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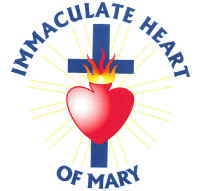
**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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JANUARY 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the staff at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Elementary School, I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and a great start to the new year. A new year offers the opportunity to set goals and hopefully everyone will set the goal of working hard to do their best and the goal of being respectful to others. We appreciate your continued co-operation and support and look forward to an academic year filled with much learning involving spiritual, emotional, physical and intellectual growth.

As Catholics, we are called to bring the message of the Good News by a faith-filled, loved-filled life and to willingly share gifts and talents for the good of the Kingdom of God. We are also asked to bring peace to all by working for justice and love in all life's situations. Let us attempt to incorporate these actions in our New Years' resolutions. May 2018 be a year of prosperity, peace and good health!

Many thanks to the staff and the members of the Catholic School Council for organizing the Advent Ceremony, Breakfast with Santa, and the numerous other activities that took place during the month of December. The events were enjoyed by all and served as great community building opportunities. A special thank you to all of our IHOM school community for their very generous donations of food, clothing and gifts to support the Christmas Angels Program that were delivered to help the many people have a happy Christmas.

We welcome back to our school Mrs. Claudino who is returning from maternity leave on Monday, January 8th as our Grade 5/6 classroom teacher.

*Just a reminder that **Friday, January 26, 2018** is a **Professional Activity Day** for the staff and there will be no school for students on this day.*

Sincerely,
Mr. R. Lenjosek

SCHOOL MASS

Our next school Mass will be held on **Thursday, January 11th** at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. We thank the Intermediate Division for organizing this Mass.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Chairperson: Mr. George Kagianis
Vice-Chairperson: Mrs. Suzanne Markoulis-Kircos
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Non-Teaching Rep.: Mrs. Anna Rita Castellano
Principal: Mr. Rob Lenjosek



Our next Catholic School Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, January 15th** at **7:00 p.m.** in Learning Commons. Agenda topics include:

- (1) Updates from the Terra Cotta Cookie Sales, Breakfast with Santa and our Advent Family Evening
- (2) Lenten / Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday activities
- (3) Principal's Report - Athletics Update

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CES MORNING PRAYER

We thank Mr. Salerno and his Grade 4/5 class for creating the following prayer that we will pray during the morning announcements in January.

Mother Mary, we love and adore you. We thank you for giving birth to your lovely child, Jesus. You always taught us to be kind to one another. Please protect and keep us safe as this new year begins.

Lord, thank you for the people who care for us each and every day. Thank you for giving us the strength to help others. Please help us through the difficult times that we may face today. **O God**, please guide us in the way of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

FULL DAY JK & SK KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS FOR NEXT SEPTEMBER

Any child who will be 4 years old by December 31, 2018 is eligible to register for school for next year.

Parents need to call the school to make an appointment to register their child. **Registrations will take place on January 31st, February 1st, 6th and 7th.** Please come prepared with your child's baptismal certificate, birth certificate and a viable emergency contact and immunization record. As well, you will need to provide "proof of residency" which could be your driver's licence, a phone bill or any other piece of documentation with your home address on it. We are now setting up our appointment schedule, so please call as soon as possible.

Please note that Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Elementary School will begin taking registrations for the Full Day Kindergarten Program for Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten children for September 2018. Parents may wish to read the information brochure which is available at the following website to become more familiar with the program being provided.

<https://www.hwcdsb.ca/board/registration/>



FROM THE PARISH

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

For further information about our Parish please visit our website:

<http://www.ihmchurch.ca/>



SOME IMPORTANT DATES:

Sat. May 26, 2018	1:30 p.m. Confirmation
Thurs. Jan. 25, 2018	Parent Meeting for Reconciliation and Holy Communion
Sat. Feb. 3, 2018	10:00 a.m. Reconciliation
Sun. Apr. 15, 2018	2:00 p.m. First Holy Communion
Tues. June 19, 2018	5:00 p.m. Grade 8 Graduation Liturgy and Awards Presentation 7:00 p.m. Grade 8 Graduation Dinner/Dance at Liuna Gardens

PROVINCIAL REPORT CARDS

Term 1 officially ends on Thursday, February 2, 2017. First term Provincial Report Cards will be sent home with all students from **Kindergarten to Grade 8 on Tuesday, February 13th.**

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM: Polish Classes



The HWCDSB offers free Polish classes at St. Mark's Catholic Elementary School on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for all student in JK to Grade 8. No previous knowledge is necessary and students of all nationalities are welcome. You can register at the school on Saturday, January 13th between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. To register at a later date or to receive further information please call the International Languages secretary at 905-577-0555 (Mountain site) ext. 3225 or send an e-mail to agostinor@hwcdsb.ca.

(Please note that his class will only run if there is sufficient enrolment.)

SEASONAL FLU UPDATE

As the flu season approaches, please remind your child about proper hand washing and hygiene habits. If your child displays flu-like symptoms, it is strongly recommended to keep your child at home in order to prevent the spread of the virus. Students are reminded to wash their hands frequently, to cough/sneeze into the elbow and to avoid sharing snacks and personal effects.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Please remember that e-mail notifications for bus delays can be accessed from the parent's Portal tool on the HWSTS website www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca. This enables parents/guardians to create a secure online account where they can access transportation details for their student(s). This portal also allows account holders to choose to receive e-mail notification when their bus is delayed by more than 10 minutes.

HWSTS (Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services) is responsible for student transportation within our school board. If you encounter any problems regarding bus transportation, please contact HWSTS at **1-800-691-6402**.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

The students in **Grades 6 and 7** will be working on a Science Fair Project this month. In the weeks leading up to the Christmas Break, students will be encouraged to think about possible topics for their science fair. Our science fair backdrops have been ordered. We will be collecting \$5.00 per backdrop.



Our school community will be invited to view these projects at our **Science Fair Open House** which has been planned for **Tuesday, January 30th** from **3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** at Immaculate Heart of Mary CES. Please mark this date on your calendars!

The HWCDSB System Science Fair will be taking place on Saturday, March 3, 2018. (Set-up and registration to take place on Friday, March 2, 2018 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. A select number of projects from our school will be displayed in the HWCDSB System Wide Science and Engineering Fair.

PEANUT ALLERGIES / SEVERE REACTIONS

As you are aware, there are a number of young children who endure **very severe allergic reactions to peanut butter and/or peanut oil products**. We **do not permit** the children to share snacks, treats, lunches, etc. with each other at any time. We also ask for your assistance in not sending your child with food items containing peanut butter or oil products. We are concerned for the health and well-being of all our students. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and support in this regard.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Elementary School is a place where all children feel safe and have a sense of belonging. To ensure the safety and well-being of all children, please note below important information from Anaphylaxis Canada:

- Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death;
- Signs and symptoms of a severe allergic reaction can occur within minutes of exposure to an allergen (a substance capable of causing an allergic reaction)
- Very small amounts of certain foods can cause severe reactions when eaten. This may happen if a person at risk touches an allergenic substance and then subsequently touches the mouth. Even a very small amount "hidden" in a food or transferred to a serving utensil has the potential to cause a severe allergic reaction. Direct ingestion of an allergy-causing food poses the greatest risk for people with food allergies.

Cooperation from parent and guardians in adhering to the guidelines below is most appreciated:

- Reinforce hand washing practices: washing hands before and after eating
- Remind children not to share or trade food, food utensils, or food containers
- Please do NOT bring any homemade food products into the school

Thank you for your help in keeping all our children safe.

SCHOOL SECURITY/VISITORS



We wish to request the cooperation of parents when visiting the school. For the safety of our students, all visitors/parents must report to the office. This procedure is to ensure your child's safety and that they receive the maximum teaching time. If you need to drop off a lunch or any items forgotten by your child, we ask that you do so at the main office with the secretary. Please note that all doors will be locked, and parents/visitors must use the main doors and monitoring system to enter the school, and come directly to the office.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Immaculate Heart of Mary students have greatly benefited from the generous gift of "time" from our parent volunteers. Volunteers are used in many different areas in the school; however they are never assigned to their own child's class. We kindly remind our volunteers that we will assign individuals where they are needed. All volunteers must have an updated police check. Please call the school and speak to Mrs. Barcaroli-Siciliano to discuss possibilities. Even one half-hour a week helps our students!



DROPPING OFF STUDENTS AND PARKING AT THE SCHOOL

Please remember that the front of the school has two bus loops. The loop closest to the school is a fire route and vehicles that stop will be ticketed. The Kiss and Park loop is to be used for "quick" drop-offs. For the safety of the students, we ask that you use the school parking lot or the church parking lot to pick up students after school which will prevent congestion at the front of the school and allow for people to leave quickly and safely. Remember when picking up students, please come to the front of the school to be buzzed in. Please remember to **not leave your vehicle running** if no one is in the vehicle.

Parents are reminded to obey and observe the speeding limits when driving along Glover Road towards our school. We have been asked to remind our parents to please observe the traffic laws and not to drive across the private property at the corner of Glover Road and Highway 8. We thank you for your continued cooperation and support in keeping all of our students safe.

MEDICATION

Please note we must have your written permission to dispense or supervise the intake of medication for your child. If your child requires medication, forms are available at the main office. Please note that permission must be renewed at the beginning of every school year. Please contact the school and speak to Mrs. Barcaroli-Siciliano (SERT) for further information.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Kindly ensure students come to school dressed in appropriate clothing for the cold Canadian winter. Snowpants, boots, mittens, scarf and a hat are a must for playing on the snow covered field. Boots should be worn at all times outside for safety. Every effort is made to have the school yard properly sanded/salted prior to the arrival of students, however, sometimes this is not possible. We do our very best to salt by hand as much as possible and to call in the sand/salt truck when necessary—at times the truck can not arrive until later in the day. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in this matter.



CHILD CARE CENTRE

The **Catholic Child Care Centre** at Immaculate Heart of Mary CES is accepting registrations. Anyone looking for care from 18 months to 12 years should contact Grace at 905-523-2454.



SNUGGLE UP AND READ DAY: Thursday, January 25th

Here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Elementary School, classes will be participating in a Snuggle Up and Read Day on Thursday, January 25, 2018. This is a school initiative to recognize the city-wide Family Literacy Day and we thank Mrs. Koscic for organizing this event.



For more information check out www.familyliteracyday.com. Family Literacy Day is an opportunity to reinforce a tradition of nightly bedtime lullabies and stories!

On Thursday, January 25th, students are encouraged to wear their pajamas at school and should come prepared with a blanket and some of their favourite **books to read!** We will use this opportunity to build community within our school by having parents, grandparents and older students read with our students. If you are interested in participating, please fill in the note that Mrs. Koscic will be sending home this week.

INCLEMENT WEATHER - SCHOOL CLOSURE

Unless announced on the radio, all schools will remain open even though the weather may be severe. As always, parents have the right and the responsibility to decide to keep children home if there is any question as to their safety. We do ask that you report your child's absence using the Safe Arrival System. Any school closures or cancellations of transportation will be announced on the following radio stations by 7:00 am.: 900 CHML, Y108 FM, 1150 CKOC, 102.9 K-LITE FM, 820 CHAM and WAVE-FM 94.7. Please check the HWCDSB's website for up-to-date information. <http://www.hwcdsb.ca>.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT VISIT

We welcome Mrs. Fortino (Superintendent of Education) along with other members of the Catholic School Student Achievement Team to our school on Monday, January 22nd during the morning as they visit each of our classrooms and meet with the school improvement team and our staff.

MONTHLY AWARDS

Congratulations go to the following recipients:

Grade	Christian Spirit Award	Student of the Month: Helping Hands
FDK - A	Lina P.	Willa D.
FDK - B	Addison L.	Kristian N.
FDK - C	Nikolina K.	Vienna H.-S.
Grade 1A	Edith C.-G.	Michael A.
Grade 1B	Sofia F.	Samantha K.
Grade 2	Cynthia C.	Myah R.
Grade 2 / 3	Simona D.	Ethan H.
Grade 3	Anthony T.	Gracie D.
Grade 4	Tanner L.	Allysia I.
Grade 4 / 5	Sophia C.	Lucas D.
Grade 5 / 6	Lucy D.	Makayla C.
Grade 6	Dakota R.	Ariel M.
Grade 7	Alessandro B.	Eric S.
Grade 7 / 8	Spence M.	Sofia C.C.
Grade 8	Sebastian P.	Olivia B.

The Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations

A discerning believer formed in the Catholic faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mysteries of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living;

An effective communicator who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of gospel values;

A reflective, creative and holistic thinker who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good;

A self-directed, responsible, life-long learner who develops and demonstrates his/her God-given potential;

A collaborative contributor who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good;

A caring family member who attends to family, school, parish, and the wider community;

A responsible citizen who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.

We wish all of our students the best of luck **next month** as we focus our monthly award goals on: **Christian Spirit** and **Respect - Virtue: The Common Good**.

**We remind our school community to please
check the Board's website regularly for
important information.**

<http://www.hwcdsb.ca/>

CYO SPORT TEAMS

We are always proud of our sport teams as they continue to represent themselves and our school community. We wish the following teams well in the upcoming sports season:

Junior Boys Basketball Team	Coach:	Mr. Kolenko
Junior Girls Volleyball Team	Coaches:	Mrs. De Luca & Mrs. Minichini
Senior Boys Basketball Team	Coach:	Mr. MacDonald
Senior Girls Volleyball Team	Coaches:	Mrs. Bowen & Mrs. Kostyshyn



Good Luck !

Junior Girls Volleyball Team

Coaches: Mrs. De Luca, Mrs. Minichini

Team Members: Mia B., Natasha B., Genevieve C., Izabella C., Kathryn D., Alexia F., Natalie H., Ariel M., Kenley S., Kate S., Selina V.

Games:

#1	4:15 pm Thurs., Jan. 11 th	St. Clare CES gym	St. Clare Team
#2	6:30 pm Wed. Jan. 17 th	St. Gabriel CES gym	St. Francis Team
#3	4:15 pm Wed. Jan. 24 th	Our Lady of Lourdes CES gym	St. Agnes Team
#4	5:00 pm Thurs. Feb. 1 st	St. Paul CES gym	St. Paul Team
#5	5:00 pm Wed. Feb. 7 th	Our Lady of Lourdes CES gym	Sacred Heart Team

Senior Girls Volleyball Team

Coaches: Mrs. Bowen, Miss Kostyshyn

Team Members: Georgia A., Angelina B., Madeline D., Julianna F., Maya G., Antonia G., Sara L., Samantha R., Sophia S., Cristina S., Juliana T., Genevieve T.

Games:

#1	6:30 pm Thurs. Jan. 11 th	St. John the Baptist CES gym	St. Clare Team
#2	4:15 pm Tues. Jan 16 th	St. Luke CES gym	St. Luke Team
#3	4:15 pm Tues. Jan. 23 rd	St. Lawrence CES gym	St. Lawrence Team
#4	4:15 pm Thurs. Feb. 1 st	St. Paul CES gym	St. Paul Team
#5	5:00 pm Thurs. Feb. 8 th	St. John the Baptist CES gym	St. John the Baptist Team

Junior Boys Basketball Team

Coach: Mr. Kolenko, Miss Higgins

Team Members: Massimo B., Marco B., Alexander D., Joshua D., Damian J., Andrew K., Traevon L., Matthew M., Jayden P., Jack R., Dakota R., Matthew S.,

Games:

#1	6:00 pm Mon. Jan. 8 th	St. Teresa of Calcutta CES gym	St. Agnes Team
#2	5:30 pm Mon. Jan. 15 th	St. Ann, Hamilton CES gym	St. Ann, Hamilton Team
#3	5:00 pm Wed. Jan. 24 th	St. John the Baptist CES gym	St. John the Baptist Team
#4	4:30 pm Tues. 30 th	Holy Name of Jesus CES gym	Holy Name of Jesus Team
#5	5:30 pm Thurs. Feb. 8 th	St. Anthony Daniel CES gym	St. Anthony Daniel Team

Senior Boys Basketball Team

Coach: Mr. MacDonald

Team Members: Peter A., Alessandro B., Gianpaolo B., Marco D., Ryan D., Emilio L., Marco M., Jayden P., Tomas R., Zackary T.

Games:

#1	5:30 pm Wed. Jan. 10 th	St. Luke CES gym	St. Luke Team
#2	6:00 pm Tues. Jan. 16 th	Blessed Sacrament CES gym	Blessed Sacrament Team
#3	5:30 pm Thurs. Jan. 25 th	St. Anthony Daniel CES gym	St. Anthony Daniel Team
#4	4:30 pm Thurs. Feb. 1 st	St. Anthony Daniel CES gym	St. James Team
#5	6:00 pm Mon. Feb. 5 th	St. Teresa of Calcutta CES gym	St. Clare Team

School Goals

We continue to focus on following student school goals this month:

I will help carry the “crosses” of others through prayer and Christian service.



H ave healthy relationships and resolve conflicts peacefully.



M ake gains in my math achievement because I will try different strategies and use math language when sharing my work.





GOALS

Am I doing my **IHM** best?

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Elementary School
January 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January	1 Holiday	2 Holiday	3 Holiday	4 Holiday	5	6
7 Epiphany of the Lord	8 Welcome Back to School! 6:00 pm Junior Boys Basketball Game @ St. Teresa of Calcutta CES gym	9 Rosary Apostolate in the Schools Program: Classroom visits this morning (JK-8)	10 5:30 pm Senior Boys Basketball Game @ St. Luke CES gym	11 Pizza Day 9:30 am School Mass at the Church 4:15 pm Junior Girls Volleyball Game @ St. Clare CES gym 6:30 pm Senior Girls Volleyball Game @ St. Joh the Baptist CES gym	12 JK to Grade 3 Classroom visits by IHM Youth Minister (Mrs. Filice)	13
14 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	15 4:30 pm Junior Boys Basketball Game @ St. Ann CES, Hamilton gym 7:00 pm Catholic School Council Meeting in Room 1	16 9:30 am School Lockdown Drill #2 4:15 pm Senior Girls Volleyball Game @ St. Luke CES gym 6:00 pm Senior Boys Basketball Game @ Blessed Sacrament CES gym	17 Grade 4/5 Class Confessions 4:15 pm Junior Girls Volleyball Game @ St. Gabriel CES gym	18 Pizza Day	19 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm IHM Parish B'Tweens Program for Grades 4-6 students who have registered	20

<p>21 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</p>	<p>22 Catholic School Student Achievement Visit</p>	<p>23 12:00 noon - 2:30 pm Grade 8 Feeder School Visit this afternoon @ Cardinal Newman CSS</p> <p>4:15 pm Junior Girls Volleyball Game @ IHOM gym</p> <p>4:15 pm Senior Girls Volleyball Game @ St. Lawrence CES gym</p>	<p>24 4:15 pm Junior Girls Volleyball Game @ Our Lady of Lourdes CES gym</p> <p>5:00 pm Junior Boys Basketball Game @ St. John the Baptist CES gym</p> <p>6:00 pm Junior Boys Basketball Game @ St. Luke gym</p>	<p>25 Pizza Day</p> <p>Snuggle Up and Read Day</p> <p>Pajama Day</p>   <p>5:30 pm Senior Boys Basketball Game @ St. Anthony Daniel CES gym</p> <p>7:00 pm Grade 2 Parent Information Meeting at the Church RE: Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion</p>	<p>26 Professional Activity Day <i>(No school for students today)</i></p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time</p> <p>IHM Parish Deluxe Breakfast</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm Grade 6, 7 & 8 School Science Fair in the gym</p> <p>4:30 pm Junior Boys Basketball Game @ St. Anthony Daniel CES gym</p>	<p>31 JK Registration Day for September 2018 (as well as on Feb. 1, 6, & 7)</p> <p>9:30 am Grade 4 Class confessions</p> <p>Monthly School Assembly in the gym</p> <p>Grade 8 Graduation Photo Day</p>			

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