



HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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FEBRUARY 2018

THE FEAST OF ST. BRIGID: FEBRUARY 1

Little is known about Saint Brigid's life after she entered the Church, but in 40 she founded a monastery in Kildare, called the Church of the Oak. It was built above a pagan shrine to the Celtic goddess Brigid, which was beneath a large oak tree. Brigid and seven friends organized communal consecrated religious life for women in Ireland and she founded two monastic institutions, one for men and one for women.

Brigid invited a hermit called Conleth to help her in Kildare as a spiritual pastor. Her biographer reported that Brigid chose Saint Conleth "to govern the church along with herself." She later founded a school of art that included metalwork and illumination, which Conleth led as well. It was at this school that the Book of Kildare, which the Gerald of Wales praised as "the work of angelic, and not human skill," was beautifully illuminated, but was lost three centuries ago.



Saint Brigid helped many people in her lifetime, but on February 1, 525, she passed away of natural causes. Her body was initially kept to the right of the high altar of Kildare Cathedral, with a tomb "adorned with gems and precious stones and crowns of gold and silver," but in 878, during the Scandinavian raids, her relics were moved to the tomb of Patrick and Columba. (from www.catholic.org)

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

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

BAG 2 SCHOOL IS BACK!

Help support our school fundraising efforts and help the environment by reducing landfill waste while promoting the 3 R's – Reduce, Re-use, Recycle – in our school. Families are welcome to donate CLEAN CLOTHING IN REASONABLE CONDITION including: shoes (tied together, please), belts, purses, handbags and other soft bags.

How does Bag2School help the environment?

Contributing clothing to B2S directly reduces the volume of textiles sent to landfill sites. In most western countries, 6-12% of landfill waste is made up of discarded textiles. Instead of being thrown into landfills as garbage, quality textiles can be re-used as affordable second-hand clothing both in North America and overseas.

For every pound of clothing we collect , we earn money for our school. All items can be brought to the school to the main hallway and we will move them to the collection area.

The final day to donate items is TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018.

BIG BOX OF CARDS GRAD FUNDRAISER

Our Grade 8 graduating class is running a fundraiser! For \$33 you can purchase a big box of 30 beautiful cards for all occasions. Samples are available in the office. If you would like to support our grads and purchase a box of cards please call the school office or speak to Ms. Susi or Mrs. Labatt.. Orders must be received by Wednesday, February 28.

FDK Registration

Registration for September 2018 is now open. If you have a child born in 2014 please contact Mrs. Palmeri at the school to set up a time to register your child for school. We will be hosting a 'Welcome To FDK Night' in May, more information will be sent to parents closer to the date.

NEW SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

On January 29, 2018 the Ministry of Education announced funding for a new St. Patrick School which will be a new school for 383 pupils. The letter was sent home to all families in our school. As more information becomes available it will be sent home to parents.

DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY ST. BRIGID SCHOOL WILL BE CELEBRATING THE FOLLOWING DRESS DOWN DAYS:

Wednesday, February 7—Wear Yellow: Winter Walk To School Day

Tuesday, February 13—Valentine's Celebration: Wear Red, White & Pink

Wednesday, February 28—Wear Pink Day

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL (CSC)

Our next council meeting will take place on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 @ 5:00 pm.** Parents are encouraged to



TERM ONE REPORT CARDS WILL BE GOING HOME ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13. This is a great opportunity to set goals with your child, to celebrate their successes and strengths and to focus on next steps for growth. Please sign and return page 3 to the school.

CONGRATULATIONS!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

JANUARY 2018

TEACHER	CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE	EXCELLENCE	ENTHUSIASM
Miss. Greene & Mrs. Kondo	Tyreese B.	Emerson B.	Domenic A.
Mrs. Stevens & Mrs. Cosoleto	Ethan M.	Sebastian P.	Amelia O.
Miss. Kinsella	Danica T.	Ryder R.	Shamela B.
Mr. Ciapanna	Tiana F.	Kellin G.	Sophia C.
Miss. Levert	Lucas M.	Layla C.	Kai A.
Mrs. Venneri	Deserah G.	Declan G.	Happiness S.
Miss. Tersigni	Amanda S.	Ciana S.	Frida S.
Miss. Presta	Xaka. C	Kyle. S	Isabella. C
Mrs. Aird	Shilyn O.	Nathaniel P.	Andy L.
Mr. Paladino	Zack C.	Paige W.	Steven G.
Mrs. Labatt	Larissa C.	Selena A.	Jeffrey G.S
Miss. Susi	Haley Q.	Olivia T.	Xane C.
Mme Ceridonio	Bianca	Shauna B.	Danny D.
Mr. Clinton	Brooklyn P.	Regan G	Owen N.

BEFORE & AFTER CARE SURVEY

A survey is being sent home to parents with this newsletter which is to support an integrated approach to the planning and delivery of before-and-after school programs, to consult with the parent community to determine demand and program viability. The survey is also available online on our website at www.stbi.hwcdsb.ca on the homepage. Please complete the survey if you have child between FDK to Grade 6 and return it to the school. Thank you!



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.

Ash Wednesday & Valentine's Day Celebrations

This year Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day fall on the same day. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. Regarding Lent, the *Ordo* says: "The Church encourages penitential practices that are external and social, reflecting the circumstances of individuals and communities." (p. 142)

As a school community we will be holding our Valentine's celebrations on Tuesday, February 13 which is Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday) as Wednesday, February 14 will be a day of reflection and distribution of ashes at St. Patrick's Church. Ashes will be brought back to the school for our FDK students and staff.

On Tuesday, February 13 students will have the opportunity to participate in many in class and school events that our Student Council has prepared. Students are encouraged to wear red, white and / or pink on February 13th.

February 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1 <i>Feast of St. Brigid</i> <i>LEAD Recess</i>	2 <i>January Awards @ 1:30</i>	3
4	5	6 <i>Rising Stars for Gr 1-3</i> <i>5:00 pm CSC</i>	7 <i>Try It Floor Hockey Day!</i> <i>Walk To School Day</i>	8 <i>TRIP: Gr 4-8 to Hamilton Bulldogs</i>	9	10
11	12	13 <i>Report Cards</i> <i>Wear Red/White</i> <i>Labatt to Cathedral</i>	14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	15	16	17
18	19 <i>FAMILY DAY</i> <i>No School</i>	20 <i>Rising Stars Gr 1-3</i>	21	22 <i>Rising Stars Gr 6-8</i>	23 <i>TRIP: FDK to Battlefield</i>	24
25 <i>11:30 Mass & welcome meeting for Recon. & Communion</i>	26	27 <i>Rising Stars Gr 1-3</i> <i>GRAD PHOTOS</i>	28 <i>Wear Pink Day</i> <i>Awards @ 9:00</i>	<i>MARCH 1</i> <i>The Big Crunch</i>	<i>MARCH 2</i> <i>PA DAY</i>	<i>MARCH 3</i> <i>HWCD SB Science Fair</i>