

HAMILTON WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
**ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**DECEMBER 2017**

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St. Kateri Tekakwitha  
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*An angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified. But the angel said to them.*

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying. “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favour rests.” Luke 2:9-14

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

Please visit the school web site for daily information.

It’s hard to believe that the end of November marked the end of the first term of school.

**Mr. B. Condari**  
Principal

A big thank-you to the staff and students for all your hard work since the beginning of the school year. Students are encouraged to do their very best at all times. Also, a sincere thank-you to the parents for all your support as we continue to work together in a spirit of cooperation.

**Mrs. S. Pizzuti**  
Superintendent of Education

**Together we will help our students achieve success!**

**Mr. J. Baiardo**  
Trustee

*I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very, very happy and peaceful Christmas. I hope that you have plenty of time to enjoy family and friends during this holiday season!*

**St. Jean de Brebeuf Secondary**  
200 Acadia Drive  
Hamilton, Ontario  
L8W 1B8  
905-388-7020



**Mr. H. Mayer**  
Principal

**DECEMBER VIRTUE: HOPE**

**St. Margaret Mary Parish**  
20 Idlewood Ave.  
Hamilton, Ontario  
L8T 1V9  
905-388-2200

This month we will celebrate the virtue of *hope*.

**Father Oehring**  
Pastor

We believe that God comes to us as a real human who can show us the way of life. We understand that both the world and its people are from God and so are essentially good. Furthermore, God has given us this Advent season year after year in order to focus our minds and our hearts on the good all around us. Year after year, we are reminded that God chose to send his Son to us because we are worth it. God knows how great we can be when we all come together.

**Ms. Sturtevant**  
Parish Minister

When we look at the world through the eyes of God we see it becoming more and more like the reign of God that Jesus describes.

## ADVENT MASS

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Advent Mass will take place on Tuesday, December 12 at St. Margaret Mary Parish 10:00 a.m. All are most welcome to attend this Joyous celebration.

## CHRISTMAS BREAK

This year Christmas Break begins on Friday, December 23, 2017. School resumes again on Monday, **January 8, 2018 at 8:50 a.m.**

## ST. MARGARET MARY PARISH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### Confessions

All Day  
Wednesday, December 13

### Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24  
Sunday Mass 8:30 & 10:15 a.m.  
No noon Mass  
Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. & Midnight

### Christmas Day

Monday, December 25  
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

### New Years Eve

Sunday, December 31  
Sunday Mass 8:30 & 10:15 a.m.  
No noon Mass

### New Years Day

Monday, January 1  
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

**Holy Mary Mother of God  
Holy Day of Obligation**

## ADVENT

The Advent Season is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas, the Christian New Year. Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

## ADVENT CELEBRATIONS

**The St. Kateri School Community will gather in the school gym at 9:30 a.m. for the Advent Celebrations on the following dates:**

Monday, December 4  
Monday, December 11  
Monday, December 18

## INCLEMENT WEATHER



When schools are closed or busses are cancelled, due to extreme weather conditions, details will be announced by Hamilton and area TV and radio stations, as per Inclement Weather- School Closure document.

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.

## CONGRATULATIONS SKT!



As a community, this year the Boogie-A-Thon raised \$2,800.00. We are proud and thankful to the student body and community as a whole. It was an exciting and fun day for all the students. The students with the top grossing contributions were; Jasmine, Isabelle and Seamus.

The class with the highest total of all 11 classes was Mrs. Persaud's class and they will be enjoying a special celebration for their accomplishment. Thank you again for your continued support.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all who supported the recent School Book Fair at St. Kateri. We raised \$..... . This money will be used to purchase books and resources for the school library and for the teacher's classrooms to help support your child's learning. Thank you to our volunteers for their support.

## CSC CHRISTMAS

### SKT Christmas Store



Back by popular demand, the Christmas Store and Raffle will be back this year! The Christmas Store will be open from Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Santa Clause will be coming to join us on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> for a fun day at his workshop...for info to follow!



## Wet Weather, Two Shoe "Rule", and Proper Outdoor Clothing



The wet weather and snow will soon be here. Please send in a pair of indoor shoes with your child. Children should also be wearing boots to school on days when it is snowing. Wet floors in the classroom are not only unsafe and unhealthy, but also very difficult to maintain. Also, with the colder weather upon us, we ask that parents ensure their children come to school dressed appropriately for this weather with a proper coat, gloves and hats to school each day.

### ST. KATERI REMINDERS

#### STAYING INDOORS WHEN ILL

Frequently we receive request from parents to allow a child to remain indoors at recess or lunch hour due to illness or cold. When a child is well enough to come to school, they should be prepared to participate in all activities during the school day **including outdoor recess**.

#### SNOW THROWING POLICY

There is perhaps no other activity that has the potential to cause serious injury as throwing snowballs. Particles of ice, grit or stones can be imbedded in the snow without the person's knowledge and could result in head or eye injuries.

#### SNOW THROWING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED AT ST. KATERI SCHOOL

Students throwing snow will have very serious consequences. Safety is our primary concern. Please discuss the seriousness of throwing snow with your child.

#### SCHOOL TIMETABLE

8:45 a.m.	Warning Bell
8:50 a.m.	Entrance Bell
11:35 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.	Lunch
3:10 p.m.	Dismissal

## SAFE DRINKING WATER

Results from 2017 water testing for schools of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board are now available. We are happy to report that lead testing results for St. Kateri Tekakwitha C.E.S. have met the Ontario drinking water quality lead standard of 10 micrograms per litre (10 µg/L) or below.

Since 2007, Ontario law has required child care centres and schools to flush their plumbing and test their drinking water for lead. As of July 1, 2017, an amendment to the Safe Drinking Act, 2002, of Ontario Regulation 243/07: Schools, Private School and Child Care Centres now requires schools housing children under the age of 18 to conduct annual standing and flushed water testing. The expectation is that all drinking fountains and water fixtures in schools used for drinking or in the preparation of food will be tested within a three-year period. Thereafter, schools and child care centres need only test one fixture per year. In the interests of the safety of our students and staff, the HWCDSB has opted to test 100% of its fixtures in the first year of the regulation. Testing for all fixtures in all schools was conducted in June 2017.

## ALLERGIN SENSITIVE SCHOOL



*St. Kateri Tekakwitha school* is a place where all children feel safe and have a sense of belonging. To ensure the safety and well-being of all children, please note below important information from Anaphylaxis Canada:

- Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death;
- Signs and symptoms of a severe allergic reaction can occur within minutes of exposure to an allergen (a substance capable of causing an allergic reaction)
- Very small amounts of certain foods can cause severe reactions when eaten. This may happen if a person at risk touches an allergenic substance and then subsequently touches the mouth. Even a very small amount 'hidden' in a food or transferred to a serving utensil has the potential to cause a severe allergic reaction. Direct ingestion of an allergy-causing food poses the greatest risk for people with food allergies.

#### Cooperation from parent and guardians in adhering to the guidelines below is most appreciated:

- There are students at this school who are allergic to the following foods and items: peanuts, nuts, tree nuts, eggs, milk and shellfish.
- Reinforce hand washing practices: wash hands before and after eating.
- Remind children not to share or trade food, food utensils, or food containers.
- Please do NOT bring any home-made food products into the school; with permission, non-food items are permitted for various celebrations and special events and activities.

**Thank you for your help in keeping all our children safe.**



*May the Lord grant You and your loved ones Love, Joy and Goodwill this Christmas and all through the New Year!*