



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

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.stbi.hwcdsb.ca

DECEMBER 2017

God of love, may this wreath and its light remind us that Jesus came to save us from our sin. Bless this wreath and all who gather around it as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas. Come, Lord Jesus, bring hope, faith, and life to our world. Amen.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

December is a month filled with anticipation, excitement and hope. In 2013, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis said, "The time of Advent that we begin again today returns us to the horizon of hope, a hope that does not disappoint because it is founded on the Word of God. A hope that does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful!" Each week we light a candle on the Advent Wreath in preparation of the birth of Jesus. Our school will be celebrating Advent weekly in our gymnasium, parents are invited to attend and to join us at St. Patrick's Church on Thursday, December 21 at 9:30 a.m. to celebrate our Christmas Mass.

Many activities and celebrations are planned throughout the month of December to help us prepare for the coming of Jesus and to celebrate the Christmas season together as a school and in our classes.

Parents / Guardians: communication with your child's teacher is very important for the success of your child. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher please make an appointment through the agenda or a phone call.

Parents / guardians cannot go to classrooms during instructional time to speak to the classroom teacher as this is an interruption to the teaching of the class. If you need to drop something off for your child, come to the office and we will ensure the child receives the item.

Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

We would like to welcome Mrs. C. Palmeri to our school who will be replacing Mrs. Bozzo while she is on maternity leave.

We wish Mrs. Bozzo and her husband all the best as they await the arrival of their child.

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

St. Brigid Website: www.stbi.hwcdsb.ca

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: Monday, December 25—January 5, 2018.

School resumes on Monday, January 8, 2018

WISHING YOU A VERY BLESSED & MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL THE STAFF AT ST. BRIGID!

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. Brigid Catholic Elementary School 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.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

As the cooler weather approaches students are reminded to **dress according to the weather conditions**. Coats, mitts, hats, and scarves are essential for keeping warm. **Please label all your child's clothing and belongings**. It is very hard to tell one glove from the next so a label inside the glove makes it a lot easier to identify its owner.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL ON THE PLAYGROUND

For the safety of our students, staff, parents and visitors before school is 'walk & talk'. This means that no equipment (basketballs etc) are to be used before school. Our playground can get very busy in the morning and we want to ensure that our playground is safe for all. Supervision on the yard does not begin until 8:30am, students should not arrive on the yard before this time.

When the bell rings at 3:05pm students are reminded that they need to go directly home. Students are not to be hanging around the school after the bell as there is no supervision.

Congratulations!

St. Brigid received the 'Bike to School' Award for the 2016-2017 school year. It was presented to our school in November 2017 by Metrolinx. Active transportation, whether it is walking or biking are great ways to get exercise and to help our environment.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL (CSC)

Our next council meeting will take place on **Wednesday, January 31st at 5:00 pm.**



DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, ST. BRIGID SCHOOL WILL BE CELEBRATING THE FOLLOWING DRESS DOWN DAY:

Friday, December 8: JOY DAY—red, white and green day

Friday, December 22: dress down for Christmas holidays

TASR: CONFLICT RESOLUTION PLAN

At St. Brigid Catholic Elementary School we are helping our students to develop their self-regulation and conflict resolution skills. All parents should have received a pamphlet that outlines how the T.A.S.R. program works. All students have been through an introduction lesson to start learning about T.A.S.R.

With T.A.S.R. students learn how to:

- *manage your emotions (e.g., anger, frustration)*
- *manage your behaviour and not let your emotions control you*
- *Respect the rules of the classroom and the school with maturity and understanding*
- *Not interrupt others and learn how to listen to other's opinions and ideas*
- *Be attentive in class and focus on doing your best*
- *Taking responsibility for your own actions*



St. Brigid Bullying Prevention & Intervention

Our school plan to address concerns of bullying can be found on our school website. Select SCHOOL from the top right hand section of our website and then click on Bullying Prevention and Intervention.

WWW.STBI.HWCDSB.CA

POINSETTIAS

A reminder to those who ordered poinsettias that your plants will be here on Thursday, December 7th in the afternoon for pick up.



NOVEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARD WINNERS

Our November winners will be posted on our website in early December as our awards for November will take place on Monday, December 4.



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The St. Brigid staff are very excited to announce that we will be hosting a Christmas Turkey Luncheon for our students on Tuesday, December 19. Classes will be assigned a time to eat in the gym. The older students will be helping our younger students during the luncheon. The lunch will be provided free of charge to all our students. We are looking forward to breaking bread together and celebrating the Christmas season in our gym.

Parent volunteers are needed to help with the set up, serving and clean up for our luncheon. If you have a valid police check and are available to help please let Mrs. Coletto or Mrs. Palmeri know.

FAMILY ADVENT CRAFT NIGHT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WHEN: Wednesday, December 13

TIME: 5:00—7:00 pm

WHAT: Advent family craft night. We will start with an Advent liturgy at 5:00 pm followed by two crafts that children will create with their parents / grandparents.

Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

RSVP: A form will be coming home next week to RSVP so we know how many people to expect.



EVA ROTHWELL CENTRE

460 Wentworth Street North, Hamilton, Ontario 905-526-1558

Wishing all the students, teachers and volunteers a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

Eva Rothwell Centre will be Closed on December 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1st.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

P.A. CAMP – Begin the Adventure and Learning...

Various days in December to June 2018

Public and Catholic School Boards

Grades 1 to 8

9:00-4:00pm / \$5.00/per Child/per PA DAY

Early and Late drop off/pick up Available for an additional \$5.00/child/week - (8:00-5:30pm)

Register today, Limited Spaces

Visit our website for Registration Forms – www.evarothwell.ca or pick up the forms at the Centre

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

DROP IN PROGRAMS

Monday to Friday

3:00-6:00pm

5-18 years

No Charge, Free

Activities: Games room, Creative Crafts, After school Snack,

Be Active in the Gym, Music, Computers, Literacy Express Train, Breakfast program, and much more...

Registration: Sign up for free

Bug Busters

The City of Hamilton, Public Health Department will be running clinics to screen and offer parents to help and assistance in treating head lice.

December 2017

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Mon






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Fri

Sat

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3 11:30am Rite of Welcome for Con- firmandi @ St. Pat's 	4 9:00am Novem- ber awards Advent Liturgy	5 Confessions	6 Spirit wear orders due TRIP: FDK to RBG, Gr 8 to Theatre	7 Rising Stars Gr 8 Bus Safety Pres. Poinsettia pick up	8 JOY DAY! Dress down: red, white and green	9 FLL Robotics Tournament
10 	11 Advent Liturgy	12	13 Rising Stars 4-6 Advent Craft Night 5:00-7:00	14 TRIP: Gr 1-3	15	16
17 	18 Advent Liturgy	19 Christmas Luncheon	20	21 9:30 Mass	22 9:00 Awards assembly and dress down day	23
24 Christmas Eve 	25 Christmas Day 	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve						