

# Kindergarten Parent Orientation



# Focus on Faith Prayer

Jesus, our Saviour and Friend,

You have shown us so much love.

You are gentle with us, You heal us, You died on the  
Cross for us.

Now You ask us, "Do you love Me?"

As we come to know You better, and see all that You  
have done for us,

May our hearts be filled with love for You.

Make us eager to always do what You ask of us,

And to see Your face and love You in everyone else  
we meet,

Especially those we may find it hard to love.

It is Your love which turns our lives around.

By trying to love as You have loved us, we become  
more and more like You.

Guide us always on our way,

Show us each day how to love You more.

Spirit of the living God, fill our hearts!

Amen.



## Honouring the Land and Territory

As we gather today on these treaty lands, we would like to acknowledge and thank the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for being Stewards of this traditional territory.



*“We are all guests  
on this land—  
nobody owns her.”*

*“Land acknowledgments are  
a stepping stone to honouring  
broken treaty relationships.”*

# Welcome to Our Lady of Peace Catholic Elementary School!

## Quick facts:

- 420 students
- Kindergarten – Grade 8
- Currently 3 Kindergarten classes all with both teachers and Early Childhood Educators (same projected for 2019-2020)
- **Additional programs:**
  - Instrumental Music (Gr 7&8)
  - Extended French (Gr 5)



“Play nourishes every aspect of children’s development—it forms the foundation of intellectual, social, physical, and emotional skills necessary for success in school and in life. Play “paves the way for learning”.



# Play-based Learning

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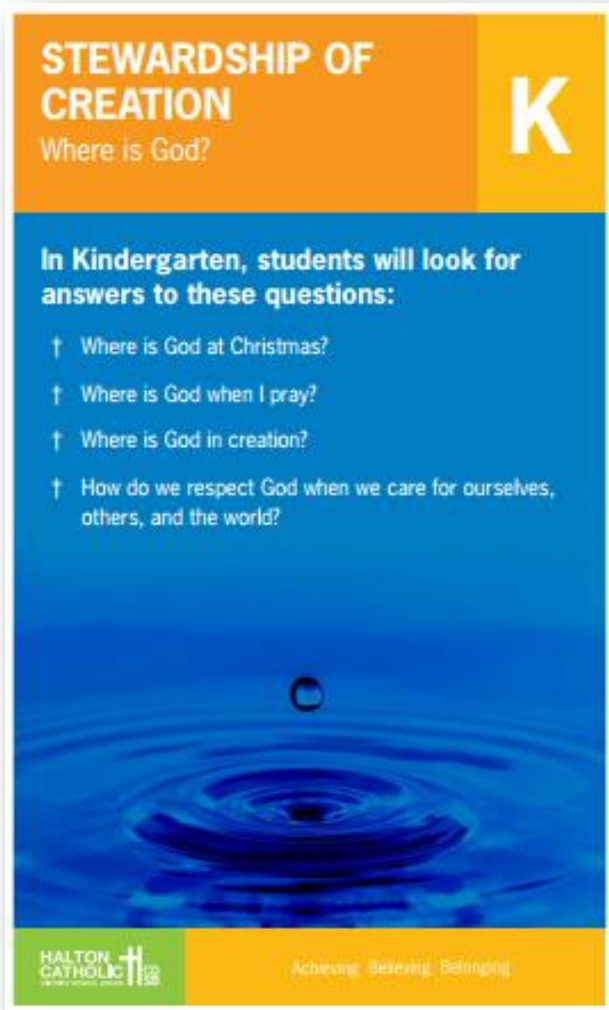
- Providing large blocks for play
- Supporting children's ideas and interests
- Providing a variety of hands-on experiences
- Responding, challenging and extending children's thinking and learning





**Children are curious and connect prior knowledge to new experiences in order to understand the world around them.**

# Religious Development



In Kindergarten, the aim is to assist children to see traces of God in and around them.

Spiritual growth takes place within the home, school, church and community.



# The 4 Frames





# The School Day...

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- 8:30-8:45 Drop off in Kindergarten Playground
- 8:45-9:00 Outdoor Inquiry Play/Gym
- 9:00-11:50 Inquiry Learning
- 11:50-12:50 Lunch and Outdoor Play Time
- 12:50-3:00 pm Inquiry Learning
- 3:00-3:15 pm Dismissal of Students

# Entry and Dismissal Procedures

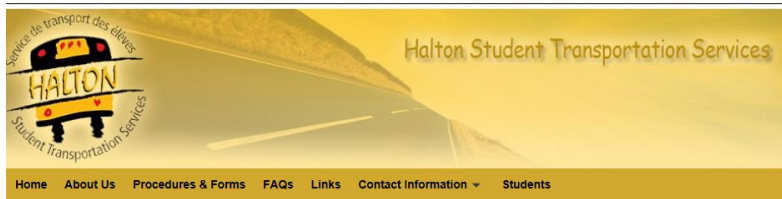
Drop-off / pick up

Bus

YMCA Before/After School



*Parents are encouraged to leave their children to the supervision of the educators. This will encourage all of the children to adjust sooner to the kind, nurturing learning environment of kindergarten and to continue to develop independence and self-regulation skills.*



## Latest News



**NEW** Transportation for Elementary French Immersion Students

**NEW** 2014-15 Kindergarten Registration Package

## Stay Informed

- Delays and Cancellations
- Email Subscriptions
- Which School Do I Attend?
- Am I Eligible for Transportation?
- Student Transportation Information

## Sign In

- Parent or Student
- Student Only



# Bus Transportation

Please visit [www.haltonbus.ca](http://www.haltonbus.ca) for more information.



# Before and After School Care

- **YMCA**
- **Times:**
- **Before School:**
  - 7:00 – 8:45 am
- **After School:**
  - 3:15 – 6:00 pm
- **Contact person:**
- Jessica Karius - 905  
257-3111
- Seamless day

# Lunch and Snacks...

- Peanut Free/Food Allergies
- Containers and Utensils
- Labelling
- Healthy Snack
- “Litterless” or “boomerang”
- Portions/Quantity



# Clothing and Footwear...

- One set of spare clothing to keep at school in a labelled ziplock bag including:
  - Socks
  - Underwear
  - Shirt
  - Pants
- Your child should be able to put their shoes on independently (velcro vs laces)
- Running shoes must be worn in the gym
- School uniform...

**MAKE SURE ALL BELONGINGS ARE LABELLED**



## Backpacks should be large enough to hold...

- Large picture books
- Communication bag
- Shoes
- Lunch
- Snacks



# How Can Caregivers Support the Transition to Kindergarten?



- The following activities may help children prepare for the school routine:
- Develop routines at home
  - Supporting independence at home
  - Drop-in programs at EarlyOn Centres/library
  - Bus rides (especially if the child is going to ride the bus)
  - Spending time at the school site/playground



# Establishing Routines...

- Toileting Independence
- Dressing and Undressing

## Top 3 tips to remember

- Toilet learning should be **child led - not parent led.**
- Keep it positive & fun** even when accidents happen.
- Be flexible** and remember you may need to stop the process and try later if your child is showing little interest.

# How Can Caregivers Support the Transition to Kindergarten?

CHECKLIST



Promoting a Healthy Lifestyle

- 1. Getting enough sleep** helps children manage emotions, follow instructions, stay on task
- 2. Being active** promotes healthy hearts, brains and muscles.
- 3. Eating healthy** provides the fuel for our brain and bodies to work

# Reading With Your Child

“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.”

Emilie Buchwald



*“The more you read, the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you’ll  
go.”* Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"

# Additional Information

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Volunteers in the school (vulnerable sector police check)

Lunch programs

Communication:

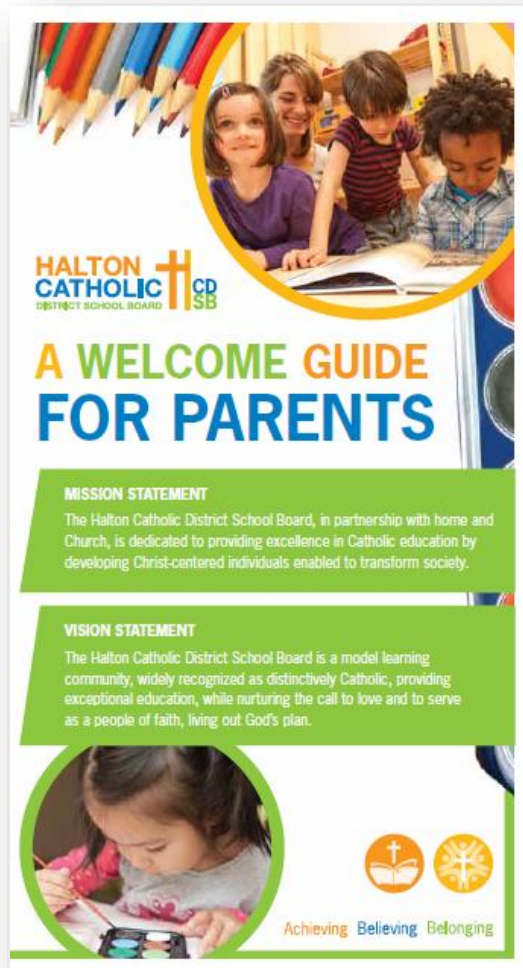
<https://elem.hcdsb.org/ourladyofpeace/>

Weekly email update – Friday afternoon

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/OLPhcdsb>

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# Next steps...



Please visit our website for additional Parent Resources listed below:

<http://www.hcdsb.org/Programs/EarlyLearning/Pages/default.aspx>

- The Kindergarten Program (2016)
- Ontario Ministry of Education Full-Day Kindergarten
- Our Kids Network: A Halton-wide partnership of organizations and agencies serving children and youth
- Halton Region
- Halton Parenting Directory
- Halton Multicultural Council
- Kindergarten: Ready, Set, Go
- Tips for Starting School (available in different languages)



# Questions....

Please feel free to contact us or check out [www.hcdsb.org](http://www.hcdsb.org) click on Parents and then on Kindergarten for more information.



# Thank You!

Please feel free to come  
and see our classrooms  
and talk to the educators