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Immaculate Conception CES is a proud feeder school for Bishop Tonnos High School.

 **NOVEMBER 2019** 

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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WEBSITE...

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"Devotion, Service, Discipleship."

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 especially remember **Mrs. D. D'Olimpio who was our clerical support last year. Please keep her family in your prayers. This year we will be creating an Immaculate Conception Book of Remembrance. All of the classes will be asked to create 1 page of people that they wish to remember. Our book of Remembrance will be displayed in our front foyer.**

Report Cards

Progress Reports will be sent home on November 12, 2019. 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 14th if you wish to discuss your child's progress with his/her teacher. You should have already received information with regards to this.**



Photo Retake Day

Photo Retake Day is November 4, 2019. Please remember to dress in school uniform. Thank you for your cooperation.



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 20, 2019.

Annual Parent Conference

The HWCDSD Annual Parent Conference will be held at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School on Saturday November 2nd. Registration is found on the Board website.

Is My Child Ready to Walk to School Without Me?

This is a question that crosses the mind of many parents when it comes to active school travel. Remember, all children are unique, so we must consider their individual developmental and maturity level when deciding if it is safe for them to walk to school without an adult. Children usually aren't ready to start walking to school without an adult until about fifth grade, or around age 10. Younger children are more impulsive and less cautious around traffic, they may not be able to judge the distance and speed of cars, and they often don't fully understand other potential dangers they could come across.

Until your children are ready to walk independently, continue to walk with them to and from school. Familiarize them with the neighborhood, teach them about traffic signs, street signs and directions, and model correct behaviors when crossing streets. It's also a great opportunity for some chat time with your children.

You are your child's best teacher, so keep these tips in mind when walking with your child to and from school:

- ◆ Children should walk in groups to make them more visible. If that's not possible, they should walk with at least one sibling or neighbourhood friend.
- ◆ When crossing streets, hold your child's hand and always observe the traffic safety laws.
- ◆ Observe all traffic signals and let the school crossing guard help you when possible.
- ◆ Be sure to look all ways before crossing the street and continue to watch for vehicles. Remind children to make eye contact with drivers as drivers may not always see them.
- ◆ When they start walking independently, make sure they stick to a safe route to school.
- ◆ If they need to cross any streets on the way to school, practice safe street crossing with them before they do it without you.
- ◆ Make sure they know how to say "no" if someone they don't know offers a ride, and that they yell and run for help if needed.
- ◆ Explain to them that it is not safe to use a cell phone or text while walking, which makes them less aware of traffic.
- ◆ Choose brightly colored backpacks, jackets and other accessories, ideally with reflective materials for days when it begins to get dark earlier.

Sometimes as parents, we need to take baby steps until we feel comfortable with the changes as our children grow up. Transition to this new independence at your child's own pace. Talk about the experience, and address things that didn't work. Once you feel comfortable, your children will be well on their way to developing excellent life-long habits!



Advent Liturgy
 We will gather as a faith community every Monday in Advent to celebrate together. Please join us on:
 Mon. Dec. 2, Mon. Dec. 9, Mon. Dec. 16 and Fri. Dec. 20 at 9:30 a.m. for a short Advent celebration. We
 are preparing for the coming of Our Lord Jesus. Come Lord Jesus



Thank you

Special thank you to all the families who donated to the following:

- ⇒ The breakfast food drive
- ⇒ The Halloween Monster Bash for McMaster Sick Children Hospital

Your contributions are very much appreciated.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 9th ANNUAL PASTA AND MEATBALL DINNER

- Date: December 2, 2019
- 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

Please see flyer and order form in this newsletter. A hard copy will be going home to all families.

Fall Cross Country Meet

Immaculate Conception participated in the Cross Country Meet on October 4th. Our students were well behaved and everyone tried their best. The following runners finished in the top 10 of their race:

- 1st—Marcus B., Kate D., Olivia D.
- 2nd—Christian G., Jacob C., Mateo M., Connor S.
- 3rd—Ephraim L., Jeffrey R.
- 4th—Markus G. Stefan B., Adam B., Mya N.
- 5th—Aurora F., Liam S., Riley J., Renton L.
- 6th—Michael B., Nolan T., Elena L.
- 7th—Nikolas M., Ava B.
- 8th—Olivia M., Siena L., Ben B., Isabelle M.
- 9th—Owen S., Adam S.
- 10th—Amalia G., Paolo S., Eaden P., Caleb C., Mia F.

Congratulations to all our runners!!! Special thank you to Miss Tigani who organized this event and to all the coaches.



Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week will take place November 17-23, 2019.

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.



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. This initiative is fully supported by the Catholic School Council.

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 Monday, December 9th . 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 on Monday, December 9th 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.

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.

_____ wrapping gifts (Monday, December 9th)

Please note that all volunteers will need to have a current Vulnerable Sector Screening check

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Please print

STUDENT MONTHLY AWARDS
October—Demonstrating Gratitude

★ Ms. Romeo—FDKA

Abigail P., Ava H.

★ Mr. Coccaro/Mrs. Cino— FDKB

Charlotte A., Elysia, B.

★ Mrs. Carter/Mrs. Clausen— FDKC

Ellie L., Daniel A.

★ Mrs. Agostino/Mrs. Baumgartner— FDKD

Capri C., Aidan W.

★ Mrs. Tassone—Grade 1A

Avery S.

★ Mrs. K. Filice-Grade 1B

Sienna F.

★ Mrs. DeAngelis—Grade 1/2A

Hailey H.

★ Mrs. Shea—Grade 2A

Austin R.

★ Mrs. Austin—Grade 2B

Nathan L.

★ Mrs. Kolaski-Grade 2/3A

Ella F.

★ Mrs. DeLuca-Grade 3A

Lily P.

★ Mrs. Ciccarelli-Grade 3B

Tommy H.

★ Mrs. S. Filice/Mrs. Yewer

Angelica C.

★ Mrs. Schwarz-Grade 4A

Reid M.

★ Mrs. Mendoza-Grade 4B

Angelina M.

★ Mrs. Baktawar—Grade 4/5A

Gabby L.

★ Miss Tigani-Grade 5A

Eva J.

★ Mr. Perri-Grade 5B

Mukhtar H.

★ Mr. Pocsai-Grade 6A

Marisa B.

★ Mrs. Unsworth-Grade 6B

Evelyn R.

★ Mrs. Bozzo-Grade 7A

Sofia R.

★ Mrs. Buitenwerf/Mr. Farracuti-Grade 7B

Ethan C.

★ Mrs. Stampone—Grade 7C

Patricia S.

★ Mr. Cheeranjie-Grade 8A

Michelle M.

★ Mrs. Miller-Grade 8B

Jason O.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| November 2 | Parent Conference—B.R. 7:30-1:30 free of charge |
| November 3 | Daylight Saving Time |
| November 4 | Picture Retake Day |
| November 8 | P.A. Day |
| November 11 | Remembrance Day Celebration at 10:30 in school gym
All are welcome to attend |
| November 12 | Progress Reports Go Home |
| November 13 | Caribou Math Contest in Learning Commons |
| November 14 | Gr. 7 Immunizations
Grade 3-8 Reconciliation in the gym
Gr. 8 Cheers, Fears and Unclears visit from B.T.
Parent-Teacher interview night 3:40—8:00 |
| November 15 | Confirmation Retreat |
| November 17 -23 | Anti Bullying Week |
| November 18 | Grade 8 parent night at Bishop Tonnos 7:00 p.m. |
| November 19 | Confirmation at the Cathedral of Christ the King Parish
7:00 p.m. |
| November 20 | Walk/Wear Yellow to school |
| November 21 | Kindergarten Vision Screening |
| November 22 | Last Day for I.C. Feast Day Pasta Dinner Orders |
| November 28 | Red and White |
| November 29 | P.A. Day |
| December 2 | Feast of the Immaculate Conception Pasta Dinner—Please join us |