



HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
**ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
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VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.stbi.hwcdsb.ca](http://www.stbi.hwcdsb.ca)

## JANUARY 2018



### A Prayer for the New Year

Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always. Be our light, our guide and our comforter. Be our strength, our courage and our sanctifier. May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth. A time of welcoming your graces and gifts, a time for forgiving freely and unconditionally, a time for growth in virtue and goodness. Amen.

On behalf of the entire staff of St. Brigid we wish you a very healthy 2018 and all the best for the upcoming year!

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to all our students, families, staff and community partners. I hope that you had a wonderful break and were able to get outside to enjoy the snow, despite the frigid temperatures.

With the cold weather students are reminded to dress accordingly—snow pants, boots, mittens, hats and jackets. Please label all clothing to make it easier to find its owner. We also have a lot of items in our lost and found bin located in the breakfast room, please stop by to look for your child's items if they have lost anything.

Parents / Guardians please check in at the office if you need to drop off anything for your child(ren). We will call your child to the office to meet you.

Wishing you a wonderful start to the new year!

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)

# THANK YOU

Thank you to the many organizations, schools and community partners that donated hampers, food and Christmas gifts to our school for families in our community. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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## WINTER WEATHER—SCHOOL CLOSURES

When schools are closed or buses cancelled due to extreme weather conditions, details will be announced on the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board website ([www.hwcdsb.ca](http://www.hwcdsb.ca)) and Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services website ([www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/public\\_v2/index.aspx](http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/public_v2/index.aspx)) as well as the following Hamilton and area media outlets:

900 CHML / 95.3 Fresh FM / Y108 FM CKOC 1150 / K-Lite  
102.9 FM CKPC 1380 AM / Jewel 92.1 FM

CHCH TV Morning Live (Channel 11) CBC Hamilton  
[www.cbc.ca/hamilton](http://www.cbc.ca/hamilton)

The Hamilton Spectator [www.thespec.com](http://www.thespec.com)

Twitter <https://twitter.com/HWCDSB>

Facebook [www.facebook.com/hwcdsb/](http://www.facebook.com/hwcdsb/)



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

Thursday, January 25– Pajama Day for Snuggle Up & Read

## SNUGGLE UP & READ

On Thursday, January 25 we will be hosting Snuggle Up & Read Day. It is an annual event to promote the love of reading and literacy and it's the perfect day to put on your comfortable PJs and read a book! We are looking for guest readers to come in and read to our students. If you are interested in coming to read to your child's class please contact the classroom teacher. All visitors require a valid police check. *Thank you to Mrs. Kondo for organizing our day!*



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## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL (CSC)

Our next council meeting will take place on  
**Wednesday, January 31st at 5:00 pm.**  
Parents are encouraged to join us!



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

### DECEMBER 2017

TEACHER	CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE	EXCELLENCE	ENTHUSIASM
Miss. Greene & Mrs. Kondo	Noah B.	LeeAnn C.	Jayden S.
Mrs. Stevens & Mrs. Cosoleto	Sebastian	Matthew	Amelia
Miss. Kinsella	Preston J.	Olivia F.	Navarro V.
Mr. Ciapanna	Emma B.	Marissa N.	Serenity F.
Miss. Levert	Vanessa E.	Iliana L.	A.J. B.
Mrs. Venneri	Raissa R.	Brooklyn P.	Nathan B.
Miss. Tersigni	Daphne M.	Trevor S.	Jonathan G.
Miss. Presta	Dominik K.	Ken N.	Austin E.
Mrs. Aird	Kevin N.	Mikayla F.	Teaghan G.
Mr. Paladino	Sarah S.	Adrian L.	Marianna D.
Mrs. Labatt	Marisa. B	Jasmine. P	James. W
Miss. Susi	Emily A.	Veronica A.	Aidan B.
Mme Ceridonio	Rosita. M.G	Maria. N	Antonella. G
Mr. Clinton	Micaela S.	Jayla S.	Brandon H.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Knights of Columbus Poster Contest: Congratulations to Lorain A. in Grade 7 and Maria N. in Grade 8 who entered and won the Knights of Columbus 'Keep Christ in Christmas' poster contest. Their art is a beautiful example of the reason for the season. We are very proud of you!



Congratulations to our *FIRST* Lego League (FLL) team who represented our school at the regional qualifier on Saturday, December 9 at Cardinal Newman Catholic High School. You all made of our school very proud of your efforts. Thank you to Mrs.Kiely and Mrs.Besu for coaching our team.

## ACE AWARD WINNERS FOR DECEMBER

Jonathan G. in Grade 3 for working very hard!

Ralph C. in Grade 4 for great work!

Aidan B. in Grade 7 for great progress in French class!

# Christmas Turkey Luncheon

On Tuesday, December 19, the entire school community was treated to a fantastic Christmas meal of turkey and all the fixings! Thank you to the many volunteers who helped to make our Christmas Luncheon a great success!



**ROSARY CLUB: Our Rosary Club will be starting on Wednesday, January 24 with Mrs. Eccles. Students in Grade 3 through 6 are encouraged to join!**

The students will focus on how to pray the rosary for peace in the world, as Our Blessed Mother had requested in Fatima, Portugal, to the 3 little shepherds (Francisco, Jacinta e Lucia). In reciting each decade of the rosary and the Mysteries of the Rosary (Joyful, Luminous, Glorious, Sorrowful Mysteries), the students recall events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. For over four centuries, the rosary has been promoted by several Popes as part of the Veneration of Mary and Jesus Christ's Life in Roman Catholicism.



Good luck to our Senior Girls Volleyball and Junior Boys & Senior Boys basketball teams who are starting up their seasons.







# St. Brigid Eco News

Our Eco-Team is excited to announce that they will be selling reusable water bottles with our school logo on it. The water bottles will be sold for \$4.00 each. An order form will be sent home soon.



## Eva Rothwell Centre

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

Welcome back students, teachers and volunteers, hoping everyone have had a Wonderful Holiday Season.

### 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

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

Various days in January 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](http://www.evarothwell.ca) or pick up the forms at the Centre

### 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.

# January 2018

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	<i>1</i> <i>Happy New Year!</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Gr 7 to Cathedral</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Rising Stars Gr 6-8</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Rising Stars Gr 1-3</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Dental Screening JK, SK, 2, 8</i>	<i>23</i> <i>9:30 Mass Gr 8 to Cathedral</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> <i>Snuggle Up &amp; Read Day PJ Day</i>	<i>26</i> <i>PA DAY</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> <i>Rising Stars Gr 1-3</i>	<i>31</i> <i>11:15 Awards 5:00 CSC</i>			