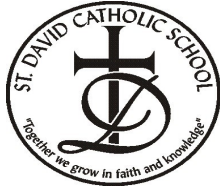


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ST. DAVID
Catholic Elementary School
September 2018



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905 525-2930
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Mr. D. Hansen,
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Mr. S. Agro, Vice-Principal



Catholic Education : Living as Joyful Disciples
Rooted in Prayer
Living in Community
Doing Justice and Creating Hope
Journeying Together in Faith

St. Eugene Parish
Fr. Andrew Quarshie
232 Queenston Road
(905) 385-3297
Incarnation of Our Lord
Parish
Fr. Charlie Galea
400 Pottruff Road
(905) 561-1777

Daycare 905 523 2306
OEYC 905 515 8881

Bell Times

Entry:
9:10 am
Nutrition Breaks:
10:40-11:20 am
1:20-2:00 pm
Dismissal: 3:30

St. David CES is a proud
feeder school of
Bishop Ryan Catholic
Secondary School
Mr. E. Piccioni, Principal
(905) 573-2151

September 21st is a
P.A. Day.
No school for
students.



Welcome back!

We hope all of our friends and families have enjoyed a wonderful summer as we now look ahead to another exciting year together. On behalf of the staff of St. David Catholic Elementary School, I would like to welcome all our students back to a year of new beginnings. We extend a special welcome to all our new students and to our newest staff members. We continue to be blessed with the presence of wonderful people in our St. David community. We are enriched by our deep faith, our great school spirit and the tremendous efforts of all who work together for success both in classroom and out in the greater community. Our staff members are committed to working together to ensure that our children learn in a positive and caring environment. I wish to extend a sincere thank you to our Vice Principal, Mr. Agro, who brings many gifts and rich experience to our community. To our staff, a warm welcome and deepest thanks for all their hard work in preparing for September. Our custodial team has ensured that our school is beautifully clean and safe , our secretarial team has the office up and running and our educational assistants, support staff and teachers are all planning for another successful year. We appreciate all the time and effort given by our dedicated, caring staff to ensure a wonderful start for our students. Our students will enjoy many new experiences this year as they develop their God given gifts and talents. We look forward to working with our parishes to find opportunities to share in our faith journey. Together we will help our children to grow in faith, be enriched academically and discover their unique abilities. We pray that our patron St. David will be a source of guidance and wisdom to our staff and students. As St. David reminds us, each and every day we are called to

...Be joyful...keep our faith and "Do the little things"

May God continue to bless our community.
Happy September!
Mrs. V. Geromella, Principal

St. David School Motto:
"Together We Grow In Faith And Knowledge"

ST. DAVID CES STAFF 2018-2019

Principal -Mrs. Geromella

Vice-Principal -Mr. Agro

Secretarial Team -Ms. Bennici, Mrs. Commisso

Custodians - Mr. Eterno Mr. Maguetta,

Custodial Team—Mrs. Nguyen, Mrs. Kudla, Mrs. Price,
Mr. Neault

Support Staff

Special Education Resource Teacher- Mrs. Sienna

Reading Recovery / Language Resource -Mrs. D'Intino

Teacher-Librarian- Mrs. Cowitz

Library Clerical/team- Mrs. Sullivan, Miss Bombini

French Teachers

Mrs. Conidi

Mrs. Saic

Primary Program Teachers

Mrs. Dussin

Mrs. Moutinho

Early Childhood Educators

Mrs.Menna

Mrs. Bifano

Mrs. Kubiak

Ms. Girardi

Arts Itinerant Teachers

Mrs. Giammarco

Mrs. Stipancic

Classroom Teachers

JK/SK Mrs. Buccella

JK/SK Ms. Lovas

JK/SK Mrs. Bajus

JK/SK Mrs. Caiella

Grade 1 Mrs. Tarsitano

Grade 1 Mr. Gallo

Grade 2 Mrs. Fortuna

Grade 2 Mrs. O'Brien

Grade 2/3 Ms. Mattina

Grade 3 Mrs. Kuzyk

Grade 3 Mrs. Lanza-MacPherson

Grade 4 Mrs. Legault

Grade 4/5 Mr. Fleet

Grade 5 Mrs. Ferrante

Grade 6 Mrs. Podetz

Grade 6 Ms. Iavarone

Grade 7 Mrs. Fuciarelli

Grade 7 Mrs. Kupina

Grade 8 Mr. Penich

Grade 8 Mr. Molinaro

Educational Assistants

Mrs. Bernard

Mr. Coops

Mrs. DeFreitas

Mrs. Del Gobbo

Mr. Goulet

Mrs. Graham

Ms. Haddad

Ms. Hallon

Mrs. Huffman

Mrs. Kozak

Mrs. Petis

Mrs. Rotsaert

Mrs. Spagnuolo

Mrs. Vella

Mrs. Williams



*"What a great favor God does to those He places in the
company of good people."
~St. Teresa of Avila*

St. David School Daily Pledge

"We are a Catholic Community, together we grow in faith and knowledge. Together we work for the success of all. We are responsible for our behavior. We treat others as we would like to be treated. We celebrate the wonders of our God."

Feast Day of St. David– March 1st

ANNUAL PARENT CONFERENCE

On Saturday November 3, 2018, from 7:45 am to 2:30 pm the H.W.C.D.S.B. will be hosting its 26th Annual Parent Conference. The conference will be held at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School and admission is free. Continental breakfast, snacks, and a free lunch are also provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate as a Catholic parent community to attend informative workshops and to network with other parents within our Catholic community. Be sure to register as soon as possible to ensure that you receive confirmation for the workshop of your choice.

BUS SAFETY

Parents are asked to ensure that their child is at their respective bus stop 10 minutes prior to your pick-up time. All JK and Kindergarten students will be issued identification tags. Parents, please ensure that your child's tag is attached to their schoolbag when he/she comes to school. Parents are reminded that the driver will not release JK/ K students from the bus unless the parent is present. Please arrive at the stop a few minutes earlier. Please also stress with your child the importance of proper behaviour while riding the bus. Riding the bus is a privilege. Repeated misbehavior may result in losing this privilege. Please remember that bus students are not permitted to switch buses at any time, nor may they request to be dropped off at a site other than that assigned to them. If your child is not taking a bus on a particular day please send in a dated, signed note. Any questions, including Empty Seat Status Requests, may be directed to www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca. A note has been sent home to each bus student with instructions on how to create an online transportation account. This account will allow parents to receive notification to their e-mail of late or cancelled bus services.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

We will be continuing our partnerships with the Tastebuds nutrition program and Bulldogs Breakfast program again this year. A generous donation has already been deposited to the school's account to permit the early startup of this program and delivery of breakfast food items from three food groups to all our classrooms. We are so grateful for all the fundraising and donations that support our nutrition program. More details will be forthcoming in the following weeks about both initiatives. Thank you to all our EA and ECE team for being our Tastebuds and Bulldogs Breakfast Programs Champions. Countless hours go into planning and organizing the preparation and delivery of food each day! If you would like to **volunteer** to help with our nutrition program please contact the school!

FAMILY INFORMATION/EMERGENCY CONTACTS

It is important that school records are kept up-to-date. Many changes occur during the summer for some students. Your child will bring home their verification "Information Sheet" shortly. Please read it over carefully and fill in any information that is missing or needs to be changed. The sheet needs to be returned to the school immediately. Please remember to inform the office of any changes that occur during the school year (telephone, work number, etc.)

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

The theme chosen for the upcoming 2019 Catholic Education Week is:

Catholic Education: Living as Joyful Disciples.

The five sub-themes are: Rooted in Prayer Living in Community Doing Justice and Creating Hope Journeying Together in Faith Sharing the Good News Prayer for Catholic Education: Loving God, We thank you for our Catholic school community where we can journey in faith together. Help us to accompany each other in our learning as we grow, living as joyful disciples of Jesus and bringing good news to the world. May your love speak to our hearts, helping us to bring hope to others and a commitment to justice in all we do. We make this prayer through Jesus, our Lord and teacher.

Catholic Education Week Prayer

Loving God,

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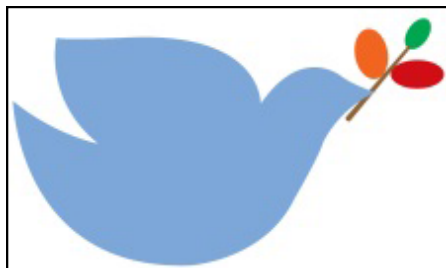
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**May your love speak to our hearts, helping us to bring hope to others and
a commitment to justice in all we do.**

We make this prayer through Jesus, our Lord and teacher.

Amen.



VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in volunteering at the school, or supervising on class trips, you are required to have an updated Volunteer Police Check. Letters may be obtained from the school Main Office, then taken to the police station. These take several weeks to process, therefore, we recommend that you apply for them well in advance of any upcoming school trips. Call the office for more information.

VISITORS AND APPOINTMENTS

To maintain a safe school, it is important that **all** visitors report to the school office, including parents dropping off lunches and other items. The students will be notified of the items by the office. 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 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. If you are volunteering please sign in at the office. If you are having a scheduled interview with a teacher, please sign in and notify the office. Visitor stickers are available from the secretary.

SCHOOL TRIPS

We remind you that written permission is required for students to go on trips. If your child forgets his/her permission forms, he/she will stay at school. Telephone calls for verbal permission cannot be made, due to insurance and liability reasons. Safety is our priority. Trips are considered to be 'Out of School Learning Experiences.' These experiences offer a great opportunity for students to learn and discover in a different environment. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. We also wish to remind all our families that all bussed students must provide a signed, dated note from their parent or guardian if there is a change of transportation plan. Bussed students are not permitted to walk home without written consent and all students leaving early for appointments must be signed out by a guardian at the office through our school secretary.

MEET THE TEACHER OPEN HOUSE

On **Tuesday September 25, 2018**
from **5:00—7:00 p.m.**

we will have our meet the Staff
OPEN HOUSE.

Our Catholic School Council will be
sending home more information soon!

We hope you can join us!

UNIFORM POLICY

A reminder that our school board policy mandates that every student be in uniform. Please remember that all tops must have a school crest on them. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in this matter. Crests are available for purchase at the office. You may find information regarding our uniform supplier, 'Bombardieri' on their website. Bombardieri website is: www.bombardieri.ca

PEANUT / NUT ALLERGIES

We are a NUT SENSITIVE School. Please help us keep EVERYONE safe.

We request the co-operation of parents in not sending foods with peanut products to school. Several of our students are highly allergic and we ask for your help in ensuring that risk of a life-threatening illness is kept to a minimum. We also have a number of students with other allergies and sensitivities. More information about allergen sensitivities in specific classes will be provided by classroom teachers.