

St. John the Baptist May Newsletter

MORNING PLAYGROUND

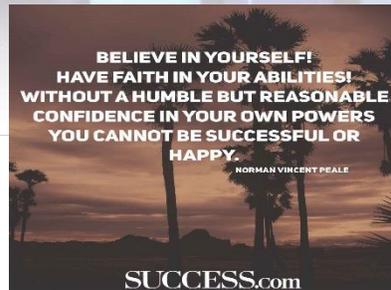
We appreciate that parents accompany their children to school on a daily basis. However, as a school community we are facing some safety issues on the morning drop off of students. We strongly encourage parents to adhere to the following upon dropping off their child:

- Please ensure that you are on the south side of the yellow line (in line with the alley way).
- We are also asking that parents who bring their younger children (who are not enrolled at the school as of yet) with them, that they are also behind the yellow line. Yard supervisors are finding it difficult when younger children are running all over the playground and not being supervised.

If the problem persists, we may have to look into developing other alternative drop off routines in the morning. We thank you for your prompt response to this matter.



DIRECTORS AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE FOR STUDENTS



Every year the H.W.C.D.S.B. recognizes students for their academic and overall achievements in school.

This year, St. John the Baptist School recognizes the following students:

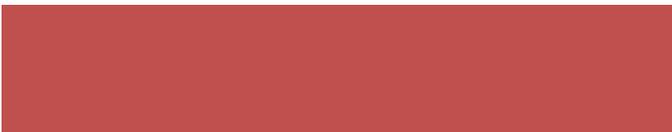
- Catholic School Mission and Vision- Carmela C.*
- Excellent Effort in the Pursuit of Learning- Amber H.*
- Stewardship of Creation- Victoria C.*
- Academic Excellence- Kayla S.*
- Arts- Claudia K.*
- French as Second Language- Marla G.*
- Health and Physical Education - Ryder C.*
- Language- Joshua C.*
- Mathematics- Grace E.*
- Religion and Family Life - Kayla B.*
- Science and Technology - Aidan S.*
- Social Studies/History/ Geography - Giulia T.*

Parents and family are invited to celebrate at the Father Kennedy Catholic Education Centre on Mulberry Street on May 9th, 2019 at 10am. Parents are strongly recommended to come earlier due to limited parking.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MAY 5TH - 11TH



"LIVING AS JOYFUL DISCIPLES"

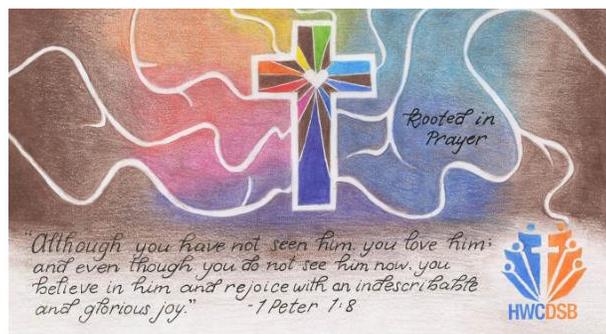


Catholic Education Week - May 5th- 11th

Catholic Education Week is coordinated by the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) to raise awareness about the unique dimension of Catholic education in Ontario.

During Catholic Education “we rejoice and celebrate the distinct contributions our Catholic schools make in the hearts and homes of our students, in our community and world.”

“Throughout Catholic Education Week, we prayerfully reflect on the commitment and responsibility we have in proclaiming the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.”



The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is “Catholic Education: Living as Joyful Disciples.” The overall scriptural theme is taken from Peter's Gospel, “Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy” (1 Peter 1: 8).

As a school we have planned out a busy week to celebrate the gift of Catholic Education. We will have two presenters coming to talk to the students about “The Power of Yet” and “UPOWER”. All events will be on the calendar. We hope that you can share the joy as we celebrate the privilege of Catholic Education in our ever changing society.

HWCDSB MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLANNING (MYSP) CONSULTATION

Journey with us.

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board is seeking your input into its Multi-Year Strategic Plan. The plan identifies strategic priorities that will guide board operations over the next three years. As with our previous Multi-Year Strategic Plan, the consultation invites stakeholder input into the core areas of Catholic Community (Believing), Student Achievement & Well-Being (Achieving), and Effective Management of Resources (Serving).

This consultation process is called “Journeying Together,” and similar to another journey more than two thousand years ago on the road to Emmaus, gives rise to new hope and endless possibility. Your views and ideas will be collected through *Thoughtexchange*, an online engagement tool that will keep you updated throughout the process.

We invite you to join the conversation. Visit <https://www.hwcdsb.ca/myspconsultation/> for details.

The online survey launches on May 6 and runs until June 14, 2019.

C.Y.O NEWS

Cross country is May 10th. We have been diligently practicing and preparing ourselves for this fun-filled day. Track and Field tryouts will be mid-May for students in grades 4- 8. Senior boys' volleyball playoffs are this weekend at Cardinal Newman. Congratulations to our Junior Boys Volleyball team, they had a great season. Unfortunately, they were defeated in the first round of playoffs.

Faith Journey

Congratulations to our Confirmandi and our First Communicants on their sacramental journey this month. Thank you to parents, teacher and especially the students on making the choice to continue to involve themselves in the Catholic teachings. We wish you well on your faith filled journey.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL



CSC MEETING: This month's CSC meeting will take place at Bishop Ryan Catholic High school on May 27th.

As part of the HWCDSB Multi Year Strategic Planning, CSC has been invited to join the

feeder schools to voice their concerns and opinions regarding the MYSP.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST YARD SALE

Join us on Saturday, June 8th from 8am-1pm in the school yard, as we venture on our first YARD SALE FUNDRAISER. In order to participate, we ask that you reserve your table (space) for \$20.00 by May 31st. A flyer will be sent home for your registration. The goal of Parent Council is to raise enough money to cover the cost of the agendas for next year.



KERNELS POPCORN SALES

Catholic School Council is selling Kernal's popcorn every Friday of the month for the next two months. If you would like to purchase a bag of popcorn, the cost is \$2.00 per bag. There are a variety of flavours ranging from butter salt, ketchup, white cheddar and many more. Please listen to morning announcements for the location in the school where we will be selling them.

BIG BOX FUNDRAISER

The BIG BOX FUNDRAISER is coming to a close. Orders will be filled in next two weeks. Thank you for your continued support in the CSC fundraising ventures.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH NEWS



ANNUAL PLANT AND YARD SALE

This occurs on May 10 and 11th in the church hall. Students are encouraged to bring money to purchase some nice flowers for their families.

Sunday 9:30am mass - Children's Liturgy is available

Prayer Network- if you have a special intention said for yourself or a loved one, please contact the church office and we will put their name forward for our Prayer Network. There is no cost for this.