



ST. LUKE SCHOOL

MAY 2017

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SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM: A reminder to call or email your child's absence or late arrival to (905) 829-1700 or to stluke.attendance@hcdsb.org by 8:45 a.m. Provincial protocols require that schools exhaust all emergency contacts prior to calling the police in the event of a child who is unaccounted for. Please ensure that your contact information is accurate.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



We begin the month of May with a celebration of the distinctiveness of Catholic Education. **Catholic Education Week** this year takes place from **May 1 - May 5, 2017**. During this week, the Catholic community celebrates the unique contributions that Catholic schools make to our students, community and province. Catholic Education Week is a welcome opportunity to celebrate the mission of our Catholic schools as they strive to integrate the Gospel values of Jesus Christ in every aspect of the school's life and curriculum. This year's theme is: **Walking Forward Together**. Parents are invited to Attend the many classroom presentations, the Talent Show and our school Walk With Jesus – see our *Catholic Education Week* brochure. It is a joy to see the strong commitment and resolve in our students, staff and parents to ensuring that Catholic Schools remain at the forefront of excellence in education. I encourage you to share your ideas and input about Catholic education in Ontario through an on-line Thought Exchange at <http://signup.thotex.com/iceont/Pyv> Thank you for our ongoing support!

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. E. Bakaic,
Principal

WALK WITH JESUS

The Halton Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce our seventh annual Walk With Jesus student walkathon in support of Catholic Education Week. Eighteen student representatives from each of our 55 schools will participate in this event on Thursday, May 4th. Students will exhibit a sense of community and solidarity in support of their Catholicity as they walk from Jean Vanier Secondary School to Mattamy National Cycling Centre (Milton Velodrome), at which point they will participate in Mass led by Father Cornelius O' Mahony. An important social justice focus of our Walk With Jesus is to provide students with fundraising opportunities in support of the Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation or a charity of choice as determined by individual schools. The participation of students from throughout the Halton Catholic District School Board community in our annual Walk With Jesus will demonstrate that "children helping children" is an important and achievable goal of this board-wide initiative in support of Catholic Education Week. You can stay connected on the day of the event by following us on Twitter using the hashtag: #HCWWJ. Please keep us in your prayers on Thursday, May 4th.

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Alesandra I., our grade 8 student who is St. Luke School's recipient of the Award of Excellence 2017. This prestigious award was presented to Alesandra on Monday, April 25th at the Halton Catholic District Student



Awards of Excellence Ceremony. Alesandra, *we are extremely proud of you!*

STUDENT PLACEMENT REQUESTS FOR 2017-2018

When creating a class list, many factors are considered in the decisions to develop heterogeneous groupings such as: balance of abilities, gender, learning style, and social blending. Parental input is very important in this process. However, requests for specific teachers cannot be considered. If you have any **information regarding your child's placement, please submit it in writing by May 19th to Mrs. Bakaic.**

NOT RETURNING TO ST. LUKE?



We ask any family who knows that their child(ren) will not be returning to St. Luke for the 2017-2018 school year to please notify the office **in writing as soon as possible**. We are in the process of projecting student enrolment for September 2017 and this information will greatly assist us.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION

Please ensure that you notify the office of any changes to your contact information, so that we can always contact you in the case of an emergency. Our files are updated each September based on the forms your return to the school at the beginning of the year. However, if changes occur during the school year, please make sure to advise the office (***preferably in writing***) as soon as possible.

APRIL SHINING STAR RECIPIENTS



Shining Stars are awarded to students who demonstrate a positive attitude, good effort and respectful behaviour. The staff of St. Luke are extremely proud of all of our students who won Shining Star awards this month.

Congratulations to the following raffle draw winners:

	Name	Rm #
Movie Pass	Isaiah T.	12
Art Supplies	Mateo E. H.	16
Sports Ball	Nikita B. H.	1
Subway Gift Card	Kiyarah L.H.	1
Chapters Gift Card	Natalie R.	3

GRADE 8 GRADUATION COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Parents, guardians, family members (of all grades) and High School Students requiring volunteer hours are invited to be part of the Graduation Committee.

Assistance is needed in the following areas:

- Planning and organizing
- Decorating the gymnasium
- Take-down of decorations in the gymnasium (the day after graduation)
- Graduation reception – the reception is traditionally hosted by parents of the students in Grade 7, with assistance of Grade 7 students.

One or two parents are required to organize and coordinate this event. Time commitment: a few hours prior to Graduation Day and 3-4 hours the afternoon / evening of Graduation.

If you are interested in volunteering and have a Criminal Reference Check on file at the office (not required for high school students), **please contact Mrs. Bakaic at 905-829-1700.**

HEARING & VISION SCREENING



The School Screening Association will be visiting our school this year on May 18th to conduct their clinic.

Your child's hearing and Vision should be screened every year

- Growing children are very susceptible to middle ear problems and one of the best ways to prevent hearing loss is early detection of middle ear function issues.
- Two ways to have your child's hearing tested:

1) You can talk to your child's doctor and ask for a referral to a Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist (Otolaryngologist) – this service is covered by OHIP.

2) You can make an appointment with an Audiologist – referral by your family physician is not required. However, if the Audiologist is not in a hospital clinic, the visit may not be covered by OHIP and a fee upwards of \$50 maybe charged.

- Your child's hearing is not being monitored unless they are being seen by an Audiologist or and E.N.T.
- Free vision screening is included with the Hearing Clinic. Eye examinations are covered by OHIP.

A fee of \$15.00 is collected to help offset the cost of bringing this clinic to our school.

A permission form will be sent home with your child before the clinic date. Please fill out the form, include the \$15.00 fee and return to the school prior to the clinic date.

NO PARKING ZONE



Dear parents, once again we please ask you to respect our school's Drop-Off Zone in front of our school in all weather conditions. It is imperative that you **DO NOT park or idle** in the Fire Lane; it is a drop off area only. This means **unless you have pulled into a designated parking spot, it is illegal to shut your car off and bring your child into the school or the Day Care.** There is a large fine attached to a ticket for cars parked in Fire Lanes. **Of even greater concern, is the safety issue posed when cars stopped in this lane create traffic and pedestrian havoc. Children should not be dodging cars to enter the school.** We do encourage our students to dress appropriately and walk to school, it promotes a healthy lifestyle and it is environmentally friendly. If you must drive your child(ren) to school, we thank you for your diligence in keeping all of our children safe.

ECO NEWS

The Eco team has had a busy month! April is always busy with Earth Week and its activities. April 18-21st had a week's worth of challenges to accomplish to help save the earth. St. Luke staff and students were encouraged to save and reuse paper, fill reusable water bottles, walk to school and turn out the lights for lunch hour. Friday, April 21st was also the school's clean up to help celebrate our own Earth Day. One new activity that many staff and students participated in was Outdoor Recess Play to support **How to Play for Earth Day.** When the weather cooperated, many classes went out to enjoy an extra 15 minutes' recess time to encourage kids to play outside.

Get those bicycles ready, St. Luke. Put on your helmet, pump up the tires, tighten the brakes and get ready to roll. St. Luke will be hosting another Bike to School campaign from May 29-June 2. Ride your bike or scooter to school every day. Enjoy the weather, get

some exercise and spend time with your friends riding to school. We have lots of bike racks and a scooter rack to lock your wheels and keep them safe. Let's see how many students can ride to school.

S.E.A.C. SOUNDBYTES



Raising awareness of the Special Education process at HCDSB

The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) is a Ministry mandated committee of the Board. Sounds very official, doesn't it? Well it is, but you might be surprised to learn that most SEAC members are parents just like you!

As a Board committee, SEAC has two Trustee members as well as two members at large. However, SEAC membership is primarily made up of parents, just like you, with children in schools throughout Halton, just like you, some with special education needs, just like many parents throughout the system – maybe even you! Being everyday parents enrolled in our Board gives members direct knowledge of special education programs and services in our Board, which allows for very meaningful contributions.

Parents are nominated by associations to represent the student population of those associations, however, all SEAC members are there to serve the needs of ALL special education students throughout the system. If you have any questions or concerns about special education at HCDSB, please feel free to contact any one of our members directly.

Your current SEAC members are:

Association	Representatives
Association for Bright Children	Maria Lourenco (lourencoowen@hotmail.com) Karen Bivand (karenbivand@gmail.com) (alternate)
Autism Ontario	Lisa Stephenson (halton.catholicseac@autismontario.com) Laura Currie (same e-mail) (alternate)
Easter Seals	Brenda Agnew (brenda@threetobe.org) Cris Parreira (cris.parreira@gmail.com) (alternate)
Halton Down Syndrome Association	Dan Hotopeleanu (dan@hotopeleanu.com)
VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children	Rhonda Quesnel (rhondaq@wearcheck.ca) Rick Barreiro (rickbarreiro@gmail.com) (alternate)
Members at Large	Lorraine Cipparrone (lorraine.seac@gmail.com) Joanne Parisi (joannepa@cogeco.ca)
Trustees	Arlene Iantomasi (iantomasia@hcdsb.org) Diane Rabenda (rabendad@hcdsb.org) Helena Karabela (karabelah@hcdsb.org) (alternate) Susan Tritess (tritess@hcdsb.org) (alternate)

For more information on associations currently represented, please visit the SEAC section of the Board website:

www.hcdsb.org/Community/SEAC/Pages/Associations.aspx

Legislation allows for up to 12 associations, so HCDSB SEAC has space for 7 more, including the Learning Disabilities Association of Halton. If you are a member of an eligible association, as described on the Board website, <http://www.hcdsb.org/Community/SEAC/Pages/Board-Invites-Applications-for-SEAC.aspx> and would like to consider serving on SEAC, please contact your association to discuss a nomination. We would love to have you join our team!

RENEWING THE PROMISE:

Exploring the critical role of Catholic education in contemporary society

We want to hear from you about Catholic education in Ontario! "Renewing the Promise" is a dialogue.

Your input about Catholic education in Ontario – the way it fulfills its mandate, as well as the challenges and opportunities of the present moment – will help to guide us for the future. For more information on this, please watch our webinar <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xt2ZipOSfsw>

You can offer your ideas and input online through *Thought Exchange*. Log in to: <http://signup.thotex.com/iceont/Pyv> to participate.

Thought Exchange will provide background information and three open-ended questions that you answer anonymously. When the survey closes, responses will be sorted into themes. You will then be invited to look at emerging themes and prioritize them, locally and provincially.

Your ideas will provide important input for a gathering of Catholic community later in the year on the theme of *Renewing the Promise*.

When the process is completed, results and analysis will be available on a designated public website. Catholic Education Week 2018 will be the occasion to celebrate all that we have learned.

Join the dialogue!