



# St. Lawrence Catholic Elementary School



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## January Newsletter 2020

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year!

On Behalf of the entire staff of St. Lawrence school, I wish to extend best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year to all members of our Catholic school community. I hope that the holiday season was truly blessed and peaceful one spent with family and friends. May we continue to ask God for his guidance as we embark on a new year filled with renewed promise and hope.

### A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Lord, You make all things new, You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise your glorious name.

Amen



### THANK YOU!

Our lights of Hope campaign was once again a huge success. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Capozza and Mrs. Ferracuti for all of their hard work and dedication in coordinating the collection and distribution of gifts.

### STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Student Council is very proud of the work they had put into the organization of our Christmas Spirit Days. We have received a great deal of positive feedback from members of our school community. The Student Council would also like to thank all of the families who contributed to our **Toy Drive**. As a result of your generous donations, we were able to accumulate an ample supply of toys which were donated to Regina's Place and St. Martin Manor where they will help young mothers create traditions and memories for their children. The Council looks forward to planning other school initiatives throughout the second term which exemplify our call to service and discipleship. A special thank you to Mrs. Leo and Miss Rullo who helped to organize these special activities.

## **PREPARING FOR WINTER WEATHER**

**Winter Safety:** Throughout the winter months, we continue to remind students not to throw snow as a way of promoting safe winter time play outside. Throwing snow could potentially lead to possible injuries. Please reaffirm our message with your child that snow should not be thrown in the air at any time.

**Winter Clothing:** Please ensure that your child comes to school with the appropriate attire suitable for the winter weather conditions. It is strongly encouraged that students wear a winter jacket, snow pants, boots, gloves/mittens, a toque and scarf so that they are warm during arrival time and during the recess breaks.

**Indoor Shoes:** We ask parents to ensure that children have a pair of indoor shoes to change into when they enter a class after recess. In the event of a fire alarm, students do not have the time to put on boots, so it is important that they are wearing shoes inside the school at all times.

**Inclement Weather:** A reminder to please listen to the radio or to watch CH Morning Live if there is a snow storm in the morning and you suspect the school is closed. Listen for: Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School. You can also refer to the board website for information on closures.

## **CHRISTMAS CHEER AT ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL!**

A special thank you to all of the parents/grandparents and caregivers who attended our Christmas Assembly on December 20<sup>th</sup>. We congratulate all of the classes for the wonderful Christmas performances. This year's assembly was a huge success, largely in part of the staff who helped to coordinate the individual performances. On behalf of our entire school community, I would also like to thank Mrs. Leo and Miss Rullo who coordinated the assembly. The students definitely raised the bar for next year's act!

## **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 2019**

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Catholic School Council for their work in coordinating our annual Breakfast with Santa. Each child was able to enjoy delicious pancakes while meeting with Santa. Thank you to all of the parents, and grand-parents, who volunteered their time to support our students. A special thank you to Mrs. Fernandes who spearheaded the event. Your efforts are truly appreciated. In anticipation of next year's merry breakfast!

## **SNUGGLE UP AND READ DAY**

Our school will be hosting a Snuggle Up and Read day on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. On this day, **all students will be invited to wear their pajamas**. Students in the older grades will be partnered up with some of the younger students and engage in some leisure reading. Students can bring in their favourite book with them to read on this day. We look forward to celebrating our love of reading as a whole school community.

## **December 2019 Award Recipients**

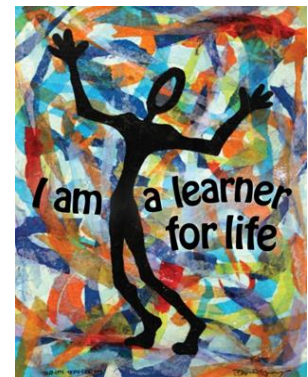
Congratulations to the following students who have been recognized for their outstanding work in being “**Creative Thinkers**”:

Ms. Demydchuck Ms. Felix	Connor and Harmony
Mrs. Baltrunas	Hunter and Jacob
Mrs. Gulley	Kroy and Nicholas
Mrs. DiDonato	Sophia and Antonio
Mrs. Diadamo	Benjamin and Irene
Mrs. Fackelmann	Sebastian and Serene
Ms. Mattina	Matilde and Isaac
Mr. Colombe	Luca and Hailey
Mrs. Leo	Daphne and Ethan
Ms. Smith	Lucas and Daniel
Ms. Lamparski	Diogo and Jacob
Mr. Cataldo	Qurah and Natalia
Ms. Falcao	Gracie and Beatrice
Mr. Orlando	Bianca and Lisa
Ms. Rullo	Brandon and Angelina

## **January 2020 Catholic Graduate Expectation Focus**

### **I AM A LEARNER FOR LIFE!**

I use my gifts and talents given to me by God  
I always do my best  
I build on my strengths and weaknesses  
I set goals  
I accept change  
I am proud of the good things I do  
I am thankful for the gifts of others



**Because I am a learner for life, I can reach for my dreams, by living my life like Jesus.**

# January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4
5	6 School Resumes	7	8	9	10 School Mass @ 9:15 a.m. (St. Lawrence Church)	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Grade 8 Orientation Day @ Cathedral Secondary School	22	23 80's Dress Down Day	24 P.A. Day	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Awards & Assembly @ 9:30 a.m. Snuggle Up & Read Pajama Day	