

HAMILTON WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
**ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**JANUARY 2018**

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## *HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

*A New Year's Prayer*

*Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again.*

*Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame*

*So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.*

*Amen*

Please visit the school web site for  
daily information.

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### **CATHOLIC GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS**

#### **REFLECTION**

One who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.

- Recognizes there is more grace in our world than sin and that hope is essential in facing all challenges
- Creates, adapts and evaluates new ideas in light of the common good
- Thinks reflectively and creatively to evaluate situation and solve problems
- Makes decisions in light of gospel values and moral conscience
- Examines, evaluates and applies knowledge of interdependent systems such as physical, political, ethical and ecological for a just and compassionate society
- Integrates a life and learning approach to school life and work

Our work in the environment and student participation, our goals and expectations for the year, harvest celebration, and indigenous teaching. Best buddies and our inclusion of special needs students. Conflict resolution through meditation and peer mentoring. Virtues and beatitudes can also play a role in this along with any charity work we do at the school or political or social causes we examine. This will reflect the creative thinker who faces new challenges

#### **CSC THANK YOU**

The CSC would like to thank all the families, donors and volunteers that helped make this year's Christmas Store and Visit to Santa's Workshop a great success.

Our **next CSC meeting** will take place on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. in the Learning Commons. All are welcome to attend!!

## P.A. DAY

Friday, January 26 is a Professional Activity Day. There is no school for students on this day.

## FIRST COMMUNICANTS PARENT MEETING



Parents of all First Communicants will gather at St. Margaret Mary Parish on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The teachers and pastoral team will present an overview of preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion.

## SYSTEM SCIENCE FAIR

### H.W.C.D.S.B. System Science And Engineering Fair 2018

**DATE: Saturday March 3, 2018**  
**LOCATION: Bishop Ryan C.S.S.**  
1824 Rymal Road East

**Friday March 2, 2018**

4:00 pm - 7:00 p.m.

**Set-up Student Exhibits**  
**Individual Registration Forms & Safety Checklists** to be completed and handed in at set-up time .

**Saturday March 3, 2018**

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**System Science And Engineering Fair 2018**  
*Student Orientation, Judging, Public Viewing, Awards Ceremony*

## GRADE 8 GRADUATION PHOTOS



The grade 8 graduates will be having their photos taken for graduation on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Further information to follow.

## GRADE 8 SECONDARY ORIENTATION DAY

The Grade 8 Secondary Orientation Day is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2018. The Grade 8 students are to attend the designated feeder school. For students wishing to go to an alternate school other than their designated feeder school, they must have completed and returned a "Request for Participation at an Alternative Feeder School Orientation Visit" Form.



## CONFIRMATION FINAL RETREAT

The "Searching in the Spirit" final retreat will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2018 At St. Margaret Mary Parish at 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The students are expected to attend as per communication with the Parish.

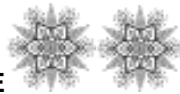
## CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Friday, February 9, 2018 at St. Margaret Mary Parish at 7:00 p.m. Let us continue to support our students as they become young adults in their faith.



## INDOOR SHOES

We ask that parents ensure their children have a pair of indoor shoes to change into when they enter class after recess. This is for safety reasons. In the event of a fire alarm, students do not have time to put on their boots, so it is important that they are wearing shoes inside the school at all times. In addition, floors get wet and slippery when wet boots and shoes are worn in classrooms. Thank you for your co-operation.



## WINTER IS HERE

Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the cold weather. The students are outside for recesses, as it is part of their full day school program. If your child is too ill to participate in outdoor recess activities, in the best interest of your child's health, please keep your child at home. The office will ensure that it is safe for the students to be outdoors. When the temperature dips below the acceptable range, the students will be kept indoors.

## FDK REGISTRATIONS

**Registration** for any students new to Full Day Kindergarten for September 2018 will take place beginning on February 1, 2018 by appointment. Students entering JK must be 4 years old before December 31, 2018. Students entering Senior Kindergarten must be 5 years old before December 31, 2018.

Please call the school secretary, Mrs. De Santis, to set up an appointment at 905-385-8212.

The following items of information are required at the time of registration:

- Baptismal certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Proof of residency (ie. hydro bill, driver's license)
- Up to date immunization
- Immigration papers (if applicable)

We look forward to serving the needs of our youngest students in the areas of faith, personal and social development, language, mathematics, science and technology, health and physical activity and the arts. This is an exciting time for you and your child as we embark on this journey together.