



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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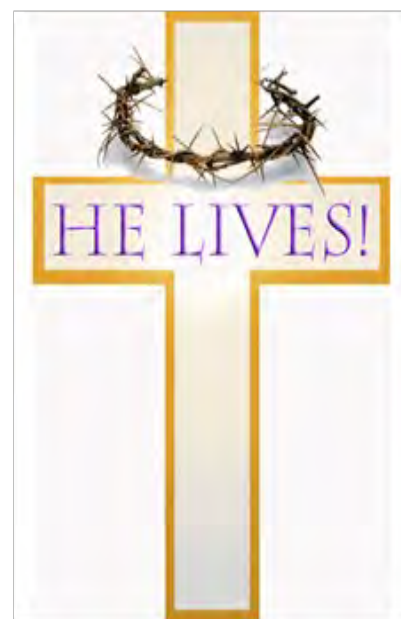
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Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.

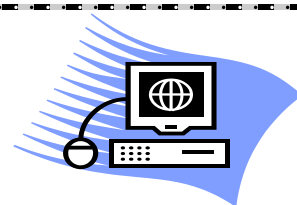
Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.

Easter is such a blessing to all of us.
Jesus gave his life for us and is sitting with his Father.
We have new hope and a renewed faith.
Keep the faith going by attending mass,
by setting the example and by living the Gospel Values.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WEBSITE...

All newsletters are available online at www.imco.hwcdsb.ca.



“Love of God, Knowledge and Service”

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I am very happy to congratulate all the many students at our school who make us proud in so many ways. We are truly a Catholic community that is welcoming, kind and forgiving. The students involvement, kindness and generosity does not go unnoticed.

At our March Spirit Assembly we recognized the many extra curricular clubs and teams at our school. Please encourage your children to join one or more of our clubs:

Intramural Floor hockey
Intermural Dodge ball
CYO sports—basketball, volleyball, soccer, cross country , track
Chess Club
Jr. Math Challenge
Maker Space
Crafting Kids club
Like a Girl
Canada's Kids/Entrepreural Club
STAR Team
Art Club
Legion of Mary
Carabou Math
Eco Team
Lead Recess

A special thank you goes out to the staff members who help to coach and lead the teams and clubs.

School Mass

Please come to mass with our school community on Tuesday April 5th at 1:30 p.m.

Catholic School Council Meeting

Our Catholic School Council will meet on Thursday, April 19th in the Learning Commons.

All parents are welcome to join in!!



Autism Awareness

On Thursday, April 12th we will be having an Autism Awareness presentation at 1:30-1:55 for FDK to Gr. 3 students and at 2:15-2:55 for Gr. 4-8 students.

On Friday, April 13 donate \$1.00 or \$2.00 and wear a non-uniform shirt **INSIDE OUT. This is a non-uniform, civvies day. All students are encouraged to participate.**



JK/SK REGISTRATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

We are still taking registrations for September 2018 Junior Kindergarten and new Kindergarten students. Please note, Junior Kindergarten students must have been born in 2014 and Kindergarten students must have been born in 2013. If your child is currently in Junior Kindergarten there is no need to register. **Parents are required to bring their child's Baptismal Certificate, Birth Certificate and Proof of Residency.** Also, you can now register your child on line!

**Please contact Mrs. Petrone at 905-523-2463
as soon as possible to register your child.**



ECO News

We use the month of April to really discuss our calling to be Stewards of the Earth and take care of all the wonderful things God has created. Earth Day is Sunday April 22nd, but we make caring for the Earth a priority all year long at Immaculate Conception. Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Piekarczyk are very proud of the ECO Team for sharing information through posters and announcements all year long. We'd like to acknowledge the work of the Blue Bin and Green Bin teams that help our custodians divert recyclables and compost out of landfills. We'd also like to thank all the students and their families that do little things each and every day like use re-usable containers and water bottles, make sure lights and monitors are off when not in use, and choose to carpool, walk or bike to school. Little everyday choices help to reduce our Carbon Footprint.

Did you know: Canada's ecological footprint is well beyond our Earth's capacity to support us. It is estimated that we would need between three or four Earths to maintain our current level of consumption. ("How many Earths do we need?" By Charlotte McDonald) Other changes that can help reduce our carbon footprint are buying LESS stuff, buying locally produced foods and goods, and re-purposing and reusing old items instead of buying new. As the Lorax said, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not." We appreciate all your efforts!

During the week leading up to Earth Day, the students will be getting special presentations put on by the Bay Area Restoration Council. We'll finish the week off with a school grounds clean-up on Friday April 20th (weather permitting).

Save the Date—FRENCH CAFÉ!!

On Tuesday, June 5th we will be having our Annual French Café. All parents are welcome to attend. Please save the date. More information regarding the café will follow in May



CHESS TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday, March 27th the following students participated in the HWCDSB 41st Annual Chess Tournament:

- Adam B. Gr. 1
- Niko P. Gr. 2
- Sabrina P. Gr. 3
- Ilaria M. Gr. 4
- John P. Gr. 5
- Nicholas F. Gr. 6
- Matias V. Gr. 7



Congratulations to all our players and to Adam B. and John P. who came in 2nd place overall.

MATH CHALLENGE

On Saturday April 21st the following students will represent Immaculate Conception at the **HWCDSB Junior Math Challenge**. This year's Math Challenge will be held at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School from 8:30-3:30 p.m.

- Sophia B. Gr. 4
- Hayne P. Gr. 4
- Poneesh K. Gr. 5
- Grace T. Gr. 5
- Sydney B. Gr. 6
- Diego E. Gr. 6



Best of luck and congratulations!

GARY DIRENFELD

On Tuesday, April 10th Mr. Gary Direnfeld will be hosting a parent night at Immaculate Conception on “Raising Awesome Kids” from 7:00—8:30 p.m. Please RSVP by calling the school at 905-523-2463 or emailing us at imco@hwcdsb.ca. This presentation is for adults , however, if you need supervision for your child/children please let us know.

At 60 years of age, Gary Direnfeld is a social worker with more than 34 years of experience working with parents, teens and young children. With a private practice located in Dundas and Georgina, Ontario, he provides counseling, mediation and assessment services on most matters of family life.

Courts in Ontario, consider Gary an expert on social work, marital and family therapy, child development, parent-child relations, custody and access recommendations, and an expert at critiquing the assessments of other assessors. He has a weekly parenting column in the Hamilton Spectator newspaper and has hosted 65 episodes of a reality television show working with newlywed couples.

Please join us and RSVP your attendance.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion students. We had the First Holy Communion retreat on Tuesday, April 3rd. The Communion practice will be on **Thursday, April 12** at 10:00 a.m. at the church and the First Holy Communion celebration is on **Saturday, April 14th at 10:30 a.m.**

God Bless!

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK—May 6—May 11th

Renewing The Promise is this year’s theme. Sub themes are:

- ★ Monday— Remembering The Promise
- ★ Tuesday— The Promise is Within You
- ★ Wednesday— Praying The Promise
- ★ Thursday - Living the Promise
- ★ Friday - Proclaiming The Promise.

We look forward to this wonderful week of Catholic Education and celebration !



DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 4 Caribou Math
- April 5 School Mass at 1:30
- April 10 Guest Speaker Gary Darrinfield, 7:00 p.m. (Please RSVP)
- April 12 First Holy Communion Practice 10:00 a.m. St. Ann Parish
Autism Awareness presentations in the gym at 1:30 p.m.
And 2:15 p.m.
- April 13 Autism Awareness Day—donate \$1.00 or \$2.00
Wear a non-uniform shirt **INSIDE OUT**. This is a civvies day.
- April 14 First Holy Communion 10:30 at St. Ann Parish
- April 19 Gr. 5 Trip to Marydale Park
CSC meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons
- April 21 Junior Math Challenge at Bishop Ryan C.S.S. 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
- May 6 -May 11 Catholic Education Week





STUDENT MONTHLY AWARDS
MARCH—EXCELLENT EFFORT

Mrs. Piekarczyk/Mrs. Caputi—FDKA

Luca S., Dimitri B.

Mr. Coccaro/Mrs. Cino— FDKB

Samantha F., Ben D.

Mrs. Carter/Mrs. Clausen— FDKC

Hayden V., Ava D.

Mrs. Lenjosek/Ms. Miguies— FDKD

Seth I., Elian E.

Mrs. Sottile-Fortino-Grade 1A

Kate D.

Mrs. Tassone-Grade 1B

Ishan R.

Mrs. K. Filice-Grade 1C

Marcello G.

Miss Cooper-Grade 1/2A

Cassidy G.

Mrs. Shea-Grade 2A

Niko P.

Mrs. Kolaski-Grade 2B

Caleb C.

Mrs. S. Filice-Grade 2/3A

Giorgia D.

Mrs. DeLuca-Grade 3A

Neché N.

Mrs. Ciccarelli-Grade 3B

Moses K.

Mrs. Schwarz-Grade 3C

Sabrina P.

Mrs. Baktawar-Grade 4A

Klara P.

Ms. Bombardieri-Grade 4B

Riley J.

Miss Graham-Grade 4/5A

Ali A.

Miss Tigani-Grade 5A

Silvia J.

Mr. Perri-Grade 5B

Eric E.

Mr. Pocsai-Grade 6A

Jovita A.

Mrs. Unsworth-Grade 6B

Beatriz S.

Mrs. Bozzo-Grade 7A

Mackenzie L.

Mrs. Buitenwerf-Grade 7B

Nathalia N.

Mr. Cheeranjie 8A

Emma D.

Mrs. Miller-Grade 8B

Alex H.