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## A New Year's Prayer

*Author Unknown*



May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,  
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,  
But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,  
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,  
and by making you anxious to be there to help.

**God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.**

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### From the Principal's Desk.....

As we begin a new month and a new year I wish to extend my best wishes to staff, students and families for a joyous beginning and **prayers for God's blessings for peace, good health and happiness.**



Thank you to our new families who have joined our school community in September. Thank you also to our many wonderful volunteers and members of the Catholic School Council for all of your dedicated efforts in celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with our Pasta and Meatball Dinner held on December 4th. It was truly a wonderful sense of community that was shared, with our proceeds being **donated to the Board's Equal Opportunities Schools. Special thanks is extended to Mrs. Tisha Dayap-Berrio, School Council Chairperson, for her many hours of planning and organizing to make our fourth annual event such a wonderful success.**

Thank you to our students and parents for your beautiful gifts, cards and prayerful wishes at Christmas. Your kindness and generosity were overwhelming.

Let us continue to support our students as they set new year resolutions and help them achieve excellence in all that they do. We are a family, working together to build a Catholic, caring community where respect flourishes and Jesus Christ is our **role model in all that we do. We look to Mary, our Mother, who answered God's call to be the mother of our Saviour and ask her to help us to be the light to the world to others by our example.**

Have you signed up for electronic communication from the school? If not, please refer to the school website and follow the prompts.

## Congratulations Mrs. Cipolla, Superintendent of Education on Your Retirement !



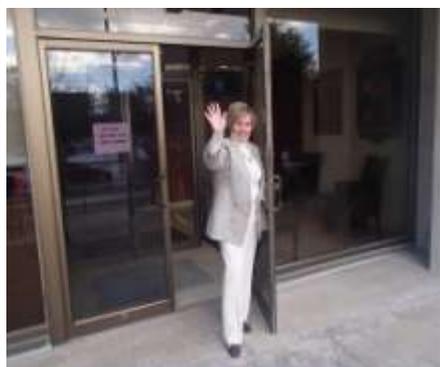
On behalf of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School community we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Mary Cipolla, Superintendent of Education on the occasion of her retirement from the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board after over 40 years of service. She will be retiring on February 2nd from her most recent role for the St. Mary/Bishop Tonnos Family of Schools. She has continued to be a welcome visitor to our school whether meeting with staff, dialoguing with students in their classrooms, celebrating Masses and school liturgies and attending school events/activities.

Mrs. Cipolla always maintained the focus on Catholic education and its impact on student learning, encouraging each child to reach his/her God-given potential using their talents and skills to the highest level.

Mrs. Cipolla was an instrumental member of our initial team who worked tirelessly to develop our school motto of **“Devotion, Service, Discipleship”** which was embedded into our School Mission and Vision statements. We celebrated joyously on April 27, 2011 when our doors opened for the first time to welcome parents, students and staff to our school.

**Our collective prayer is that she will enjoy a retirement filled with God’s blessings and many years of good health and memories to cherish with her friends and family.** Our staff look forward to celebrating your gifts with us on January 19th as we say thank you for your ongoing support, guidance and leadership.

## Congratulations Mrs. Patricia Amos, Director of Education on Your Retirement!



Our school community recently celebrated the occasion of the retirement of Mrs. Patricia Amos, Director of Education for the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board. She kindly accepted the invitation to join us on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception where we joined together to celebrate Mass with Father Ian Duffy, pastor of St. Ann Church in Ancaster.

Mrs. Amos shared her words of appreciation with our students along with her strong faith and devotion of Mary, our school namesake. She spoke about her career as student, teacher, Vice Principal, Principal, Superintendent of Education and most recently Director and its impact on her life.

We extend our best wishes to Mrs. Amos on this special occasion with over 40 years of service to Catholic Education.

**We offer our prayers for a healthy and enjoyable retirement and God’s continued blessings on her and her family.** She graciously accepted the presentation of roses at the conclusion of Mass and our token of appreciation of a donation to a charity of her choice—the building of a church in Sri Lanka through the missions. Mrs. Amos offered her continued support of our school during the growth phase in the Meadowlands with the construction of our beautiful school. We thank you!

YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL AT WORK

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL REACHING OUT TO OTHERS



“Christmas Wish Upon a Star” classroom hampers



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**“Christmas Wish Upon a Star” classroom hampers**

Decorate a Door Contest Winners

## SEPTEMBER 2015 REGISTRATIONS



Registration for any students new to Junior Kindergarten or Kindergarten for September 2014 will take place **beginning on February 1, 2015 by appointment**. Students entering JK must be 4 years old before December 31, 2015. Students entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old before December 31, 2015. Please call the school secretary, Mrs. Petrone to set up an appointment at 905 523-2463.

The following items of information are required at the time of registration:

- Baptismal certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Proof of residency (eg. hydro bill)
- Immigration papers (if applicable)

Please note that Immaculate Conception School will continue to offer the Full Day Early Learning Program for Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten children for September 2015. Parents may wish to read the information brochure which is available at the following email address to become more familiar with the program being provided. <http://www.hwcdsb.ca/programsandservices/fulldaykindergarten/>

We look forward to serving the needs of our youngest students in the areas of faith, personal and social development, language, mathematics, science and technology, health and physical activity and the arts. This is an exciting time for you and your child as we embark on this journey together. Should you have any questions please contact Mrs. Hamilton, the Principal, at the number above.

**FIRST TERM REPORT CARDS**

Term 1 ends on Thursday January 22nd. First term report cards will be sent home with all students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 on Tuesday February 10th. Parents who wish to have an interview with their child's teacher are requested to please send a note to school so that arrangements can be made to accommodate the request. Please remember to return page 3 of the report card so that it can be filed in your child's OSR (Ontario School Folder).

## CHECK IT OUT CLINICS

Community Professionals are available at a variety of locations to meet with families and their children from newborn to 6 years of age to offer consultation, teaching and referral with respect to their child's development. Early Child Development Identification sessions are free and no appointment is necessary. Please note the hyperlink to a newspaper article highlighting the importance and benefit of Check It Out Clinics for children and families.

<http://www.thespec.com/news/local/article/624994--checking-out-your-child's-development>

## YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL AT WORK

5th Annual Pasta and Meatball Dinner

On December 4, 2014, we celebrated The Feast of the Immaculate Conception with our 4th Annual Pasta and Meatball Dinner. It was another great success! Once again, Maria's Catering (Mr. and Mrs. Angelo and Maria Crosta and family) was delicious and enjoyed by all. Appreciation also goes to those who assisted in making this event a success:

- **Mr. Cheeranjie's Grade 8 Class for helping to make the ornament centrepieces**
- Student Council and some of the Grade 8 students for setting up, serving and cleaning the tables

A donation of the proceeds of the pasta dinner will be given to the HWCDSB Equal Opportunities Fund to assist students in need within our school board.

Christmas Wish Upon A Star Program

This year, we organized 21 Christmas hampers for families with the Catholic Children's Aid Society. Through all of your generous donations, each hamper was filled with food donations and gifts, allowing for every family member to have something to open on Christmas morning.

Appreciation is also given to the following people who generously donated their time to assist. (We apologize if any names were missed or misspelled.)

## Our Shoppers:

- Hannah and Emily A.'s Mom – Elia
- Savion, Sean, Shaelene, Shantel and Sito B.'s Mom - Tisha
- **Halle and Sienna B.'s Mom** – Michelyn
- **Isabel and Emily I.'s Mom** – Jane
- **Abby K.'s Mom** - Deborah
- **Tiko's Mom** – Anna
- **Angelica's Mom** - Teresa

## Our Wrappers:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hannah and Emily A.'s Mom – Elia</li> <li>- Sean, Shaelene, Shantel and Sito B.'s Mom – Tisha</li> <li>- <b>Jacqueline and Elise F.'s Mom</b> – Jill</li> <li>- Michela, Nicholas and Antonio F.'s Mom - Lucy</li> <li>- <b>Gavin and Alessandra H.'s Mom</b> – Krista</li> <li>- <b>Caleb H.'s Dad</b> – Dave</li> <li>- <b>Isabel and Emily I.'s Mom</b> – Jane</li> <li>- <b>Abishai J.'s Mom</b> – Regina</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Jacob M.'s Mom</b> - Nadia</li> <li>- <b>Aaron M.'s Mom</b> - Larissa</li> <li>- <b>Ava and Mia R.'s Mom</b> – Stephanie</li> <li>- <b>Shanelle and Aislyn B. and Caitlyn S.'</b><br/>grandma - Brenda</li> <li>- <b>Brooke, Grace and Luke S.'s Mom</b> – Dayana</li> <li>- <b>Ava and Christina T.'s Mom</b> - Maria</li> <li>- Jack V.'s Mom - Monique</li> <li>- <b>Remi, Matias and Gael V.'s Mom</b>—Lisa</li> </ul> |
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Many thanks to the following businesses for their donations to our hamper program:

Hemostasis Reference Lab	Old Navy – Lime Ridge Mall	Walmart – Ancaster
Food Basics - Ancaster		

## YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL AT WORK (continued..)

Of course HUGE THANKS to the staff of Immaculate Conception for allowing the children to accompany their parents during the wrapping and organizing of the hampers, and the early encouragement for the filling of the profile wish lists. To Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Petrone for the running around, organizing and the endless amount of behind the scenes work that makes this program a success year after year.

WestJet Raffle

**Congratulations to Casian and Isabella's Mom** – Loredana Cardos on winning the WestJet tickets! I wonder where they will go?!?!

The lucky winners were as follows:

Cardos Family – WestJet Tickets

Dayap Family - Food item gift basket

100% of the proceeds of the sale of the WestJet Raffle tickets have been used for the purchase of a SMARTBoard system for the primary classrooms. Thank you for your support!

Spirit Day Doors

To begin our Christmas celebrations, each of the classes were asked to decorate their door during our Dec. 1 Joy Day. The winning doors have been announced and the following classes will enjoy an ice cream treat in the upcoming weeks:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ms. Myers FDK Class for the Nativity Scene Door where the straw surrounding Baby Jesus was **made of the Children's handprints**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – **Mrs. Jacka's FDK Class for their fun Giant Penguin Door adorned with a star themed toque**

Reminders

The Winter Milk Kicks Program began on January 5th. Deadline for the Spring term (April – June) is Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Order forms will be available online via the school website.

Pizza Days

Pizza Days are every Friday of the month (Thursday in the event of a Friday PA Day). Order forms for the Winter term (January – March) were due on Monday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>. First pizza day for the Winter term is Friday, January 9. Deadline for ordering pizza for the Spring term is Monday, March 30. If you would like to volunteer to help distribute pizza to the students, please leave a message at the office with Mrs. Petrone.

Sub Days

Sub Days for the Winter term will begin on Monday, Jan. 26. Deadline for sub order forms is Monday, Jan. 19. Order forms are available online.

Popcorn Days

Popcorn Day is the last Thursday of every month. For January, it will be the 29<sup>th</sup>. Popcorn is \$2.00 per bag. Buttersalt, Dill Pickle, Caramel and White Cheddar flavours are available.

## YOUR COUNCIL AT WORK (continued)

### We'd be happy to have you join us

The next council meeting will be **Wednesday, January 21, 7:00-9:00 pm**, in the Learning Commons. Parents of students attending Immaculate Conception are welcome to attend.



## Best Buddies Update

On Friday December 12th our Best Buddies group met to exchange “Secret Santa” gifts and enjoy hot chocolate and a Christmas cookie. The students enjoyed themselves as a final 2014 get together with their friends. Best Buddies wishes all of their friends a very Happy New Year and look forward to many exciting and fun times together in 2015.

The next planned activity is our “Soup Fest” in January where students will enjoy a bowl of homemade chicken noodle soup with their friends. Our circle of Best Buddies has now grown to 47 participants and we are delighted in the new friendships that have been created and nurtured.



## SNUGGLE UP AND READ DAY



On Thursday, January 29th, students are invited to wear their pajamas to school to celebrate Snuggle Up and Read Day and are encouraged to bring in a favourite book to share with a friend. Our classes will be pairing up to share a good book and help promote the love of reading within our school. Students will enjoy hot chocolate and a granola bar (nut/peanut free) through the generosity of the Catholic School Council. We look forward to this special day and sharing a good book with our friends.

## STAINLESS STEEL WATER CONTAINERS FOR SALE IN FEBRUARY



In an effort to change the environmental culture in the schools, the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board is once again entering into a water bottle partnership with the City of Hamilton. By purchasing or using one of these water bottles, we can then hopefully eliminate single use water bottles and restore the awareness and respect to municipal drinking water while helping the environment by keeping the plastic bottles out of the waste stream. The City of Hamilton logo is on one side of the bottle and the school logo on the other (*pictured at right*).



During the month of February, the Eco team is running a campaign to encourage students to "Ban the Bottle". It is our hope that all students and staff at Immaculate Conception School will stop using disposable water bottles. More information will follow in the next newsletter .

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STARS!!!

- to **Daniella G** on their terrific performance in the play, "Hush Little Daddy" held at Bishop Ryan Secondary School from December 10-12, 2014. Awesome job! Our grade 1-8 students were fortunate to attend.
- to **Micalya F.** on her appearance on the PBS show "Odd Squad" where she plays Agent Orchid.



## INTRAMURAL HOCKEY NEWS

As soon as handball is completed, we will begin intramural hockey in our gymnasium. We expect all students will demonstrate fair play, excellent team work and good sportsmanship. Many grade 7 & 8 students have volunteered to coach and referee all games and teachers have volunteered their time as well to supervise games during recesses. The days for games are :

Monday: **Grades 1 & 2**

Tuesday: **Grades 3 & 4**

Wednesday: **Grades 5 & 6**

Thursday: **Grades 7 & 8**

Friday: **Grades 7 & 8**

The students will be notified of their team name. Parents, we are asking your cooperation to ensure that your child comes prepared to play with **proper footwear (running shoes)** in the gymnasium on their respective day. Also, please remind your child that **playing Intramural Floor Hockey is a privilege, not a right. All students must follow the rules of the school and classroom, and also keep their schoolwork up to date in order to play.** Thank you for your cooperation and good luck to all teams. *Mr. Susi*



## PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS REPORTS

When Should I Keep my Child Home From School?

Your children should stay home if they...

- vomit or have diarrhea through the night or in the morning
- have a temperature of 38 C (100.4 F) or higher. See the doctor if fever continues.
- have any discharge from the ear or an earache. Go to the doctor same day.
- have pink eyes or yellow discharge from the eyes. See the doctor.
- have a runny nose with thick mucous, a night cough, or any continuous cough
- have a stomach ache or headache. Go to the doctor if symptoms continue or happen often.
- have a sore throat
- have a toothache. See a dentist as soon as possible.
- have a skin rash of unknown cause. Go to the doctor.

Be sure your current home, work and emergency contact phone numbers are on file at the school. Call the school when your children are absent. For more information:

- Call Telehealth Ontario at 1.866.797.0000
- Visit the City of Hamilton Public Health Services website at [www.hamilton.ca/HealthandSocial Services](http://www.hamilton.ca/HealthandSocial Services).

Cold Air and Asthma:

Cold air is a common trigger for children with asthma. When cold air enters the lungs it can cause the airways to tighten. This may lead to asthma symptoms such as coughing, wheezing, difficulty breathing, and chest tightness.

For children with exercise-induced asthma, being active in cold air can be a double whammy. Children with asthma should not have to avoid playing outside in the winter. The good news is that the effects of cold air and exercising outdoors can be prevented.

- Talk with your doctor and follow an asthma action plan so the asthma is always well controlled. Ensure the prescribed fast-acting reliever medication is available at all times and your child knows how and when to use it.
- Use the reliever medication as prescribed 10-15 minutes before going into the cold or exercising if these are asthma triggers.
- Dress for the weather conditions. A scarf that covers the nose and mouth can help. Encourage your child to breathe through the nose when outside.
- Discourage strenuous outdoor activity during extreme cold alerts.



For more information visit:

- The Lung Association at [www.on.lung.ca](http://www.on.lung.ca)
- The Asthma Society of Canada at [www.asthma.ca](http://www.asthma.ca)

## Parenting Tip of the Month

Tip #83 – In the Christmas carol O Holy Night we hear these words: “Long lay the world in sin and error pining. Till He appeared and the Soul felt its worth.” The words are a beautiful reminder that we are loved by God and that Christ’s birth reminds us of our inherent value. In a world that can, at times, be hurtful, our children can seek refuge in loving families and through a personal relationship with Jesus. Christmas is a lovely time to remind our children that when Jesus was born he came to live among us and that he still wants to be with each of us today. Through prayer, attending Mass and simply talking to God about the highs and lows of their day, children can develop a friendship with Jesus who loves them deeply. This Christmas, give your children a powerful gift by helping them develop a friendship with our Saviour.

## MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #63 – Christmas is a time of joy in families, but also a time of stress as we do too much, eat too much and spend too much! This year make Christmas truly special by slowing things down just a little. Spend some time together, just the two of you; tell your spouse why you see them as a gift all year long. Express your love to your spouse – knowing how you feel about them and why you feel that way may be the greatest gift they will receive.

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

safety in the parking lot

Parents are reminded upon entering the parking lot to please follow the one way signage so as to avoid traffic issues at the entrance of the parking lot.

Please do not park in the laneway entrance to the parking lot.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their yearly Free Throw competition which will take place in the new year at our

school. Girls and boys from the ages of 10-14 have an opportunity to share their skills in our school competition. Those students who score the most baskets will advance to the competition which will be held at Bishop Tonnoo High School on Saturday January 17th. Students will be invited to the gym at our school to determine our school finalists. Good luck to all participants.

Birthday Wishes for Our Students

Each day as part of our opening exercises we announce the students who are celebrating birthdays on the particular day. As we announce their names we also extend a special birthday prayer for them which is as follows:

*Loving God, you created all the people of the world and you know each of us by name. We thank you for \_\_\_\_\_ who celebrate their birthday today.*

*Bless them with your love and friendship that they may grow in wisdom, knowledge and grace. May they love their family always and be ever-faithful to their friends. Grant this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

Institute for Catholic Education**EXPECTATIONS OF THE ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE  
CATHOLICISM'S CORE UNDERSTANDING OF THE HUMAN CONDITION**

**Distinctive expectations for graduates of Catholic schools are determined and shaped by the vision and destiny of the human person emerging from our faith tradition. This Christian anthropology or world view, reveals the dignity and value of the person. Our tradition tells us God creatively and lovingly calls each of us into the wonder of life, sustaining us by the power of the Holy Spirit, throughout the human Journey, into life eternal. We acknowledge that the journey includes moments of brokenness and sin. We recognize in the person of Jesus, the risen Christ, the human face of God sharing our life in order to heal us of our brokenness and liberate us from sin.**

**This Christian vision of the human journey is best understood within the context of relationship. It is accomplished in community, in solidarity with brothers and sisters in the Church and beyond.**

**Catholic education views human life as an integration of body, mind, and spirit. Rooted in this vision. Catholic education fosters the search for knowledge as a lifelong spiritual and academic quest. The expectations of Catholic graduates, therefore, are described not only in terms of knowledge and skills, but in terms of values, attitudes and actions.**

Excerpts from **This Moment of Promise**

**VISION OF THE LEARNER—A Collaborative Contributor**

THE GRADUATE IS EXPECTED TO BE:

- (a) Works effectively as an interdependent team member.
- (b) Thinks critically about the meaning and purpose of work.
- (c) Develops one's God-given potential and makes a meaningful contribution to society.
- (d) Finds meaning, dignity, fulfillment and vocation in work which contributes to the common good.
- (e) Respects the rights, responsibilities and contributions of self and others.
- (f) Exercises Christian leadership in the achievement of individual and group goals.
- (g) Achieves excellence, originality, and integrity in one's own work and supports these qualities in the work of others.
- (h) Applies skills for employability, self-employment and entrepreneurship relative to Christian vocation.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL CELEBRATES ...OUR STUDENTS ”**

Each month we focus on one aspect of the Catholic School Graduate Expectations and recognize students within each of our classrooms from Grades JK—Grade 8 who demonstrate an aspect of the expectations which speak to student leadership. The focus for the month of December was an opportunity for our students to demonstrate **Respect**. This includes respect for self, others and property. The presentations of certificates was done at a recent school assembly by their respective teachers. A certificate of recognition is awarded to them for their achievements. Congratulations on a job well done. We are very proud of each of you!

FDKA —Mrs. Carter’s and Mrs. MacLeod’s class—Angelina M., Aylin P., Savion B., Sabrina P., Mia R.

FDKB—Mrs. Jacka’s and Mrs. Dempsey’s class— Milania B., Nicholas G., Olivia t., Russell Y.

FDKC—Mrs. Myer’s and Mrs. Cino’s class—Gianluca B., Leah C., Matthew M., Stefan B.

FDKD—Mrs. Lenjosek’s and Mrs. Barnard’s class— Ava T., Howard W., Alyssa F., Nolan T.

Grade 1—Mrs. Sottile-Fortino’s class— Jamie K., Matthew M., Natalia H., Jacqueline D.

Grade 1—Mrs. Tassone’s class— Lincoln S., Loni C., Jude G., Luca C.

Grade 1 - Mrs. Filice’s class - Adrian B., John R., Kaitlyn R., Felisha W.

Grade 1/2—Mrs. Shea’s class— Zoe H., Madison R., Erika V., Luca K., Eric E.

Grade 2—Mrs. Cooper’s class—Maximillian S., Natasha B.

Grade 2—Mrs. Kolaski’s class— A’Ishah M., Ambros B., Julia B., Milania B.

Grade 2/3—Mrs. Piekarczyk’s class— Anthony B., Andrew V.

Grade 3—Mrs. DeLuca’s class— Brianna R., Nicholas F.,

Grade 3—Mrs. Ciccarelli’s class— Haidyn S., Jack C.

Grade 4— Mrs. Baktawar’s class— Gabrielle A., Nathalia N., Dylan P.

Grade 4—Mr. Duarte’s class—Christopher W., Mackenzie L., Braden G., Alyssa E.

Grade 5—Miss Tigani’s class— Adriana C., Noah D.

Grade 5/6—Mrs. Anderson’s class— Gady B., Mark R., Rosemary Y., Natalie C.

Grade 6—Miss Vuksan’s class— Isabella B., Monica J., Sylvia K., Anna P.

Grade 6/7 - Mr. D’Intino’s class— Christiana R., Natalie A., Sophia S., Anthony V.

Grade 7/8—Mr. Miller’s class— Angelica C., Noah R., Ricky F.

Grade 8—Mr. Cheeranjie’s class— Bianca C., Alessandra C., Lucas G., Adrien G.

We ask of our students not only “Can you do better?” but also “Can you be better?” This challenge continues each month as we continue to strive for excellence in all that we do as a school family. The focus for January will be “**Sportsmanship**”.

December Student Recognition of our Students  
Respect Certificates awarded to our proud recipients!



*The Regina Mundi Parish Knights of Columbus*  
**Father-Daughter Valentine Dance**

Friday, February 6th, 6:30-9:30 p.m.  
St. Thomas More Secondary School Cafeteria  
1045 Upper Paradise Road, Hamilton

Tickets: \$6.00 per person (*available at Immaculate Conception School office*)  
*Refreshments and Prizes, Photos by Lifetouch studios for \$5.00*  
*Daughters, Fathers and Father Figures of all ages welcome!*

December Celebrations at Immaculate Conception School





## ADOPTION

*Do you have room in your  
home for one more?*

### Adoption Information Night

Please join us and get all your questions answered.

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 — 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Secondary School

200 Whitney Avenue, Hamilton

For more information, or to register, please call:

Jocelyn at (905) 525-2012 ext. 3125

[www.hamiltonccas.on.ca](http://www.hamiltonccas.on.ca)

## January Reminders

- 1) Our **New Year's/Epiphany Mass** will take place on Thursday January 12, 2015 at 9:30 am in the school gym. Please join us.
- 2) Friday, January 2nd is a Professional Activity Day. There will be no school for the students.
- 3) Please do not park in the accessible parking spots! Several times, we have had those who require the accessible parking spots unable to do so. **We ask for everyone's cooperation to ensure that all visitors can access our building safely.**



## WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

Students are reminded of the following expectations during our winter weather conditions:

- Be dressed for outdoor play each day with hats, snow pants, boots, gloves/mitts, etc. Students who wish to play on the field area must wear boots and snow pants.
- **Throwing snowballs, kicking snow, damaging other students' snow structures are not permitted at any time.** Disregard for the rules will result in progressive discipline action.
- Indoor shoes must be worn in the school for safety reasons. Students are not permitted to wear boots indoors or be without proper footwear in the event of an emergency evacuation.

**CHECK OUT THIS FEATURE TO OUR NEWSLETTER!**



the  
**Lunch  
Lady**

In our efforts to encourage the reading of our monthly newsletters by parents we invite parents to complete and submit the form below to your child's teacher. The child/children in **one** of our families will receive lunch provided by The Lunch Lady.

To make it more convenient for parents to select the week they wish their child to have lunch we have prepared vouchers to go home with each child to recognize their family was selected. Simply attach the voucher to the order form and identify the week in which you wish to have the voucher honoured.

We hope that it encourages parents to read the newsletter and become more involved by being more informed in our school. Hard copies of the newsletter are available at the office should you require one.

**JANUARY** Newsletter Family Draw

Please enter our child's/children's' names in the monthly draw for having read the newsletter. Prizes will be awarded to the child/children in one family whose name(s) will be randomly selected by the deadline of **FRIDAY JANUARY 30TH, 2015.**

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

(please print)

CHILDRENS' NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_