



# ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL

January 2019

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*"Learning , Serving and Praying Together"*

**Attendance:** Please continue to report your child's late arrival/absence or early dismissal on School Messenger. If you have not used it yet you have three options. Download the app on Apple Apps or Google Play, go to [goschoolmessenger.ca](http://goschoolmessenger.ca) or call 1-844-445-4505. **\*\*If you are unable to enter a late arrival please just enter your child as absent. Their attendance will be updated when they sign in.\*\***

It is School Board Policy that we call police if we are unable to confirm the whereabouts of your child/children.

## PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

Happy New Year & welcome back!!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to St. Dominic School, from what was hopefully a very restful and joyous Christmas holiday.

As we look ahead to the start of a new year, a new beginning, we are presented with opportunities to change and to do what we need to do in a new way. Perhaps your child has made a New Year's resolution. If so, you can help him/her to achieve it. Studies show that actually writing down goals on paper increases the probability that we will achieve those goals.

We also take time to look back and reflect on past accomplishments and consider ways to build on these accomplishments. The academic efforts of teachers and students have resulted in continued growth in student achievement. Our daily activities offer students opportunities for social and spiritual growth as well as positive and proactive participation. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our parents, guardians, volunteers, staff and community partners for sharing their time, support and generosity with our students during the Christmas season.

As we embark upon 2019, we are determined to continue to nurture an optimistic attitude of charity and concern for all of God's creation. As we move forward into the New Year, it is my hope and prayer that we - as a community of faith, may rediscover and renew our relationships with Christ, the Church and with each other. May you and your family enjoy the peace of Christ now and throughout 2018.

Your partners in Catholic education,  
Mrs. Braid and Mr. Deoni

*Please see attached information on online registration for kindergarten. Keep in mind that if you **choose** to register online you will still need to come to the school on the registration dates to pick up information and provide us with documentation.*

## REPORT CARDS Grade 1-8 and Communication of Learning Kindergarten

**Report Cards and Communication of Learning** will be going home on **Wednesday, February 20st, 2019**. Students are encouraged to continue to practice implementing good work habits. Students are 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 contact your child's 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.

*Thank you for your continued support.*



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

Registration for JK students for September 2019 and **NEW** SK students will be held on Tuesday, January 22nd and Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019 from 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

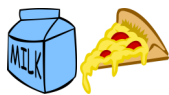
Criteria and documentation for admission:

- JK students must be 4 years old by December 31, 2019
- SK students must be 5 years old by December 31, 2019
- Child's Baptismal Certificate (Roman or Eastern Rite) **OR**  
R. C. Baptismal Certificate of one parent
- Child's Birth Certificate
- Proof of address for families new to St. Dominic's

(we no longer require immunization records)

Please Note: If your child is presently attending JK you do not need to register him/her for Senior Kindergarten. *If you would like to complete forms in advance of the registration dates contact Ms. Talbot in the office. **We encourage all parents of potential school age students to register at this time to assist in the best possible classroom organization for September 2019. Please do not wait to register.***

## PIZZA & MILK



Information on term 2 pizza and milk was emailed on January 2. Orders are due back on Friday, January 11. Pita orders were emailed as well and watch for salad cart coming soon.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

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

## HEAD LICE

Please make sure you let the office know if you find your child to have head lice. Please note that they may not return to school until they are checked and found to be free of lice, eggs and nits. Sometimes its difficult to see the eggs and if you miss one you risk starting all over again when that egg hatches. Let the experts make sure. The number to call is 905-507-6562 and they will give you the location of closest school to take your child for a recheck.

## PEANUTS/TREE NUTS

Please do not send your children to school with food containing peanuts/tree nuts or any of the soy butters or nut free butters that resemble peanut butter.



Thank you for helping to keep all of our children safe.

## VISION /HEARING SCREENING

School Screening for vision and hearing will take place on February 11 and 12. For a \$15 fee you can have your child's vision and hearing checked. This does not replace regular check ups it will just let you know if follow up is required. It is completely optional. Forms and additional information will be sent home closer to the date.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please check the school website for racoon rabies information from the school board.

As well please check the calendar on the website for important dates.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

The Halton Catholic District School Board provides procedures to follow in the event of inclement weather. For extreme cold and temperatures with or without a wind chill factor:

- A) warmer than -15 C, students may remain outside for all regular outside activities.
- B) between -15 C 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.



## DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Parents, please ensure that your children are dressed for the weather. This includes indoor shoes and snow pants. Students play outside every day. Thank you!

When temperature thresholds are in effect, students are required to keep their outdoor coats/jackets with them throughout the instructional day.

## SCHOOL EMERGENCY CLOSURES

With the winter season upon us we may face inclement weather conditions that will require our school to close. If the school is closed in the morning, it will not reopen at any time that day. **Please do not call the school for closure and cancellation information.** This information is available on the following websites: [www.hcdsb.org](http://www.hcdsb.org) and [www.haltonbus.ca](http://www.haltonbus.ca).

If buses are cancelled and your child is a bus student **you do not** need to report that your child will be absent. If your child is a walker and staying home please report their absence using the school messenger app or phone line. If your child is a bus student and you choose to drive them to school you must make pick up arrangements for the end of the day. Please write in your child's agenda how they will be going home as when buses are cancelled in the morning they will also be cancelled after school.

## DISMISSAL TIME

It is important that parents or caregivers are on time in picking up children at the end of the school day. We cannot provide supervision for students past the usual dismissal time period. Dismissal is at **2:50 p.m.**

## HEALTH INFORMATION

We ask that you make note of the fact that there is no accommodation for unwell children to remain inside at recess. If a child is not well enough to go outside they are not well enough to be in school.

## January Student Government Initiatives:

Popcorn Sales will resume Thursday, January 10th. All monies collected will go to ALS research and building a school in Kenya. Thank you for your support.

January 27th is National Snuggle Up and Read Day. The student government members will be taking time to read with our primary classes. We will also be holding a book drive during the last week of January. If you received new books at Christmas, or have outgrown a book, from January 22 to January 26th bring in your gently used books. The books will be donated to a local shelter for women and children.

We thank you for your support for helping families around our community who have much less than us.

## AFTER SCHOOL PLANS

With over 650 students the school is very busy and we ask your assistance and consideration with the following: Please avoid calling the office to relay after school plans for your children. If there is a change in regular routine it should be written in your child's agenda in the morning. We try our best to minimize interruptions to classes. This type of information being given over the PA system is easily misunderstood. If you have given information to your child in the morning we ask that you refrain from calling the office asking that they be reminded of something they have already been told. If you will be picking them up early for an appointment during the day it is best to write it in the agenda so the teacher is aware.

As well, include in the agenda if the person picking up your child at the end of the day is not someone who normally picks up.