


"We need to see each child as a gift to be welcomed, cherished, and protected..." - Pope Francis

Week at a Glance	
Mon. Sept. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Safety Presentations Gr. 4-6 9:40 am, Gr. 7-8 11am, FDK-Gr.3 1:20pm • International Day of Sign Languages 
Tues. Sept. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 2s & 5s trip to Water Festival
Wed. Sept. 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch Box Subway Day • Rowan's Law Day
Thurs. Sept. 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch Lady Begins •
Fri. Sept. 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Fox Walk/Run



St Paul The Apostle Parish

Sacramental Registration for SY2024-2025

Attention families with children in our Parish Elementary Schools: If you have children attending Grade 2 and/or Grade 7 this school year, please see below links for information on First Reconciliation & First Communion (Grade 2) and Confirmation (Grade 7).

[FIRST RECONCILIATION/COMMUNION CONFIRMATION](#)

Printed information packages will also be sent home with your child in the first week(s) of school. For any questions or concerns, please contact Melanie Gaddi at the parish office or via email at: sacramentalprep@stpaultheapostleburlington.com

Sacrament Save the Dates!



Drop-in registration: **Oct. 3** – 5:00-7:00pm

Oct. 5 - 10:00-12:00 pm

Parent-Child Workshop **Oct. 23**- 6:30pm

Oct. 25- 6:30 pm

Oct 26- 11am & 1:00 pm

Online Booking for Celebration Date: **Oct. 30 12:00pm to Nov. 6 12:00pm**

Confirmation Retreat- **Nov. 25**- 9:30am-2:30pm

Rehearsal & Confession- **Jan. 16**-6:30 pm

Jan 17- 6:30 pm

Jan. 18- 11am & 1:00 pm

Sacrament celebration- **Jan. 23**- 6:30pm

Jan 24 – 6:30pm

Jan. 25- 11:00am, 1:00pm, & 3:00pm



Drop-in registration First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion: **Oct 3** – 5:00-7:00pm

Oct 5 - 10:00-12:00 pm

Parent-Child Workshop: **Dec. 4**- 6:30pm

Dec. 6- 6:30pm

Dec. 7 – 11:00 am & 1:00pm

Online Booking for Celebration Date: **Dec. 11 12:00pm to Dec 18. 12:00pm**

Parent-Child Workshop & Rehearsal – **May 7**- 6:30 pm

May 9- 6:30pm

May 10- 11am & 1:00 pm

Sacrament celebration- **May 31** 11:00am, 1:00pm, & 3:00pm

June 7 11:00am, 1:00pm, & 3:00pm

If your child is in Grade 2 or 7 and is not baptized, but you wish for them to celebrate First Communion or Confirmation this year with their classmates, please contact [St. Paul's Parish](#) to discuss having your child be baptized.

Volunteer Declarations

Please ensure that you fill out the form if you wish to volunteer at the school at some point this year (including joining our Catholic School Council). In the event a declaration is not completed, a new Vulnerable Sector Check will have to be obtained before volunteering.

What Volunteers Need to Know

- All volunteers are expected to follow the principles and requirements as outlined in [Policy II-37 Volunteers in Catholic Schools](#), [Procedure VI-108 Volunteers in HCDSB Schools](#), & [Procedure VI-14 Transportation of Students in Private Vehicles Driven by Volunteer Drivers](#).
- All volunteers 18 years of age or older, shall submit a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) to the Principal prior to volunteering and once again every four (4) years.
- A Vulnerable Sector Check shall be dated within 120 days of submission to the Principal.
- Volunteers with a VSC for which an official pardon has not been received, will not be accepted as a volunteer in the school.
- It is understood that a volunteer is a person who serves without remuneration.
- A volunteer must be under the direction and supervision of the Principal, and staff, as required.

Volunteer Guide and Forms

- [Volunteers in HCDSB Schools – A Parent/Guardian Guide](#)
- [Annual Volunteer Criminal Offence Declaration Form](#)
- [Volunteer Coach/Expert Application Form](#)

Submit a Vulnerable Sector Check or Annual Volunteer Criminal Declaration Form Online

Click the [online](#) form below to submit:

- Completed PDF copy of your Vulnerable Sector Check, or to
- Fill out an Annual Volunteer Criminal Declaration Form

[Submit Online](#)

Medical Peril

Please ensure you have completed and submitted the electronic Medical Verification form if your child has a medical peril (anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes, seizures, etc.) along with any medication needed so we can update our files. Please be aware that ALL HCDSB Schools strive to be a **NUT FREE** environment. We have students with life threatening allergies to nuts and other allergens.



No peanut butter or other nut products are allowed. Please check labels before sending items in school lunches and for snacks. Even a trace of nut oil from one child's fingers to a desk surface can cause a deadly reaction. **Please note that Wow Butter (soy product) is not allowed as well since we cannot distinguish between it and peanut butter.** If your child's medical needs change over the course of the school year, please inform the office.

Medication

If your child requires any type of medication (prescription or non-prescription), please notify their teacher and/or the main office. Paperwork will be provided for you to complete in order to authorize how the medication is to be administered by staff. **All medication is stored in the health room.** Please do not have your child keep the medication in their backpack.

Reporting Absences

Please continue to [report your child's absence through SchoolMessenger](#).

Student Verification/Consent Forms

Effective last year, student information and consent information for both Elementary and Secondary students began to be collected in PowerSchool via the online Registration Form for new students and the online Student Verification/Consent Form for existing students.

On September 11th, parents/guardians for all registered students received the Student Verification/Consent form via secure, unique link. Using this link, parents/guardians will be required to verify and, if applicable, make changes to information that the school has on file, such as updating medical information, residential information, consent information for various school activities and information sharing. The form can be completed using a computer, a smartphone, or tablet and is open until October 2nd, 2024.

Invitation to Provide Feedback on Policy II-39

At the Policy Committee Meeting held on September 10, 2024, proposed revisions to **Policy II-39 Progressive Discipline & Safety in Schools Code of Conduct** were presented to Trustees. The policy has been updated in accordance with changes outlined in PPM 128.

The policy has now been released for Stakeholder Consultation, and is forwarded to you for your review and input.

Please [click here to review *Policy II-39 Progressive Discipline & Safety in Schools Code of Conduct*](#).

To provide feedback on this policy, [click here](#).

The deadline for submitting feedback is **11:59 PM on Tuesday, October 8, 2024**.

The feedback received will be shared with Trustees at a future Policy Committee meeting.

Thank you for your time and interest.



Terry Fox Walk- Friday, September 27

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School is proud to be participating in this year's Terry Fox School Run.

Date: Friday, September 27th, 2024

Time: 9:30-10:15 am- In the back area of our school

Wear: Red and White

We will begin our walk/jog after announcements. Intermediate student leaders will lead the school in the warmup and then the entire school community will run/walk until approximately 10:15 am. This year marks the 44th anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope and we are excited to share that we at Sacred Heart will be proudly supporting this cause to raise funds for cancer research. Let's all use Terry's message of hope and strength to inspire us. Together, we can all make a difference *#nomatterwhat*.

Here are some of the ways you can support your child for this year's Terry Fox event:

1) Donate online at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/SacredHeartofJesusCSBurlington>.

- Click the link above to donate or search for our school name at terryfox.org
- There is no minimum donation, every dollar counts!
- Receipts are issued immediately to donors by email

2) Set up a [student fundraising page](#)

- Students are encouraged to set up a page under their school name
- Students can fundraise by sharing their link with family and friends
- All student logins and links are private and secure

3) Support your child's "*#NoMatterWhat*" <https://terryfoxschoolrun.org/>

- Help your child select a goal and fun activity to support their fundraising efforts
- Share your activity on social media and tag others to join
- Or click the link below for ideas!

<https://terryfoxschoolrun.org/kids-corner/>

Rowan's Law Day- September 25th, 2024

The last Wednesday of each September has been designated as Rowan's Law Day to help raise awareness about concussion safety.

Rowan's Law was named for Rowan Stringer, a high school rugby player from Ottawa, who died in the spring of 2013 from a condition known as second impact syndrome (swelling of the brain caused by a subsequent injury that occurred before a previous injury healed). Rowan is believed to have experienced three concussions over six days while playing rugby. She had a concussion but didn't know her brain needed time to heal. Neither did her parents, teachers, or coaches.

Rowan's Law and **Rowan's Law Day** were established to honour her memory and bring awareness to concussions and concussion safety.

School Cash Online

Please register your child on [School Cash Online](#) to access all payments for school activities, trips, and other fees. This platform provides a safe and convenient way to manage school-related payments.

Halton Catholic Children's Foundation Back to School Campaign

Halton Catholic Children's Foundation (HCCF) has announced it's fourth year for a back-to-school initiative to provide school supplies and support other basic needs like clothing, shoes, and outerwear for students in Halton's Catholic Community starting in September and throughout the school year.

Victoria Craig, Executive Director of HCCF, acknowledges that "*Back-to-school can be particularly challenging for struggling students and their families. There is a need for basic school supplies, backpacks, cool weather clothing, shoes, and outerwear that fits growing children and technology at home that supports learning and immersive educational experiences.*"

HCCF needs the community's support to help students and families in need with their back-to-school experience and ensure that each student is starting the year on the right foot. This upcoming school year, the HCCF hopes to reach its goal of providing school supplies to students in need in Halton's Catholic Community. On top of this, HCCF will be raising funds to support basic necessities such as clothing, shoes, food, and school experiences, not only for back-to-school but for the duration of the school year.

To make this campaign possible, HCCF has once again partnered with Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) Child & Youth Counsellors (CYCs) and other community leaders and volunteers. With their help, along with the support and generosity of the Halton community, HCDSB students in need will be prepared and encouraged for the school year ahead.

The HCCF Back-to-School Campaign will begin August 19th and continue until September 30th. During this 6-week period, we are hoping to raise \$40,000 from our Halton Catholic Community through both one-time and monthly donations.

\$10,000 Donation Match: Thanks to the generosity of Madelaine Stone, District Vice President at TD Halton Commercial Banking Centre, for offering up to \$10,000 in donation matches. TD Halton Commercial Banking Centre will match one-time and monthly donations (pledged for the year) received during the campaign, up to \$10,000 in total. If HCCF receives the full donation match, this could create a total of \$20,000 to help students in need head back to school and assist them throughout the school year. Add that to our corporate partner goal (\$20,000) for the campaign and we have \$40,000 available to support the children in need with back to school support.

"The combination of corporate partners as donors and individual donors is really big for us," continues Ms. Craig. "It means that we can say yes to 200 children who need backpacks filled with supplies (which on average cost about \$200 per child) – making our fundraising objective more attainable and donations more manageable for our community members. We're very appreciative of this generosity by our matching donor – TD Halton Commercial Banking Centre. It means a great deal to our students who will benefit from this combined generosity."

HCCF Back To School Campaign Highlights:

- Make a donation from August 19th to September 30, 2024
- Goal to provide students with much needed school supplies
- Goal to support basic necessity requirements for students in need throughout the school year
- Fundraising objective: \$30,000 plus \$10,000 TD Halton Commercial Banking Centre donation match = \$40,000 potential
- In addition, aim to acquire 4 new corporate partners as a result of the campaign

The HCCF is grateful for the tremendous amount of support shown by the HCDSB, CYC's, TD Halton Commercial Banking Centre, and the Halton Catholic Community as a whole. Together we will ensure every student starts and ends their school year successfully.

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE A DONATION](#)

Your generosity makes a significant difference. Consider a monthly donation to help more students succeed. For custom corporate options please contact us at office@hccf.ca.

Have a wonderful weekend- the Staff of Sacred Heart of Jesus CES