

# St. Peter Catholic School

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## SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM:

Please help us to ensure the safety of your child; use the Safe Arrival System to report all absences and late arrivals. If we do not receive notification and your child is not at school, our staff will call home/workplace/emergency contact numbers to determine your child's location.

In addition, PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL CONTACT NUMBERS/INFORMATION IS CURRENT to ease the process of contacting parents.

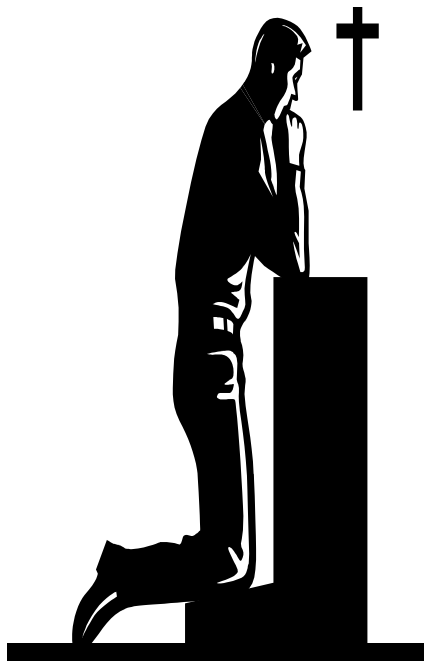
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Student Agenda	Next, we would like to offer a very special note of appreciation to our Pastor Team Father Peter and Father Kevin for their ongoing spiritual wisdom and guidance throughout the year! We wish them well over the summer months and look forward to the guidance of Holy Rosary Parish again in September with the pastoral staffing changes set to occur in June 2019. We would also like to thank all of our staff members who have worked so diligently to provide educational experiences of merit and distinction. We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge and express our appreciation to our parent community who partnered with the school in so many ways this year to provide a supportive and respectful atmosphere for all. We must also offer sincere thanks to our Catholic School Council and parent volunteers who have given countless hours of their time and energy to assist our school in so many worthwhile and meaningful ways. Finally, we would like to thank Mrs. E. Champoux and Mrs. R. Nizic for their patience, efficiency, and kindness throughout the year!	
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Parking Lot News	As we bring one school year to a close, we begin to plan anew for the next one to come. Please mark your calendars as the 2019-2020 school year begins on <b>September 3rd, 2019</b> . Within this newsletter, you will find important information regarding next year so be sure to review it very carefully. To that end, we would like to take this opportunity to wish any families who may be moving away in the summer all the best! Please stay tuned for our final newsletter – The Final Chapter!	
	Sincerely, Mr. C. Tilley & Mr. T. Demeris	

## ST. PETER CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT:

St. Peter Catholic School in active partnership with home, Church and community is dedicated to excellence in education exemplifying Catholic values and fostering a life-long love of learning in a safe environment leading to spiritual, social and intellectual growth.

## JUNE PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

## End of School Year Reflection



O God of all beginnings and endings,  
we praise and thank you for the gift of this school year.  
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,  
with challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.  
The days have passed quickly, O Lord.  
The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and the holy days,  
the exams, vacations, breaks, and assemblies,  
all have come forth from your hand.  
While we trust that your purposes have always been at work each day.  
Sometimes it has seemed difficult to understand and appreciate  
just what you have been up to in our school.  
Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.  
Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.  
Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,  
and bless us, according to your will,  
with the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams.  
Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,  
and guide us each day as you have done this past year.  
Help us to return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.  
May we continue to grow  
in age, wisdom, knowledge and grace  
all the days of our lives.  
Amen

## PA DAY – JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019



Please note that **Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019** has been designated as a Professional Activity Day for teachers. Teachers will be involved in Report Card writing on this day, and therefore, there is no school scheduled for students. Students return to school on **Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.

## TERM 2 REPORT CARD & COMMUNICATION OF LEARNING DOCUMENTS UPDATE



**Report cards will be sent home with students on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Take time to review the Report Card carefully and ask any questions you may have.**  
Please take the appropriate time to sign and return the designated portion of the Report Card to the school by **Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. This parent portion is a legal document which must be attached to a copy of the Report Card and kept with the School's Ontario Student Record file.

## YEAR-END SCHOOL MASS



Our final Mass will take place on **Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (10:00am)** at Holy Rosary Parish.

Once again, we thank our pastor Father Peter & Kevin, as well as the larger Holy Rosary Parish Staff, for their spiritual wisdom and guidance throughout the year!  
**All are welcome to join us at this celebration – we look forward to seeing you there!**

## STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN SEPTEMBER - 2019



If your children **will not** be returning to St. Peter CES in **September, 2019** please advise the Main Office as soon as possible as this information is an important aspect of the planning processes and school organization for the fall. **Your cooperation is very much appreciated!**

## TRACK & FIELD UPDATE

*Students have been diligently preparing for the Track & Field Meet that is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019** at Bishop Reding CSS in Milton.*

*Please note the rain date is **Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019** and that the Track & Field System Finals have been scheduled for **Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019** at Notre Dame CSS in Burlington.*

## GRADE 8 GRADUATION INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

To celebrate the achievements of our Grade 8 Graduating Class of 2010, please note the following activities that have been organized for our graduates:

- Grade 8 Overnight Ottawa Trip – **June 12th through 14th, 2019** (inclusive)
- Family of Schools Grade 8 Graduation Mass – **June 25th, 2019** at Holy Rosary Parish (10:00am). Students are not required to be in school uniform, however they are asked to dress for the reverence of the occasion (e.g., 'Sunday Best')
- Graduation Ceremony – **June 25th, 2019** at St. Peter CES (6:30pm)
- Grade 8 Clap-Out – **Friday, June 28th, 2019**

***Of note, an official invitation outlining all the pertinent Grade 8 Graduation details will be coming home via email communication shortly.***

## SUNNY DAYS ARE HERE!

*With the onset of warmer weather, parents are reminded that their children should be protected from the harmful rays of the sun. The Health Department suggests long-sleeved shirts and a high-quality sun block with an elevated SPF factor in order to properly protect children's skin. Light jackets or sweaters and a hat/cap are also recommended. We also encourage students to come to school with a reusable water bottle so they can drink water as they need to throughout the day.*

*Please remember current clothing trends may not provide the appropriate protection from the sun required, nor may they meet the St. Peter CES Dress Code & School Uniform requirements. We ask that parents assist in guiding their children to make appropriate clothing choices – thanks for your assistance!*

*Our Board policy for heat and air quality has been provided below. Please note that the Weather Network is checked before students are dismissed for each recess.*

### **EXTREME HEAT: TEMPERATURE WITH OR WITHOUT HUMIDEX**

- Cooler than 35°C – students may remain outside for all regular outside activities.*
- Between 35°C and 40°C – students may remain outside no longer than 20 minute intervals at a time.*
- Hotter than 40°C – students must remain inside.*

### **SMOG ADVISORY & AIR QUALITY:**

*Smog Advisory alerts issued by the Ministry of Energy and Environment (Air Quality Index higher than 50) – students remain outside no longer than 20 minute intervals at a time. Consideration should be made for asthmatic students and staff.*

## STUDENT AGENDA

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 will receive a school agenda on the first day of school. This is an outstanding and necessary communication tool between home and school that is used daily. It helps students keep on task with homework and school activities. It also helps parents know what is going on in school on a daily basis. A \$8.50 cost will be requested through the Cash Online System next year to offset the cost. We appreciate your support and understanding!

## EARLY DISMISSAL ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

Our last day of school this year is Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The last day of school is an Early Dismissal school day, therefore, students will be going home at 2:05pm. Buses will be leaving the school at this time as well.

Please make the appropriate arrangements – thank you for your cooperation.

## BACK TO SCHOOL – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

**Students return to school on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.**

Please note that the bell will ring at 9:05am sharp. When the bell rings, we ask that students in **Grades 1 to 8** go to the back of the school where they will find their grade specific signs posted. At that time, students will be asked to line up with their classmates and will have the opportunity to greet their new teachers before entering the school for classes to begin.

**Full-day Kindergarten students** will be following a different schedule on the first day of school – please refer to the notes in the Communication of Learning Documents that go home **June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019** for further details.

## STUDENT SUPPLIES FOR SEPTEMBER, 2019

Primary Division (Grades 1 - 3):	Junior Division (Grades 4-6):	Intermediate Division (Grades 7 - 8):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• box of (kleenex) tissue</li><li>• glue stick</li><li>• small pencil sharpeners with shaving catcher</li><li>• pencil box or case</li><li>• pencil crayons</li><li>• 30 cm ruler with cm and mm</li><li>• scissors , pencils(HB #2 only) and erasers</li><li>• small calculator</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• box of (kleenex) tissue</li><li>• hand held pencil sharpeners with shaving catcher</li><li>• zippered pencil case</li><li>• pencils, erasers and pencil crayons</li><li>• pens</li><li>• glue stick</li><li>• coloured markers (water base)</li><li>• calculator</li><li>• geometry set</li><li>• 30 cm ruler with cm and mm</li><li>• scissors</li><li>• 2" binder and 10 dividers</li><li>• French/English dictionary</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• box of tissues (Kleenex)</li><li>• calculator with square and square root functions</li><li>• dividers (5)</li><li>• duotangs (5)</li><li>• geometry set (include protractor, compass)</li><li>• glue stick</li><li>• high-lighter and markers</li><li>• post-it notes</li><li>• pens (red and blue)</li><li>• pencils, erasers and pencil crayons</li><li>• 30 cm ruler with cm and mm</li><li>• three ring binder (large)</li><li>• three ring paper</li><li>• French/English dictionary</li><li>• pencil sharpener</li><li>• scissors</li></ul>

## SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have volunteered at St. Peter CES this year. Your contribution is very much appreciated and makes a tremendous difference for the students at our school.

If you have completed a Police Criminal Reference Check (in compliance with the HCDSB Policy for School Volunteers), you do not need to undergo another check to volunteer next year. If you would like to continue to volunteer during the 2019 – 2020 school year, please note that you are required to complete a Declaration Form which will be sent home this month.

Please be sure to return the form by the end of June so that you will be set to start in September, 2019.

## GRADE 3 & 6 EQAO ASSESSMENTS

Ontario conducts province-wide testing of students' literacy and numeracy skills at key stages in their educational careers. EQAO contributes to public accountability and to continuous improvement on the part of every student in Ontario. EQAO's Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics is administered to students in Grades 3 & 6. It tests the literacy and numeracy skills *The Ontario Curriculum* expects students to have gained up to the end of Grade 3 & 6.

Parents care about their children's progress in school! EQAO assessments at these levels, along with classroom assessment, can help ensure that students remain on the correct academic path. Students at St. Peter CES completed the Primary and Junior Assessments between **May 21<sup>st</sup> through to June 3rd, 2019.**

Students who participated in the assessments this year will receive a detailed Individual Student Report later in the fall. Whole school results will be shared with the school community at that time as well.

## SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS & LIBRARY MATERIALS

We remind students that they should be ensuring that they have all of their assigned textbooks from the beginning of the school year, as well as, any library materials they have borrowed, as it will not be long before we are recollecting these items to complete an inventory!

We understand that many students have expressed concerns that they are missing an item or two, thus we ask parents to carefully assist their children in locating these materials. Please note that students who do not return all of the borrowed items will be asked to reimburse the school.

Working together we can ensure that alleviate replacement costs, promote responsibility amongst our students, while maintaining our inventory of school textbooks and library materials for future student use. Thank-you for your cooperation.

## BICYCLE SAFETY

***With the change in weather, many more students are beginning to ride their bicycles to school. Please take the time to discuss proper bicycle safety with your children to ensure their well-being.***

1. *Make sure your bicycle is in good operating condition.*
2. *Always ride you bicycle in a single file.*
3. *Obey all traffic signs and signals.*
4. *Learn appropriate hand signals to be used when operating a bicycle.*
5. *Ride as near to the right-hand curb as possible, and in the same direction as the traffic flow.*
6. *Keep both hands on the handle bars at all times unless signaling, and both feet on the pedals while moving.*
7. *Walk your bicycle on to school property.*
8. *Lock up your bicycle in the bicycle racks when it is unattended.*
9. *Be sure to wear your helmet at all times when operating you bicycle. Please make sure that your helmet has been adjusted properly.*

## HEALTHY SCHOOLS UPDATE

St. Peter is working hard to continue to be a healthy school! Together we work with various community partners such as the Public Health Department, Halton Multicultural Council, and Halton Police Services, and Halton Police Services to educate our students on making health choices. Students are encouraged to bring healthy, nutritious snacks and lunches to school. We also ask for your cooperation by not sending to school with your children any snacks or lunches containing peanuts or nuts. We also remind you that we do not accept cupcakes, donuts or any sweet foods for class treats. Please join the St. Peter CES staff in taking care to ensure the health and safety of all students in the school.

## CLASS PLACEMENTS 2019 - 2020

We are in the process of preparing 'tentative' class placements for the 2019-2020 school year shortly. It must be emphasized that the plans are tentative as summer registrations can significantly affect our proposed organization. In forming groups the following points are considered:

- ✚ Equitable balance of boys and girls in each class at all grade levels
- ✚ A range of academic ability and potential in each class (e.g., classes are not streamed)
- ✚ A mix of previous classes - so students can form new friendships, meet different academic/social challenges
- ✚ Children who are best kept together and children who are best separated
- ✚ Number of years in a combined class - students in split grades the previous year will be placed in a straight grade, where possible

Keeping the above issues of class formation in mind, each teacher develops a profile for every student, noting academic, social, behavioural, and physical strengths/needs. These are made into class lists through teamwork and collaboration, reviewed by administration, and then returned for discussion and suggestions to the group of teachers at each grade, with further changes made as required. The class lists then remain 'tentative' pending changes necessitated due to increased or decreased student enrolment.

Placement decisions are based on awareness of your child's academic, social, learning needs, and strengths. The objective of this organization process is to achieve the most workable heterogeneous combination of student groups. With your trust in our professional judgement, we will continue to provide all of our students with the best possible learning environment. If you have concerns or questions regarding class placement, please leave a written response at the Main Office addressed to Mr. C. Tilley & Mr. T. Demeris.

## LUNCH TIME SUPERVISOR NEEDED

*St. Peter CES requires additional Lunch Time Supervisors to start September 2019. **The hours are from 12:10 to 1:10pm Monday to Friday.** The position entails supervision of students both inside and outside of the school over the lunch hour. A Criminal Reference Check (Vulnerable Sector Screening) and a negative TB Test are required to complete the application process. **For further information, please contact the school this month: 905.878.4626.***

## PARKING LOT NEWS

**Please help us to make our parking lot an efficient and safe place for all by adhering to our Parking Lot Rules.**

**REMEMBER** if you choose to drive a vehicle to school, particularly during peak traffic times before and after school, please...

- ✓ BE PATIENT AND COURTEOUS TO STAFF MEMBERS DIRECTING TRAFFIC
- ✓ DRIVE SLOWLY AND BE VIGILANT OF PEDESTRIANS AT ALL TIMES
- ✓ DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED AND/OR PARKED, ESPECIALLY ALONG THE CURBS AND IN THE 'KISS & RIDE' LANES
- ✓ OBEY THE STOP SIGNS IN THE PARKING LOT

**Thank-you for your cooperation in following our rules regarding the use of the school parking lot and 'Kiss and Ride' lanes. We strongly believe that we all have to work together to keep our parking lot a safe place!**

