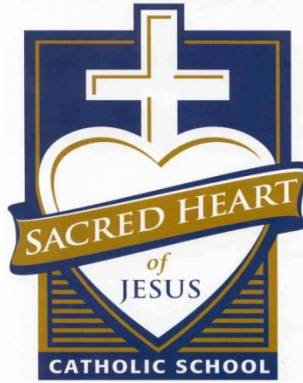


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October 2016

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Faith and
Excellence."*

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM: Please remember to phone in your child's absence (905) 331-4656. Our answering machine service is available 24 hours a day. Messages are picked up regularly between 8:15 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Please be sure to visit our school website:
<http://schools.hcdsb.org/shoj>. As you may know, our school provides the newsletter in electronic form only. Copies of the newsletter will be available on the school website. Also, hard copies are available in the office for those families who do not have access to the internet at home. The calendar will be sent out as a hard copy to the youngest and only.

A PRAYER IN THANKSGIVING

This is the season when all the earth
seems to whisper a prayer...
Tree and leaf, field and sky.
Water, wind and air...
All creation thankful for the gift of life
we share.

May an abundance of gratitude burst forth as you reflect
upon what you have received.
May you gather around the table of your heart the ardent
faithfulness, kindness and goodness of each person who
is true to you.
May the harvest of your good actions bring forth plentiful
fruit each day.
May your basket of blessings surprise you with its rich
diversity of gifts and its opportunities for growth.
May you never forget the generous One, who loves you
lavishly and unconditionally.



IMPORTANT DATES

Gr. 2 First Reconciliation	Thurs Dec 1 st , 2016 @6:30pm
Gr. 7 Confirmation Retreat	Thurs Jan 26, 2017
Gr. 7 Confirmation Ceremony	Sat Mar 4, 2017 @10:30am
Gr. 2 First Communion	Sat April 29, 2017 @10:30am
Gr. 8 Camp Muskoka Trip	May 23-26, 2017
Gr. 8 Graduation:	Friday June 23, 2017 @ 6:30pm

BIRTHDAY TREATS

We are requesting that parents **do not** send food treats on birthdays or other special days as we have food allergies in our classes. If you would like to send a treat to school with your child, please send non-food items like pencils, stickers, erasers.



ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Greetings from St. Paul the Apostle Parish during this busy month of Thanksgiving. In the midst of the activity may we all take time to reflect and be thankful for our bountiful blessings. We are still in need of **new Altar Servers**. This ministry is open to children in Grades 4 and up. Training is provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to assist the priest at the altar table & at school masses. Contact the parish office 905-332-5115 for more information.

Elementary Youth Group starts up October 14th and is open to students in **Grades 5-8**. We meet monthly for various activities, outreach projects and other events. Our group follows a social format and is fast paced. Registration forms available in the church or via Mrs. Arden Ouellette stpaulcyo@gmail.com

There are other parish events coming up and we encourage you to join us:

- *Blessing of Pets* takes place Tuesday October 4th in the parking lot at 6:00 pm
- *Coffee Sunday* this month is October 16th following the 9 & 11 am masses in the hall
- *The Taste of St. Paul's* will be held Saturday October 22nd at 6pm; we encourage you to pre-purchase tickets after masses the weeks prior
- *The Children's Rosary Group* meets the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30-10:00 am; no registration required

Additionally, Music Ministry has a **Children's Choir** that sing at selected masses and celebrations. For more information contact the Music Director at sptamusic@outlook.com

Important Parent Meetings October

Sacramental Preparation has begun for children in Grade 2 and Grade 7. Parents are reminded of the schedule Parent Meetings. It is necessary to attend even if you have had other children participate in these sacraments in the past. Important handouts and information will be shared that evening so please attend:

- First Communion Parent Meeting Wednesday October 19th @ 7pm (a reminder that sacramental preparation books are for sale that night for \$25 for both books)
- Confirmation Parent Meeting Wednesday October 20th @ 7pm

UNIFORM COMPLIANCE

Please ensure that your child is wearing the RJ McCarthy issued uniform. Pants from other retail stores are not part of standard uniform code.

KISS 'N' RIDE DROP OFF PROGRAM

To help to alleviate any congestion in the parking lot, we ask that if you drive your children to school, please drop them off at the side area which is designated as the KISS 'N' RIDE drop off area. **DO NOT DROP THEM OFF AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL AS THIS IS FOR OUR BUSES.** If you wish to come into the school or take your children to the JK/SK playground area of the school, please park in the parking lot and walk them over. Do not park along the drop off area. This is a very serious safety concern for our students.



The front of the school is for buses only. For the safety of all, we remind you to avoid this area. We have instructed all students to enter and exit the building by the rear doors. **Students should make every effort to be in the school yard prior to the first bell at 9:05am so that they can join their class.** If they miss their class entry, they can join another line. Entry through the front doors of the school is only permitted once the 2nd bell at 9:10am has gone and all students have entered the rear of the building and the doors are closed. **At this time they are considered late and must proceed to the office to receive a late slip.**

If you are picking up your child at lunchtime or end of day, please meet them by the fence at the back of the school as we encourage all students to be dismissed out the back.

Also, please keep in mind that the driveway area at the front of the school is a fire route. Vehicles are not permitted to park here at any time. In order to avoid an expensive parking ticket, you are best to park in one of our parking lots on the east and west side of the school building. You must have a handicap sign in your car in order to park in the handicap parking spots. Otherwise you run the risk of an expensive ticket.

SHOJ - CROSS-COUNTRY MEET

Congratulations to the over 100 students in Grades 4-8, that joined the Cross Country team! Students have been training before lunch and before/after school for the month of September. Our students competed hard at Bronte Provincial Park on Friday, September 30TH for Gr. 6, 7 & 8 and Saturday, October 1ST for our Gr. 4, 5 and any Special Olympians. Individual and team results will be posted in the November newsletter. Thank you to the dedicated students who came out to all the practices and to the coaches Mrs. Biggs, Mrs. Gowan, and Mrs. Humphries.



COURTESY SEATS ON OUR SCHOOL BUSES



The Halton School Transportation Service (HSTS) has begun courtesy seat assignments. All Courtesy Seat Request forms must be received on or before November 30th for the current school year. **After November 30th, Courtesy seat requests will not be accepted at HSTS.** Please speak to the principal or vice-principal after the cut-off date and we will assist you in this process.

IWALK WEDNESDAY

Wednesday October 5th marks International Walk to School Day. We encourage all our students to walk to school that day. In fact, October is walk to school month and autumn is a great season to get outside and walk to school!



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce the 2016-17 Catholic School Council members for Sacred Heart of Jesus School. The Council will be meeting throughout the year to discuss and organize various school initiatives as well as help support our School Improvement Plan. Our first School Council Meeting and Commissioning Ceremony will be on **Tuesday, October 4TH at 6:30pm** in the School Library. All parents are welcome!

Parent Representatives:

Aileen Barreto	Cheri Barnet
Monika Buna	Angela Chartier
Anna Cichon	Heather Gaudet

Krista Hinsperger
Kyra Mancini
Jelena McFadyen
Elizabeth Sytsma
Bryan Uba

Paul Loosemore
Lisa Mason
Robin Sommers
Krystal Towns

Parish Representative: JoAnn Toomath

Community Representative: Ruth Graves - YMCA

Teacher Representative: Mrs. C. Spotswood

Non-Teaching Staff Representative: Mrs. L. Button

Administration: Ms. M. Pasceri, Principal
Mr. C. Tilley, Vice-Principal

PRIDE VOLLEYBALL



Volleyball season is upon us again. We look forward to successful seasons for both our Girls and Boys Teams. Thank you to Mr. Nurse and Miss McCallum for coaching our girls' team, and to Miss Cornacchia for coaching the boys. Good luck to both teams. GO PRIDE GO!

LADY PRIDE TEAM

Abigail A.
Isabella A.
Alyssa B.
Hayley C.
Julia C.
Jamie F.
Jodie F.
Kristen H.
Sammy K.
Karrlyn K.
Alexa P.
Nicole R.
Claire S.
Brianne T.
Maddie U.

BOYS PRIDE TEAM

Nicholas B.
Ethan R.
Nico L.
Ryan M.
Aiden D.
Aiden B.
Jordan M.
Keegan B.
Tristan D.
Ethan R.
Kyle M.
Lucas M.
Zachary B.

STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM



In the spirit of service to others and in developing a respectful and peaceful learning environment at Sacred Heart of Jesus School, our Grade 8 Student Ambassador Program will continue again this year.

These students have various responsibilities throughout the year, including communicating the virtues of the month and by putting up a display in the front hall bulletins board, as well they will also be leading fundraisers throughout the school year. New jobs include being aids to teachers via managing technological equipment, prepping for various events, and running daily morning announcements, organizing intramurals, assisting with various clubs, helping students in our early years to read

and to become critical thinkers, leading spirit days and helping out at school events to name a few.

Thank you to Mrs. Prosia and Miss McCallum for coordinating this program and we thank our School Ambassadors in advance for their dedication to our school community.

"ROSARY at LUNCH" CLUB



Beginning Wednesday October 5th, we invite all students, parents and staff to come and pray the Rosary. Please meet in front foyer at lunch recess on Wednesdays (12:25-12:45 p.m.). Come and experience the blessings and graces of the Rosary prayers. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the 20 Sacred Mysteries, and to take some peaceful, quiet time to pray for individual and collective intentions. Please bring your Rosary with you. If you do not have a Rosary, one will be provided.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE BLITZ



Starting on **Monday October 3RD** and running until **Thursday October 6TH**, Sacred Heart of Jesus will be holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive. Please send in any non-perishable or canned food to donate to The Good Shepherd charity. Your generosity is most appreciated!

TERRY FOX WALK / RUN



Due to rain on Thursday September 29th, the students of Sacred Heart of Jesus will participate in the Terry Fox National School Run Day on **Monday October 3rd**. This is considered one of the largest displays of solidarity against cancer on the planet. We prepare our students for this great cause through an assembly about Terry Fox right before participating in the run. Throughout this experience we hope the students will take away a valuable experience that is; to follow Terry's example of never giving up. We hope to reach our goal of raising \$1500.00 for cancer research! Special thanks to Mrs. Lopez and Mrs. Spotswood who organized the event this year with the support of our Grade 8 Ambassadors and Grade 7 students.

WHEN SCHOOL BUSES ARE IN THE LOADING ZONE:



The Halton School Transportation Services (HSTS) newsletter for September 2015 reminds us of the safety rules to be followed when school buses are loading and unloading students.

1. The buses are always to be separated from other types of traffic
2. Never allow students/pedestrians to walk between or near buses

3. No passing policy is the rule for ALL vehicles, including school buses.

We appreciate your assistance in following these rules **by avoiding the front driveway before and after school** as we work together to keep our students safe. We realize the traffic gets bottled up at times and we will do our best to move bus traffic through the front driveway area.

COBS BREAD FUNDRAISER

Just a reminder to our SHOJ families that they are able to give back to our school when shopping at Cobs Bread.

By mentioning Sacred Heart of Jesus School when purchasing products from Cobs Bread, they will donate 10% of your purchase to our school. Please help us raise some dough!



"ME TO WE" EVENT



On **Wednesday, October 19th**, a group of our Gr. 8 students will attend the WE Day event held at the ACC in Toronto. Our students along with 20,000 youth, educators and friends of We Day Toronto will celebrate the youth movement for local and global change. Free The Children's annual event, We Day is the largest event of its kind, bringing together tens of thousands of youth and educators with celebrities, musicians and heroes sharing their inspirational stories. The students who were chosen to attend will be anxious to get started back at Sacred Heart of Jesus School to lead others to be part of the change. We will keep you posted on their other endeavors over the course of this year as they develop into caring, peaceful citizens.

THE GREAT BIG CRUNCH EVENT



The Healthy Kids Community Challenge and Halton Food for Thought are inviting students, teachers, educators and all food enthusiasts to participate in one Great Big "synchronized" Crunch to celebrate healthy eating and highlight the availability of local foods. As a certified "Healthy School", Sacred Heart will be participating in this event. Students will each be lead over the PA system and will crunch an apple at the same time in their individual classrooms. Let's continue to teach our kids about healthy eating for a lifetime of healthy living!

PET SAFETY



We are asking that parents keep their family dogs off school property during the course of the school day including arrival and dismissal times. Canines can be unpredictable even when on a lease. Furthermore, many of our younger students are afraid of dogs. Please adhere to this rule for the safety of all.

LUNCH DROP OFF

We kindly ask parents to adhere to the following procedures for lunch drop off:

1. Please do not park in the Bus Drop Off/Fire Zone when dropping off a lunch.
2. Please kindly place your child's lunch on the lunch table and do not linger in the foyer area. This is to alleviate traffic during lunch.
3. Please do not wait for your child to come down to speak with them. If you need to make contact with a student please speak to our school secretaries.



MAJOR SCHOOL FUNDRAISER HALLOWEEN DANCE-A-THON

Our major fundraiser for the year will take place on **Thursday, October 27th**. We are very excited to have "Professor Jamz" as our DJ. Students are invited to wear Halloween colours like Black, Orange, Brown and White. All of our grades from JK-Gr. 8 will have an opportunity to dance in the gym! We will have a "kick-off event for this amazing day on **Thursday October 6th**. Halloween Day, Monday October 31st, students are invited to wear their costumes. Student Code of respectable attire: NO guts NO gore NO replica weapons.



NERF OR NOTHING



To ensure the safety of the children on the school yard during recess, we are continuing a "Nerf or Nothing" rule for our sports equipment. A number of Nerf-type products have been purchased by the school and we are asking students if they bring their own soccer or footballs that they must be Nerf as well. Basketballs will be permitted for the basketball courts only and utility balls are allowed for playing 4 square.

HALLOWEEN CANDY DRIVE

Our Grade 8 Ambassadors will be collecting any left-over Halloween candy from **Tuesday November 1st to Friday November 4th**. We will be bringing the candy to St. Paul's Parish on Friday November 4th.



UPDATED CONTACT INFO

Please ensure that we have the most current and up to date contact information on file here at SHOJ. This will help us get in touch with families more easily and also ensure that all families receive our syner-voice and syner-email messages.



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE



Our parent participation in School Cash Online is at 89%! We continue to encourage families to use the cashless online system to assist in our accounting here at SHOJ. Our goal is 100% participation by the end of this year.

SEAC SOUNDBYTES



What is an IEP? An IEP is an **Individual Education Plan**. IEP's are developed for students who have been placed in a special education program whether or not they meet the formal definition of "exceptional".

The IEP provides a series of **"educational targets"** for a **variety of children who may require accommodations, modifications and/or alternative programming**. The IEP includes several important features including **specific educational expectations** and outlines the **special education program and services** that will be received by the student. The IEP must be developed in consultation with parents. Parental involvement in the IEP process is crucial and collaborative. Collaboration with parents and older students will help to ensure that the expectations are attainable. The IEP must be completed within 30 days after a student has been placed in a program and the Principal must ensure that the parent receives a copy. The IEP is a working document which is intended to be reviewed and updated as needed, with a minimum of once per term or semester.

Did you know that a plan for transition to appropriate post-secondary school activities, such as work, further education and/or community living must be included in the IEP?

Please join us on **Monday, November 28, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.** for our next **SEAC Webinar** where we will share more information on the development of **IEPs and the IPRC Process**. You can also find information on the SEAC Parent Events page on our Board website, [click here](#) to access.

Please feel free to reach out to us at our SEAC email: seac@hcdsb.org

SACRED HEART OF JESUS SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2016

Please check our school's website @ <http://schools.hcdsb.org/shoj>
for a copy of the newsletter and other important information.
Our Twitter account is SHOJ_HCDSB - Check it out!

Please call (905)331-4656
(Press 3) for all STUDENT
absences, lates, appointments

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
3 Pizza and Milk Programs Begin Terry Fox Run/Walk Food Drive Starts (ends Thurs Oct 6 th)	4 First School Council Meeting Library @ 6:30pm All are Welcome! Blessing of Pets @ Church 6pm	5 Lunch Box (Swiss Chalet) Gr 7 Hep B/Gr 8 HPV Shots International WALK to School Day (iWALK)	6 Hot Lunch Begins Fundraiser Kick-Off with Prof. Janz 10 am Food Drive Ends @ noon today	7 P.A. Day NO SCHOOL	8 Mass 5 p.m. St. Paul the Apostle	9 Mass Times - St. Paul the Apostle 9am, 11am & 8 pm Happy Thanksgiving!
THANKSGIVING MONDAY NO SCHOOL	11 Gr. 2 Trip to Chudleigh's Farm	12 Lunch Box (Quesadia)	13 Hot Lunch Great Big Crunch Event	14 St. Paul's Youth Group Begins for Gr. 5 - 8 Contact Church for details	15 Mass 5 p.m. St. Paul the Apostle	16 Mass Times - St. Paul the Apostle 9am, 11am & 8 pm Coffee Sunday after 9 & 11 am mass
17 Pizza Program	18 Gr. 8 Parent Info. Night re. Camp Muskoka in Library @ 5:30 p.m.	19 Lunch Box (Boston Pizza) WE DAY Event Gr 2 Parent Mtg. re. Reconciliation/First Communion @ Church 7p.m.	20 Hot Lunch Gr. 7 Parent Mtg. re. Confirmation @ Church 7 p.m.	21 Gr. 7 Trip to McMaster Univ.	22 Mass 5 p.m. St. Paul the Apostle The Taste of St. Paul's @ 6pm Register Early!	23 Mass Times - St. Paul the Apostle 9am, 11am & 8 pm
24 Pizza Program Gr. 4 & 5 Trip to Burlington Performing Arts Centre	25	26 Lunch Box (Pita Pit)	27 Hot Lunch Dance-a-Thon Fundraiser Wear Black, Orange, White Day	28 Gr. 1 Trip to Stonehaven Farms	29 Mass 5 p.m. St. Paul the Apostle	30 Mass Times - St. Paul the Apostle 9am, 11am & 8 pm

Monday, Oct. 31st - Happy Halloween! - Wear your costume!
Tuesday, Nov. 1st - Picture Retake Day (wear uniform) and
Excess Halloween Candy Drive (Nov. 1st to noon on Nov. 4th)

Wednesday, Nov. 2nd - Gr. 8 Mini High School Day @ Corpus Christi H.S.
Thursday, Nov. 3rd - JK/SK/Gr 2 Dental Screening
Tuesday, Nov. 15th - School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm in Library

