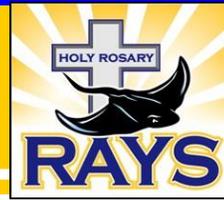


The Rays' Report



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Welcome to Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School for the 2016 - 2017 school year. The staff and I are very excited to start another year with this great community. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer and that the students are excited about their return.

Our goal at Holy Rosary is to create a Christ-centred, positive, encouraging and stimulating learning environment for our students so that each child will have the opportunity to learn, experience and grow to his or her potential. A child's attitudes, values, and self-concepts are molded at home and at school; therefore a positive and mutually supportive home/school partnership is essential to encourage learning, skill development, self-discipline, responsibility, respect for self, others and the environment, appropriate values and a sense of self-worth. We look forward to your continued support throughout the 2016 - 2017 school year.

The motto at Holy Rosary School is "I am My Choices". By using this motto as our communal thinking and way of looking at things we can live in a loving and successful environment. We will continue to challenge each person to do something positive every day in our school and local community. We invite you, the Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School community, to join with us in following our motto. We will see the great results of our choices in all that we do.

Our theme for this year is "Using Our Gifts" and we will regularly remind the students about how blessed they are and we'll encourage them to reach their potential academically, spiritually, socially and athletically.

Each year The Diocese of Hamilton celebrates Catholic Education with a special mass. This year we are lucky enough to have it in our own back yard at St. Jerome's University. The mass is at 5pm on September 22nd and there is always a lovely reception to follow. Please consider joining me at this year's mass.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, September 15th from 5-7pm at our open house night where you will have a chance to meet your child's teacher. The pre ordered pizza will be available by 5pm and drinks will be sold by our grade 8 students.

I look forward to continuing to work with the entire community to see the students of Holy Rosary excel!
 God bless,
 Paul Gladding
 Principal

WCDSB MISSION
 "As disciples of Christ, we educate and nurture hope in all learners to realize their full potential to transform God's world."

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH
 "Use Your Gifts"

WCDSB VISION
 "Our Catholic schools: heart of
FROM THE

PRINCIPAL'S
DESK...
 Dear Parents/Guardians,
 the community -- success for each, a
 place for all."

"NEWS FROM THE WE TEAM"
 Wow, Holy Rosary! You did an awesome job of supporting all of our initiatives last year and we look forward to your continued support in 2016-2017!

Our School Motto

WE DAY 2016 will be on Wednesday October 18th at the Air Canada Center in Toronto! We are starting to meet soon and interested students are asked to speak to Mrs. Lecki, 9 students will be selected to

“I AM MY CHOICES”

accompany Mrs. Lecki to WE day. Applications for WE day and the WE team will be available soon

The first We Team event will be the Terry Fox Run on September 28th.

Holy Rosary Catholic School Council

The Holy Rosary Catholic School Council is a terrific group of dedicated parents that come together throughout the year to organize and run events, fundraise money for school initiatives and stay in touch with events and programs at the school, across the board and the

<http://holyrosary.wcdsb.ca/>

province. We are always happy to have new members, the first meeting will be on Tuesday, October 4th at 6:30 in the Library. All interested parents are welcome.

Healthy, Active Living Fit Bit

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We are Making it Happen: Healthy Food at School

As you may be aware, WCDSB has been actively working towards creating a healthy school nutrition environment. Since our Elementary School Food and Nutrition Policy was adopted in 2009, we have seen many positive changes in our schools.

Here are some nutrition success stories that we can be proud of!

- School nutrition teams are being formed in schools and student-led nutrition activities are now underway.
- Schools are selling pizza that meets maximum nutritional value standards. Whole grain pizza with lean meat, vegetables and lower fat cheese is now sold.
- Teachers are using non-food rewards in the classroom more often.
- Healthy snacking guidelines are used in the classroom. Students can eat a healthy snack during instructional time.
- Catered lunch and pizza vendors are changing their menus to reflect WCDSB nutrition policy standards.
- Parents are sending in healthier options for classroom celebrations and events.
- Together we are helping our students gain healthy eating habits that will help them learn, grow, be active and stay healthy for life.



Parking, Safety, peanuts and Cell phone reminder

Parking - Thank you for starting off the year in a safe manner for the children. Please remember that the school parking lot is for staff and daycare parking only. It is not a throughway for dropping off students. Please respect this safe area and park or drop off your children on the surrounding streets. The safety of our students is the responsibility of all Holy Rosary community members.

Peanuts - Holy Rosary is a peanut free school. We do not allow peanuts, other nuts, nut products or nut substitutes. Please respect this expectation when you are making lunches at home as this could be a life or death matter for one of our kids.

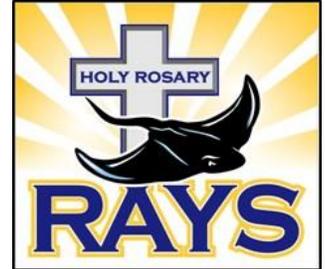
Cell Phones - are not permitted at Holy Rosary. They are not to be seen or used at any time. If your family has decided that your child should have one and they carry it with them, the expectation is that it is never seen or heard and that the school has no responsibility if it is lost or stolen. If a student is found using a cell phone (or similar device) the staff member will confiscate it until the end of the day.

Walk to School - for your health and for fun!!

NEW Holy Rosary Rays T-Shirts and Spirit wear

We love our Rays t-shirts and it is nice to see the pride the students can take in their school by wearing them. We are sizing up the students for new shirts this week and we hope to have the **new shirts** in by the end of the month. We will ask the students to wear them for special events and celebrations throughout the year.

Last year before Christmas we did an order for a wide range of Holy Rosary spirit wear. We will do this again later in the fall so items can be purchased and delivered before Christmas.



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VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

Our Theme For This Year and "virtue" for this month is "Use Your Gifts!"

We certainly will continue encourage everyone to make good choices and to be awesome! We have a new theme for this year. We want everyone to use their God given gifts and talents. This theme is based on the following quote from Pope Francis: "Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given to you! Do not be afraid of great things!" We explained this idea throughout the first week and at our assembly last Friday.

St. Agatha School Closure Review

As you know there is a review this year regarding the closure of St. Agatha school. The first 2 meetings of the review are October 5th, 6pm at the Board Office and October 20th, 6pm at Holy Rosary. As part of the review process, there are 2 parent reps required from each school that is involved, attached with today's newsletter you will find info about the role and an application form, if you are interested and willing to act as an ARC committee member please submit your application to me by September 21st.

Holy Rosary School's Awesome Staff

2016-2017

Principal - Paul Gladding

Early Years Teachers

JK/SK Doreen Msuya Rm. 1
JK/SK **ECE** Christie Braendle Rm. 1
JK/SK Lyndsay O'Halloran Rm. 2

Primary Division Teachers

Gr. 1 Barbara McCourt Rm. 4
Gr. 2 Donna McLellan Rm. 5
Gr. 2/3 MaryLou Micheli Rm. 10
Gr. 3/4 Tawnya Dosman Rm. 9

Junior Division Teachers

Gr. 4 Marilyn Holm Rm. 13
Gr. 4 Luis DaCosta Rm. 11
Gr. 5 Tracey Schnarr Rm. 12
Gr. 5/6 Colleen Lavigne Rm. 15

Intermediate Division Teachers

Gr. 6/7 Les Robelek Rm. 17
Gr. 7/8 Butch Weiler Rm. 18
Gr. 8 Heather Lecki Rm. 19

French Teachers

Alec Campbell, Heidi Vanstone

Special Education Teacher

Andrew Gordon

Planning Time Teacher

Marian Mitchell

LOLOL Parish Youth Catechist

Paula Rush

Educational Assistants

Deb Sampson, Nella Gibson
Sharon Szymkowski, Mary Roth

CYCW

Racquel Marchand

Library Technicians

Anne Woodrow

Lunch Hour Supervisors

Lisa Mueller, Maria Carvajal-Grajales

Itinerant Teachers

Dan Kelley, Marilyn Lajeunesse,
Natalie Kroetsch

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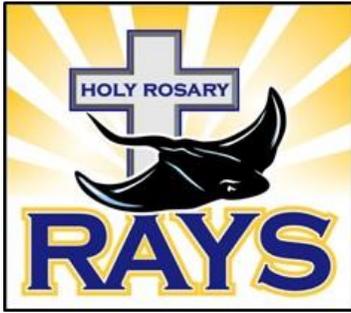
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Dates to Remember

September:

- 6 - First Day of School
- 9 - Virtue Assembly - 1:50 p.m.
- 9 - yearbook arrived and go home
- 15 - Picture Day - for all students and staff
- 15 - Open House Pizza orders due Thursday, September 15 - 5:00- 7:00 p.m.
- 19 - ESNS - Lunch Days for Students will Start!
- 22 - Diocesan Mass Celebrating Catholic Education at St. Jerome's - 5pm
- 22 - Grade 7 Paradise Lake Parent Meeting - 6:30pm



- 23 - PD Day - No school for students
- 28 - Terry Fox Run - morning
- 30 - Grade 4 Bible Celebration 12:30 p.m.

October

- 5 - First School Council Meeting - 6:30pm
- 5,6,7 - Paradise Lake - Grade 7's
- 7 - Feast of The Holy Rosary - opening school mass 9:15 OL of Lourdes
- 10 - Thanksgiving Monday
- 14 - Q-MACK

Visitor/volunteers, Picking up Children
& Entry into the school

We are required to keep a safe and secure facility at all times. All visitors (parents or otherwise) are required to stop at the office to sign in and check in with Mrs. Santarossa, even if you “just need to see my child’s teacher for a second”.

All visitors and volunteers (parents or otherwise) must wear a badge to identify that they have been seen and checked in at the office. Once you have checked in, please collect a badge from the sign-in table. Please do not come in unannounced to see your child’s teacher; please contact them through the office to arrange a time to meet and they will be happy to accommodate you.

When picking up your child, please wait at the front of the school or on the public paths at the back, please do not come into the school to pick them up.

Holy Rosary School Hours

Morning Bell	- 8:20 A.M.
A.M. Recess	- 9:30–9:45 A.M.
Lunch	- 11:05 A.M.–12:05 P.M.
P.M. Recess	- 1:25–1:40 P.M.
Dismissal	- 2:50 P.M.

Important Dates for 2016 - 2017

Sep. 6	First Day of School
Sep. 15	Photo Day
Sep. 15	Open House (Meet the Teacher Night)
Sep. 23	P.A. Day
Oct. 7	Holy Rosary Feast Day and Mass
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Monday
Oct. 21	P.A. Day
Nov. 8	Progress Reports distributed
Nov. 10	Parent, Student & Teacher Conferences
Nov. 18	P.A. Day
Dec. 9	P.A. Day
Dec. 26–Jan. 6	Christmas Break
Jan. 27	P.A. Day
Feb. 16	First Term Report Cards distributed
Feb. 20	Family Day
Mar. 13-17	March Break
Apr. 7	P.A. Day
Apr. 14	Good Friday
Apr. 17	Easter Monday
May 22	Victoria Day
June 2	P.A. Day
June 27	Second Term Report Cards distributed
Jun. 30	Last Day of School