



# ST. LUKE SCHOOL

JUNE 2017

Principal: Mrs. E. Bakaic  
Secretary: Mrs. K. Rosati

Parish: St. Andrew Church

Phone: (905) 829-1700

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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](mailto: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

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all of the parents, students and staff of St. Luke School. As a community, you have shown generous and unfailing support for our students, staff and the numerous learning experiences of the past year, such as, fundraising, community events, team sports, clubs and artistic presentations. Thank you also to our dedicated School Council and our hardworking staff, whose contributions this year have made St. Luke School a great place to be a student.

On behalf of all of the staff, we wish the best to our Grade 8 graduating class as they say goodbye to the staff and students of St. Luke School. May the blessings of our Lord guide your feet as you start on this new and exciting pathway. God bless you!

Lastly, I would like to express my sincerest appreciation for your ongoing support during my first year as principal at St. Luke School. I feel truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful, caring and faith filled community! God bless you!

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. E. Bakaic,  
Principal



## GRADE 8 GRADUATION



We look forward to wishing our Grade 8 students all the best as they end their elementary school days at St. Luke School. There will be two very special celebrations for our Grade 8 students.

**Graduation Mass** – June 21st at 10:30a.m. at St. Andrew Parish followed by a luncheon at Boston Pizza.

**Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony** - June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in our gym. Following the ceremony there will be a dance for the graduates from **8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.** We look forward to the families of the graduates joining us for these two very special occasions.

## MAY 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	Geraldine B.	7
Art Supplies	Mateo E.H.	16
Sports Ball	Oliver O. Dominick S.	1 7
Subway Gift Card	Laura V.	12
Chapters Gift Card	Sarah S.	3

## NO PARKING ZONE



Parents, once again we are asking for your support and cooperation in modeling behavior that is respectful to other drivers and puts the safety of our students, *your children*, first. There is **NO PARKING in front of the school at any time. This means it is illegal to shut your car off in the lane in front of the school to bring your child into the school / playground / Day Care or to park in front of the school at dismissal time.** If you are picking up your child after school, please use a parking spot or arrange to have your child meet you off site. Please be aware that bylaw officers are circulating and there is a large fine attached to tickets for cars parked in front of the school. Our greatest concern is the safety of *all* our students and we thank you for your support.

## TRACK & FIELD

On **June 5<sup>th</sup>**, the St. Luke Track and Field team will compete in the Halton Catholic Municipal Meet at St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School. Our team consists of about 50 students, from Grades 5 to 8. The students have been working very hard to prepare for the meet, practicing daily during lunches, and before and after school. The coaches, Mrs. Coccia and Miss Kwiatkoski, are extremely proud of the team's hard work and dedication. They are certain that the students will put in their best effort and make our St. Luke School community very proud! Thank you very much to our coaches for your dedication to our students.

## PLAY DAY JUNE 20!

Our Play Day will take place the morning of **Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**, for our Kindergarten - Grade 8 students. All students will receive two slices of pizza and a drink. Please ensure that your child wears sunscreen and a hat. This promises to be a great day for all involved.

## ST. LUKE ECO CLUB

Thanks, From the Eco Team.

What a year this has been for our Eco Team! We are always looking for ways to save the earth. This year we could save over 300 squeeze packs from the garbage. Over the next final weeks of school, the squeeze packs will be given to Terra Cycle to recycle. Next year we look forward to adding more recycling collections. Smaller companies like Terra, are giving us new options for recycling and reducing our waste. Thank you to Mr. Apel for helping us replace some trees in our back playground. Hopefully these trees will continue to grow tall and can provide our playground with shade. Thank you to all students who walked, bicycled, scootered and skateboarded to school. You helped to reduce emissions in the environment and increased your Daily Physical Activity. Our Ontario Eco School Portfolio was finished and submitted electronically at the end of April. Once again, a big thank you to all teachers who provided the Team with your Eco-Friendly lesson plans and activities. Finally, thank you to our little Eco Team who are small but mighty and to Miss Leahy's Grade 4's for weekly recycling in the Kindergarten classrooms, staffroom, our classroom as well as your endless energy for posters and announcements. We look forward to continuing to save the world next year!!

- Miss Leahy and Mrs. Coccia

## FINAL MILK & PIZZA DATES

Please note the final dates below for our pita and pizza lunches and for our milk program. There are no programs running the final week of school.

## Wednesday, June 21

### LAST PIZZA DAY

## Friday, June 23

### LAST MILK DAY

**Please remember to pack lunches/drinks for each day during the week of June 26 – June 30.**

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are grateful to the volunteers who served on our School Council this year: **Mr. Apel (Chair), Mrs. Bergin, Mrs. Carvalho, Mrs. DeJong, Mrs. Dilawri, Mrs. Dykman, Mrs. Forte, Mrs. Guzzo (Co-Chair), Mrs. Hunter, Mr. Koerber, Mr. Newell and Mrs. Selwyn.**



## HOME SCHOOL PARISH CONNECTION



Thank you to Father Con and his staff for their ongoing support and spiritual guidance.

## A Special Message from the St. Andrew Children's Choir:

You are invited to the **St Andrew's Children's Choir Annual Strawberry Tea** on **Sunday June 11 at 2:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for children and will be available for sale after all Masses two weeks prior to the event or through Mrs. Nancy Guzzo.

SEATING IS LIMITED SO  
PLEASE GET YOUR TICKETS  
EARLY TO AVOID  
DISAPPOINTMENT!

We look forward to entertaining parishioners and friends with wonderful food and joyful music. There will be door prizes, raffle tickets, and of course, prizes for the best hat!

Proceeds go to support activities of the St. Andrew Children's Choir and the many community and International charities that the choir supports throughout the year!

## LOST AND FOUND

Please take time before the end of the year to look through the lost and found bin located outside of room 15 downstairs. Lost and found items will be on display on **Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>** in the cafetorium by the

gymnasium. Unclaimed articles will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

## LIBRARY BOOKS & TEXTBOOKS

We ask that you check backpacks, closets and under beds for any school library books and textbooks that may have been misplaced. All library books that have been borrowed from the school library are due back by **Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**. It is very important that all materials be returned promptly. All textbooks must be returned to the school by **Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please note that if students have misplaced, damaged or lost a book, they will be required to either replace the book or pay the replacement cost of the item. Please contact Mrs. Puma if you have lost a library book, or your child's teacher if you have a lost a textbook. Thank you for your support with this matter.

## MEDICATION / EPI-PEN PICK UP

If your child has medication or an Epi-pen at school, please make arrangements to pick them up at the office on the last day of school, **Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> by 1:30 p.m.** **All expired meds/Epi-Pens will be disposed of as per Board protocol.**

## FINAL REPORT CARD

All students will receive their Final Report Card on **Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**. Parents are asked to ensure that page 3 of the Report Card is completed and returned to the school by **Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**. It is important for teachers to receive this page so Report Cards can be filed in the students' school records.

## IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT RETURNING TO ST. LUKE IN SEPTEMBER...

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 and preparing class lists for September 2017 and this information will greatly assist us.

## SEPTEMBER CLASS PLACEMENT

Your child's Class Placement (Grades 1 -8) will be posted on the HCDSB Website on **Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**. Kindergarten parents will receive a letter the first week of July outlining your child's placement and staggered entry dates. Grade 1-8 parents are asked to please access your child's placement information using the following steps.

**Step 1:** [www.hcdsb.org](http://www.hcdsb.org)

**Step 2:** Click on "Schools"

**Step 3:** Use Drop Down Menu and click on St. Luke School

**Step 4:** Click on Elementary School Placement

**Step 5:** Enter your child's **OEN** number (found on the top of his/her report card) and press "Enter".

***Please keep your child's report card/OEN Number handy for this purpose, as OEN numbers cannot be given out over the phone.***

## SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2017-2018

The Halton Catholic District School Board has approved a School Year Calendar for 2017-2018. The School Year Calendar has also been approved by the Ministry of Education. For additional information and a complete list of important dates to remember for the upcoming school year, including P.A. days, first and last days of instruction, secondary examination days, statutory holidays and school break periods, please visit our Board's website at [www.hcdsb.org](http://www.hcdsb.org) and click on the Calendar tab, followed by 2017-2018 School Year Calendar.

## YMCA BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE REGISTRATION 2017-2018

The YMCA of Oakville's Before and After School Age Child Care Program is holding Registration for the September 2017-2018 school year. Child Care Registration Packages are available now at our St. Luke Child Care Location. Please speak to a YMCA staff member and for more information please contact (905)829-0868.



Book an OHIP-covered eye exam for

your JK child before June 30<sup>th</sup> and they can be eligible for a pair of glasses at no cost through the Eye See... Eye Learn® program with participating optometrists.  
[#EyeSeeEyeLearn](#)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFG16sHbYqE&feature=youtu.be>

[Click to find a participating optometrist](#)

## IMMUNIZE AND REPORT IT!



Did you know that it's up to parents and guardians to report children's immunizations and exemptions to the HealthDepartment? It's the law, helps keep your child in school and protects our school. To update your child's immunization record, please:

- visit your doctor to get required immunizations and update the Halton Region Health Department online ([halton.ca/immunize](http://halton.ca/immunize)) or by dialing 311; OR
- update the Halton Region Health Department online ([halton.ca/immunize](http://halton.ca/immunize)) or by dialing 311 if your child's immunizations are up-to-date; OR

- submit an exemption form ([halton.ca/immunize](http://halton.ca/immunize)) to the Halton Region Health Department if your child will not be immunized due to medical or religious/conscience reasons.

If you are currently looking for a family doctor, you can visit [halton.ca/newdoctor](http://halton.ca/newdoctor) for a list of new doctors that are accepting new patients in Halton Region. Thank

you for your help in keeping Halton's schools safe and healthy. For more information, please visit [halton.ca/immunize](http://halton.ca/immunize), dial 311 or watch the following video: <https://youtu.be/k96tLoL7iIQ>

## S.E.A.C. SOUNDBYTES



*Raising awareness of the Special Education process at HCDSB*

## MENTALHEALTH

The relationship between mental health and special education needs is complex and demands a very careful understanding from both parents and educators. Mental health issues may be higher among specific populations such as children on the Autism Spectrum or those with Learning Disabilities or Giftedness to name a few. Protective factors for children with special needs include support, understanding, and self-advocacy skills. These factors will become especially important to prevent mental health issues if your child with special needs should be bullied.

Bullying is every parent's fear and for children with special education needs that fear is exacerbated. Bullying has negative effects on all children but children with special education needs are especially vulnerable. When faced with such a situation your child's supports can assist your child to develop strategies to help cope with the stress of bullying, and step in where necessary to speak to the school administration. It's especially important in such a situation that your child has good advocacy skills, that will assist them in dealing directly with a bully, and if that fails, then provides them with the confidence to speak up to staff about the situation.

It is important for parents to know that when faced with this and other stressful educational situations, there are answers and solutions. One critical tool available to parents is the IEP (Individual Education Plan). A child's team of parents, teachers, therapists should work together to make the IEP reflect the child's unique needs.

The IEP speaks on behalf of your child when their own self-advocacy needs are not sufficient. Goals should include social skills development, strength building skills, self-advocacy skills and increasing the child's awareness about their differences. Helping a child to learn about their strengths and feeling proud of who they are and their accomplishments while also understanding how their disabilities may impact them is important. Parents need to stay well connected with their child's team at school where everyone can find the right level of support and understanding for success.

**Please note that the final  
day of school this year is  
Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> and  
dismissal time is 1:30 p.m.**