



BLESSED JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FEBRUARY 2014 NEWS



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Weekend Mass Times:
Saturday 5:15 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Confessions:
Saturdays 4:15-4:45 p.m.

Before and After
905 518-4694

Should you have questions contact them

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God loves you, dear children!
This is what I want to tell you . . .

Letter of Pope John Paul II to Children
From Vatican City



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy, it does not boast,
it is not proud.
It is not rude, it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.
Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices with the truth.
It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres.
Love never fails.

- The Bible : 1 Corinthians 13:4 -

The reading cited is a very popular one and was read at Mass at the end of January. At the Parish I attend, Father recommended this to use each descriptor of love as a great checklist to examine our conscience.

“Actions speak louder than words” is another saying when speaking of Love but the reading reminds us of the need for both when required.

As parents, staff and students we have an opportunity to show love to God and each other every day. Do not hesitate to say and show love.

FAMILY DAY

Monday February 17, 2014 is a statutory holiday — Family Day. The school will be closed.

REPORT CARDS 2014

You will be receiving a copy of your child's Report Card for Term I (September to January) on February 11, 2014. Four pages will come home. Please keep these PLUS a double-sided copy of pages 3 and 4 is to be used for students and home to write on. Please return the signed DOUBLE-SIDED only.

VOCATIONS

We are all invited to pray for those individuals who are in the process of becoming Priests and Nuns. Prayers are also offered for those who are in our school and have expressed their interest in answering this call.

For more information contact Father Kevin Cull at 905 528 7988 or VocationInfo.ca

JK Registration for September 2014 information from the School Board

Children who were born in 2010 are eligible to attend FULL DAY JK in September 2014. Please phone the school at 905-525-1300 to make a registration appointment. The following information is required to register your child: **Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, and proof of residency in our school boundaries** (i.e. utility bill). Also, if your child was born in 2009 and has never attended school, you can call to make an appointment to register them for FULL DAY SK in September.

PRECIOUS MOMENTS BOUTIQUE FOR GRADES 2 AND 8

Should you have suits, dresses or other items to donate for First Holy Communion, Confirmation or Graduation please drop them off at the Blessed John Paul II Main Office and we will get them to our Social Work Services at the Board.

Should you be in need of clothing items please be advised that the next open house for the Precious Moments Boutique will be held on Wednesday, March 5th, Wednesday, May 14th and Wednesday, May 28th - 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Education Resource Centre, 3rd Floor, 203 McNab Street North, Hamilton.

Parking Lot Safety

We know that we have challenges in public parking lots. Ours has its own challenges. What parents express is that they want safety for all.

As Principal that means monitoring the parking lot and reminding all of signs and consequences should we not be making safety for all our priority.

Staff helps all out by being there to transition students into the building safely.

As Parents/Guardian we can help out by:

Having older students walk and meet adults at their cars away from the parking lot

Dropping off JK/SK students at cars to BJP II staff and not leaving the vehicle.

We do appreciate that the frigid weather, and parking lot snow removal reducing our spaces has made this an unusual year. Still, the building is ten years old and pleas to make the parking lot safer for all is not new.

We all are needed to help keep our parking lot, and bus lanes, safe for all and accessible for emergency vehicles.

Thank you to those who have helped offer solutions and support for this ongoing challenge.

DIVERSITY CORNER



We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colours, but they all have to live in the same box.

If a child lives with . . .

If a child lives with criticism,
He learns to condemn.
If a child lives with hostility,
He learns to fight.
If a child lives with ridicule,
He learns to be shy.
If a child lives with shame,
He learns to feel guilty.
If a child lives with tolerance,
He learns to be patient.
If a child lives with encouragement,
He learns confidence.
If a child lives with praise,
He learns to appreciate.
If a child lives with fairness,
He learns justice.
If a child lives with security,
He learns to have faith.
If a child lives with approval,
He learns to like himself.
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
He learns to find love in the world.

Dorothy Law Nolte



WEAR YELLOW THIS WEDNESDAY

Our ECO Team is joining the City of Hamilton with a **WEAR YELLOW AND WALK to SCHOOL Day** this **Wednesday February 5, 2014**. Don't Hibernate—Participate

Families can find out more information and register at

<http://www.smartcommutehamilton.ca/en/schools/wear-yellow-day-hamilton>

Join Hamilton's efforts to increase walking to and from school for daily physical activity,

ATTENDANCE AND LATES

Regular and punctual attendance is an *expectation* from each student. Regular attendance and arriving on time at school from the very beginning ensures that your child has a better opportunity to develop skills and a positive attitude to learning. Students arriving after the 9:00 a.m. bell are considered **LATE**. Students who are late must check in with the office and receive a late slip to present to the teacher. Remember, starting the day on time helps students start the day prepared and ready to learn.

Parenting Tips:

Internet Safety Tips

What parents/guardians can do to protect their children

- Be involved and know your child's online activity.
- Keep the computer in an open area of the home.
- Remind children to protect their passwords; encourage them not to share passwords with friends.
- Use caution with web cams, unplug web cams when they're not in use.
- Be sure of whom they're talking to before allowing them to turn on a web cam.
- Make sure children are cautious with what they post online.
- Know their online friends the same way they know friends in real life.



All people smile in the same language.

Anonymous

CSC Nutrition Challenge for February

Include a yogurt to your child's lunch once a week. Add different toppings, such as, fruit, cereal, or sunflower seeds! You can also freeze yogurt sticks!