EMPATHY    FAITH    HONESTY    RESPECT

Be it known to all who enter here that Jesus is the reason for this school.
He is the unknown but ever present teacher in its classes.
He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.

LUNCHBOX ORDERS
To start this year, we offer daily milk and pizza on alternate Fridays through LunchBox Orders. We are trying to gather data on the preferences of our families in terms of what to offer as an optional lunch service for families who wish to participate. A number of Wellington Catholic schools offer parents the opportunity to order multiple times per week.

We need to know the amount of days to offer Lunch Box lunches as well as which food items students prefer. All Lunch Box orders food is in compliance with the Ontario Ministry healthy requirements.

Reminder, this is a totally optional program. It is a service for families if they wish, and a small amount of the cost is fund raising that goes directly to our school. All ordering and payments are done online.

Please visit the following link to voice your preferences for this year’s program:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SF3PMSD

THANK YOU MR. AND MRS. MENRATH
Thank you very much to Ms. Menrath’s wonderful parents who worked hard with a special helper to make the front of our school’s garden beds look wonderful! We appreciate your efforts for our school.

SCHOOL MASS
Our next school mass is on Tuesday, October 18th. All families are invited to join us.

HALLOWEEN 2016
On Tuesday, October 31st, all students are invited to wear Halloween costumes or orange and black for the morning. Costumes must be appropriate for school. Students are not to wear masks. Please ensure that students have clothes to change into for the p.m. Please consider a donation to our classroom charities in lieu of treats this Halloween.

TERRY FOX RUN
On Tuesday, September 27th, the staff and students demonstrated awesome participation as they participated in our own Terry Fox event. Thank you to Mrs. Hammond for organizing this event and thank you to all who donated to this very worthy cause. In total, we raised $300.00 in total.

ATTENDANCE
If your child is going to be absent or late on a particular day, we ask that you communicate this absence through your child’s AGENDA Book or by calling 519 (823-2455) before school begins to report this absence.

Attendance is checked daily. If we cannot reach a parent at home, on a cell, or at the work place, the emergency contact will be called. If a student’s absence is not accounted for by 9:15 a.m., police may be called.

MEDICAL DANGER-ANAPHYLAXIS
Our school has students with serious allergies to food products. The nut allergy is widespread throughout the school and we ask parents to please send only nut-free food with their children. We also have serious, anaphylactic allergies to dairy in Mrs. Sewell’s FDK and in Mr. Doyle’s classrooms. We hope to provide a safe environment for the students by enlisting the support of parents and students. We realize that this request may require added effort and care; however, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your support and understanding of these serious conditions. If your child has a severe allergy that may require treatment, please be sure to complete the appropriate forms from the first day package and return to the school as soon as possible.
FOCUS ON CHARITY
On Friday, October 14th our students are going to be having presentations from Chalice. “Chalice’s ‘I Can Tell Your Story’ invitation asks us to be a voice for those who are not heard.” Please visit http://icantellyourstory.org/ for more information on this wonderful Catholic organization. After the Chalice presentations, teachers are going to have their students select a charity of choice for their classroom. They are going to focus on this charity as their personal fund raising project. Over the course of the year, there are a variety of occasions where parents send in treats for their child’s class: Halloween, Christmas, Valentine’s Day, Easter, and often birthdays. With our focus on charity, and with all of our serious, anaphylaxis allergies, we ask that in lieu of treats (cake, cupcakes, candy and "toy" items like stickers, erasers, etc.) families consider making a small donation to the classroom charity. This will be able to be done on line or in person. It is very important that parents know what the classroom charity is and that they connect their donation to this charity with their child. Our primary aim is to teach our children that we are truly blessed, and that in faith, as modeled by Jesus, we are expected to support those in need. Working together, we can teach our children to be responsible citizens and make a difference. Thank you in advance for your support.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
Congratulations and thank you to our new CSC executive:
Chair – Robbyn McLellan    Vice-Chair- Joanne Hasson
Secretary – Ian Bier    Treasurer – Aileen Nelson
Our next meeting is on Monday, October 17th. All parents are invited to attend.

SCHOOL TEAMS
There are two items around school sports that we need to communicate for safety reasons.

1. Siblings of students on sports teams are not permitted to stay on site for practices and games unless directly supervised by their parents. Unfortunately, our coaches are focused on the players and practices/games and we do not have staff available to supervise siblings. Please make alternate arrangements for siblings.

2. Students are not allowed to stay and watch peers in school games unless they bring in the signed permission form. This form can be found on our website. This form needs to be signed each time a child wishes to watch as we need to know that parents have provided their child with permission, understanding the expectations in place, and recognizing that there is no supervision for spectators.

We appreciate our staff offering their services in terms of co-curriculars. And, we appreciate your understanding and co-operation in these matters.

HANLON CREEK NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP NEWS

HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA!
Date: Thursday, October 27
Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Location: Jean Little gym, 56 Youngman Dr.
Come in your Halloween best for some fun activities and meet your neighbours.

* All neighbourhood group events listed are free and everyone is welcome. Children must be supervised by their parents. *

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH
Parenting can help their children develop emotional and mental well-being by assisting them to develop strategies and skills for coping with stress. Parents can do so by allowing their children to experience a little stress, so they will learn to cope with bigger stresses. Teach them how to handle stress: breathe deeply, talk in a self-calming way, discuss their feelings with friends and family, actively work at problem solving, talk to God and listen in their heart for his response. With their parents help, children can learn the skills needed to ensure resiliency in the inevitable ups and downs of life.

From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH
New love spurs us on to spend as much time as possible with each other. Once we marry we can get so caught up in the demands of work, home and family that we can lose the sense of connection that pulled us toward each other at the start. Preparing and eating dinner together, sharing a walk, enjoying a good movie, attending Mass, or reading a book together are all great examples of ways to create a stronger couple connection.

Building this connection is an important way to form a strong and lasting relationship. Spend time together and see where it takes you!

From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office

THIS MONTH IN THE STINGER’S LIBRARY …
Thank you to all that participated in our Bookaneer Pirate Book Fair! With sales of over $3200, we reached our goal of surpassing last year’s success! ALSO, we gave away $400 in Scholastic books to our students and staff for their amazing support. Here are some of the title we picked up from the fair.
SPECIAL DATES/EVENTS

October 17 – 19  Gr. 8 to Camp Muskoka
October 17       CSC Meeting @7:00 p.m.
October 18       School Mass @ 9:00 a.m.
October 25       Applause Breakfast
October 28       PD Day – No School For Students
November 4       Confirmation Retreat For Gr. 7 Students
November 12      Confirmation Mass 10:30 a.m.
November 22      School Mass @ 9:00 a.m.
November 25      PD Day - No School For Students
November 29      Director’s Visit to St. Michael’s –
                 Welcome Mrs. Nugent
December 7       Confession @ 9:00 a.m.
December 22      Christmas Concert:
                 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Performance
                 7:00 p.m. Evening Performance.
December 23      Last Day of Classes Before Christmas Break
Christmas Break  December 26 through January 6
January 9, 2017  First Day Back to School Following Christmas
                 Break
March Break      March 13 - 17

HAPPY THANKSGIVING