



HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
**ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
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# October 2017

## *A Parent's Prayer to St. Joseph*

O glorious St. Joseph, to you God committed the care of His only begotten Son amid the many dangers of this world. We come to you and ask you to take under your special protection the children God has given us. Through holy baptism they became children of God and members of His holy Church. We consecrate them to you today, that through this consecration they may become your foster children. Guard them, guide their steps in life, form their hearts after the hearts of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

## Thanksgiving Table Prayer

O Gracious God,

We give thanks for your overflowing generosity to us.

Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast day. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work, and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick or suffering.

Open our hearts to your love. We ask for your blessing through Christ your son. Amen.

This is the *Day*  
that the Lord has made,  
let us *Rejoice*  
and be glad it in it.  
Psalm 118:24

**Information regarding the accommodation reviews for St. Brigid and St. Patrick Catholic Elementary Schools:** at this time we do not have any further information or clarification from the Ministry of Education. Information will be shared when made available.

**INDIGO FOR THE LOVE OF READING UPDATE:** The Ancaster Indigo, located on Golf Links Road, has adopted St. Brigid for 3 weeks for "The Love Of Reading" campaign that ends on October 8, 2017. So far 491 books will be donated to our school. Thank you to everyone for their support and for spreading the word! You can still support the campaign until October 8.

Please visit our website for newsletter, school information and updates, calendar and much more:

St. Brigid Website: [www.stbi.hwcdsb.ca](http://www.stbi.hwcdsb.ca)

## **IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER**

October 9: Thanksgiving (no school) October 12: School Mass @ 9:30 am October 20: School photos

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all the students, staff, parents and community partners for a wonderful transition into St. Brigid. Thank you to all who came out to support our Welcome Back BBQ: it was a great success and God blessed us with fantastic weather!

Many permission forms will be coming home throughout the year for various trips and events. The school board has approved new trip forms. Page 1 of the form outlines the details of the trip and remains at home with the parent/guardian. The second part of the trip form must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian and returned to school prior to the trip. **Please note that verbal permission (phone calls) cannot be granted for a trip, the written form must be signed and submitted for a student to attend a trip.** Trips are posted online under our school calendar, please check there regularly for updates.

Hallowe'en: this year students are welcome to wear their Hallowe'en costumes to school on Tuesday, October 31 with parental permission. Please ensure that students are able to move about freely in their costumes. Masks, toy weapons, costume props are to be left at home as they are a safety concern and could get damaged or lost at school. Alternatively students may wear black and orange in the place of a costume.

Wishing you and your family a relaxing and safe Thanksgiving!

Mrs. A. Coletto

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### CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING AT OUR SCHOOL

*CONSIDER JOINING THE CATHOLIC PARENT COUNCIL—our next meeting is Wednesday, October 18 @ 6:00 pm in the learning commons (library).*

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## 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.

**DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, ST. BRIGID SCHOOL WILL BE  
CELEBRATING THE FOLLOWING TWO DRESS DOWN DAYS:**

Wednesday, October 4 **WEAR YELLOW DAY:** Active transportation iWalk Day. Please consider walking or biking to school that day.

Tuesday, October 24 **WEAR PURPLE DAY:** “Go Purple Day” is an opportunity to bring awareness to and to encourage everyone to use their voice to help vulnerable children in our city.

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH**

In order to feel confident and connected, children need to feel that they belong. Their sense of belonging comes, in large part, from how they connect to their families – do they spend time together having fun, do they participate in chores and contribute to the household, do they have a sense of family values and traditions? As parents we need to be diligent in making sure our children feel a secure attachment within the family unit, so they can thrive when they venture away from us.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH**

Marriages that are cared for reap rewards as the years pass: both people feel connected and in love; children feel secure in the love of their parents; they share times of joy and an ability to pull together when trials present themselves. Couple care includes spending time together, using good communication skills, and asking each other, “What are we doing well, what could we be doing better.” The rewards for continuous care of your marriage are endless!

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!**

Wednesday, October 18—Friday, October 20  
in our learning commons!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENT COUNCIL  
FOR 2017-2018**

President: Jasmine P.

Communications Officer: Jazmine W.

Sports Rep: Aidan B

Youth Leaders: Marisa B., Xane C., Jhelizza J., & Harmony S.

**COUNCIL UPDATES:** We collected \$142.00 for the Terry Fox Walk/Run, thank you to everyone who contributed. We are also running our Harvest Canned Food drive, please donate canned goods by Thursday, October 5.



## SEPTEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARD WINNERS

TEACHER	CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE	EXCELLENCE	ENTHUSIASM
Miss. Greene & Mrs. Kondo	Yokomae P.	Isabella T.	Jayian J.
Mrs. Stevens & Mrs. Cosoleto	Myah B.	Emily C.	Laura B.
Miss. Kinsella	Aria D.	Matthew D.	Sara M.
Mr. Ciapanna	Nuria P.	Aubrey W.	Gavin P.
Miss. Levert	Aubrey R.	Jayla S.	Brandon H.
Mrs. Venneri	Brooklyn P.	Owen N.	Regan G.
Miss. Tersigni	Autumn W.	Ralph C.	Mariana C.
Miss. Presta	Alejandro S.J.	Marcus B.	Xakariah. C
Mrs. Aird	Xaiyah C.	Mikayla F.	Shauna B.
Mr. Paladino	Kiara R.	Andrew R.	Lyam H.
Mrs. Labatt	Antonella. G	Maria. N	Ricardo. N
Miss. Susi	Brandon G.	Daniela B.	Victor G.
Mme Ceridonio	Michael D.	Alyssa T.	Kyle S.
Mr. Clinton	Aria D. Gabriella M.	Sara M.	

## SEPTEMBER ACE AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the first recipients of our St.Brigid ACE Awards:

FDK: Alex H

PRIMARY: Sophia C.

JUNIOR: Andy L.

INTERMEDIATE: Aidan B.

Students can earn an 'ACE' award for being an awesome student anywhere in the school. An ACE award can be given by any staff member to students throughout the month. Students can earn awards by doing good deeds, lending a helping hand, being a friend to someone in need or any other act that helps to make our school community a better place. Each ACE award has two sections to it, one section goes home with the student to let parents / guardians know of the positive impact your child is having in the school and the other section is added to the ACE bins in the office, each month we draw one name from each division. Congratulations to all our students who earned ACE awards in September.



## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL (CSC)

Our next council meeting will take place on **Wednesday, October 18 at 6:00pm** in the learning commons (library). Parents / guardians are encouraged to attend.



## ANNUAL PARENT CONFERENCE

Consider attending the HWCDSB parent conference on **Saturday, November 4** at Bishop Ryan Catholic High School. It is an excellent opportunity attend a workshop that is of interest to you, celebrate Mass, listen to a keynote speaker and enjoy lunch. More information will be sent home shortly.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Our breakfast club is up and running. Breakfast is available daily in the breakfast room across from the main office from 8:30—8:45 am Monday through Friday. Thank you to our volunteers and coordinators!

## PIZZA DAYS

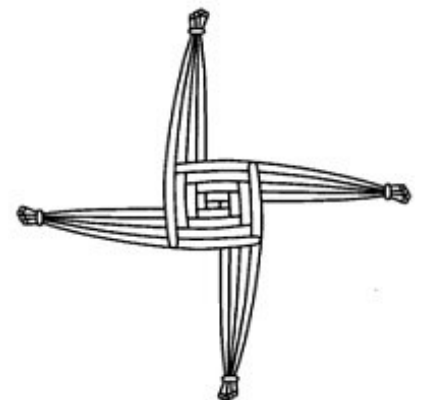
Pizza days will begin on Thursday, October 5. Forms will be coming home each Monday and must be returned weekly by Wednesday to order pizza. Pizza is \$2.00 a slice. Late orders will not be accepted as each week the order needs to be tallied and the number is submitted to the pizza shop on Wednesday for our order on Thursday. Your cooperation in adhering to the weekly deadline is greatly appreciated.

## PILGRIMAGE

On Sunday, October 15th students and staff from the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board will be participating in our annual pilgrimage “Walk With Christ: Justice for the Poor”, an annual event that raises money to support development in Haiti, Uganda and the Dominican Republic. Many of our Grade 7 & 8 students will be participating this year. If you are interested in attending please contact Mrs. Coletto at the school. Mass begins at Cathedral High School at 11:00 am followed by an 8km walk to St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Elementary School and then staff and students are bussed back to St. Brigid upon completion of the walk.

## PARKING

Parents / guardians are reminded not to park in the bus lane in front of the school before or after school. We have buses that need to drop off or pick up and are on a schedule to pick up at the next location. Consider parking further down the street and walking up to the school if you are able to. The safety of our students, parents and staff are a concern and we want to ensure everyone arrives safely. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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1	2 <i>Bus Patroller Safety Train- ing</i>	3	4 <i>Wear YELLOW day for "walk/bike to school day"</i>	5 <i>Cross Country Pizza day</i>	6	7
8	9 <i>Thanksgiving (No school)</i>	10	11 <i>Game On &amp; Paint It Positive begin</i>	12 <i>Pizza day School Mass @ 9:30am</i>	13 <i>TRIP: FDK to FrootToGo</i>	14
15 <i>Pilgrimage (Gr 7&amp;8)</i>	16	17	18 <i>BOOK FAIR CSC Meeting @ 6:00 pm</i>	19 <i>Pizza day BOOK FAIR Confirmation kick off</i>	20 <i>BOOK FAIR SCHOOL PHOTOS</i>	21
22	23	24 <i>Wear Purple Day</i>	25	26 <i>Pizza day</i>	27	28
29 <i>10:00 am Confirmation classes begin at the church</i>	30 <i>TRIP: Grade 1-3 to Dyments Farm</i>	31 <i>Hallowe'en</i> 				