



St. Lawrence Catholic Elementary School



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February Newsletter 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we begin the month of February, we continue to refer to the Catholic Graduate Expectations and Virtues as reference points in strengthening our relationship with Christ. This month, staff and students will be emphasizing the importance of being a collaborative member of a Catholic school community. We will be encouraging our students to co-operate with others in achieving common goals and in contributing towards the common good of our community.

This month, staff and students will also be emphasizing the importance of extending compassion to others. We call upon our students to consider ways in which they can show compassion through their actions and words. Showing our care and consideration for all members of our Catholic school community is integral in answering Christ's call of service and discipleship.

SNUGGLE UP & READ

Thank you to all those who participated in Pajama Day on Friday, January 31st and for reading to their reading buddies.

Children love the feeling of closeness when a parent, grandparent or other caregiver reads to them. When children find out that reading with a loving adult can be a warm, happy experience, they begin to build a love of reading that will last a lifetime. Reading together not only nurtures positive relationships, it also helps children learn specific things about books and words.

Reading together helps young children learn about books-how to hold them, how to turn pages one at a time, and that books have words and pictures to help tell the story. They are also learning about print-that there is a difference between words and the pictures. Pre-readers are most interested in the pictures initially. Think of all the things children are learning about words and language! They discover that there are many new words to learn and that sometimes book language sounds different from everyday conversation.

Sharing books together will open the world up to your child. They can visit places, see objects, engage in activities and attend events they have never heard of before! Let the adventures begin read on!



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REGISTRATIONS FOR 2020 – 2021

We will begin processing JK registrations for September 2020 throughout the month of February and for any student new to Kindergarten. Parents wishing to register their child in Junior or Senior Kindergarten for September 2020, are asked to log into our school website (stla.hwcdsb.ca) and click on the online registration link.

Once the registration has been submitted by the parent, and has been viewed and validated by our school secretary, Mrs. Capozza, an email will be sent to the parent to let them know that the registration has been approved. Once that process is complete, the parent will be notified to contact the school to make a registration appointment (905-529-6625).

The following documentation are required for registration:

- 1. Birth Certificate**
- 2. Baptismal Certificate**
- 3. Immunization Record**
- 4. Proof of Residence**
- 5. Immigration Papers if Applicable**

The ages for registration at this level are:

Junior Kindergarten — 4 years old by December 31, 2020

Senior Kindergarten — 5 years old by December 31, 2020

TERM ONE REPORT CARDS/COL (Kindergarten)

Report cards for Term 1 / Communication of Learning (Kindergarten) will be sent home on Tuesday, February 11th. Please review the report with your child, complete the response form and return the response form to your child's teacher. If you would like to personally discuss your child's progress with the teacher, please do not hesitate to contact him or her at the school to schedule an appointment.

ST. LAWRENCE SCIENTISTS!

Students participating in this year's science fair club have been working on completing a major science fair project. We will be sending a select number of students to showcase their science projects at the HWCDSB System Science and Engineering Fair which will be taking place on **Saturday, March 7th, 2020** at Bishop Ryan Secondary School. We wish all of our junior and intermediate scientists much luck as they demonstrate their scientific discoveries to a panel of judges. A special thank you to Ms. Falcao, Mr. Orlando and our Basef rep Mark Mindorff for guiding the students in their work.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Students are asked to keep their devices at home or in their backpacks. They are not to use them at school. We have technology in the classroom for curriculum. If students are not feeling well they are to report to the Office.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

PEANUT/NUT ALLERGIES: We have several students with severe allergies to peanuts and nut products. It would be greatly appreciated for the safety of these students that parents refrain from sending lunches and snacks that contain nut products. Past cooperation is greatly appreciated and anticipated throughout the year.



NEWS FROM OUR H.A.T.

The role of the HAT is to identify a priority health issue at the school and implement initiatives to address that issue. Mental well-being was the issue identified by students at St. Lawrence. The Health Action Team has been working on strategies to improve the mental well-being of our students. One such strategy is to share what they are learning with their peers and the parent community.

Your children's mental wellness is shown by how they think, feel and act in life. Help your children to do the following: Connect, Keep Learning, Be Active, Take Notice, and Be Creative & Play.

Connect:

Strong, healthy relationships can give your children a sense of belonging, improve their self-esteem and lead to greater happiness. Here are some things you can do to build connections with and for your children:

- Sit down for family meals
- Go for walks together
- Play games
- Make playdates so your child sees friends (not just speaking online or by phone)
- Register them in afterschool clubs, sports, etc. to widen their circle of friends.

OUR STUDENT COUNCIL AT WORK!

Our Student Council will be planning fun Valentine's Day activities for Friday, February 14th. The Council will be selling "Candy-Grams" for .25 cents each to students wishing to express a kind gesture of friendship to one another. Our Student Council will also host a Cake Raffle for Valentine's Day. Students will be invited to dress in red, white and pink colours to help them get into the spirit of Valentine's Day.

ANNUAL PASTA DINNER – SAVE THE DATE!

Members of our Catholic School Council will be hosting our annual Pasta Supper event on Thursday, May 7th from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm at St. Lawrence School gym. The Pasta Supper will serve as one of our Catholic School Council's fundraiser for the year. Donations/Raffle prizes are greatly appreciated. All families belonging to our school community are invited to attend.



January 2020 Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognized for their outstanding work in being “**Life Long Learners**”:

Ms. Demydchuck	Dominic and Mara
Ms. Felix	
Mrs. Baltrunas	River and Hasen
Mrs. Gulley	Julia-G and Kasia
Mrs. DiDonato	Lyric and Naya
Mrs. Diadamo	Evie and Lionel
Mrs. Fackelmann	Jahveen and David
Ms. Mattina	Emilee and Lucas
Mr. Colombe	Ethan and Grace-Ann
Mrs. Leo	Michael and Kery
Ms. Smith	Owen and Kai
Ms. Lamparski	Vanessa and Samantha
Mr. Cataldo	Xaka and Kaleb
Ms. Falcao	Laura and Ayden
Mr. Orlando	Tyson and Braeden
Ms. Rullo	Franco and Ines

February 2020 Catholic Graduate Expectation Focus


I AM A TEAM PLAYER!

I co-operate with others in all that I do
I value everyone's work
I respect and listen to others
I think of others before myself
I follow rules of fair play
I work hard in school so that I can build my community
And make it a better place



Because I am a Team Player, I know that 'Together is Better', and we will live our lives like Jesus.

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Graduation Photo	4	5 Wear Yellow Day	6	7	8
9	10 CSC Meeting 5:00 pm – Library	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day Cake Raffle Red & White Day Candy Grams	15
16	17 Family Day 	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Pancake Tuesday Pink Shirt Day	26 Ash Wednesday School Mass @ 9:15 am (St. Lawrence Parish)	27	28 Toonie for Tuition	29