference that provides an array of information on family and parenting issues, and explores the latest trends and developments in Catholic education. Be sure to mark your calendar ... you won't want to miss this valuable opportunity.

The Parent Conference is an annual event hosted by the H.W.C.D.S.B. to support parents in their roles as primary educators of their children. The conference is free of charge.

The conference will be held this year at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School at 1824 Rymal Road East. For more information, please call 905 525-2930, Ext. 2141.

## ST MARGARET MARY

### **SUNDAY PASTA SUPPER**

St. Margaret Mary Parish invites all parishioners for Sunday Pasta Supper at Michelangelo Banquet Centre on Sunday, November 13, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets will go on sale Oct. 29/30 and Nov. 5/6 in the Hearth Room before and after the weekend masses. Adults \$13.00  
Children 4 – 10 years old \$7.00  
**NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR**

## RE: INCLEMENT WEATHER - SCHOOL CLOSURE

October 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

When schools are closed or buses cancelled due to extreme weather conditions, details will be announced on the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board website ([www.hwcdsb.ca](http://www.hwcdsb.ca)) and Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services website ([www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/public\\_v2/index.aspx](http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/public_v2/index.aspx)) as well as the following Hamilton and area media outlets:

900 CHML / 95.3 Fresh FM / Y108 FM  
CKOC 1150 / K-Lite 102.9 FM  
CKPC 1380 AM/ Jewel 92.1 FM  
CHCH TV Morning Live (Channel 11)  
CBC Hamilton [www.cbc.ca/hamilton](http://www.cbc.ca/hamilton)  
The Hamilton Spectator [www.thespec.com](http://www.thespec.com)  
Twitter <https://twitter.com/HWCDSB>  
Facebook [www.facebook.com/hwcdsb/](http://www.facebook.com/hwcdsb/)

Schools closures and bus cancellations will be posted on the HWCDSB and HWSTS websites and communicated to the local media by 7:00 a.m., whenever possible. If schools close early, the information will be posted on the HWCDSB and HWSTS websites and sent to the media for dissemination. In addition, each school will initiate its own procedures for notifying parents of early closures due to inclement weather.

We ask parents/guardians to take notice of the following guidelines:

- In the event of impending severe weather conditions, parents should consider the safety of their children in deciding whether or not to send them to school;
- Parents should stay tuned to Hamilton and area radio stations for weather reports and school board announcements;
- Parents who, in spite of bus cancellation, drive their children to school, should ensure that their children can get into the school and will be required to make the necessary arrangements for the safe return home of their children at the end of the day or in the event of an early closure. Buses which do not run in the morning will not run for the rest of the day;
- Phone calls to the school during severe weather conditions are to be made only in the case of extreme emergency;
- Parents shall be requested to provide the school with the name and telephone number of a neighbour alternate, (someone who lives in close proximity to the home) who would be willing to act on their behalf in the event that they cannot be reached.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours truly,

David Hansen

Director of Education

## RESTORATIVE PRACTICES & TOOLS FOR LIFE LEARNING COMMUNITY

*We at St. Kateri Catholic Elementary School are excited to promote a Restorative Practices and Tools for Life Learning Community. These are processes that are proven to help achieve a positive school climate.*

•Through “RESTORATIVE PRACTICES” and with the implementation of the “TOOLS FOR LIFE” philosophy comes the opportunity that allows us to collectively and collaboratively create a Christ-Centred, virtues-based school community made up of staff, students, parents, and community partners.

•Often when children are in kindergarten, first, second or third grade, they don't know how to recognize or express their emotions if they're frustrated or upset. •When this spills over into the classroom it can cause discipline issues. But by using a teaching method called “Tools for Life”, teachers at St. Kateri Catholic Elementary School are working with students to recognize and express these emotions and prevent negative behaviour.

•St. Kateri teachers and ECE (Grades K-3) are trained in using “Tools for Life”. They are incorporating this teaching method in their classroom as a way to help kindergartners, first, second and third graders recognize and properly express emotions.

•Our good practices are built upon approaches that are relationship building, relationship mending, and therefore “restorative” in nature. The intentional use of “RESTORATIVE PRACTICES” and “TOOLS FOR LIFE” improves teaching and learning environments, increases student time on task, and increases student achievement. Everyone benefits from spending more time on task, while learning the value of creating and participating in cultures of caring and community. All teaching and ECE staff have been trained in Restorative Practice.

•At St. Kateri “RESTORATIVE PRACTICES” and “TOOLS FOR LIFE” will reflect the principles of progressive discipline as outlined in Bill 212 and will be effective in conflict prevention, intervention and resolution.

### *Principles and Values of Restorative Practices and Tools for Life:*

- Respecting individuals' rights;
- Taking responsibility for our own behaviour;
- Believing that people can change; • Being open to supporting others who wish to change their behaviours;
- Believing that restorative responses are more helpful than retributive ones.

### *Restorative Questions:*

The scripted conferencing model based upon relational and restorative questions is an internationally tried and tested process which delivers all of the elements of Restorative Practices. Restorative Questions: To respond to challenging behaviour:

- What happened?
- What were you thinking about at the time?
- What have your thoughts been since?
- Who has been affected by what you did?
- In what way have they been affected?
- What do you think you need to do to make things right?

*The above questions will be used when applicable at St. Kateri when conflicts arise.*