



ST JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



OPEN HOUSE 2014 Wednesday September 17, 2014 5:30— 7:30 pm
(Harvey's BBQ). Tour the School, Math Curriculum display

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**Before and After
School Program**
For information,
please contact
at 905-518-4694

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Principal's Message

On behalf of the Staff of St. John Paul II Catholic Elementary School, I would like to welcome our new families to our school community. A special welcome goes out to our new staff. I hope that everyone has had a restful summer. The staff at St John Paul II are looking forward to a great year.

We are in the planning stages of preparing many exciting and new activities for the school year. Please come out and join our Catholic School Council.

Dear students,

**Hold school in esteem!
Come to it joyfully;
consider it a great gift,
a fundamental right,
which, of course,
also involves duties.
The right to education is
the right to be fully human.
Best wishes!**



St. John Paul II

NEW School Times



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| School starts | 9:05 a.m. |
| Recess | 10:15 a.m.—10:30 a.m. |
| Lunch JK/K | 11:50 a.m.—12:40 p.m. |
| Lunch Gr.1-8 | 11:50 p.m.—12:20 (out) |
| | <u>12:20—12:40 (eat in)</u> |
| Recess | 1:50 p.m.—2:05 p.m. |
| Dismissal | 3:25 p.m. |

Contact Information

It is extremely important to inform the school when you change your telephone contact information (i.e. home, cell, work). Also, if you have moved it is necessary to inform us so new Tax Forms can be completed in order to continue your Catholic school tax support. Please submit changes in writing.

Reporting Students Absent or Late



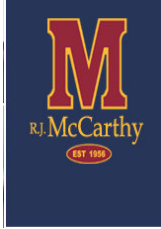
If your child is going to be absent or late for any reason (i.e. ill, appointment, slept in, vacation, sports tournament, dance recital, etc.) **please call the school at 905-525-1300**, and leave a message stating the student's name, teacher, grade and reason for the absence.

Also, students leaving school outside of regular dismissal times, must be picked up and signed out by a parent or guardian at the office.

Gr. 7 Confirmation News

Grade 7 Confirmation is to be celebrated on Sunday November 9, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Church. Father Ed Mahoney will be hosting a parent meeting at Corpus Christi Church. on Thursday, September 18th at 7:00pm

School Uniforms



Uniforms can be purchased from R.J. McCarthy Ltd. Hamilton store located at 125 Nebo Road. Store hours are Monday to Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Closed on Sundays and Statutory Holidays.

Before School Supervision

Unless enrolled in the BEFORE/ AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM, students are asked not to arrive at school before 8:50 a.m. Supervision will be provided



outside for bussed students beginning at their arrival time. Students will not be permitted inside unless there is inclement weather. If a teacher has requested that a student comes early, your child will be provided with a note.

Parking Lot Safety Concerns



Parents/guardians who use our parking lot are reminded to make SAFETY their first priority. If you are bringing your vehicle to school, we ask that you park in the parking lot on the North side of the building closest to the playground. This is also an excellent site for a "Drop Off" area. Students can be dropped off on the sidewalk leading to the playground and parents can continue to follow the driveway as they exit. Do not double park beside the vehicles in the "Pick Up" lane. This lane is for moving vehicles only and must be kept clear at all times. Allowing your children to leave or enter your vehicle in this lane endangers their lives. Students need a safe exit out of the playground, so please do not block walkways. Be patient. We all need to set a good example by demonstrating that we are never too rushed to practise safety.



Information for Bussed Students

Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS) Consortium mandate includes the provision of safe, effective and efficient transportation services for students for both Hamilton Wentworth District School Board and the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board. In the event that you require assistance from the HWSTS Consortium staff, call the Contact Centre, 1-800-691-6402, and provide them with details pertaining to your inquiry.

IF THE NATURE OF YOUR CALL IS AN EMERGENCY SAFETY ISSUE, PLEASE NOTIFY THE TELEPHONE OPERATOR OF THAT IMMEDIATELY.

HWCDSB

JK/SK Bus Tag Program



The School Board has a bus tag identification program in place for all Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten students to help ensure their safety. JK/SK Students who take the bus to and from school are required to wear an identification badge on a "tearaway" lanyard that displays the child's name, school identification code, bus number, stop location, as well as the School Board's logo and telephone number. An adult must accompany all JK/K students to and from the bus. Parents identify the names of individuals who are authorized to escort their child from the bus on a Form. These are the only individuals to whom the children will be released. If there is no adult present at the bus stop, the student will be returned to school and parents will be contacted to pick up. If parents need to make changes to the information regarding who is authorized to pick up their child, a new form must be submitted to the HWSTS. Changes will not be accepted by phone.

BJPII JK/SK Bussed Students



Your child's SAFETY is #1 priority!
All BJPII JK/SK students must wear their bus tag around their neck to and from school. Children who arrive **WITHOUT TAGS** will **NOT** be permitted to ride the school bus **home**. JK/K teachers will notify parents so they can drop off the tag or make alternate arrangements for pick up at school that day.

School Agendas



Consistent and effective communication between home and school is crucial for student success. Students use an agenda book to help them keep organized regarding homework assignments, trips, etc. It is important that parents review daily work and upcoming assignments every school day. Cost for an Agenda book is \$8.00



Electronic Equipment



In 2013 we have more calls for use of technology in schools. Classes can invite students to "Bring Your Own Device" (ex. E-readers, laptops) for use in the class as part of class activities. The HWCDSB supports responsible use of technology.

If a student is found using electronic equipment inappropriately, the item can be taken away, and their privileges reviewed. Only under special circumstances (notes signed by both parent and Principal) are exceptions made for cell phones. Privacy for all is the priority. Visit the HWCDSB website at the Board Policy link for more details.

Trip Forms and Regulations

The HWCDSB trip forms and regulations clearly state that: **TRIP FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE SUPERVISING TEACHER/ADVISOR AT LEAST 3 DAYS PRIOR TO THE TRIP/ACTIVITY.** Your cooperation in returning trip forms promptly to your child's teacher is appreciated.

School Volunteers

The HWCDSB requires that all school volunteers provide an original Hamilton Police Record Check including a Vulnerable Sector Search at their own expense. If you are interested in being a volunteer at the school, including accompanying your child on a class trip, please notify the School Office and a personalized letter which allows for a discounted rate on the Police Check will be provided.

Eco School – Lunches

BJPII is an ECO School. Please try to pack litterless lunches by using lunchboxes and reusable plastic containers for sandwiches and drinks. In order to help protect the environment, we will not be providing plastic spoons. If you send your child to school with a fruit cup, jello, pudding, pasta, etc. that requires something to eat it with, **be sure to pack a spoon.**



Nutrition Policy

There are a number of Ministry requirements we must adhere to regarding food in our school. These include all school sponsored events and daily activities. A Nutrition Team (consisting of School/Parent/Student representatives) will be educating and monitoring our efforts to promote healthy eating.

You can help by providing the healthiest food choices from home.



Student Birthdays



Birthdays are a time to celebrate! However, many requests are made to facilitate invitations and sharing of information at school.

Please understand that personal information is not released at schools for events of this nature.

**FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS,
DO NOT SEND IN FOOD TREATS**

Parent Conference 2014

The HWCDSB 20th Annual Parent Conference

is scheduled to take place on:

22nd Annual Parent Conference

Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School

1824 Rymal Road East

Saturday, November 1, 2014

call 905 525-2930 Ext. 2205.



Toys from Home

Toys are a very important part of learning and play. The JK/SK classrooms are equipped with lots of toys. Kindly keep all personal toys at home. They can easily be misplaced at school.



Labelling of Clothing

With all clothing looking the same, labelling of clothing eliminates confusion. There is a lost and found box at school that is usually overflowing with items that were lost and cannot be returned to the proper owner because they were not labelled.

Sick Children — Send to School or Stay at Home?



Deciding when a child is too sick to go to school can be a difficult decision for parents to make. Students with fever, colds, strep throat, vomiting, diarrhea, conjunctivitis (pink eye) and/or rashes should stay at home. Please consider the health of your child and the other children in the class before sending your child back to school. If children come to school, they will go outside for recesses.

Change of Clothes

Accidents happen at school which can result in clothes getting wet and/or dirty and needing to be changed. It is important that you send a change of clothes with your child everyday. Please put the clothes in a Ziploc bag so that it can be reused to put the wet clothes in to be returned home. Please check the bag daily to ensure the clothes being sent to school are clean.

NEW: Parents on Play Yard

Safety is our first priority. So to this end Parents are to stand on the outside of the fence and allow their children to go into the play yard alone. Also Dogs are not allowed on the play yard at no time.



BJPII School Newsletters

NEWSLETTERS ARE ON THE WEB.
at www.hwcdsb.ca

Under the heading **Schools**—
click on **Blessed John Paul II**

Click on **School Website** (tab at right)

Under the heading **Media & Calendar**—
click on **School Newsletters**

If you do not have access to computer/internet,
please write a note to your child's teacher
requesting a hard copy.

ITALIAN CLASSES

Italian classes will be held at St. Marguerite D'Youville (Bonaparte Way) every Monday from 5:30 -8:00 p.m.
Registrations Begin Monday September 9, 2013.

Italian classes will also be held at St. Michael's School (Hester Street) every Thursday from 5:30—8:00 p.m..
Registrations begin Thursday September 12, 2013 from 5:30—8:00 p.m.

All classes are for children JK/SK

WANTED Coaches for our School teams

Fielding sports teams in schools requires the whole community of Staff, Parents and Student Volunteers. Should you be interested in coaching (Flag Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Cross Country and track) please let us know in the Main Office. Games start soon.