

# ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL

February 2019

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*"Learning , Serving and Praying Together"*



**School Messenger:** Please report your child's late arrival/absence using the school messenger mobile app, log on to [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca) or call 1-844-445-4505. It is School Board Policy to contact police if we are unable to confirm the whereabouts of your children.

## PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

We cannot think of February without thinking of St. Valentine's Day. As we send cards, enjoy treats and special celebrations, we need to be ever mindful of God's unconditional love for each of us. This is the love that we strive to show to each other, not only on this day, but every day, in our words and actions. We are reminded that "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mt. 22:39)

February will also be a very busy month with a number of events and activities occurring at our school. Our girls and boys basketball teams are now playing weekly, and the Games Club and Battle of the Books teams are in full swing. February is also "Black History Month". To celebrate, classroom teachers will share curriculum specific lessons and activities focusing on Black History, and our Grade 7 students will raise awareness through weekly morning announcements.

We will also celebrate the completion of the first term of the school year. Report Cards for students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be sent home with your child on Wednesday, February 20th. This is an opportunity to examine what has been done well, identify things that need to be worked on, and set a plan for the remainder of the year.

On behalf of the staff, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued generosity, assistance and dedication in helping make our school a vibrant and caring Catholic community of excellence.

## Prayer to St. Valentine

O glorious advocate and protector, St. Valentine,  
look with pity upon our wants,  
here our requests,  
attend to our prayers,  
relieve by your intercession the miseries  
under which we labor,  
and obtain for us the divine blessing,  
that we may be found worthy to join you in praising,  
the Almighty for all eternity:  
through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION \*\*IMPORTANT\*\*

JK and new SK registration took place on Tuesday, January 22 and Wednesday, January 23. If you did not register at that time please do so as soon as possible. It is very important that we have an accurate idea of the number of students as we begin to work on class structure and staffing for next year.



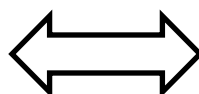
Please email Ms. Talbot at [talbots@hcdsb.org](mailto:talbots@hcdsb.org)  
If your child is going to French Immersion or changing schools!!!

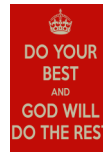
## FRENCH IMMERSION?? \*\*IMPORTANT\*\*

If you have registered your child for grade 1 or grade 5 French Immersion please call the office and let us know. We do not always get this information from the receiving school.

## LEAVING ST. DOMINIC

Please, also let the office know if you are moving and your child will be leaving the school, either at the end of the school year or before.





**PA DAYS—Friday, February 1 and 15.**  
No school for students.

**FAMILY DAY**

**Monday, February 18th**

Schools will be closed this day. The purpose of the day is to spend time together as a family. Enjoy!



**WEATHER WARNING**

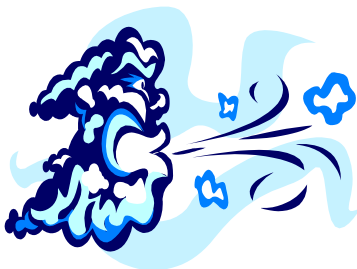
HCDSB Administrative Policy and Procedure informs the decisions relating to recesses. The information below is a guide to all school administrators in the HCDSB. The website that is used to determine the conditions has also been provided for your reference. **We would ask that you ensure that your child is appropriately attired for the weather conditions of that day.** The school does not have extra clothing and doesn't encourage students to call home for a change.

**Administrative Procedure VI-39**

**EXTREME COLD: TEMPERATURE WITH OR WITHOUT WINDCHILL**

- a) warmer than -15°C: students may remain outside for all regular outside activities
- b) between -15° and -20° C: students may remain outside for no longer than 20 minute intervals at a time
- c) colder than -20°C: students must remain inside.

[www.theweathernetwork.com](http://www.theweathernetwork.com)



**REPORT CARDS & KINDERGARTEN COMMUNICATION OF LEARNING**

*Report Cards and Kindergarten Communication of Learning* will be going home on **Wednesday, February 20, 2019.**

Students are encouraged to continue to practice implementing good work habits. Students are also encouraged to consistently monitor all new learning and engage in self-assessment. Please keep in mind that pencil and paper tasks are only one form of evaluation used to evaluate your child's growth. Students are also required to demonstrate their learning by communicating their understanding and applying it in a number of varied assessment tasks. Should you have any questions, please communicate with the teacher. Parents will note a section on the report card for parent and student comments. Even if parents and students do not wish to comment or discuss the report card, parents must sign the tear-off section and return it to school. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's classroom teacher if they wish to discuss the report card. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our children.

**USED UNIFORM EXCHANGE**

St. Dominic School's office staff has set up a Used Uniform Exchange. We have a good stock of gently used and some new uniform items including shirts, boy's and girl's pants, skorts and sweaters in a variety of sizes. If you are in need of any uniform items for your children please come by the school and have a look. If you find something in your child's size you are more than welcome to take it. If you have any uniform clothing that your children have outgrown and wish to donate we will add it to our collection. Please make sure items are washed and free from tears and stains.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**



St. Dominic's Public Speaking Competition will take place Friday, February 22nd in Gym A at 12:30 p.m. Parents are invited to come and enjoy the fine examples of student excellence in oratory skills.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Shrove Tuesday is March 5, 2019. If you are able to volunteer to assist with delivering pancakes to classrooms, please contact Ms. Dunn at [dunnc@hcdsb.org](mailto:dunnc@hcdsb.org)

Our Cozy Reading Program is also in need on an additional volunteer. If you would like to come in and read with kindergarten children one morning a week please call the school and let us know.

All volunteers must have a current Criminal Reference Check filed in the office.

**ISW UNIFORMS**

February Uniform Sale—Save the Tax!

February 2-16, 2019. Save the taxes on all purchases made in store and online. Store located at 505 Iroquois Shore Road, Unit 7, Oakville.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH**



**EARLY PICK UP**

If you need to pick up your child early please write a note in their agenda. This is preferable to calling the office. Plan to arrive 5-10 minutes early to allow us time to call your child from class. It is not always possible for us to have your child ready and waiting when you arrive.

## WHEN A CHILD IS ILL

We are in the midst of the cold and flu season. We remind you that a child who is not feeling well is in no state to learn and participate fully in the school program. An ill child will feel more comfortable at home. Also, it is likely he or she could infect other children. We strongly encourage parents to keep sick children at home or make other care arrangements. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## ANAPHYLAXIS UPDATE

Thank you to all families for your continued diligence with respect to the avoidance of peanut and nut products at school. With Valentines day fast approaching, please remember to **not send in food as treats to the classrooms.**

We must protect the safety of our anaphylactic children. We appreciate the extra effort required to comply with this request and ask for your understanding as we enforce this protocol.

***Please do not send in any food treats for your child's class for birthdays, holidays, or special occasion. They can not be distributed and will be returned to you.***



## KISS AND RIDE

The goal of the Kiss and Ride program is to allow students safe passage to the school upon their arrival via the parking lot entrance. Keep in mind that there is only one entrance to the school parking lot. Please avoid using the parking lot behind the church. There is ample parking in our lot.

When dropping off your children you have the option of dropping your children off in the main school parking lot and walking them to the playground. Your other option is to use our Kiss and Ride program. The Kiss and Ride route allows you to let your children out safely and quickly in the morning. Parents do not need to get out of the car or walk their children to the school door as our staff members are on duty to assist in the Kiss and Ride area from 8:05 until 8:20 each morning. Please keep in mind when using this service that the left lane is for busses only. Buses drop off students between 8:05 and 8:20 a.m. Please use the right lane and do not pass cars that are parked in the Kiss and Ride area ahead of you.

In the afternoon only buses are permitted in the Kiss and Ride area. The crosswalk is to be observed at all times.

We ask all parents to please abide by the following guidelines:

- Follow the directions of the crossing guard
- Do not pass cars ahead of you
- Wait until your car has reached the Kiss and Ride sidewalk before allowing students to leave your vehicle
- Unload on the right side of your vehicle, closest to the Kiss and Ride sidewalk
- Have your child ready to leave your vehicle (i.e. backpacks ready)
- Do not block the laneways to the right and left in the parking lot
- Be patient with the students, parents and volunteers

We thank you in advance for continuing to drive with care and helping to make our lot a safe and friendly area for the whole St. Dominic school community. Your assistance and co-operation is greatly appreciated.

We recognize that the morning is a busy time for everyone, and we thank you for sharing our concern for the safety of all our students.

## CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Thank you for your generous donations of gift cards in support of families in need. We collected \$2592 in cards to help our families in need. Thank you also for all the mittens and hats that were sent in for our tree!

Your kindness made Christmas season even that much brighter.

## MORNING SUPERVISION

A reminder to parents and guardians that our morning entry bell rings at 8:20 a.m. Supervision begins at 8:05 a.m. Please do not drop students off at the school prior to 8:05 a.m. On days when the weather is too cold to be outside before school starts, Grade 1-8 students may enter the school through the main doors and will gather in Gym A. Kindergarten students will meet the Kindergarten staff members on duty and will be escorted through the Kindergarten area into Gym B. Parents are kindly asked to say goodbye at the door and allow a staff member to walk them to the gym.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

***Parents please do not go directly to your child's class when dropping them off or picking them up. Bring them to the office or come to the office and we will call them for you.***

## SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

*Our next School Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Remember to check the school website for School Council information and for council meetings and minutes. All are welcome to attend Council meetings..*