



HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.stbi.hwcdsb.ca

September 2017

A Prayer for School Children

Father of all mercies we ask that you would bless the youngest and littlest of learners, the most helpless and powerless of persons, with Your infinite and loving mercy, granting them the strength to learn, concentrate, and act in love towards their teachers and fellow students. We also ask that You would watch over them, at home and at school and give them proper direction so that they may learn of Your wonderful virtues.

We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to another exciting school year at St. Brigid Catholic Elementary School! We would like to welcome those students, parents and staff who are joining us for the first time this year and a warm return to those who are continuing with us. We thank you for entrusting us with your children in our Christ-centered school environment where we strive to live out our Gospel Values daily.

I would to extend a thank you to our custodians who have done a great job of getting our school ready over the summer – your hard work and dedication to our community is greatly appreciated and also to our staff who have been working hard to get ready to welcome our students back. Thank you to those individuals who helped to beautify the front of school this August; our front gardens add a lot of beauty to our building.

I am very excited to be joining the St. Brigid Catholic school community this year. We have a fantastic staff at St. Brigid who work very hard to ensure the best possible education and extra-curricular experiences for your children. We expect that each child will do his/her best daily and will come to school ready to learn.

I am looking forward to meeting you at our Welcome Back to School BBQ on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 (more information will be coming home).

Again, welcome back for the 2017-2018 school year!
Mrs. A. Coletto, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER

Wed. Sept. 20: Welcome back BBQ Fri. Sept. 22: PA DAY Thurs. Sept. 28: CSC Meeting & Elections

DATES OF SACRAMENTS:

Grade 2 First Reconciliation: Tuesday, March 20 @ 6:30pm & First Holy Communion: Sunday, June 3 @ 2:00pm

Grade 7: Confirmation Tuesday, May 15 @ 7:00 pm



SCHOOL BELL TIMES

We are on a BALANCED DAY timetable at St. Brigid Catholic Elementary School. This means that we have 2 40-minute breaks each day. Students will go outside for the first 20 minutes and then will return inside to eat for the remaining 20 minutes twice a day.

Parents and students reminded to pack snacks that are nutritious and will be eaten over the two nutrition breaks. There is lots of great information and tips available about packing a lunch for balanced day. Check out www.eatrightontario.ca for more information.

School Starts 8:45 a.m.

1st Nutrition Break
10:25 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

2nd Nutrition Break
12:45 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.

Dismissal 3:05 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS Provincial law makes it mandatory that volunteers who work with children must have a current police check. For those volunteers that have provided a police check in the past must sign a declaration form each year. More information about the process can be obtained at the office. Please consider volunteering at our school!

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

As you know the safety of the children under our care is one of our most important responsibilities.

To help us keep the students safe and to help us keep track of all the students under our care the following policies will continue to be followed this year:

- 1) If your child is going to be absent please call Safe Arrival to report the absence. Students may not leave the school unless they have a note from their parents and they are picked up by an adult at the office. The adult must come into the school and sign the student out.
- 2) All students should be in the playground by 8:45a.m. and should be lining up with their class for entry. Any student that is late must report to the office for a late slip.
- 3) A child who is going out for lunch is to be picked up by an adult at the office so they can be signed out. Students may not leave school properly without prior permission.
- 4) All visitors to the school are asked to report to the main office and sign in the visitor's book. If someone other than a parent is meeting your child, kindly let the teacher know.

VISITING THE SCHOOL:

Parents, grandparents, guardians and visitors to our school are reminded to please use the main doors to enter the building during school hours and to come directly to the office to sign in. If you are picking up your child for an appointment, your child will be called down to the office with his/her belongings to meet you.

To keep our school safe for all students and staff we ask that parents/guardians do not visit classrooms during class time without an appointment. If you need to speak to your child's teacher please make an appointment for a time that is convenient for both you and the teacher. Communication between the school and home is vital for success and we definitely want to support your child's education at all times—we kindly request that you please use the agenda or phone the school to set up meeting times as it is difficult for classroom teachers to meet with parents without a prior set appointment.

If you would like to speak with the principal please call the school to set up a time as it is sometimes difficult to meet during the day depending on what is happening in the school. We look forward to getting to know all of our families over the upcoming year and appreciate your support.

MEDICAL /ALLERGY CONCERNS

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board has procedures that must be followed for the proper dispensing of medication. In order to help us at the school, if your child requires medication of any kind, please have your child come to the office or send a note to the teacher to get the forms that must be completed. We ask that parents send the medication clearly labeled with your child's name. All medications must be delivered to the office with the proper documentation. Please help keep our school a safe learning environment for all.

Non-prescription medication requires the parent's signature on the Administration of Medication Form. Forms are available in the school office. We cannot dispense or supervise the intake of medication at school without written authorization.

There are a number of students in our school who are allergic to and in some cases have anaphylactic reactions, to peanut butter, tree nuts, sesame seeds/oil and/or peanut food products and pineapple. These reactions can be caused by ingestion and/or airborne. We ask for your assistance by not sending any snacks or lunches that contain NUT/PEANUT products. We also ask you to remind your children not to share snacks, treats or lunches at any time with others. For a list of snacks please visit www.anaphylaxis.canada.ca

We are asking the students to please bring in products that are allergen aware. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Please remember that we are attempting to make this school an allergen aware environment to ensure the safety of our students. Should you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

REPORTING PERIODS FOR 2017-2018

PROGRESS REPORT SENT HOME: Tuesday, November 14, 2017

TERM ONE REPORT CARD: Tuesday, February 13, 2018

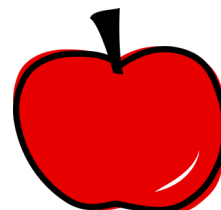
TERM TWO REPORT CARD: Tuesday, June 26, 2018

AGENDAS: All students from Grade 1 to 8 have been provided with an agenda book. There is no charge for the agenda this year. This is an excellent tool for organization and communication between the school and home. There is lot of good information at the beginning of the agenda as well for parents and students.

BREAKFAST CLUB BEGINS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11! Students are welcome to come between 8:30—8:45am daily. Our 'EARLY MORNING MEAL' program also begins on Monday, September 11—a snack will be provided daily to students.

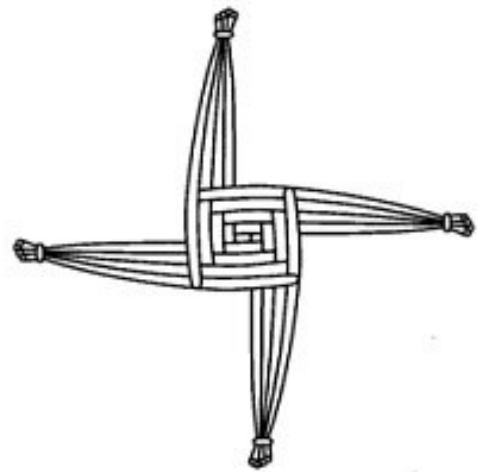
Participation in these programs is voluntary.

Thank you to our Breakfast & Early Morning Program coordinators!



ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFF FOR 2017-2018

Principal	Mrs. A. Coletto
Principal Intern	Miss. S. Venneri
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. N. Bozzo
Special Education Resource	Mrs. J. Finocchi
Custodian	Mr. J. Goodwin Night Custodian Mr. R. Viscoso Assistant Ms. M. Liota
Portuguese Liason	Mrs. Maria Eccles (available on Wednesdays)
FDK-A	Mrs. N. Cosoleto & Mrs. A. Stevens
FDK-B	Mrs. M.A. Kondo & Miss Greene
Grade 1A	Miss M. Kinsella
Grade 1/2A	Mr. P. Ciapanna
Grade 2A	Miss M. Levert
Grade 3A	Mrs. S. Venneri
Grade 3/4A	Miss. K. Tersigni
Grade 4/5A	Miss R. Presta
Grade 5/6A	Mrs. J. Aird
Grade 6/7A	Mr. M. Paladino
Grade 7/8A	Miss M. Susi
Grade 7/8B	Mrs. A. Labatt
Primary Planning	Mr. J. Clinton
French Teacher	Mrs. A. Ceridonio
Reading Recovery	Mrs. A. Campbell
Teacher-Librarian	Ms. M. Kiely
Arts Integration Teacher	Mr. M. Stechey
Library Clerk	Mrs. M. Bowen (Tuesdays)
Educational Assistants	Mrs. K. Aitken, Miss. K. Aljoe, Mr. T. Borges, Ms. K. Clarke, Ms. J. Cote, Ms. C. Dyke, Ms. L. Freeman, Ms. C. Giglia, Ms. J. Hunt, Ms. A. Irwin, Miss. S. Reilly, Miss. D. Robins, Mrs. P. Siena, Miss. A. Sultana
ELL Teacher	Mr. M. Potter
Social Worker	Ms. J. Fedoruk
Lunch Leaders	Ms. D. Hayes & Ms. B. Robinson
Before & After Care	Ms. S. Hill & staff



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL (CSC)

As we begin a new year it is time once again to elect a new Catholic School Council. Please take a few minutes to consider running for the council or nominate someone else. We are blessed at St. Brigid to have very caring and dedicated parents. In the past School Council has done a tremendous amount for the school. They gave most generously of their time and expertise and our whole school community is the richer for it.

If you are interested in becoming part of Council or wish to nominate someone please complete the nomination form below. Return forms to the office or the night of the BBQ (September 20).



WELCOME BACK BBQ: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20!
More information to follow, we hope to see you there!



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Please cut out and return this form if you are interested. You are welcome to nominate yourself or someone else (please let that person know if you are nominating them).

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

I AM THE PARENT / GUARDIAN OF: _____

____ Yes I am interested in parent council.

Nominations take place on Thursday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

The H.W.C.D.S.B. offers **free** language classes to all students presently enrolled in an elementary school in Ontario. The focus of the Elementary Program is to offer children an opportunity to develop and/or maintain the ability to listen, speak and write a new language or the language of the home or heritage, and at the same time learn about the culture and heritage associated with the language. Classes take place 2.5 hours per week and no prior knowledge of the language is necessary. Registration will be held on the week of **September 9th to 15th**. However, students are eligible to register for a class at any time throughout the school year. Languages offered and their sites are listed below. Please note that each class will only run if there is sufficient enrolment. Community groups and those interested in starting a new program may call the office at 905-577-0555 ext. 3225. Further information can be found at www.stcharles.ca

LANGUAGE	CONTACT	PHONE	LOCATION	DAY & TIME
Arabic	Dalal Hamade - (Contact) HI	905-318-6084	Regina Mundi	Tue., 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Armenian	Rouzanna Apkarian - (Contact) HI	905-381-9971	Blessed Sacrament	Fri., 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Assyrian	Valantina Ishak - (Contact) HI	289-680-8462	St. Teresa of Calcutta	Fri., 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Chaldéen	Sowad Meekho (Contact) HI	905-746-3005	Sts. Peter & Paul	Sat., 9:30-12:00 pm
Chinese	Man Tse - Contact Xiao Li Zhao - HI Christine Kwong- HI Judy Tsai - HI	905-383-4007	Canadian Martyrs St. Teresa of Calcutta St. Lawrence	Fri., 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Fri., 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Sat., 9:30 am-12:00 pm
Chinese	Susan Bourne Contact/HI	905-575-9306	St. Patrick Sts. Peter & Paul	Fri., 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Sat., 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Croatian	Nancy Diklic- Contact/HI	905-560-8917	St. Eugene	Sat., 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Hindi	Sunanda Jadon – Contact/HI	648-0454	Our Lady of Lourdes Immaculate Conception	Fri., 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm Sat., 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
Hungarian	Sophia Szoke – Contact/HI	648-2345 (h)	St. Joseph	Tues., 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Iraqi	Essam Ali - Contact Eynas Ahmad - HI Zainab Mousa - HI	318-9476 (h)	Annunciation of Our Lord St. Vincent de Paul	Tue., 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm Sat., 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Italian	Joanne Dilanni - Contact Susana Fortino-Bozzo – Contact www.italianculture.ca email-info@italianculture.ca	905-527-3400	Immaculate Heart of Mary Immaculate Conception St. Marguerite d'Youville St. Michael St. Vincent de Paul St. Mark OLOP	Sat., 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Sat., 9:30 am -12:00 pm Mon., 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Thurs., 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Sat., 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Sat., 9:30 am – 12:00 pm Sat., 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
Lithuanian	Vaida Matuzonienė – Contact/HI	905-920-3235	St. Joseph	Sat., 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Malayalam	Sony Poulose – Contact Subin Thomas– Contact/HI Alice Kurien– Contact/HI	905-515-2223	OLOP St. Vincent de Paul	Sat., 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Sat., 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
Oromo	Abdalla Hassan - (Contact) HI	289-700-4236	St. Charles – Young	Sat., 9:00 am – 11:30 am
Pilipino	Sally Viquiera – (Contact) HI	905-570-4844	Blessed Sacrament	Fri., 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Portuguese	Fernanda Adams- (Contact) HI	905-545-4881	St. Mark St. Michael St. Lawrence St. Brigid Imm. Conception	Sat., 9:30 am – 12:00pm Mon., 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Sat., 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Fri., 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Tue. 5:30 pm-8 :00 pm
Punjabi	Ajit Chaggar – (Contact) HI	905-664-7459	Our Lady of Peace	Sat., 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Russian	Valida Guliyeva – (Contact) HI	905-297-7990	St. Charles Young St. CharlesYoung	Fri., 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Sat., 9:00 am -11:30 am
Slovenian	Jenny Antolin - Contact Sandy Allen – HI	905-664-5980	St. Gregory the Great	Sat., 9:00 am-12:30pm
Spanish	Mariana Jorquera – (Contact) HI	905-304-3822	Guardian Angels Our Lady of Lourdes St. Joseph St. Vincent de Paul St. Mark	Mon., 5:30 pm-8:00pm Fri., 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Tue., 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Sat., 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Sat., 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Ukrainian	Mary Holadyk – (Contact) HI	905-547-5444	St. Ann's, Hamilton	M-F, 8:15am-8:45 am
Ukrainian	Irena Wojtow-Dmyterko – Contact	905-318-9304	Holy Spirit	Sat., 9:00 am-11:30 am
Urdu	Inam Ul Haque – (Contact) HI	296-0930	St. Charles, Barlake	Mon. 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Urdu	Bilqis Kabir – (Contact) HI	573-0174	St. Eugene	Sat., 9:30 am -12:00 pm
Vietnamese	Theresa Defreitas – (Contact) HI	905-512-9623	St. Lawrence	Sat., 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Telling Tales Festival—there is free busing both to and from the Festival. The bus will leave St. Brigid at 9:30 a.m.

Save the date



A Day for Celebrating Stories!

9th Annual

Telling Tales Festival

Sunday, September 17, 2017

Westfield Heritage Village, Rockton, Ontario

Featuring over 25 of
Canada's leading
children's writers,
illustrators, musicians
and storytellers

Free Admission
Activity Centre
Book Swap & Shop
Historic Characters
Contests, Prizes
& More!



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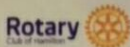


Sponsorship, Advertising, Exhibitor and Volunteer opportunities are available. Visit tellingtales.org for more information.



All proceeds go to raising awareness, support, and funds for literacy programs in our community.

www.tellingtales.org | facebook.com/TellingTalesFestival | twitter.com/tellingtalesffs



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17 Telling Tales	18	19 9:30 a.m. Mass	20 Gr 7&8 to Ca- thedral 5:00 pm Wel- come Back BBQ	21	22 PA DAY— no school	23
24	25	26	27	28 6:00 pm CSC Meet- ing & elec- tions	29	30