



# ST. LUKE SCHOOL

November 2016

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*“Faith, Hope, Charity”*

**SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM:** A reminder to call in your child’s absence or late arrival is appreciated. Our answering machine is operational 24 hours a day 905-829-1700. Messages will be retrieved between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by office staff. Provincial protocols require that schools exhaust all emergency contacts prior to calling the police in the event of a missing child. Please ensure that your information is accurate.

## PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

This month we celebrate **Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week** from **November 21—25**. Although this week is dedicated to bullying prevention, it is something that we work hard at all the time. We believe that with the support from the adults around them, all youth can demonstrate the leadership and modeling that promotes a caring and respectful school environment. As a Catholic community, we look to Jesus and his example as our model of respect, love, tolerance for others, and as the foundation of our instructional practice in the daily curriculum. In keeping with our commitment to student safety in an environment where everyone is valued as a child of God, the staff continues to acknowledge all students who demonstrate Catholic virtues in words, actions and deeds and model the four R’s—Respect for God, for self, for others and for the Environment. The virtue highlighted for November is ‘Conscience’. The virtue for each month is outlined in the student agenda. We encourage parents to read about and discuss these Catholic virtues with your child. Thank you for your continued support in your child’s academic and spiritual development.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. E. Bakaic  
Principal



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Canada marks **Veterans’ Week** this year from **November 7 –11**. It is a time to honour and remember all those who have served, and continue to serve Canada in times of war, military conflict and peace. It is also a time to teach our youth about the importance of Remembrance in the Catholic tradition. The Church calendar notes two solemn occasions as we enter into the month of November: the Feast of All Saints celebrated on November 1<sup>st</sup>, and All Souls Day, observed on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Solemnity of All Saints commemorates those men and women who have been canonized as saints by the Church, and all those whose lives reflect the goodness of God. All Souls Day is the day set aside by the Church specifically to encourage our prayers for those who have gone before us, who have lived and died in faith, so that they may find eternal peace in the presence of the Lord.

We invite all of our families to join us for our **Remembrance Day** observance on Wednesday, **November 11th at 10:15 a.m.** in the gym. Thank you to Mrs. Chong, her students and our choir for their dedication in organizing the Remembrance Day ceremony and liturgy to mark this solemn occasion.



## BULLYING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK

Ontario has designated the week beginning on the third Sunday of November as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week to help promote safe schools and a positive learning environment. During Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week – November 21-25, Ontario students, school staff and parents are encouraged to learn more about bullying and its effect on student learning and well-being. In an ongoing effort to continue to provide a positive learning environment for all our students, our *Safe and Accepting Schools Committee* consisting of school staff, students, parent and community representatives will be examining current and new practices, including students’ understanding of the differences between conflict and bullying.

For your information, please see Ministry of Education definitions for Bullying:

***Bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person’s body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation.***

***Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.***

***Bullying can take many forms, including:***

- ***Physical***
- ***Verbal***
- ***Social***
- ***Electronic (commonly***



## PROGRESS REPORTS & INTERVIEWS

Progress Reports for Grades 1-8 will be sent home on **Tuesday, November 22nd.**

Interviews will be held Thursday, Nov. 24th in the evening and throughout the day on Friday, Nov. 25th. A letter has gone home with the youngest and only students from Grades 1-8. Please be sure to return the comment page of the progress report to the teacher.



## ELEMENTARY PROGRESS REPORT Learning Skills/Work Habits

The Learning Skills/Work Habits section of the Ontario Provincial Elementary Progress Report Card is a separate section for reporting on the student's development of the learning skills required for effective learning. The six learning skills identified on the progress report card are:

<b>Responsibility Organization Independent Work</b>	<b>Initiative Self-Regulation Collaboration</b>
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These skills can be demonstrated by the student across all subjects and courses. The Board has provided teachers with sample success criteria for the learning skills/work habits. These success criteria can also be developed together with students in the classroom, and they should be communicated to students to assist them in improving their learning skills/work habits.

**Part 3 of the Elementary Progress Report** provides parents/guardians and students with an opportunity to comment on student achievement, learning skills/work habits, learning goals, and home support. This is located on the lower half of Page 2.

## BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

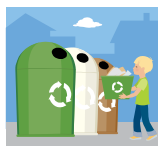
Parents and Guardians are kindly reminded that staff begin supervision in the morning from 8:10 a.m. until 8:25 a.m. in the playground and crosswalk. For the safety of all students, we ask that you do not drop-off your children earlier since there is no scheduled supervision before 8:10 a.m. Children should not be inside the school prior to the morning bell.



*Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.*

## ECO UPDATE

To support decreasing the amount of waste we make we will continue to continue **Litterless Lunches.** A Litterless Lunch means we leave NO litter at school. Students are encouraged to bring their lunches in reusable containers. However, if they forget and still want to participate they can bring their wrappers and other non-reusable containers home. Thank you for supporting the stewardship of God's beautiful planet!



## DROP OFF ZONE

We continue to have parents stop and/or exit their cars in the Drop Off Zone in front of the school. As St. Luke has only one entrance into the parking lot, the visual obstruction created by stopped cars and cars going around them, creates a true safety risk to our children. We ask that you please respect your fellow drivers and put the safety of ALL our students first by following these drop off rules rain, snow or shine. **Please:**

- **Do not exit your vehicle.**
- **Children exit the right side of your vehicle only.**
- **Have your children ready to leave your vehicle (i.e. Backpacks ready).**
- **The crosswalk is to be observed at all times.**
- **Do not use the Drop Off Zone to wait for your children after school. Please use a parking spot or park where legal on the street and exit your vehicle to meet them.**

If your children cannot exit your vehicle by themselves with backpacks in hand, please find a parking spot to safely unload your children. Parents who are interested in volunteering to help monitor the safety in our parking lot are asked to contact the office. *Thank you for supporting the safety of all our children.*

## MILK & PIZZA SESSION #2 ORDERS ...COMING SOON

Session #2 of our Milk and Pizza programs will be available for purchase online beginning Monday, November 21st. An information/reminder form will be sent home on this day. Session #1 orders run up to the Christmas Break.

## PARENT DONATION FUNDRAISER

Our *Annual Donation Request* fundraiser is well underway! Thank you to those of you who have already donated money. **Our goal** this year is to raise **\$8,800.00** which is approximately \$35.00 per child. Funds raised will support initiatives such as:



- Our Instrumental Music Program (e.g.; purchase mouth reeds, repair instruments)
- Cultural and leadership initiatives (e.g., Arts and Leadership presentations, PALS)
- Literacy, Numeracy & Technology (e.g., RAZ kids, additional math manipulatives, additional tablet/laptops, document cameras)
- *Shining Stars* initiative (reinforce positive Catholic student expectations)
- school sports teams and tournaments (e.g., new school tent, tournament fees)
- a new initiative: weekly Healthy Snack baskets in the classrooms (promote healthy eating)

Please give what you can and know that we appreciate *any* support you can provide. Donations can be made by simply going to our school website [schools.hcdsb.org/luke](http://schools.hcdsb.org/luke) and clicking on the 'Make a Donation' button on the right side of the Home page and following the prompts. Tax receipts for donations of \$25.00 or more will be **emailed** to you directly. **We ask that all donations are made by Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.**

On behalf of School Council, staff and students, we thank you for your contributions!



## GRO CLUB NEWS

The "We Scare Hunger" campaign was a great success. A heartfelt "**thank you**" goes out to the St. Luke School Community for so generously donating over **700** non perishable food items to assist our brothers and sisters in need through the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Oakville. In addition, we will be collecting any unwanted Halloween candy until November 7th to add to our food donations. May God bless you for your generosity!

### **\*November 11th: Poppy Sales on Remembrance Day**

Poppy sales will take place in school. Any donations are welcome. All proceeds go to our Canadian Veterans.



### **\*Friday, November 11th: Red Day**

Students are invited to wear red in support of our troops for Remembrance Week.



### **\*Friday, November 18th:**

#### **Paint the Town Red**

Students are asked to wear red and bring in a toonie (\$2) in support of The United Way.

## HOME SCHOOL PARISH CONNECTION

St. Andrew Parish  
47 Reynolds St.  
Phone: 905-844-3303

Mass Times:

**Saturday evenings:**

**5:00 pm**

**Sunday mornings:**

**9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.**

**12 Noon.**



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## GRADE 2 & GRADE 7 PARENT MEETINGS

There are important parent meetings this month for the parents of students making a Sacrament this year.

**Both meetings will be held at St. Andrew Church.**

**The Confirmation Parent Meeting** for parents of students in grade 7 is on **Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** **The First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Meeting** for parents of students in grade 2 is on **Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

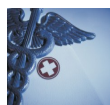
## SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. We appreciate all the support we have received from the parents of St. Luke and we hope we can count on your continued assistance this year to support our literacy and numeracy initiatives. Remember to check the school website for School Council information and for council meetings and minutes.



## ASTHMA

The HCDSB has established an Asthma protocol for all of our affected students. If you have not advised the school that your child is asthmatic, please make us aware and a package will be sent to you. Frequent hand washing at school and home reduces exposure to colds and flu which tend to trigger asthma.



## ANAPHYLAXIS UPDATE

Thank you for your support of our students and school procedures in reducing the number of outside lunches (e.g. Tim Hortons etc.) sent to school. Lunches that are not guaranteed nut-free increase the potential for a life-threatening allergic reaction. Thank you for your support and understanding.



## USEFUL WEBSITES for ELL STUDENTS:

### **On-Line Books**

An on-line library of books in English and many other languages including: Spanish, Tagalog, Portuguese, and Polish.

<http://www.childrenslibrary.org/icdl/SimpleSearchCategory?ids=16&langid=&pnum=1&cnum=1&text=&lang=English&ilang=English>

A great website for primary students to practice letters sounds, rhyming words, and reading.

<http://www.starfall.com/>

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

On **Thursday, November 10th at 7pm**, Grade Eight students and their parents are invited to learn more about the opportunities



St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School has to offer – from academics to the arts and athletics. The Parent Information Night includes a special presentation about high school, its programs and the registration process. Both parents and their children can also tour the school and ask more about programs and other opportunities.

## CURRICULUM CORNER:

Math is all around you!

Below are some tips for making math engaging for your children from the Ontario Ministry of Education website. Please see the last page of the newsletter for more Math Fun ideas!



### Kindergarten to Grade 3

***Predict and compare.*** Start to measure and estimate things like how far it is from the driveway to the house or how long a trip will take and then measure and compare the actual time it takes.

***Talk about time.*** The concept of time can be hard to grasp. Talk to your kids about minutes and hours. Then get them to try counting days and weeks – for example how many "sleeps" until the weekend or a visit to a friend or relative.

### Grade 4-6

***Use common toys to understand math concepts.*** Build a tower from blocks. Count the blocks. Then talk about the need for a base of the right size and the stability it creates.

***Sports and math.*** There is a lot of math used in sports: batting averages, points per game, save percentages – these are math terms that a sports enthusiast will love. If you watch a game with your child, read the newspaper report together sometime the next day and talk about the math concepts.

## SEAC SOUNDBYTES

*Raising awareness of the Special Education process at HCDSB*

### WHAT IS AN IPRC?



The Identification, Placement and Review Committee, "IPRC" for short, is a committee which deter-

mines whether or not a student can be identified as "exceptional", according to Ministry definitions.

Categories of exceptionalities include behaviour, communication, intellectual, physical or multiple.

The IPRC meeting can be initiated either by the school or parent, if either party feels that the student could benefit from special education programming. Parent requests should be made in writing to the Principal of the school. Schools are required to convene an IPRC in response to parental requests. The IPRC will decide whether the student is an exceptional pupil and, if so, what type of educational placement is appropriate. The IPRC process also determines the appropriate classroom placement for the student, based on their strengths and needs which are outlined in the student profile. On the basis of these discussions, the IPRC can recommend the special education programs and/or services that it considers to be appropriate for the student.

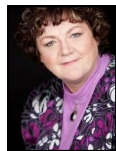
Parents are encouraged to attend all IPRC meetings and the school must make every effort to accommodate the parent's availability when scheduling the meeting. Parents are encouraged to provide their input into developing the student profile and recommending the appropriate placement for their child as parental input is a very important consideration in the process. All students identified as exceptional through this process must be provided special education programming to be outlined in an Individual Education Plan (IEP). The IPRC meets annually and while parents have the option to waive the meeting, it is a good opportunity to touch base with your child's Special Education team.

Parents have the right to an appeal if they do not agree with the IPRC's decisions. More information can be found in the Parent Guide, available at your school office or on the Board website.

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

## ANXIETY IN SCHOOL- AGE CHILDREN PRESENTATION

**Wednesday, November 16, 2016**  
Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School—Oakville  
*Anxiety in School-Aged Children*  
by **Dr. Jean Clinton**, BMus MD



FRCP(C), Clinical Professor McMaster University, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences.

Dr. Clinton is renowned locally, provincially, nationally and more recently internationally as an advocate for children's issues. Her special interest lies in brain development, and the crucial role relationships and connectedness play therein.

Dr. Clinton's presentation topic will be Anxiety in School Aged Children. Both parents and teachers are expressing increased concern about the number of children exhibiting anxiety this talk will explore what some of the causes may be and some strategies for helping

This presentation will take place on Wednesday, November 16th, 2016, at 7 pm, at Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School in Oakville, Ontario.

In order to ensure we have enough seating and refreshments, we are asking all who plan to attend to register ahead of time.

### REGISTER NOW:

Parents interested in attending Dr. Jean Clinton's presentation on November 16th can [register online here](#). **Please R.S.V.P. by November 9th, 2016.** Note: this is a parent only event and seating will be available on a first come, first serve basis. For more information about Halton CPIC and the events offered throughout the year, please feel free to contact: [cpic@hcdsb.org](mailto:cpic@hcdsb.org).

We look forward to seeing you on November 16th!

Sincerely,  
Halton CPIC  
[cpic@hcdsb.org](mailto:cpic@hcdsb.org)

## COMMUNITY & PARENT PARTNERS FOR KIDS PRESENTS: *Understanding Mental Health Issues and Nurturing Positive Mental Health in Our Youth*

**Guest speaker: Dr. Jane Storrie**



Dr. Jane Storrie is a Burlington-based psychologist and founding partner of Storrie, Velikonja and Associates, a full-service

psychology practice. She also offers three multidisciplinary specialty clinics providing assessment and treatment of child and youth mental health issues, concussion and dementia.

In this fast-paced and plugged-in world, our children seem to be increasingly struggling with mental health issues. This presentation will:

- provide information about how to promote positive mental health in youth;
- introduce common mental health issues affecting youth;
- help parents understand when they should be concerned; and
- explain how to find professional support and services.

**Date:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016

**Time:** 7 to 8:30 p.m., community displays are from 6:45 to 7 p.m.

**Location:** Gary Allan High School/ New St. Education Centre, 3250 New Street, Burlington

Admission is **free**, but, donations toward future speakers will be gratefully accepted.

For more information visit [halton.ca/capp](http://halton.ca/capp) or dial 311

English-speaking American Sign Language interpreters are available upon request. If you wish to use this service at this event, please contact Halton Region by Tuesday November 1, 2016.

In the event of poor weather conditions, please dial 311 for cancellation information.