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Guardian Angels Catholic School

NEWSLETTER – November 2018 Edition

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| SCHOOL HOURS: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m./12:30 – 3:00 p.m. | |

***SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM***

**Please call the school to report all student absences and late arrivals before 8:30 a.m.** Dial **905-876-2386.**

If calling outside office hours your call will be directed to our voice mail system. Please follow the prompts to leave a message: clearly state student name, grade, teacher, reason and length (if known) of the absence. If no notification is received, we will call home/workplace/emergency contact numbers to determine your child’s location. (Please keep contact numbers current.)

**ADMINISTRATORS’ MESSAGE**

**Mrs. LoPresti, Mr. Hawken & Mrs. Sofia Starr**

While November chill is upon us, we are warmed by the support of our wonderful school community over the last two months. The partnership between home, school, church and community is an integral part of Guardian Angels Catholic School’s success. Your involvement with liturgical celebrations, cross country, volleyball, Catholic School Council, lunch days, the Hallowe’en Dance-a-thon, prize donations, and volunteering initiatives is genuinely appreciated. By continuing to work together, we create many wonderful opportunities for staff, students and families to get involved and make a difference in our community.

During the month of November, we take the time to reflect and pray for those who have made sacrifices for us all and for a world of peace. We encourage all families to pray together for peace in our world.

As Catholics, we also celebrate All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day. The two celebrations help us to focus upon Christ’s triumph over evil and the hope of salvation for those whose witness to Christ is an inspiration. It is a reminder of the invitation to holiness and becoming the saints on Earth that we are all called to be each and every day.

We also remember and pray for our relatives and loved ones who have died. We are comforted by the knowledge that they have found eternal rest with our Lord. This month we have a dedicated focus with weekly initiatives – “This November…We Remember” is our theme.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

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Remembrance Day is soon approaching, and it is at this time that we ask the students of Guardian Angels Catholic School to be aware of the tremendous sacrifice that men and women all over the world have made to help ensure peace throughout Canada and the world. To show their national pride, students are invited to wear a poppy which will be offered to students with a donation to the Royal Canadian Legion. On **Monday, November 12**, we will have a Remembrance Day service beginning at **10:30 a.m.** in the school gymnasium. All are invited to attend.

**Le jour de Souvenir**

**We Remember…**

**November 11, 2018**

**“ANGELS AMONG US”**

**MONTHLY CATHOLIC VIRTUES**

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**November’s Virtue is CONSCIENCE**

***What is CONSCIENCE?***

We demonstrate the virtue of Conscience when we: stand up for what is right and just; face challenges, fears and overcoming difficulty with braveness; and try new things andbeing supported by God and those around us.This aligns with our bullying awareness and prevention activities this month.

Jesus taught us that we are all children of a loving God. At Guardian AngelsSchool, we believe that each child is created in His image and are valued as unique individuals and important members of our community and society. We strive to create an atmosphere here that promotes cooperation with one another in a spirit of mutual respect and understanding as children of God.

“THIS NOVEMBER… WE REMEMBER” CAMPAIGN

WEEK 1

We recognize the Feast Days of All Saints and All Souls on November 1 and 2 respectively. All Saints’ Day celebrates all the men and women blessed in the eyes of the Lord who are in the heavenly presence of God. All Souls’ Day is the commemoration of all the Faithful Departed.

WEEK 2

We remember… those in the world that cannot speak up for themselves. Each year, youth around the world pledge to stay silent to support children who are silenced by the denial of their basic rights. Some children are silenced by hunger and thirst for clean water, others by lack of education and social discrimination; still others are forced to work as child labourers and are punished for speaking out against unsafe/unfair work conditions.

The Vow of Silence campaign can mean no speaking, or it can mean no communicating at all: no emailing, no social networking, no instant messaging for one (1) day. Students can communicate using non-verbal means while at school i.e. sign language, charades, written notepads or prepared cue cards with high frequency phrases or they can simply keep any talking to a whisper in class. No matter how we choose to take the Vow of Silence on November 6’ in the classroom at the teacher’s discretion, we can all stand up for the voiceless around the world.

WEEK 3

We remember… the veterans, heroes, and peace keepers that work to keep us safe here in Canada. Please join us for our special Remembrance Day service at **10:30 a.m.** on **Monday, November 12**.

WEEK 4

We remember…to be kind to those in our own school community with the coming of *Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week* – the week of November 19.

WEEK 5

We remember…the less fortunate in our own community. We ask students to bring in non-perishable food items to replenish the post-Thanksgiving stock for our local food bank from **Monday, November 26 – Friday, November 30.** We can all help end hunger in our own local community!



GRADE 7 CONFIRMATION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Our Grade 7 students are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, November 10** at **10:00 a.m.** **(A-L)** AND **12:30 p.m.** **(M-Z)** in our school gym**.** **Father Jim Petrie** and **Bishop Douglas Crosby** will celebrate this special sacramental mass with our students. A gentle reminder that because of the sanctity of this sacrament, still photography and videotaping during the ceremony is strictly prohibited. A photo opportunity will be available after each celebration has concluded. Confirmation candidates are reminded to arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. accordingly.



GUARDIAN ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS CHARITABLE WORK

Christmas charitable work will include local family needs and St. Vincent de Paul community needs (St. Benedict’s Parish Chapter). More information to follow in December.

GUARDIAN ANGELS 2018-2019 CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our second CSC meeting will be held on **Monday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m.** in our school Library. All parents are welcome! Thank you to our wonderful CSC for their support of all our initiatives!

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**WHAT IS AN IPRC?**

The **I**dentification, **P**lacement and **R**eview **C**ommittee, “IPRC” for short, is a committee which determines whether or not a student can be identified as “exceptional”, according to Ministry definitions.

Categories of exceptionalities include *behaviour, communication, intellectual, physical or multiple*

The IPRC meeting can be initiated either by the school or parent, if either party feels that the student could benefit from special education programming. Parent requests should be made in writing to the Principal of the school. Schools are required to convene an IPRC in response to parental requests. The IPRC will decide whether the student is an exceptional pupil and, if so, what type of educational placement is appropriate. The IPRC process also determines the appropriate classroom placement for the student, based on their strengths and needs which are outlined in the student profile. Based on these discussions, the IPRC can recommend the special education programs and/or services that it considers to be appropriate for the student.

Parents are encouraged to attend all IPRC meetings and the school must make every effort to accommodate the parent’s availability when scheduling the meeting. Parents are encouraged to provide their input in developing the student profile and recommending the appropriate placement for their child as parental input is a very important consideration in the process. All students identified as exceptional through this process must be provided special education programming to be outlined in an Individual Education Plan (IEP).

The IPRC meets annually and while parents have the option to waive the meeting, it is a good opportunity to touch base with your child’s Special Education team.

Parents have the right to an appeal if they do not agree with the IPRC’s decisions. More information can be found in the Parent Guide, available at your school office or on the Board website. [*http://www.hcdsb.org/Programs/SpecialEducation/Pages/default.aspx*](http://www.hcdsb.org/Programs/SpecialEducation/Pages/default.aspx)

GRADE 7 CAMP BREBEUF PARENT MEETING

There will be a Parent Information Night forthcoming. We encourage parents of Grade 7 students to attend if possible. If you are not able to attend the meeting please ensure you are in contact with your child’s classroom teacher for details.

HALLOWE’EN DANCE-A-THON & SPIRIT DAY UPDATE

On **Wednesday, October 31**, we had our Hallowe’en Dress-up Spirit Day and fundraising Dance-a-thon. As this was our annual fundraiser for the school year, students were invited to submit their “pledges” to help raise funds for school and program needs.

**THANK YOU**

… to all our families, staff members, student/parent volunteers, companies and local businesses in our community who supported this year’s fundraising event! **Thank you all for your ongoing support and all the hard work involved in making this event a huge success!** Working together we can continue to provide the best possible programs and initiatives for students here at Guardian Angels Catholic School. A final tally of funds raised from this annual event will be published in next month’s newsletter. Prize rally will take place week of November 5.

…to our **Grade 2 staff** and **Father Jim** who prepared our students for the Sacrament of *Reconciliation* in October!

…to our Catholic school community for raising over **$1400.00** for cancer research on our *Terry Fox Day*…way to go!



KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 8

PROGRESS REPORTS

AND PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Our first term Progress Report Cards for Kindergarten - Grade 8 students will be sent home on **Tuesday, November 20**. Parent/Teacher Interviews for Kindergarten - Grade 8 students are scheduled for **Thursday, November 22** from **3:20 p.m. to 9:00 p.m**. and **Friday, November 23** (daytime). Kindergarten - Grade 8 interview request forms will go home on **Monday, November 5** and must be returned no later than **Monda**y**, November 12**.

We ask that you sign and return the bottom portion of the Progress Report Card **no later than** **Friday, November 23, 2018.** Please note that **Friday, November 23**is also a **P.A. Day** and students are not required to come to school. If you are unable to meet with the teacher at your scheduled interview time, a mutually-convenient time can be scheduled with the classroom teacher afterwards.

GUARDIAN ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LIBRARY NEWS

Once again, the Guardian Angels School Library will be hosting its annual Scholastic Book Fair in the Library to help raise funds to purchase new library books. The Fair runs from **Friday,** **November 9** until **Wednesday, November 14** and will be open from **8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** mornings and from **12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. afternoons.**  Cash and cheques made payable to Guardian Angels School are acceptable. Sorry no credit card transactions can be made during this event.

Miss Mandrapilias and the students of Guardian Angels Catholic School library would like to thank all the families who have donated their used books to our library. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated!

BULLYING AWARENESS and PREVENTION WEEK NOVEMBER 19-23

Building a positive school culture that focuses on caring and respectful relationships is an effective way to decrease bullying.

School staff and families can build healthy safe schools by "little everyday things". The staff and students of Guardian Angels Catholic School are committed to making a difference in our school community. For the week of November 19, we will be celebrating our successes as a school by recognizing the value of each person and the dignity of all!

To understand the implications of bullying in schools, we must share a common definition of the term itself:

“*Bullying is typically a form of repeated, persistent, and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual/s that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear, 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.”*

In *The Bully, the Bullied, and the Bystander*, Barbara Coloroso gives parents, educators, and most of all, kids the tools to break this cycle of violence:

* The Bully - what bullying is and isn’t: the differences/similarities between boy and girl bullies; the short/long-term impact on the bully.
* The Bullied - who s/he is: when the bullied becomes the bully.
* The Bystander - peer, sibling or adult: how bystanders can be peacemakers.
* The Home - how families encourage children to become bullies, or compassionate people.
* The Solution - the difference between punishment, rescuing and discipline; how reconciliatory justice works; creating opportunities to “do good”; helping children to develop a code of compassion.

In an effort to reduce bullying and create a positive school climate in which everyone feels safe and respected, staff and students are engaged in a variety of strategies that address anger management, compassion, and pro-social behaviour. We observe and actively promote *Bullying Awareness Week* and the *Vow of Silence Day* in November, *Pink T-Shirt Day* in February and *Mental Health Awareness Week* in May.

We are also very proud of our *Buddy Bench* initiative - a gathering spot for students seeking to make new friends - designed to promote and foster kindness, inclusiveness and empathy among students at recess. Ultimately, students learn to solve problems, share perspectives and regulate their emotions and behaviour in a positive, productive manner. We also promote positive social behaviour through various clubs/activities -*Me to We* and *Roots of Empathy* programs, *P.A.L.S., Prayer Club, Running Team & Wellness Team, Girls Inc. and Faith Club.*

Children who are being harassed/bullied should report incidents to their classroom teacher/teacher on yard duty immediately who will inform Administration of the incident. Parents who are concerned for their child/ren’s safety while at school should contact Administration and express their specific concerns regarding bullying.

Our Catholic schools provide a complete and rigorous academic program in a safe environment that integrates learning, religious instruction, Gospel values and spiritual formation into all aspects of the curriculum. Spirituality and the witness and practice of our faith are lived out in daily school experiences.



**P.A.L.S. ON THE PLAYGROUND**

Throughout the school year, P.A.L.S. Squad organizes outdoor and indoor play for our younger students including recess games and activities, craft and game clubs, board games club and Lego club. Over the next month, our P.A.L.S. Squad will organize and lead recess games during lunch recess for Grade 1 and 2 students.  This will provide activities and team games for all students to encourage physical fitness, inclusion, fair play, cooperation and fun.



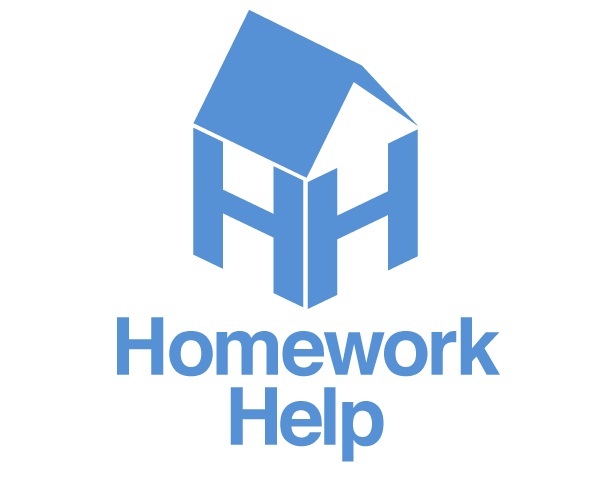
We welcome *Baby Kaiden who is* joining us this year for the Roots of Empathy (ROE) program. ROE is a worldwide, award-winning, evidence-based classroom program that has shown dramatic effects in reducing levels of aggression and violence among school children while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy. Our school counsellor (CYC) Mrs. Runstedler will be facilitating this year’s ROE program.

**VOLLEYBALL**

The 2018 volleyball season began at the beginning of October with our teams participating in regular season games. Good luck to both teams as they advance to league playoffs in November and participate in our Feeder School Tournament at Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School on Thursday, November 8! Special thank you to our wonderful coaches for their time! Go Angels Go!

**CROSS-COUNTRY**

Congratulations to all Cross-Country participants for a very successful day at Kelso Conservation Area on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. We are very proud of all our athletes’ efforts and accomplishments! They represented Guardian Angels very well! Special thank you to our coaches for their time! Way to go Angels!

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HOMEWORK HELP – MATH SUPPORT FOR GRADE 7-10 STUDENTS

If you’re a parent interested in how to support your child’s math homework questions, this online initiative is designed to help our Grade 7-8 students succeed in mathematics.   
    
The Ministry of Education and the Independent Learning Centre have launched Homework Help, a website for our students in Grades 7-10.  Students simply log-on at homeworkhelp.ilc.org and using an interactive chat room can obtain personalized tutoring from a certified Ontario math teacher. Chats take place **Sunday to Thursday** between the hours of **5:30 - 9:30 p.m.** Homework Help is free, live and anonymous!

**H.C.D.S.B. THEOLOGICAL THEME**

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|  | Every 4 years our school board embarks upon a new theological theme with roots in scripture. To have 4 years to reflect, pray and be challenged by a scripture passage is to do honour to scripture as a revelation of God’s love for us. Our Board theme for 2017-2021 is based on the conversation between Jesus and Peter after the resurrection, from the Gospel of John where Jesus asks Peter, “Do you love me?” |



HEALTH AND SAFETY

***Supervision of Students before School***

Parents are reminded that supervision of students on the school yard begins at **8:15 a.m.** If you arrive at school with your child/ren prior to **8:15 a.m.**, please remain with them until the yard duty supervisor comes on the yard. Should you leave before a supervisor is present and an accident/injury should occur, there would be no one to assist your child/ren. This is a serious safety concern. We want all of our students to be safe at all times. For the safety of your child/ren, please ensure you respect the **8:15 a.m.** timeline. Thank you for your support and cooperation. Please note, the crossing guard duties end at 8:30 a.m. at the bell. Please take all precautions as a walker and driver to ensure safety of all.

***Side Doors/Late Slips***

After the morning bell rings and all classes have entered the building, students are to enter the school through the front doors and are required to report to the main office to pick up a late slip. Primary students will be escorted to class by a buddy. Parents/caregivers of late students are asked to say goodbye at the office as students receive their late slip and proceed directly to class. **Parents/Adults should not be entering the building through the side doors in the mornings.**

***Dismissal Safety***

Just a reminder to all parents, Guardian Angels School dismissal time is **3:00 p.m.** If you are running late in picking up, please make alternative arrangements. There is no after-hours supervision in the main office. When picking up your child(ren) at the end of the day, please wait outside in the designated areas. **Parents should not be on the pavement area behind the school or entering the building through the side doors. Safety of all children is our number one priority!**

Pets bring a lot of joy to their owners; however, they can sometimes react unexpectedly to other strangers and loud noises, or the sudden movement of children. To safeguard the well-being of our students and your pets: please do not bring your pets to the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

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***Playground Equipment***

Given the growing number of students on our schoolyard, we ask that students bring only soft Nerf playground balls so that we avoid any concussions or other injuries during recess breaks. Prior to the start of school or anytime that we have blacktop/pavement only play, students are reminded that no equipment is to be used.

***Allergies & Nutrition***

Please remember that we are an **ALLERGEN-REDUCED** environment. For the safety of all students, please refrain from sending any pea/nut products with your child. For birthday treats, please consider non-food items for student sharing, such as pencils, stickers, erasers etc.

We are also a **SCENT-SENSITIVE** environment. Exposure to perfumes and other scented items can trigger adverse health effects in people with severe allergies. Please support our efforts in limiting the use and exposure to scented products in our school community.

***Physical Education Instruction***

A reminder**:** students participating in our Physical Education program require proper Physical Education attire (as outlined in our physical education curricular guidelines). Individual classroom teachers have reviewed these expectations with students. Running shoes with non-marking soles are required in the gym; outdoor shoes are not acceptable. We also require that students have indoor shoes for use during the school day for their own safety so that we can avoid mishaps from the mud, dirt and water tracked into the school.

***Dismissal Requests***

Dismissal is a busy time in the office and around the school. Student safety is our top priority. Please contact the office only if your child/ren’s dismissal information is of an urgent nature. All other arrangements should be made well in advance prior to the end of the school day. Thank you.

***Retrieving Items Left at Home***

A reminder to send students prepared for the school day – if items are forgotten at home and need to be brought to school (ex. lunch, gym clothes, agenda, projects, etc.), please label it accordingly and put it on the entry shelf in the main foyer. Classes will not be interrupted for students to pick up individual items throughout the day. Students may come down to retrieve items at recess breaks or lunch hour. Thank you.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Our school uniform provider *ISW Uniforms* is located at 720 Nipissing Rd. (rear) in Milton and is open Tuesday-Saturday from 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and until 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays. They can be reached at 905-864-4222 or by email at [miltonstore@iswuniforms.com](mailto:miltonstore@iswuniforms.com) .

NOVEMBER is ASTHMA AWARENESS MONTH

What is Asthma? It is a chronic breathing disorder affecting children and adults. In fact, 1 out of every 8 children is affected by asthma and it is the leading cause of hospitalizations among children and the 2nd highest reason for school absenteeism (next to the common cold).

Asthma episodes (coughing, severe shortness of breath, chest tightness and wheezing) usually occur after exposure to allergens/”triggers” (animal dander, pollens, moulds), exercise, or exposure to irritants such as fumes and cigarette smoke. These exposures cause both an inflammation of the airway wall and abnormal narrowing of the airways which lead to asthma symptoms.

An asthma attack can be a frightening event with the feelings of suffocation, breathlessness and loss of control and can be potentially life threatening.

If you have asthma, every time you are exposed to those triggers that affect you, the smooth muscle that wraps around the airways tightens. The end result of all these changes is airway narrowing, bringing on the common symptoms of asthma: coughing, wheezing, chest tightness and shortness of breath. Many of the triggers you are sensitive to may cause inflammation and increased production of mucus.

Medical conditions, such as heart disease and other lung disorders, can cause asthma-like symptoms. The surest way to find out if your symptoms are actually due to asthma is to get an accurate diagnosis from your family doctor, involving breathing tests.

Once you're sure it's asthma that's causing your symptoms, the next steps include:

\* identifying which triggers you are sensitive to so that you can limit or avoid exposure to them

\* determining if exercise makes your condition worse; and

\* learning how to keep your asthma under control.

Research has proven that the best way to help children manage their asthma is through information and education. The Lung Association has developed a great website [www.on.lung.ca](http://www.on.lung.ca) that will help children be better informed and in turn manage their asthma far more effectively. If you have any further questions or concerns about asthma, please visit [www.asthmainschools.com](http://www.asthmainschools.com) or call the Lung Association’s Asthma Action Helpline toll-free at 1-800-668-7682.

PEDICULOSIS UPDATE

“LICE ADVICE”

**What Are Head Lice?**

Head Lice are tiny, wingless, greyish insects that live and breed on human hair. They move quickly and are hard to see. The eggs are half the size of a pinhead and are the colour of the person’s scalp. Live eggs are laid at the root of the hair and are “glued” on so that they will not move. The warmth of the scalp will hatch them in seven to ten days. The nits are empty shells of eggs that have been hatched. These can be found 1 cm (½ inch) from the scalp, and continue to grow out with the hair. The nit is white and distracts attention away from the live egg. A nit can show how long head lice have been present. Hair grows about one centimetre a month. For example, if the nit is 3 cm (1¼ inches) from the scalp, the egg was hatched three months ago.

**How to Prevent the Spread of Head Lice**

Having head lice is not a sign of uncleanliness or poor hygiene; however, you can help prevent children from getting lice by taking the following precautions:

* Avoid head-to-head contact at school, during sports or at home
* Avoid sharing combs, brushes, hats, costume accessories, ribbons, towels and helmets
* Avoid use of bedding, pillows, and toys that have been recently used by someone with lice
* Check hair weekly for lice and eggs, brushing/combing hair vigorously every night and using appropriate products to prevent lice

It is also important to do a check after school breaks, sleepovers, vacations or after any group activities in the community. Tell anyone who has had close contact with the person in your family who has lice. Anyone can get head lice, but lice prefer clean to dirty hairandshort to long hair.

**What To Do If Your Child/ren Have Head Lice**

* Ask a pharmacist for a product that kills head lice and eggs and for any special precautions to take while using the recommended product. (Some products may not be recommended for young children, people with allergies, pregnant or nursing mothers).
* Braiding long hair or putting into a ponytail may be helpful. Routine household cleaning is sufficient.
* Check heads of all family members and contacts over the last six months.
* Clean/launder bedding, hats and other headgear.
* Inform school/daycare right away

**When Can Your Child/ren Come Back to School?**

If you find head lice, please notify the school immediately at the school so we can contact *We Care Home Health Services* and have a nurse check your child/ren’s entire class. If your child/ren have tested positive for lice, you must keep them home until after you have completed the treatment and their condition improves. For children to be re-admitted to class, *We Care Home Health Services* professionals must check the condition of your child/ren’s scalp and issue a written confirmation which indicates your child/ren are “nit/lice free” and able to return to school. You may also visit a Walk-In Clinic and request a check and a letter indicating your child/ren are clear of lice and eggs. Please bring this confirmation slip with you to the main office upon your child/ren’s return. For more information, contact *We Care Home Health Services* at **(905) 905-507-2273** **or 1-866-877-8688 or 1-855-507-6562**.

You may also call the Head Lice Information Line at **(905) 825-6000 extension 5423** or go online at [*www.halton.ca*](http://www.halton.ca) *or* <http://kidshealth.org/parent/infections/common/lice.html>.

**KISS & RIDE – SAFETY RULES**

We continue to monitor the parking lot and encourage parents to follow our parking lot procedures in the interest of safety for all of our students. Please note that Kiss & Ride is available on **both the EAST and WEST side of the building**.

* Just a reminder that you are asked NOT to get out of your car if you are using the Kiss & Ride procedures. If you need to get out of your vehicle, please park in a designated parking spot
* No reversing in the Kiss & Ride lanes for student safety
* Please observe the “NO PARKING” signs posted.

GUARDIAN ANGELS CASH ONLINE

In case you haven’t heard, online payments for School Cash Online can now also be made by **credit card**. *School Cash Online* provides parents with easy access to make online payments for a variety of student activities, providing greater flexibility and control on how payments are made to the school. This new online payment method will also help reduce the risk of theft and cash misplacement. For safety and efficiency reasons, we want to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into our school.

Register online at <https://hcdsb.schoolcashonline.com> by selecting the “Get Started Now” and follow the steps. After you receive a confirmation email, please select the ‘click here’ option, log in and add each of your children to your household account. Once you are registered online, you will begin receiving email notifications about upcoming events. If you have any questions during the registration process or while shopping online, please select the ***GET HELP*** option in the top right hand of the screen or contact the **Help Desk 24/7** at **1-866-961-1803.**

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES for DECEMBER**

* December 4 – Advent School Mass @ 9:00 a.m.
* December 6 – Christmas Craft Night
* December 22 – Last Day of School before Christmas

**PLEASE REFER TO SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR EVENTS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION!**