



# ST JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OCTOBER 2014 NEWSLETTER



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

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We are on the web!  
[www.hwcdsb.ca/stjohnpaul/index.htm](http://www.hwcdsb.ca/stjohnpaul/index.htm)

Almighty God, through Your Heavenly guidance St. John Paul II brought joy to so many of Your people. Joy to the children – Joy to the elderly - Joy to those in need of comfort and mercy.

His message of peace and his extraordinary efforts have had a profound affect on the world we live in. We thank You for His inspiration, and rejoice in the legacy of St John Paul II.



## Principal's Message

October is a month in which many celebrate the harvest. The time and effort throughout the year is evident in the harvest. As we begin our second month at school this year we, too, can take stock of what we have done to grow in our life. We continue to be called to be the "Salt of the Earth and Light of the World."

We dedicate time this month to Thanksgiving. Thanks for all the blessings God has bestowed on us. Thanks for health, happiness and time with each other. God has given us so much as evidence of His love for us and we are called to share that love with others both close to us and who are less fortunate. As we gather around our tables may we recall the "Thanks" and the "Giving."

Through our Student Council we support bringing in canned goods and non-perishable items for those in need. More details for requests to come.

## ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

At the Catholic School Meeting which was held on Thursday, September 25, 2015, The St John Paul II Catholic School Council for 2014 - 2015 is:

Chair	Mrs. N. Cocca
Vice Chair	Mrs. M. Tullo
Treasurer	Mrs. M. Bozzo
Secretary	Mrs. J. Durlow
Councilor	Mrs. E. Butera
Councilor	Mrs. R. Berrie
Councilor	Mrs. N. Bozzo
Councilor	Mrs. L. Guerriero
Councilor	Mrs. S. Infanti
Councilor	Mrs. S Machado

Congratulations to those voting members listed above.

All parents are invited to come out to our meetings. We appreciate your input and support.

Please mark the following dates for the Catholic School Council Meetings for the 2013 - 2014 School Year on your calendars.

**Meetings start at 6:00 p.m. in the St. John Paul II Staff Room**

**\*tentative dates to be determined with a model to use the 2nd Tuesday each month**

Tuesday October 14

Tuesday November 11

Tuesday January 13

Tuesday February 10

Tuesday April 14

Tuesday May 12

Tuesday June 9

Remember, all parents are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

## SUPERVISION ON SCHOOL YARD BEFORE BELL

A reminder to parents that students are not to arrive at school before 8:50 a.m., unless they are enrolled in the Before/After School Program. There will be no supervision on the yard until that time. Supervision will be provided outside for bussed students beginning at their arrival time. Students will not be permitted inside the school unless there is inclement weather (and only after 8:50a.m.). If a teacher has requested that a student comes early for sports, help in class, etc., your child will be provided with a note.



## FDKELKP Bus Tag Program

### ALL FDELKP STUDENTS MUST HAVE THEIR BUS TAG TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

Children who arrive without TAGS will NOT be permitted to ride the school bus home.

If tag is forgotten/lost, FDELKP teachers will notify you as early as possible in the morning so families can make alternate arrangements for pick-up at school that day.

(ex. Drop off the tag and/or identify alternate pick up arrangements).



## School Newsletters

St. John Paul II School newsletters are available on our website:

[www.hwcdsb.ca](http://www.hwcdsb.ca) And under schools select ours.

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

## School Uniforms

Parents/Guardians and students are once again reminded to Review our School Uniform Policy. (Copies can be downloaded from our school web-site). The spirit of the Uniform policy is that we stress modesty, a sense of family or team, and promote our Catholicity in proudly wearing a uniform that bears the name of Blessed or St. John Paul II.

**NOTE:** SJPII Crests are available at the School will be sold at a cost of \$2.00.

## Health and Safety for All

We continue to ask that all staff, students and families practice good hand washing and cough etiquette as we enter our second month of school. We continue to take direction from Public Health. Should anyone in our school community feel the effects of "flu-like" symptoms it is in the best interests for their health, and the health of others, that they stay home and seek medical advice. We want all to enjoy school, home and work. Thank you for your co-operation.

### PARKING LOT SAFETY

Cars are parking at the entrance and blocking others from entering. This is dangerous. TICKETS CAN BE ISSUED.



## Reporting Students Absent or Late

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

Also, students leaving school for any reason outside of regular dismissal times, must be picked up and signed out by a parent or guardian at the office. Please note that for the safety of the students, they will remain in the classrooms until the parent arrives in the office to pick-up.

## EQAO for 2013 (Gr. 3 and 6)

Our School /Board/Province results as well as individual results for our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students are in. ( NA.. Not Available)

	GRADE 3			GRADE 6		
	School/Board/Province	School/Board/Province	School/Board/Province	School/Board/Province	School/Board/Province	School/Board/Province
Reading	72	69	NA	85	78	NA
Writing	90	81	NA	85	83	NA
Math	59	66	NA	54	54	NA

## HWCDSB Parent Conference



The HWCDSB 21th Annual Parent Conference is scheduled to take place on:

**Saturday November 1, 2014**

**from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.**

**at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary**

**1824 Rymal Road E. Hannon, ON**

For more information, call 905 525-2930 Ext. 2205.

# Visited e-math+?

Make math fun by connecting math learning in the classroom and at home with e-math+.



A *Getting Started* package that includes access information has been sent home with all students in Grades 3–6.

To learn how you can make the most of all the features available on e-math+, watch the tutorial video at [www.nelson.com/emathplus](http://www.nelson.com/emathplus)



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## Catholic School Council Nutrition News for October

### October Nutrition Tip Healthy Halloween Treats

Halloween does not always have to mean sticky candy or chocolate, there are a lot of healthy or non-food items that can be fun as a treat as well. A banana cut horizontally with raisin eyes or a mandarin with the jack-o-lantern face drawn on the skin with a marker both make healthy and fun treats!

Remember, kids always love pencils, stickers and moulding dough as well.

### Pizza Days/Sub Days



We will be having Pizza Days every Wednesday. Orders are taken on Monday and the order is placed for our supplier on that day. **No extra pizzas** are ordered for students to

buy on pizza days

SUB FORMS will be out a week before sub days. The form has due dates written right on the top section.

We hope you enjoy your food days and all money raised will go towards subsidizing school trips and to educational materials for your child.

### School Bell Times



School starts	9:05 a.m.
Recess	10:15 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
Lunch Gr. 1-8	11:50 a.m.—12:40 p.m.
Lunch FDELKP	11:50 a.m.—12:40 p.m.
Recess	1:50 p.m.—2:05 p.m.
Dismissal	3:25 p.m.

Parents/Guardians: Please note that the students in Grades 1 to 8 will be outside from 11:50 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. At 12:20 p.m., they will go inside to eat their lunches.

The students in JK/K eat their lunches at 11:50 a.m.

## Virtues Assembly

During the month of September we celebrated and learned about the Virtue of Faith. Winners for the school are Kiana, Alex, Astreja, Joshua, Adrian, Jenna, Giorgia, Julia, Elyse, Joseph, Jayda, Indee, Olivia, Aidan, Emma, Melissa, Adrian, Mia, Paolo, Massimo, Luca, Erica, Faith, Riley Matthew, Olivia, Julia, Nicholas, Angelica, Stefania, Haileigh, George, Javier, Olivia. CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners

October's Virtue will be **Empathy**

### Parents and Family After Hours in the building

It is becoming more and more a concern that families are entering the school after the day ends to pick up homework and/or lost items.

We appreciate that children sometimes forget homework. We understand that clothing items have value and families do not want them missing.

**However, we need to be reminded that items can remain at school and that lessons are learned that way as well. We all just want to ensure it does not become a habit.**

We have Before and After Program Supervisors who are responsible for the safety and supervision of students under their care. Custodial and Cleaners have to clean the building. It can be very upsetting for them to encounter students and/or adults in the hallways unexpectedly.

**Please do not go through the halls after hours.**

Should you have questions call Mr.MacIsaac.