



St. John the Baptist Catholic Elementary School

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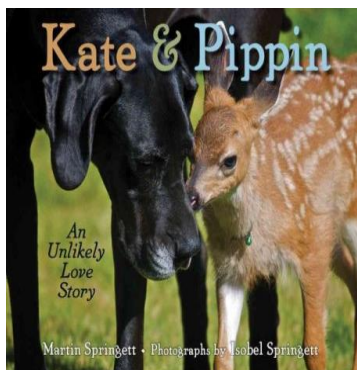
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NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

The virtue of focus for the month of November will be the Theological Virtue of **Charity**. When we practise charity we show love for our neighbours, our enemies, and the poor.

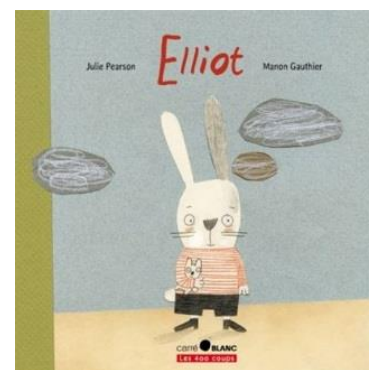


The Learning Goal for the month of November is:

- **I can be more charitable.**

The Success Criteria for charity is:

- **I can love my neighbours.**
- **I can love my enemies.**
- **I can love the poor.**



Being charitable also involves attending to the family, school, parish, and the wider community which are all parts of being a caring family member which is one of our Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations.

Families are encouraged to discuss the virtue of charity with their children. Books are available, for loan, at the school to support these discussions and they include “Elliot” and “Kate & Pippin.” Please feel free to contact the school for further information on borrowing these items.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Please see the “**FAMILIES IN NEED**” survey on the last page of this newsletter.

Please see the calendar for **progress report deadlines**. School staff looks forward to partnering with parents to enhance student achievement. **Working Together with Jesus We Succeed!**

Our **Remembrance Day Celebration** is at **10:30 a.m. on November 10th**. Students that have a uniform (such as Cadets or Girl Guides) are welcome to wear it that day to honour our soldiers. Our monthly **School Mass** is at **9:25 a.m. on November 14th**. Parents are welcome to attend both events.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL (CSC)

Our CSC is hosting the **Family Advent Craft Night on December 6th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** A separate letter asking for confirmation of attendance and volunteers will be sent out closer to the date of the event. Please join us for our next CSC meeting on November 15th at 6:00 p.m. as all parents are welcome. Bring your children, if you like.

PARISH NEWS (ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR)

The Parish Bazaar is on Friday, November 17th (1:00 – 4:00 p.m. for students and until 9:00 p.m. for the public) and Saturday, November 18th (9:00 – 1:00 p.m.). Families will once again be asked to support the Parish by selling and returning Capital Prize Draw tickets. Please return any that are not sold.

If you have not helped with the bazaar in the past but would like to get involved this year, please contact the Parish rectory at 905-544-2100. You can help at the bazaar or make a donation of money, penny sale prizes, baked goods

etc. If you cannot do any of the above, come out and enjoy the festivities and make it a community affair. Thank you, John van der Zalm (Bazaar Co-ordinator).

Order forms for MacMillan's will be available on *Parent Interview Night on November 16th* or at the Bazaar. Payment for MacMillan's orders may be made by cash or by cheque payable to St. John the Baptist Church. Payment will also be accepted upon delivery. Please no post-dated cheques. Product orders must be picked up between **4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.** on **Wednesday, Dec 6th** in the church hall. For further information please contact Sharon Campbell-Springstead at 905-547-6383 or sspringstead@cogeco.ca

WE TEAM NEWS

RED & WHITE DAY FOR UNITED WAY (STUDENT COUNCIL)

The United Way supports the many needs of our city; please help us help others. Our **Student Council** will gladly promote, on Tuesday November 7th, a red & white civvies day to support the United Way. All students are kindly asked to donate \$2.00 or more to support those in need within our community. Thank you for caring for others, as Jesus asks of us.

THE MONSTER MASH

The Monster Mash was a huge success. The costumes were very colourful and showed off the creativity of many of our students. A student from each class received a lovely candy apple to celebrate their amazing costumes. Each classroom was also given a pumpkin to decorate to show classroom collaboration. The pumpkins were proudly displayed in the gymnasium for the entire school to view. They were awesome!! Students also had the wonderful opportunity to have fun.

EQAO RESULTS

The students worked very hard throughout the duration of the school year. We are proud of their effort as each student experienced academic growth. Detailed results can be retrieved from the EQAO website. The results below demonstrate the percentage of all students (including those that did not write) at or above the provincial standard (level 3 and 4).

PRIMARY EQAO RESULTS FOR GRADE 3 – 2016 -2017

ACADEMIC AREA	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	HWCDSE	PROVINCE
Reading	74	80	74
Writing	76	80	73
Numeracy	66	69	62

JUNIOR EQAO RESULTS FOR GRADE 6 – 2016 -2017

ACADEMIC AREA	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	HWCDSE	PROVINCE
Reading	84	81	81
Writing	76	82	79
Numeracy	44	47	50

NUTRITION PROGRAM

Effective November 6th, our Breakfast Program will offer a daily "sit down" meal at 8:35 a.m. in the Breakfast Room. Please enter through the "parking lot" doors and park facing east of Central Avenue. Staff will be present to greet the students in order to keep traffic flowing. Parents are reminded not to drop off their children before 8:35 a.m.

Students need to show up on time (8:35) to receive the "sit down" meal, or they will be served "grab and go" items on the school yard with the rest of the students after 8:50 a.m. The "grab and go" items will be available inside the school on indoor days.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

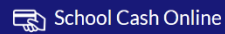
Please remember when dropping off or picking up students, to turn off the engine and help keep our air clean. Remember to pack litterless lunches with reusable containers, especially for water. Kindly send in used batteries, ink cartridges, pens and markers, we will recycle them. Thank you for donating used textiles for our BAG2SCHOOL collection. There will be another collection in the Spring.

SAFE ARRIVAL



Our student absence reporting system makes it easier for you to report your child's absence and easier for staff to respond to unaccounted student absences. It also reduces the time it takes to verify student attendance and help ensure that all students are safe. To register, select the Safe Arrival icon (link above or on our school website). Please contact the school, if you need assistance or have concerns. Report before 9:00 a.m. to avoid being contacted.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE



The school and the HWCDSB continue to promote the use of School Cash Online. To enjoy the convenience of online payments, select the School Cash Online icon (link above or on our school website).

EMAIL UPDATES



Our school website stjh.hwcdsb.ca can automatically email you newsletters and special announcements. To keep informed, select the "Follow us" link (above or on our school website).

STUDENT AWARDS: OCTOBER

	Class:	CHARITY	ACADEMIC/LEARNING SKILL: (e.g., Math or Self-Regulation)
KA	Miss Frank/Mrs. Viscoso	Mason G.	Lincoln M. (Attentive Listening)
KB	Mrs. RIVERSO /Mrs. Bajus-Harrison	Morgan H.	Elianne G. (Attentive Listening)
1A	Miss Kollarich	James E.	Hayden K. (Participation)
1/2A	Mrs. Persaud	Abbigail W.	Matthew M. (Self-Regulation)
2A	Miss Curciarello	Isabel M.	Adeline S. (Organization)
3A	Mrs. Petrina-Mus	Hannah M.	Emily R. (Literacy)
3B	Mrs. Villabroza	Finn M.	Leighton U. (Independent Work)
4A	Mrs. De Tina	Malcom B.	Antwone K.- D. (Initiative)
4/5A	Mr. Docherty	Regina A.	Amber H. (Independent Work)
5A	Mr. Bolger	Kayla S.	Ryder C. (Collaboration)
6A	Mrs. Innes	Mikayla S.	Ethan A. (Positive Attitude and Enthusiasm)
7/8A	Mr. Brennan	Bella G.	Paige M. (Excellence in Writing)
8A	Mr. Biagetti	Logan S.	Cavin T. (Math)



November 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Fri.	Sat.	
			1	2 Pizza Day	3 PA Day	4 (8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.) PARENT CONFERENCE
5 Clocks back 1 hour	6	7 Red & White Civvies Day for United Way \$2 donation suggested	8	9 BR visits Gr. 8s	10 Pizza Day Sprit Wear Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30 a.m.	11 Gr. 7 baking for Bazaar
12	13	14 School Mass at 9:25 a.m. Progress Reports sent to Parents	15 CSC Meeting: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	16 Progress Report Interviews	17 Hot Dog Day Church Bazaar Spirit Wear	18 Church Bazaar
19	20	21	22 Intermediate Hockey Tournament	23	24 Pizza Day Picture Re-take Day Spirit Wear	25
26	27	28	29 Grade 8 Parents' Night at BR	30		

December Dates:

- Snack Program (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at morning recess)
- Daily Breakfast Program (8:35 – 8:50 a.m. for sit down) Also on the yard at 8:50 or after entry on indoor days)
- Monday, December 4th – Advent Liturgy at 9:25 a.m.
- December 5th and 6th - Gr. 3 -8 Confessions in the morning
- Tuesday, December 5th – Grade 3 to Camp Marydale
- Wednesday, December 6th - Christmas Concert and Advent Night. CSC Hosted.
- Saturday, December 9th – Robotics Tournament at Cardinal Newman
- Monday, December 11th – Advent Liturgy at 9:25 a.m.
- Monday, December 18th – Advent Liturgy at 9:25 a.m.
- Friday, December 22nd – Advent Liturgy at 9:25 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 20th – Grade 3 to Theatre Aquarius
- December 25th – Merry Christmas!

October 2017 **RE: INCLEMENT WEATHER - SCHOOL CLOSURE**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

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) and Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services website (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
The Hamilton Spectator www.thespec.com
Twitter <https://twitter.com/>
HWCD SB Facebook www.facebook.com/hwcdsb/

Schools closures and bus cancellations will be posted on the HWCD SB and HWSTS websites and communicated to the local media by 7:00 a.m., whenever possible. If schools close early, the information will be posted on the HWCD SB and HWSTS websites and sent to the media for dissemination. In addition, each school will initiate its own procedures for notifying parents of early closures due to inclement weather.

We ask parents/guardians to take notice of the following guidelines:

- In the event of impending severe weather conditions, parents should consider the safety of their children in deciding whether or not to send them to school;
- Parents should stay tuned to Hamilton and area radio stations for weather reports and school board announcements;
- Parents who, in spite of bus cancellation, drive their children to school, should ensure that their children can get into the school and will be required to make the necessary arrangements for the safe return home of their children at the end of the day or in the event of an early closure. Buses which do not run in the morning will not run for the rest of the day;
- Phone calls to the school during severe weather conditions are to be made only in the case of extreme emergency;
- Parents shall be requested to provide the school with the name and telephone number of a neighbour alternate, (someone who lives in close proximity to the home) who would be willing to act on their behalf in the event that they cannot be reached.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours truly, David Hansen Director of Education

FAMILIES IN NEED

In October, a letter went to all SJB families to self-identify whether they are in need of assistance this Christmas season. Perhaps we missed somebody that could use assistance at this time. Also, if your family could be in a position to support our community's needs. Please reply below with any new information before November 10th. you would like to help and return to the office in a sealed envelope.

Name of Family willing to support other Families:	Family in Need of support: