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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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



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Prayer for Christmas

*Come, Lord Jesus!
Come and visit your people.
We await your coming,
Come, O Lord
Lord God, I sense Your power,
Your might and I stand in awe,
painfully aware of how poor and weak I am before you.
As I begin this Advent journey, teach me to turn to you in
my fear and sorrow.
Let me remember that you can look deep into my heart
and that you will keep me safe With you love.
I lift my soul to you with my weak hands and
beg for Your help and forgiveness, And I feel joy*



From the Principal's Desk...

Advent is such an important and blessed time. We wait in anticipation for the birth of Jesus Christ. We prepare by opening our heart and our mind to His word.

Wishing all families a Blessed and Holy Christmas Holiday!

Christmas Holidays

Christmas Holidays are from
Monday, December 21, 2020 to January 3, 2021.
Students will return to school on Monday, January 4, 2021.

CHRISTMAS WISH UPON A STAR

It is that time again to come together as a Catholic School community to support the "Christmas Wish Upon a Star". This program responds to the needs of families under the care of the Catholic Children's Aid Society and the HWCDSB Equal Opportunities by providing gift cards to support adults and children during the upcoming Christmas season. Each class has received a list with their sponsored family's information and gift card suggestions (this can also be found on SCHOOL CASH ONLINE). Thank you for your continued support of this program.



The deadline for handing in items is **Friday, December 4, 2020.**

Unity Way

Thank you for your donations to the United Way.
"Together we can make a difference"
Our student community contributed \$234.00 in donations to the United Way.
Thank you



Tuesday, December 1st Red and White Civvies Day for United Way.

Joy Day

Friday, December 4th we will celebrate JOY day and we decided that it will also be a Christmas Sweater civvies dress down day. Looking forward to a colourful JOY day and some Christmas Cheer!



Feast of the Immaculate Conception



Tuesday December 8th

We will be celebrating with a liturgy over the PA in the morning and a SPIRIT WEAR DRESS DOWN DAY. Children are encouraged to wear our school colours of Blue, Silver and Black or any spirit wear.

Encourage Your Children to Use Active Travel to Get to School

Walking, wheeling and rolling are healthy ways to get to and from school. Skipping car travel for more active travel can help children meet the recommended minimum of 60 minutes of daily physical activity. Trips powered by active travel, rather than vehicles, can help to improve air quality, reduce your carbon footprint, and make neighborhoods friendlier places. Commit to walking or wheeling to or from school.

Our WEAR YELLOW, WALK BIKE ROLL to school dates are

Dec 16

Jan 27

Feb 24

March 31

April 28

May 26

June 23



You can purchase a YELLOW SHIRT on SCHOOL CASH ONLINE for \$10.00

Catholic School Council

We will not have a Catholic School Council meeting this month. We look forward to seeing our Council and any parents who are interested in joining us on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 7:00p.m. via Virtual Teams Meeting. If you are interested in attending please notify the school and you will be sent a link to join us.

Safe Drinking Water

Results from 2020 water testing for schools of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board are now available. We are happy to report that lead testing results for Immaculate Conception CES have met the Ontario drinking water quality lead standard of 10 micrograms per litre (10 µg/L) or below.

Since 2007, Ontario law has required child care centres and schools to flush their plumbing and test their drinking water for lead.

Outdoor Lunch Recess

It has become increasingly challenging and difficult to keep the children socially distance, in their separate cohorts and limiting their activity to walk and talk during outdoor lunch time. For this reason, our outdoor lunch times will be altered and the students will have an opportunity to go outside with their classroom teachers during lunch on the days and times their classroom teacher has duty supervision.

This will amount to 2 outside lunch breaks during the week. Please be aware that all the children will continue to have 20 minutes of outside DPA in the morning and 20 minutes of outside DPA in the afternoon every day.

We believe that this is a fair solution to maintaining everyone's safety and still allowing the kids to get a break during 2 lunches.

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Cold & Wet Weather

The wet weather is now here. If you can, please send in a pair of indoor shoes with your child. Wet floors in the classroom are not only unsafe and unhealthy but also very difficult to maintain.

Respecting Our Neighbours

EMICK DRIVE

Some parents are choosing to use Emick Drive as a parking area and drop off zone. We are requesting that you follow the rules of road and signage posted on Emick Drive. Numerous complaints have been received by the school and the City of Hamilton with regards to blocked driveways, damage to personal property and negative interactions with our parents. Emick Drive is a residential street and not meant to be a drop off zone for the school. Please be considerate of our neighbors and refrain from using Emick Drive as a drop off zone. It is important for everyone to be law abiding citizens and follow the signage posted on our neighboring streets.

Family Pasta Dinner

We are hopeful that we can continue with our traditional FAMILY PASTA DINNER to celebrate our feast day in the spring or when we will be permitted to have large social gatherings.

Chocolate Santa

We are raffling off a very large 3 foot chocolate Santa. The chocolate is nut free but can not be guaranteed to have been manufactured in a nut free factory. All students will have the opportunity to earn tickets to win Santa with acts of kindness. This student recognition will replace our STAR awards this month. Good Luck to all our students.

**KINDNESS WILL CHANGE THE WORLD,
YOUR CHILD COULD WIN SANTA BY SHOWING KINDNESS**



Advent Liturgy

We will continue to celebrate and have virtual ADVENT LITURGIES every Monday in Advent. We are preparing for the coming of Our Lord Jesus.

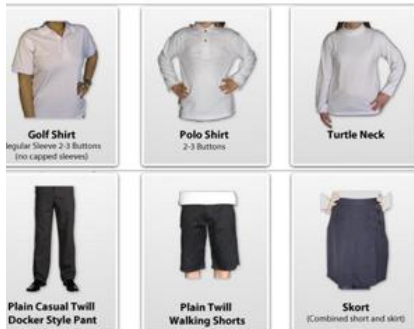
Come Lord Jesus

**NOVEMBER 30
DECEMBER 7
DECEMBER 14
DECEMBER 18**



UNIFORM

Ensure that your children are in proper uniform daily. Crests are sold online only for \$5.00 each.



Are You In Uniform?

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board's Elementary School Uniform Standards

The school's designated supplier has these appropriate items. You may purchase these items from other sources as long as they are comparable (colour, style, fabric).

Tops: White or Navy Blue

Bottoms: Navy Blue (No Cargo Pants, No Fleece Material)

(Examples provided)

Please Note: The above are the minimum items that were approved originally as a system standard. School Communities in consultation with the Catholic School Council, Principal, and Parents could add additional items to the above items. Any visible under shirt (usually a t-shirt) must be solid white or solid navy blue.

Your support in compliance to the above is very much appreciated

C.Y.O. Cross Country 2020 was a success!

Children from grades three to grade eight ran and had a blast.

Here are the results of placements of our school runners. Also, on Instagram @cyo_hamilton photos are posted from all days.

ATOM DIVISION

October 27, 2020

Marcus B 4th place

Eden P 3rd place

October 28, 2020

Adriana T 1st place

Kate D 2nd place

Reid D 7th place

Benjamin B 9th place

October 29, 2020

Isabelle Muldoon 1st place

JUNIOR DIVISION

October 22, 2020

Olivia D 1st place

SENIOR DIVISION

October 20, 2020

Jacob C 1st place

Immaculate Conception CES Action Plan: **Preparation for Transition to Distance Learning**

This is to update you on Immaculate Conception CES Action Plan: **Preparation for Transition to Distance Learning**, if a class, the entire school or the entire school board must close due to an outbreak of Covid-19.

The goal of this plan is to prepare the school, the staff, and the students to quickly move to 100% virtual learning. It will also allow the parents, guardians and students to adapt to the change in learning modality at home if a class needs to quarantine or the school is closed.

How are we preparing for a possible switch to distance learning?

Technology Needs

At the school level, we have taken an inventory of available devices in the school that could be deployed to families in need of technology. If you have a need for technology during a class or school shut down please notify the classroom teacher or the school and we will be happy to assist.

Transition Strategies

Each teacher is using the MyClass LMS page with students and ensuring that they know how to access the class' home page, find and submit assignments, and get updates through announcements and the email function. Additionally, each classroom teacher is demonstrating how to connect via Microsoft Teams for synchronous learning. Each classroom teacher has provided your child with the username and password for accessing MySite and MyClass.

Synchronous Learning Requirements

The Ministry of Education has mandated through Program Policy Memorandum 164, that all distance learning must be comprised of a minimum number of minutes where students would participate in live, synchronous learning with their teacher(s) (180 minutes for Kindergarten and 225 minutes for grades 1-8).

Students and Parents are encouraged to explore the resources and tutorials for using MyClass that are found on the Board Home Page TECH HELP TOPICS



Technical Help Support Site

Dress down Civvies days in December

There are MANY dress down civvies days in December. Here's a list...

Date	Civvies
Dec 1	Red and White for United Way
Dec 4	Joy Day, Christmas Sweater Day
Dec 8	Feast of Immaculate Conception, Spirit Wear or Blue, Silver and Black
Dec 11	Red White and Green Civvies day
Dec 16	Walk Bike Roll to School, Wear Yellow
Dec 18	Red White and Green Civvies day



Month: November

Virtue: Promotion of Peace- PEACE MAKER

Class	Teacher	Winner 1	Winner 2
KA	Yewer/	Rykos M.	Greyson M.
KB	Coccaro/Clausen	Jacksen T.	Savannah R.
KC	Carter/Cino	Nya I.	Elianna A.
KD	Baktawar/Baumgartner	Olivia D.	Jordan T.
IA	Tassone	Julianne B.	Evan N.
IB	Filice	Zeno L	Isla O
2A	DeAngelis	Melina G	Cabot W
2B	Austin	Austin D	Addison F.Q.
2/3	Shea	Gabriella A	Logan M
3A	DeLuca	Jake V.A.	Gabby F.
3B	Kolaski	Aidan L	Audriana Q
3/4	Ciccarelli	Benjamin H	Lily P
4A	Schwarz	Angelina C	Olivia P
4B	Young	Chloe O.	Micah T.
4/5	Perri	Anastasia T	Tomiwa H
5A	Mendoza	Stefan B	Siena L
5/6	Tigani	Owen D	Noah L
6A	Bozzo	Olivia R	Renton L
6B	Unsworth	Aiden A.	Nicola C.
7A	Stampone	Riley J	Hayne P
7B	Couto	Zoe H	Jacob A
7/8A	Cheeranjie	Christina T	Maya S
8B	Miller	Aiden T	Luka P