



## St. James the Apostle Catholic Elementary School



Superintendent: Mr. C. Ciapanna

Principal: Mr. M. De Angelis

Assistant to the Principal: Mrs. J. Cannon

Trustees: Mr. P. DiFrancesco & Mrs. M. Nardini

Principal of Bishop Ryan: Mr. E. Picconi

School Secretary: Mrs. P. Ferrari

Pastor of Our Lady of Assumption Parish: Father D. Wilhelm

Mass Times: Saturday @ 5:00 pm Sunday @ 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 am

We are a proud feeder school of Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School

# October 2015

## Reflection: Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11

**I will praise your name for ever, LORD.**

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

**I will praise your name for ever, LORD.**

## Principal's Message

The month of October with all its autumn splendour, beauty and serenity is upon us. In October we celebrate Thanksgiving. It is truly a time to be thankful for all the blessings that have been bestowed on us. We are thankful to Father Wilhelm for his prayers and inspirational words at our first school Mass on September 24<sup>th</sup>. We are thankful to the staff and families in our community who work with great care for the best interests of our students.

It was very nice to see so many people at the annual "Meet the Teacher" barbeque on September 21<sup>st</sup>. This continues to demonstrate your wonderful support for the school and its activities. There has been a smooth transition to the new school year. Staff, students and parents continue to work together to make St. James the Apostle Catholic Elementary School a place of faith, teamwork and excellence. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Yours in Catholic Education,  
Mr. M. De Angelis  
Principal

## October: Month of the Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, and the Feast of the Holy Rosary is October 7<sup>th</sup>. The Rosary is one of the best known and favourite prayers of the Church, and Pope John Paul II did much to renew and promote devotion to it. "He declared October 2002-October 2003 the Year of the Rosary, wrote a beautiful Apostolic Letter titled "The Rosary of the Virgin Mary", and added five more "mysteries" to the already existing fifteen so as to commemorate the important events in the public ministry of Jesus. These he called "The Luminous Mysteries": The Baptism of Our Lord, The Wedding Feast at Cana, The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God and the Call to Repentance, The Transfiguration of Our Lord, the Institution of the Eucharist...Pope John Paul saw the Rosary...as a prayer to God for the gift of peace, peace in our world and in our families."

Jerry Creedon

## MONTH OF THE ROSARY

As a school we will pray the Hail Mary daily during morning announcements. As a family try to keep Mary in your daily prayers and whenever possible, pray Mary's most special prayer, "The Rosary."

### Hail Mary

**Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed are thou amongst women  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners,  
Now and at the hour of our death  
AMEN**

## Thanksgiving Food Drive 2015



### **Feeding the Community**

The Good Shepherd Food Drive begins on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and end on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Our goal as students that attend a Catholic school is to help others in need. The St. James community has always been generous in the past and therefore, look forward to your continuous support. **Baby food, salmon, pasta, pork and beans, peas, canned stew, canned vegetables, rice, crackers, cereal, instant oatmeal, pancake mix or syrup will be appreciated.**

The student council reps will be tallying the amount of donations that come in daily and the class with the most donations will be given an ice cream party (peanut/tree nut free). God Bless the St. James the Apostle School community and thank you in advance.

## Anaphylaxis

**St. James the Apostle is a place where all children feel safe and have a sense of belonging. To ensure the safety and well-being of all children, please note below important information from Anaphylaxis Canada:**

- Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death;
- Signs and symptoms of a severe allergic reaction can occur within minutes of exposure to an allergen (a substance capable of causing an allergic reaction)
- Very small amounts of certain foods can cause severe reactions when eaten. This may happen if a person at risk touches an allergenic substance and then subsequently touches the mouth. Even a very small amount 'hidden' in a food or transferred to a serving utensil has the potential to cause a severe allergic reaction. Direct ingestion of an allergy-causing food poses the greatest risk for people with food allergies.

**Cooperation from parent and guardians in adhering to the guidelines below is most appreciated:**

- **There are students at this school who are allergic to the following foods and items: peanuts, all tree nuts and mangos.**
- Parents will be advised of allergens specific to a classroom; please avoid bringing these allergens into the designated classroom.
- Reinforce hand washing practices: wash hands before and after eating.
- Remind children not to share or trade food, food utensils, or food containers.
- **Please do NOT bring any home-made food products into the school;** with permission, non-food items are permitted for various celebrations and special events and activities.

**Thank you for your help in keeping all our children safe.**

## Picture Day



This year, our school picture day will take place on Thursday, October 1, 2015 for the entire school.

## St. James the Apostle Student Council

### 2015-2016

I proudly present to you the St. James the Apostle Student Council for 2015-2016:

**President:** Emma G.  
**Vice President:** Jorrin L.  
**Treasurer:** Madelene L.  
**Secretary:** Daniella O.

### Class Representatives 2015-2016

#### **Mrs. Malatesta**

Class Reps: Sophia F. Cecelia B.

#### **Mrs. DiFilippo**

Class Reps: Julia J. Noah H.

#### **Mrs. Caliri**

Class Reps: Jazmine J. Nevan L.

#### **Mr. Sebben**

Class Reps: Mia H. Macy M.

#### **Mrs. Cannon**

Class Reps: Luca G. Gina G.

#### **Mr. Jovanovic**

Class Reps: Katarina J.

### Catholic School Council

On Wednesday, September 21, 2015 our Catholic School Council Elections occurred. I proudly present to you the 2015-2016 St. James the Apostle Catholic School Council:

<b>Chair</b>	—	<b>Mrs. D. Oresti</b>
<b>Co-Chair</b>	—	<b>Mrs. J. Alves</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	—	<b>Mrs. G. Azevedo</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	—	<b>Mrs. C. Moniz</b>
<b>Principal</b>	—	<b>Mr. M. De Angelis</b>
<b>Teacher Rep</b>	—	<b>Mrs. J. Cannon</b>
<b>Alternate</b>	—	<b>Mrs. L. Caliri</b>
<b>Parish Rep</b>	—	<b>Mrs. G. Bartolozzi</b>
<b>Community Rep</b>	—	<b>Mrs. J. Alves</b>
<b>Councilors</b>	—	<b>Mrs. C. Bianco</b>
		<b>Mrs. R. Destro</b>
		<b>Mrs. R. Di Giovanni</b>
		<b>Mrs. Levesque</b>
		<b>Mrs. A. Neglia</b>

## C.S.C. Meeting Dates

The Catholic School Council will meet on the following dates:

**Monday, October 26, 2015**

**Monday, November 30, 2015**

**Monday, January 18, 2016**

**Monday, February 29, 2016**

**Monday, May 16, 2016**

All meetings are at 6 :45 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Staffroom.

### **Security:**

#### **Visitors and Appointments**

To maintain a safe school, it is imperative that all visitors report to the school office using the front door including parents dropping off lunches and other items. **Please refrain from walking your child to their classroom. Please refrain from going to your child's classroom without permission for the office.** If you are volunteering please sign in at the office. If you are having a scheduled interview with a teacher, please sign in. Please obtain a visitor's badge after signing in. Anyone entering the school building without office identification will be redirected to do so.

If you are picking up your child for an appointment please report to the office. Contact by a written note or phone call must be made to the school informing them of the necessary arrangements. The classroom teacher will send the student to the office at the appropriate time and the parent/guardian will meet the child at the office.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

At school we will continue to have all our students with crested tops. Our uniform supplier is JML Uniforms located at 95 Parkdale Ave. N., phone #905-544-1608. The school crest will be available in the office for \$4.00. Pant wear is Docker style, plain twill walking shorts and skorts (navy blue). **Fleece pants, track pants, Kobe and cargo pants are not allowed as uniform pieces.** Tops

are golf shirts, polo shirts and turtle necks (white or navy blue). Please see the poster at the front of the school for clarification.

## WEAR YELLOW DAY



**International Walk to School Day 2015**

**Celebrate Wear Yellow Day!**

**Students, parents and staff are encouraged to WEAR YELLOW and WALK or BIKE to school on Wednesday, October 7, 2015**

**Wear yellow & celebrate active transportation.  
Join the Movement!**

## SUB DAY

We will be having our first Sub Day this year on **Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**. The subs will be ordered from Foodland Mount Albion this year. Order forms will be distributed on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. **Please return all sub forms to the school**, even if you have submitted your order on-line. Also, all sub forms are to be given to the class rep and not to the office. Thank you.

## HWCDsb PARENT CONFERENCE 2015

This year's theme will be "*Weaving the Catholic Partnership*" at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School, on Saturday, November 7, 2015 beginning at 9:00 a.m. with the celebration of Mass. The Mass celebrant is Bishop Crosby. If you are interested in attending this wonderful event please contact the office. Registration forms will be available in our main office area or at [www.hwcdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.hwcdsb.edu.on.ca)

## Telecommunication Devices & Cell Phones

Please refrain from having your child bring mobile digital devices to school such as laptops, personal electronic audio, video and photographic and telecommunication devices **unless the teacher deems the use of the devices appropriate for educational purposes. These devices are only to be used under teacher supervision.** As per Board Policy:

**"Cell phones and other personal mobile devices must not interfere with the instructional environment. However, the teacher may deem the use of mobile digital devices appropriate for educational purpose."**

Cell phones must be turned off during the school day. If your child needs to use a phone for an emergency situation, the office phone is available. **The Board assumes no responsibility for the safety and security, loss recovery, repair or replacement of mobile digital devices. The storage of these devices is the sole responsibility of the owner/user.**

If mobile digital devices such as cell phones disrupt classroom instruction, they may be taken away and returned to the student or parent after the instructional day.



## FUND RAISING

The school will host a "Monster Mash Move-a-thon" fund raiser on Friday, October 30, 2015. Further information will follow in October. Money that is raised will go towards out-of-school learning activities, co-instructional activities and curriculum support.

Last year the disbursement of fund raising money went to activities such as: a wall mounted projector with an interactive board, purchasing of apples and clementine's for students, NERF style utility balls for recess, Pancake Tuesday, nutrition for Play Day, no charge for agendas, offset bussing costs for various trips throughout the year, and \$12.00 per student for their year-end trips.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION

**INFORMATION MEETING**—Parents are to choose one of the following dates and times to attend:  
Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. **or**  
Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. **or**  
Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Books for families to use in helping their child prepare for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion will be available at the meeting. The cost of these two books is \$30.00.

**IMMEDIATE PREPARATION MEETING**—Parents are to choose one of the following dates and times to attend:  
Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. **or**  
Sunday, January 10, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. **or**  
Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

**All parent meetings are held in Our Lady of the Assumption Parish.**



**First Reconciliation Celebration** is Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

**First Holy Communion** is Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

## CONFIRMATION

**CONFIRMATION PARENTS and CANDIDATE INFORMATION MEETING**—Parents of grade 7 students are to choose one of the following dates and times to attend:

Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. **or**  
Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. **or**  
Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

**The Confirmation Enrollment Ceremony**—Students are asked to attend any of the Masses on the weekend of **February 20 and 21, 2016. (Saturday, 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.)**

**Confirmation for our grade 7 students will be held on Friday, May 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

**All parent meetings are held in Our Lady of the Assumption Parish.**

## FDK News

Our friends in the FDK classrooms are busy learning new routines and meeting new friends! Students are learning to recognize their names, along with the names of their friends. The SK students are beginning to build sentences from discussions about a variety of topics. In mathematics this month, the children are learning about patterns.

With Thanksgiving and Halloween quickly approaching, a tentative trip has been planned to Lindley's Pumpkin Patch. More specific details will be provided closer to the actual dates.

## Primary Division News

The Gr. 1/2 and 2/3 classes have begun our home reading programs. Please make every effort to read with your child daily. Please practice word recognition, fluency and expression.

Mrs. Malatesta's Gr. 1/2 class, Mrs. DiFilippo's Gr. 2/3 class and Mrs. Carliri's Gr. 3/4 class will be going to Springridge Farm on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the beautiful season of fall. The students will be experiencing hands on activities that are geared to correlate with the Ontario Science and Technology curriculum.

We are looking forward to our Thanksgiving celebration. More details to follow as the date approaches. Also, Halloween activities are planned for the end of the month.

## Junior Division News

As autumn quickly approaches the grade 4's and 5's are using sensory words and phrases to describe the change of season as well as engaging in artwork that portrays the beauty of various Fall colours.

## Intermediate Division News

On Sunday, October 18, 2015 Mrs. Cannon and student volunteers in the Intermediate division are participating in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Board Wide Pilgrimage leaving from Cathedral High School and walking to St. Anthony Daniel's Catholic Elementary School. Their journey began when they said, "Yes" to participate. It will begin at 11:00 a.m. with Mass followed by the walk. Our prayers and best wishes are with the participants on this day.

Pledge forms went home with students to raise funds for third world countries. For more information about the pilgrimage, please see the Board's website.

## SPORTS NEWS

**Junior & Intermediate Sports—Congratulations to the following students on being selected for this year flag football teams:**

### Sr. Football Team

Marko V.	Emma G.
Mitchell F.	Olivia M.
Ben A.	Vince O.
Marchello C.	Simon M.
Isaac A.	Dakota L.
Anthony D.	Andy Y.
Vince D.	Charlie B.
Coach: Mr. Cipolla	

**Sr. Football Schedule \*extra games may be added to this schedule\***

Thursday, Oct. 8 @ 5:00 p.m. @ T.B. McQueston Park

Tuesday, Oct. 20 @ 5:00 p.m. @ Cline Park

### Jr. Boys Football Team

Sean U.	Anthony M.
Matthew J.	Ryan B.
Gabriel G.	Dante B.
Connor W.	Alex C.
Luca G.	Matteo V.
Aaron B.	Kohen S.
Lucas U.	
Coach: Mr. Jovanovic	

**Jr. Football Schedule \*extra games may be added to this schedule\***

Tuesday, September 29 @ 4:15 p.m. @ Cline Park

Thursday, Oct. 8 @ 4:15 p.m. @ T.B. McQueston Park

### Jr. Girls Basketball Team

The Junior Girls Basketball Team has begun practising. We wish them the best luck in the new season.

Adriana A.	Julia N.
Carlina C.	Juliana O.
Sofia D.	Morgan S.
Gina G.	Elizabeth W.
Macy M.	Rita Y.
Julia M.	

**We look forward to another very successful year and appreciate any support from staff, students and parents at the games.**

## MUSIC, DRAMA & DANCE NEWS

I am very excited to be teaching the students music, drama and dance this year. Here is a quick overview of what's happening.



The FDK students are learning basic music vocabulary through song and movement. The Primary students have been learning about recognizing beat and rhythm and creating basic rhythm patterns. They will be learning about the country Jamaica through music, drama and dance. The Junior and Intermediate students have been refreshed on their basic music vocabulary and will be expanding their knowledge through different themed units.

## ECO TEAM



Our Eco Team is hard at work overseeing the weekly recycling. Remember, reuse, reduce and recycle.

The Eco Team meets regularly throughout the year to enhance recycling strategies.



On Friday, October 30, the student council invite all students to participate in a Halloween costume contest. There will be four categories for each division: scariest, creative/coolest, and funniest and the cutest for primary division only. Each class will choose one finalists from each category who will be entered in the final contest. The judging of the final contest will take place during the lunch hour. If you choose not to come to school in costume, **black** and **orange** clothing is encouraged. Happy Halloween from the St. James Apostles.

## FEDERAL ELECTIONS

St. James the Apostle Catholic Elementary School will be used as a polling station on Monday, October 19, 2015.

## SEPTEMBER MONTHLY AWARDS



	<u>Christian</u>	<u>Effort</u>	<u>Academic</u>
Mrs. Hickey	Ben W.	Aaron J.	Victoria L.
Mrs. McFadden	Valentina P.	Noah D.	Jake D.
Mrs. Malatesta	Nikki S.	Alycia R.	Aidan L.
Mrs. DiFilippo	Noah M.	Malaika S.	Lucas U.
Mrs. Caliri	Michael S.	Nevan L.	Brandon N.
Mr. Sebben	Rita Y. Julia M.	Angelina C. Anthony M.	Isabella S. Nathan N.
Mrs. Cannon	Maddison W.	Charlie B.	Matthew J.
Mr. Jovanovic	Ben A.	Ciera M.	Marko V.
Mr. Fragomeni	Julia N.	Maddison W.	Madelene L.