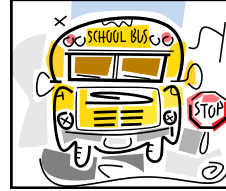


# Faith, Teamwork, Excellence



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Final Day of School is FRIDAY JUNE 26, 2015.  
Dismissal is 11:55 a.m. (Buses leave upon arrival).  
Please respect these times and celebrate a happy year.



CSC Hosts our Final Family fun event on Thursday June 11, 2015  
(see the web page for details from the flyer sent home with each student)

Come on out and celebrate another great year as a community.

## SEPTEMBER CLASSROOM PLACEMENTS

We are in the process of preparing class lists for September.

Staff work collaboratively to determine which classroom placement will benefit the students and provide for the delivery of the best possible programme.

There are many factors to consider including (not limited to);

**Accommodations for our special needs children.**

**Students who are on similar academic programmes and levels of programmes.**

**Number of boys and girls.**

Combined (split) classes are reality. They are a result of having too many students for one class and not enough for two. Sometimes combined classes are chosen as the most appropriate classroom organization for programme delivery. Every effort is made, where possible, to place children who were in a combined class one year, into the straight class the next year, but this is not always possible.

As you can appreciate, it is not an easy process and it is virtually impossible to "keep everyone satisfied".

In organizing the school, an attempt is made to have teachers of the same grade have Planning Time at the same period, so they can plan together, thus facilitating programme continuity between classes.

Please be aware that we spend hours compiling class lists and we do our best to do it the fairest way.

We will do our best to have class lists ready so students will be able to know their classes for next year. Final decisions remain the Principal's.

Thank you for your understanding and support.  
Your understanding is greatly appreciated!

June 2015

Director of Education  
Mr. D. Hansen

Superintendent  
Mrs. I. Fortino

Trustee  
Mr. J. Baiardo

Principal  
Mr. J. Coons

Principal Intern  
Miss J. Iacozza

St. Margaret Mary Parish  
Fr. Bergsma  
(905) 388 - 2200

Weekend Masses  
Sat. 7:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am /  
10:15 am / 12:00 noon

## BEFORE AND AFTER

Contact Mrs. Butera at  
(c ) 289 776 7690 for any  
questions you may have.

*St. Margaret Mary Prayer*

*Eternal Father,*

*You entrusted St. Margaret Mary  
with the grace to spread devotion to  
the sacred Heart of Jesus.*

*Help us embrace the love of Christ  
by following Saint Margaret Mary's  
loving example.*

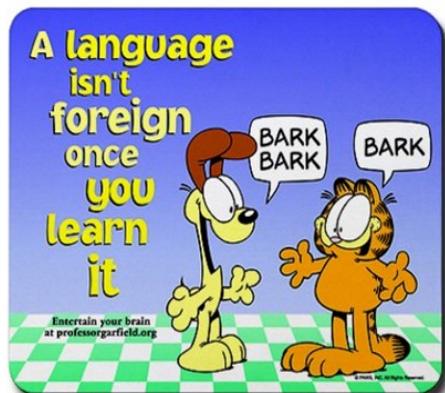
*Guide us along the right path and  
bless us as we seek to unite our-  
selves to you in all our thoughts, our  
words and our actions.*

*May we, like Saint Margaret Mary,  
always find lasting strength, cour-  
age and peace in you.*

*We ask this through the Sacred  
Heart of Jesus, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit  
one God, forever and ever.*

*Amen*

## INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE OPPORTUNITY



Current educational research indicates that learning or maintaining a second or third language has a positive effect on all aspects of a child's educational development. Since 1976, the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board has provided elementary school children, currently in Junior-Kindergarten to Grade 8, with an opportunity to experience the culture, traditions and language of other countries.

This program provides the opportunity for children to speak, listen, write and read an international language and at the same time learn about the culture and heritage associated with the language.

Free language classes are offered in many elementary schools and taking place Monday to Friday for 2 ½ hours per day beginning at 9:00 a.m. or 9:30 a.m. from Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. No prior knowledge of the language is necessary.

Registrations will take place on Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the school of your choice but students can register any time during the month of July. JK students should bring proof of age (e.g. birth certificate, passport or report card) to be handed in to the head instructor.

Please refer to the International Languages flyer at [www.stcharles.ca](http://www.stcharles.ca) to locate which schools are offering this program and the languages being taught.

April was a busy and exciting month for Eco activities. We participated in the "Team Up to Clean Up" campaign, which was a huge success. We had our Spring Walk to School Day and the grade 3 students had a wonderful presentation on forestry from the City of Hamilton. In May, the ECO Team and the Intermediates added plants, flowers and mulch to our Peace Garden.

This year was the first year that the HWCDSB has set up a stewardship award to recognize custodians who have gone above and beyond their regular duties in assisting schools with Eco initiatives. We congratulate our very own Mr. Patrick Kelly who was one of the recipients of the 2014-2015 Stewardship awards. Thank you, Mr. Kelly for all you do.

We would also like to recognize Joseph G., a grade 1 student from Ms. Webber's class who received a Director's Award of Excellence for Stewardship of the Earth. Congratulations and keep up the excellent Eco initiatives!

During the months of May and June, we will be working on our outdoor gardens. Plans are still in the works for our outdoor classroom, although a firm date for breaking ground is still to be determined.

Thank you to all the parents, staff and students for your ongoing commitment to the STMM Eco initiatives.



### CLOTHES CLOSET

Thank you to all the families that help us out with our clothes closet by donating gently use items. If your child has outgrown their uniform or other clothing please feel free to donate them to the clothes closet.

Hello Parents,

You may have noticed that there have been some repairs done to our depaved playground area recently. This included replacing plants and adding more mulch. I will be sending a form shortly to ask for volunteers to visit the depaved area during the summer months to perform tasks like taking weeds out. Anytime that you can donate to maintain this area is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [gambalet@gmail.com](mailto:gambalet@gmail.com)

Teresa Gambale  
CSC

This is a product that was offered last year so we will offer it again this year. It is a **VOLUNTARY** purchase only.

### **LEARNING ADVANTAGE CAMPAIGN**

There is still time to get your "Learning Advantage" book. This 192 page, fully coloured, activity book is designed to maintain children's academic learning over the summer months. **There is one activity book per grade level from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7. French immersion books are also available from Senior Kindergarten.**

Each grade level book contains major units aligned with the Ontario curriculum expectations and 3 summer fun units. The books have parent information pages, evaluation forms; follow up activities and a family focus. In addition to the summer the books can be used all year long from September to the following June. The cost of each book is \$19.05 plus GST (\$20.00 total). This is a savings of \$1-\$4 from the retail and online prices. You can visit [www.learningadvantage.ca](http://www.learningadvantage.ca) to download a free unit of the book you would like to order for further review.

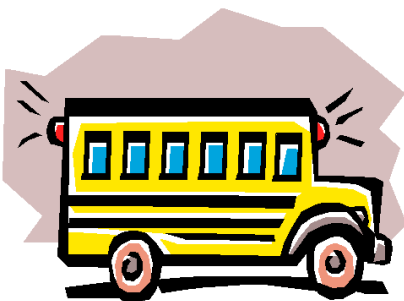
Forms are available at the office.

#### **ORDERS DUE JUNE 8.**

All books ordered will be delivered to the school **before** the last week of school.

### **PLANNING ON MOVING?**

If you are planning on moving in the near future, would you please inform the office at (905) 383.8122 or send us a note. If you are planning on a late return to school (after September 3rd) please let the school know your expected time of arrival back to school. It will assist us in our planning for September.



### **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**FRIDAY JUNE 26, 2015 11:55 a.m.**

We will gather together in the school yard and celebrate the end of our school year.

Students who travel home by bus will leave upon its arrival.