



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

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 **NOVEMBER 2018** 

Prayer for Remembrance Day

God of peace and love, on this 11th day of the 11th month we once again gather to remember. We remember that in Jesus of Nazareth you have called us to be people of peace saying, "Blessed are the peacemakers" and reminding us that we are to love our neighbour and our enemy as we love ourselves. God of peace that surpasses all understanding, we pray our remembrances and our hopes in the name of Christ, the Prince of Peace, who taught his friends to pray by saying together:
Our Father, who art in heaven ...
We pray for all Saints. We pray for all Souls of the faithfully departed. We pray for all those who fought for and continue to fight for peace.
We pray for peace
in our own hearts.



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"Love of God, Knowledge and Service"

From the Principal's Desk...

November is a time to reflect and remember. We remember the Saints who have gone before us and we pray for them. We remember all the souls of the faithfully departed and we pray for them. We remember those who fought for us and our freedoms and we pray for them and for world peace. Peace is so important at home, in our country and world wide. Pray for peace.

Report Cards

Progress Reports will be sent home on November 13th . This is a time for thought and reflection, in what areas does your child need to improve? What are the areas of strength? Interviews will be held on November 20th if you wish to discuss your child's progress with his/her teacher.

Forms for interview times will be sent through school messenger soon. It will be an online booking of times.

Photo Retake Day

Photo Retake Day is **Tuesday, November 20th**. Please remember to dress in school uniform. Thank you for your cooperation.

Clothe Me Immaculate Conception Clothing Drive

From Monday November 5th to Friday November 16th the Immaculate Conception Eco Team is collecting gently used winter clothing including coats, snow pants, gloves and hats for children and adults. Please ensure that the donated clothing is stain-free and without tears. The collected clothing will be donated to local schools in need and to the Good Shepherd and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Thank you for your support in making a positive contribution to the well-being of others in our community.

The Eco Team

Annual Pilgrimage

Congratulations and thank you to the Grade 7 and Grade 8 students who participated in the Annual Pilgrimage Walk with Christ on Sunday October 14th, 2018.

Annual Parent Conference

The HWCDSB Annual Parent Conference will be held at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School on Saturday November 3rd. Registration is found on the Board website.

Remembrance Day Celebration
 All parents and guardians are welcome to join us on Monday, November 12th at 10:30 for a Remembrance Day liturgy and celebration. We will be selling poppies for Remembrance Day. Poppies are a \$2.00 donation going to the Royal Canadian Legion. Our Star Students will be distributing poppies on the morning of November 12th. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Catholic School Council
 Next Catholic School Council meeting is **Thursday, November 15th** at 6:30 p.m. in our Learning Commons. Please join us!

 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.
 Throughout the school year we will recognize students in the various aspects of school life and honour them with a certificate. Please find the chosen areas of focus for the year that will be recognized in our classrooms.

MONTHLY STUDENT RECOGNITION

September	"Welcoming Others"	October	"Showing Gratitude"
November	"Peace Maker"	December	"Helping Hands"
January	"Respect"	February	"Sharing and Caring"
March	"Excellent Effort"	April	"Stewardship of Creation"
May	"Sportsmanship"	June	"Empathy"

UNIFORM
 Ensure that your children are in proper uniform daily. Crests are sold in the office for \$3.00 each.

MEDICAL ALERT BRACELETS
 The *No Child Without* program is for children ages 4—14. Go to <http://nochildwithout.ca/parentenrol.asp> and you can sign up your child to receive a free medical alert bracelet if they have a life threatening allergy to nuts, bees, penicillin, etc.

Glass Water Bottles
 As a safety precaution, please refrain from sending your children to school with glass water bottles. If they happen to fall on the ground they break and glass shatters everywhere.





Advent Liturgy

We will gather as a faith community every Monday in Advent to celebrate together. Please join us on: Mon. Dec. 3, Mon. Dec. 10, Mon. Dec. 11 and Fri. Dec. 21 at 9:30 a.m. for a short Advent celebration. We are preparing for the coming of Our Lord Jesus. Come Lord Jesus



Star Students (Student Council)

We are very excited to present our 2018-19 Star Students (Student Council).

Sydney B., Hamza J., Markus G., Matia L., Jonathan B. and Olivia s.

We look forward to your leadership in the area of school support and service to others.



Grade 2 First Holy Communion/First Confession Parent Meeting will be held at St. Ann's Parish on Thursday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m.



Chocolate Fundraiser

A great big THANK YOU goes out to the Immaculate Conception community for helping to make this year's chocolate fundraiser a big success. We were able to raise \$9,000 for our school. Monies will go towards Literacy and Numeracy resources and technology. Congratulations to all our winners in our chocolate fundraiser.



Lectio Devine

The St. John's Bible is coming to Immaculate Conception school Monday, November 19 to Friday, November 23, 2018. Students will experience the richness of the artwork of the Bible, along with deepening their faith by studying Scripture passages under the direction of Docents of our Diocese. Parents will be able to view the Bible also Tuesday November 20, 2018 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m..

Fall Cross Country Meet

We had a very successful day at the Fall Cross Country Meet.
Congratulations to all of our participants. Thank you also to all of the coaches.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 8th ANNUAL PASTA AND MEATBALL DINNER

Date: *December 5, 2018*
Time: Dinner is from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Place: Immaculate Conception School Gymnasium
Cost: Adults: \$12.00 Children (Grade 1-8): \$10.00
Pre-school to SK: Free



Order forms will be sent home this week. Please join us. **Please go to Cash on Line for payment.**

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week will take place November 18-24, 2018.

As a Catholic school community, we are committed to fostering safe and inclusive learning environments which includes addressing bullying and working towards prevention.

Bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation.

Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance. Bullying can take on different forms, including:

- Physical - hitting, shoving, stealing or damaging property;
- Verbal - name calling, mocking, or making sexist, racist or homophobic comments;
- Social - excluding others from a group or spreading gossip or rumours about them;
- Electronic - (commonly known as cyberbullying) – spreading rumours and hurtful comments; through the use of cellphones, e-mail, text messaging and social networking site.

This year Immaculate Conception is working with McMaster nurses to bring Anti Bullying Awareness to our school community. During the month of November they will be engaging students in various activities to support inclusivity, kindness and compassion.



Christmas Wish Upon A Star

Our annual “Christmas Wish Upon A Star” Program at Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School is a program whereby we respond to the needs of families by creating hampers containing wrapped gifts, gift cards, non-perishable food along with food gift cards to support adults and children during the upcoming Christmas season. Within our school community we will be supporting families who have been served by the Catholic Children’s Aid Society in Hamilton and the HWCDSB Equal Opportunities.

For this year each family that is in need of support will be assigned to one of our classes (25 classes in total) within the school. Wherever possible we will try to match up the ages of the children in the family to the ages of the children in the particular class to make gift selections a little easier for families. This initiative is fully supported by the Catholic School Council.

Volunteers are needed in various areas including: purchasing gifts from monetary donations received, wrap hampers and/or gifts, purchase and coordinate groceries for each family, etc. All families receiving hampers remain anonymous to the community so as to maintain their privacy during this program.

Please note the information of the family associated with your child’s class so that parents have details of the needs that have been requested which include ages, gender of the children as well as “wish lists” that were created. Parents are invited to support this endeavour through your donations that can be made by cash through Cash on Line or a new unwrapped gift that has been suggested for a child. We will also be having a food drive within each class to add to our hampers for distribution. Please note that income tax receipts cannot be issued for this fundraising effort to support families. Any parents who wish to sponsor a family on their own are asked to contact Mrs. Verrelli for the details as to gender and ages of the children.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the wrapping and collating of hampers that will occur in the school on Wednesday, December 12th. Our Star Students (Student Council) will be designing and decorating nametags to be used for the hampers. We thank them in advance for their assistance.

We thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting families who are in need of our help. If you are able to assist with the purchasing of gifts, food etc. or can assist with wrapping please complete the section below and return it to the office. A committee member will be in contact with you later this month.

If there are any families within our own school who are in need please contact Mrs. Verrelli directly to receive a Christmas hamper. Arrangements will be made to pick up the hampers on Thursday, December 13th at our school.

To help clarify the tasks that are needed in this project we offer the following information:

Sponsoring a Family – the sponsoring Immaculate Conception Family will be financially responsible for the purchase of all or most items on a provided profile list without the solicitation of local businesses. As another option a parent’s work site offers to sponsor a family through our project.

Shopper – volunteer to purchase needed clothing items and other necessary items with provided funds. Funds and profile will be provided to each volunteer on Friday December 7, 2018. Selected volunteers will be notified by telephone prior to the day to shop. Purchased items are to be brought to the school by MONDAY, DECEMBER 10th

Wrapper – volunteer to come in to sort and wrap items and arrange hampers according to the profiles. Date will be Wednesday, December 12th, 2018. Volunteers will notified by telephone of the times. A valid vulnerable sector screening check must be on file.

Please note that corporate and/or local business donations will be sought by members of the Catholic School Council on behalf of the “Christmas Wish Upon a Star” program.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation as we work together to help bring joy to families during this Christmas season.

I/We are able to volunteer for the “Wish Upon a Star” program for Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School.

Areas of Interest: (please check all that apply)

_____ purchasing gifts for family members with donated funds (prior to Dec. 12th)

_____ wrapping gifts (Wednesday, December 12th)

_____ sponsoring a family at Christmas (specific information as indicated above)

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Please print

STUDENT MONTHLY AWARDS
October—Demonstrating Gratitude

Mrs. DeAngelis/Mrs. Migueis—FDKA

Cabot W., Abigail P.

Mr. Coccaro/Mrs. Cino— FDKB

Ben D., Carina G.

Mrs. Carter/Mrs. Clausen— FDKC

Joycelyn C., Dominik M.

Mrs. Agostino/Mrs. Baumgartner— FDKD

Lucas A., Keira M.

Mrs. Sottile-Fortino-Grade 1A

Jake V.

Mrs. K. Filice-Grade 1B

Landon C.

Mrs. Tassone—Grade 1/2A

Mya N.

Mrs. Kolaski—Grade 2A

Pierce M.

Mrs. Austin—Grade 2B

Luca S.

Mrs. Shea-Grade 2C

Lindsay C.

Mrs. S. Filice-Grade 2/3A

Ella F.

Mrs. DeLuca-Grade 3A

Gabriella P.

Mrs. Ciccarelli-Grade 3B

Cassidy G.

Mrs. Baktawar-Grade 4A

Branson L.

Mrs. Mendoza-Grade 4B

Joey K.

Mrs. Schwarz—Grade 4C

Samuel D.

Miss Tigani-Grade 5A

Abigail M.

Mr. Perri-Grade 5B

Mukhtar H.

Mrs. Anderson—Grade 5/6A

Angelica D.

Mr. Pocsai-Grade 6A

Marisa B.

Mrs. Unsworth-Grade 6B

Paolo S.

Mrs. Bozzo-Grade 7A

Jason O.

Mrs. Buitenwerf-Grade 7B

Sydney B.

Mr. Cheeranjie-Grade 8A

Jonathon B.

Mrs. Miller-Grade 8B

Caleb C.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- November 3 Parent Conference—B.R. 7:30-1:30 free of charge
- November 4 Daylight Saving Time
- November 5-7 Grade 8 Trip to Camp Brebeuf
- November 8 Grade 2 First Holy Communion/First Confession
Parent meeting 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann Parish
- November 12 Remembrance Day Celebration at 10:30 in school gym
All are welcome to attend
- November 13 Progress Reports Go Home
- November 14 Caribou Math Contest in Learning Commons
- November 15 Grade 3-8 Reconciliation in the gym 1:15 p.m.
CSC meeting at 6:30 in the Learning Commons
- November 19 -23 Lectio Devina Bible Visit
Anti Bullying Week
- November 19 Grade 8 parent night at Bishop Tonnos 7:00 p.m.
- November 20 Picture Retake Day
Cheers, Fears and Unclears for Gr. 8 students
Parent-teacher interview night
- November 23 Holodomor Memorial Day
- November 28 Last Day for Immaculate Conception Feast Day
Pasta Dinner Orders