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**Respect yourself**

**Respect your school**

**Respect others**

**Walk with Jesus**

**OCTOBER 2019**

*As we reflect on all that we have to be thankful for,  
 let us remember to show our gratitude by sharing with others.  
 Give thanks for love by loving others.  
 Give thanks for kindness by being kind.  
 Give thanks for beauty by seeing the beauty in others.  
 Give thanks for peace by helping others find peace.  
 Give thanks for good fortune by sharing your good fortune.  
 Give thanks for joyfulness by spreading joy.  
 Give thanks for health by helping the sick.  
 Give thanks for goodness by being good to others.  
 Give thanks to God for all blessings.*



**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Thank you to all who attended our Meet the Teacher Barbeque – we had such a tremendous turnout again and everyone had a fantastic time even though the weather took a turn for the worst near the end! It was a great pleasure to meet so many of you and to see some smiling faces from the past. This is an excellent way to begin our school year in community with teachers, parents and students. Thank you to Tony's Corner, Dirty South and Kool Jim's Ice Cream Truck for providing us excellent food.

With September quickly behind us, it is good to note that your children are working diligently and becoming acclimatized to their new teachers and to their friends – old and new. As I visit classes, it is rewarding to watch your children growing in knowledge and skills while enjoying what they are doing. You, as the parents, set the tone for success in school. If your children like who they are, it makes our job easier and sets the wheels in motion for them to be successful. If a harmonious relationship is established between you and your child's teacher, then your child will feel more secure. If your child is being read to at home, is reading to you, and sees you read, it will ensure that they place an importance on learning to improve their reading skills and ultimately on increasing their success. If you give your child responsibility and you expect accountability, then we will find ourselves working with a child who will be willing to take risks to learn and who will work hard to get the job done.

### CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation for our students' in Grade 7 will take place on **Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at 7 p.m. at the Basilica Cathedral of Christ the King.** This is a Spiritual time for the Confirmandi, please remember them in your prayers.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our grade 2 students will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the parish. There will be First Communion parent meeting on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the parish. The First Reconciliation for these students will take place on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the parish. We are looking forward to these important sacramental steps in our students' faith development.

### FEDERAL ELECTION

Our school will be a polling site for the upcoming Federal Election on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Please try to limit visits to the school on this day as there will be lots of traffic going in and out of the school. Student safety is a top priority and the necessary precautions will be taken to ensure that all our students are safe from visitors to our school on this day.

### CATHOLIC PARENT CONFERENCE

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Parent Conference - "Weaving the Catholic Partnership" will take place on **Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019** beginning at 7:45 a.m. and Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School. This is a great opportunity for parents to participate in workshops and seminars, which focus on our uniqueness as a Catholic System.

### C.Y.O. CROSS COUNTRY

A number of students are preparing for the C.Y.O. Fall Cross Country Meet at Marydale Park on **Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.**

As in the past, parents with a police check are invited to come out to Marydale Park and support the students. All participants were given permission letters for the event.

### IMPORTANT - ALLERGIES

We have a few students and staff who have very severe allergic reactions to peanut, peanut products, alcohol based products, hazelnuts, shellfish, milk, and eggs. For this reason, please be sensitive in the foods that are being sent to the school. We strongly urge all students with allergies **NOT** to share snacks.

Thank you for your support in this very serious matter. If you have any questions or concerns related to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

### HALLOWE'EN FAIR COMING SOON!!!

Once again, our CSC is proud to host the **CORPUS CHRISTI HALLOWE'EN FAIR on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 2019 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.** at our school. This is the council's major fundraiser for our school. We hope to see everyone out for this momentous event. Get your costumes ready! More information will follow.

### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Corpus Christi Catholic School Before-and-After School Program is a school-based Catholic childcare program designed to support and compliment the programs of Corpus Christi Catholic School. We provide care for children attending school all day from ages 4 to 12 years of age. The program operates before and after school. On site supervisor is Sara.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Nominations for this year's Catholic School Council closed on Friday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This year we had 14 people put their names forward. An executive council membership was also appointed. Congratulations to our newly appointed Catholic School Council for the 2019-2020 school year:

**CHAIR:** Mrs. Carolyn Macaluso

**VICE CHAIR:** Mrs. Teresa Meneguzzo

**SECRETARY:** Mrs. Sabrina Millson

**TREASURER:** Mrs. Paula Mucci

**COUNSELLORS:** Mrs. Daiana Eberts, Mrs. Joanna Manganiello, Mrs. Christine Martins, Mrs. Jennifer Pinder, Mrs. Carm Ricci, Mrs. Sabrina Ricci

**PRINCIPAL:** Mr. M. Mielko

**TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE:** Mrs. V. Paci

**NON-TEACHING REPRESENTATIVE:** Mrs. D. Woodfine

**PARISH REP:** Mrs. Barbara Fanson

**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE:** Mrs. Sandy Caslanguida

**The next Catholic School Council meeting is on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**

A sincere thank you to the parents and staff who served on the Catholic School Council last year. We truly appreciate the many hours you spent working for the students.

### STUDENT COUNCIL

A special thanks to all the students who ran for student Council last month. It was exciting to see so many students put their names forward for the Student Council for 2019-2020

**PRESIDENT** – Robert M.

**VICE PRESIDENT** – Aiden T.

**SECRETARY** – Emily K.

**TREASURER** – Chase P.

**SPIRIT COMMITTEE:**

Marisa C.

Victoria Z.

Kendal C.

Keira B.

**CLASS REPS:**

**Grade 7A** – Matthew M.

**7B** – David A.

**8A** – Connor W.

**8B** – Nev F.

**STAFF ADVISORS:** Mrs. Mayer, Mrs. Pimenta, and Mrs. Goldsmith.

### MEDICAL ALERT

A reminder as we approach the Halloween season of treats, that a number of our students have life threatening allergies to nuts, milk and eggs. Please choose and send Halloween treats with care. Please read all labels.

### WALK WITH CHRIST

On Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, students of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board will be participating in a **Pilgrimage “Walk with Christ – Justice for the Poor”** which will raise money to support projects in Uganda, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The pilgrimage, which is open to students from Grade 7 to Grade 12, will serve to create awareness around world hunger, the need for health care, shelter and proper education. As a Catholic school system, we are called to identify with the needs of the world, to promote Christ’s presence and love for the poor. We invite and strongly encourage parents/guardians to take part in this very special day. If you would like to participate in this wonderful event, please contact the school.

### AGENDAS AND HOMEWORK

In addition to assisting students with their personal organization, these books serve as excellent tools for home and school communication. Please check and sign your children’s agenda each night. Providing your children with a quiet place to work and establishing a nightly homework routine encourages good study practices.

### H.W.C.D.S.B STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

In May 2008 the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board and the Hamilton-Wentworth School Board partnered together and formed the Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS) Consortium. The mandate for the Consortium includes the provision of safe, effective and efficient transportation services for students for both Partner Boards.

Please visit [www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca](http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca) to view the parent’s portal. This is a useful tool as it will give you information when buses are late, list JK/SK authorizations, empty seat requests, stop information etc.

### REPORTING ABSENCES

In the event that your child is absent or late, we would appreciate, you report it through the School Messenger App. If your child is ill, please do keep him/her home. This will help to minimize the spread of any illnesses and will enable your child to get well soon and return to school. Thank you for your attention to and co-operation in this matter.

### RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS

October is the month of the rosary. We strongly encourage you to say the rosary as often as you can. Please remember to include your children as you pray the rosary during this special time of the year. Please join us for Mass whenever you can. Our next school Mass will be on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Many thanks to Father Mark and Father Phillippe for their spiritual guidance and support.

### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Student Council will be running a food drive for Thanksgiving and are asking for any financial or food donations. Some of the most needed items include; cereal, large mixed soups, dried baby formula, powdered milk, jam, juice, rice and Kraft dinner. The food drive runs from Sept.23<sup>rd</sup> -Oct 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.

### CYO NEWS

The 2019-2020 Athletic season has begun with Corpus Christi being represented on the football fields and basketball courts.

The flag football teams have been training hard during the lunch periods and after school and have begun their regular season. Thanks to Mr. Mr. Pickard, Mrs. Marcuzzi, Mrs. Curcio, Mr. Mule, Ms. Zippilli and Mr. Brown for coaching our 4 teams. Good luck to all of our male and female flag football players.

The Junior and Senior girls' basketball teams have been chosen and will start their regular seasons this week. These teams are coached by Ms. Kay, Mrs. Carbone, and Mrs. Curcio. Best of luck to the girls and their coaches!

The CYO fall Cross Country meet will be Wednesday October 2nd at Marydale Park. Permission forms have already gone home. Just a reminder that if you are coming to cheer on one of our runners, parking is \$5 at the gate. We hope that a lot of our students will be participating in this worthwhile event!

GO COUGARS GO!

### EQAO

The following tables provide a summary of the EQAO student achievement results, for the Province of Ontario, the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board and Corpus Christi Catholic Elementary School. The Provincial assessment took place in May/June 2019. Students were assessed in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics based on expectations contained in the Ontario Curriculum Grades 1-8. The assessments were graded on a four level system, with one being the lowest and four the highest. The Ministry of Education has defined level 3 as the Provincial standard.

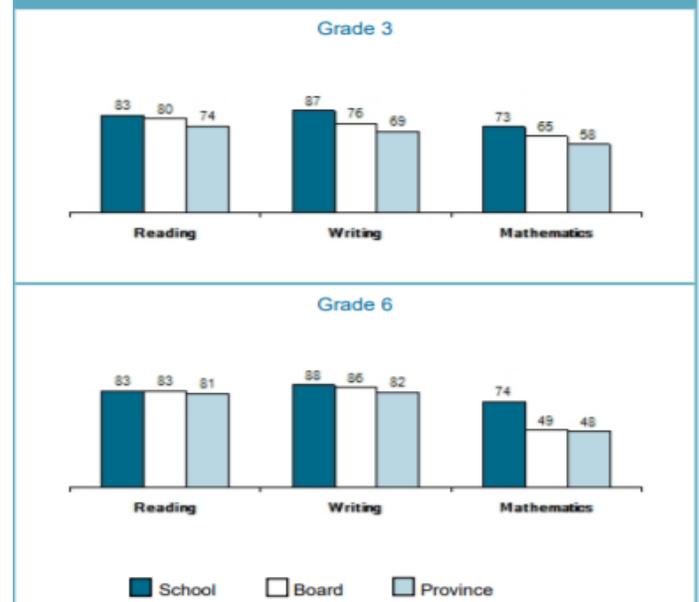
#### **PURPOSE OF EQAO ASSESSMENT**

The assessment of all students in grades 3 & 6 in Ontario provides information to educators, students, parents and the general public on the academic achievement of students in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics. The assessment provides additional input for improving student learning and supporting school improvement planning

#### **INTERPRETATION of RESULTS**

The results below are released by EQAO which expresses the number of students achieving at each level as a percentage of all of the students in the grade, including students who were exempted and those who took part in the assessment but did not produce enough work to be accurately scored. This is EQAO's primary method of reporting because publicly funded schools are accountable for the achievement and progress of all students.

PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4), 2018-2019



### WORLD TEACHER'S DAY OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

Congratulations to all staff who dedicate their lives to educate our children. Their vocation is to serve God's children.

### READING WITH OUR CHILDREN

Reading opens up a world of adventure, knowledge, and excitement. Studies show that children who are strong readers are also strong writers and have a wealth of information that benefits them in other subject areas. Here are some worthwhile ideas you might want to think about to help your child's reading development:

- keep reading to your child, even when they can read
- read books that are too difficult or too long for them to read alone
- talk to your child about reading preferences
- talk to them about favourite authors, help them find additional books by those authors
- introduce the pleasures of the public library
- read every day at home even if it is a magazine or newspaper
- make reading FUN- a time that you both look forward to spending together
- If you like these ideas, go to [www.nea.org/parents/readingk3.html](http://www.nea.org/parents/readingk3.html)

## CSC NEWS

### Welcome Back

Welcome back staff, students and parents to another great year at Corus Christi. Thank you to those of you who stopped by our welcome back coffee table on the first day of school. It was nice seeing all the familiar faces and so many new ones.

### Congratulations to our new CSC!

Congratulations to our newly appointed Catholic School council for 2019-2020! Thank you to all the members of last year's CSC for a successful year. Our meetings will be held monthly (except for December and March) on Monday's in the Learning Commons at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend. Our monthly minutes, once approved, will be posted to the school website. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

### Uniform Exchange

Our annual uniform exchange took place at the meet the teacher BBQ. Thank you to all who helped out and took advantage of this opportunity to pick up some gently used uniform items. We still have a large number of items left thanks to the generosity of the community. If you were not able to make it out that night and are interested in picking up a few pieces, please contact the office.

### Volunteer Opportunities

We are always looking for volunteers to help out with different events throughout the year. If you have a current police check and are interested in helping out, please leave your contact information with Mrs. Woodfine and a member of CSC will be in touch with you.

### Pizza

Our pizza cycle started up last Wednesday for those who ordered. Pizza will run every Wednesday until June in six week cycles. If you missed out on ordering for this cycle be sure to get your order in for the next one on time. We **WILL NOT** be accepting late orders. Slices are \$2 each.

### Halloween Fair

The Halloween Fair Committee is very excited and busy planning this year's spook-tacular event! ***The Halloween Fair will take place this year on Tuesday October 29th from 5:00-8:00 pm at Corpus Christi School.***

Entrance tickets are \$5 each (children under 3 are free). Each ticket entitles you to one trip the fabulous haunted house. We will have food; snacks and Candy for purchase. Many chances to win including our grand prize, penny sale or 50/50 draw!  
Entrance tickets, Main food items and grand prize and 50/50 tickets can all be purchased in advance by using School Cash-online. More information coming home soon. Tickets ordered early will be eligible for and early bird draw (\$50 EB games gc). Everything is also available for purchase at the event as well. Cash only.  
If you have anything you would like to donate to the event prizes, decorations, monetary), please leave them with Mrs. Woodfine. Tax receipt is available for items over \$25 with an original receipt.

Bring your whole family for a night of fun and don't forget your costume!! Lots of free activities for the kids to enjoy! Don't miss out!

Thank you for your support.

### Parent Conference

This year's School Board Parent Conference will be taking place Saturday November 2nd at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School. This is a FREE event and a great opportunity for parents to engage and attend workshops. The day begins with registration at 7:45 am. Key-note speaker this year is Mary Gordon, the president/founder of Roots of Empathy. Lunch is provided. Door prizes and over 20 vendors. Registration will be open on line very soon.

## VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

For the safety of our students, all visitors/parents must report to the office. Access to classrooms is only granted through the office. Mrs. Woodfine will be happy to call your child/children down to see you for any of your concerns.

We appreciate your cooperation in identifying yourself and signing in at the office when you visit the school or arrive to take your child for a doctor's appointment etc.

If someone other than a parent (aunt, uncle, cousin, neighbour etc.) is meeting your child at school, kindly let the school secretary know by note or phone beforehand and ensure that the person is fully aware of the sign in and out procedures. Once again, this procedure is for the safety of your children and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## ROOTS OF EMPATHY

Roots of Empathy is an international organization that offers empathy based programs for children in elementary schools. The program focuses on raising levels of empathy, resulting in more respectful and caring relationships and reduced levels of bullying and aggression. Roots of Empathy's mission is to build caring, peaceful, and civil societies through the development of empathy in children and adults. We are excited that Roots of Empathy will be coming back to our school! This year the program will be delivered in Mrs. Pimenta and Mrs. Anibaldi's classes starting in mid-late October. It is a 27week program, with our little (baby) teachers visiting the children every 3 weeks throughout the year.  
Thank you to Mr. Mielko for his ongoing support of Roots of Empathy, and to the staff and families for all they are doing to make this program successful! Please stay tuned for ROE updates on our school website and newsletters.

For more information on Roots of Empathy, please visit: [www.rootsofempathy.org](http://www.rootsofempathy.org).

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Do you enjoy reading to younger children? Do you enjoy helping younger students with their literacy and numeracy skills? If so, then perhaps you would be interested in becoming a volunteer. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Pickard for further details.

### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

We will be having our Bomb Threat drill on October 3<sup>rd</sup> in the morning. After this drill is finished, we will have completed 3 Fire Drills and one Lockdown Drill to ensure that all our staff and students are up to date with our emergency procedures.

### **ECO NEWS**

Welcome back to all. We are about finished harvesting our garden. Unfortunately, during the summer our garden was cut down by mistake. We are currently looking into restarting our composting program here at the school. We are asking parents to remember when packing lunches for their kids to eliminate the garbage and packaging as much as possible. We are looking into our Bag2School program again in the spring. Dates will be announced when they are confirmed. Remember to Keep it Clean and Go Green!

### **WEAR PURPLE EVENT**

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, our school will be participating in the Wear Purple Event to support and bring awareness to Child Abuse and Violence. Students will be encouraged to wear their spirit shirts with uniform bottoms on this day.

### **PARENTING TIP**

Parents can help their children develop emotional and mental well-being by assisting them to develop strategies and skills for coping with stress. Parents can do so by allowing their children to experience a little stress, so they will learn to cope with bigger stresses. Teach them how to handle stress: breathe deeply, talk in a self-calming way, discuss their feelings with friends and family, actively work at problem solving, talk to God and listen in their heart for his response. With their parents help, children can learn the skills needed to ensure resiliency in the inevitable ups and downs of life.

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

### **MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH**

New love spurs us on to spend as much time as possible with each other. Once we marry we can get so caught up in the demands of work, home and family that we can lose the sense of connection that pulled us toward each other at the start. Preparing and eating dinner together, sharing a walk, enjoying a good movie, attending Mass, or reading a book together are all great examples of ways to create a stronger couple connection. Building this connection is an important way to form a strong and lasting relationship. Spend time together and see where it takes you!

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