

THE DRAGON'S JALE

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WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2021



REBUILD – REBÂTIR- JESUS, BROTHER AND FRIEND, BE WITH US AS WE REBUILD OUR CATHOLIC LEARNING COMMUNITY TOGETHER. IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN CONNECTED AND DISCONNECTED AND RECONNECTED. MAY WE HAVE TIME IN THESE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO REBUILD OUR FRIENDSHIPS, AND BEGIN NEW ONES. MAY WE FORM A CLOSE BOND WITH OUR TEACHERS, STAFF, FAMILIES, AND OUR CLASSMATES. MAY WE LEARN, GROW, AND HAVE FUN TOGETHER. AMEN

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>*Please complete the Daily Screening and Attestation Calendar every day.</p> <p>*Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Initiative to support Food for Kids begins. Please support by purchasing a cookie!</p> <p>*Nutrition Program is ready to begin sometime this week.</p> <p>*Fence/gate should be installed this week. Thank-you for your patience.</p> <p>*Guide to reopening of School, 2021</p>	<p><u>Telling Tales</u></p> <p>September 21, 22, 23 and 29 are the dates for Telling Tales Literacy Festival for K-8 classes. Teachers are invited to register their class for this online opportunity. If you have any questions about the program, please contact the Classroom Teacher.</p>	<p>Please follow us on Instagram: st.david_ces_hwcdsb</p> <p>Where we post important reminders, events, as well as posts to celebrate school/student achievements!</p>	<p>*Encourage students to learn a new language:</p> <p>International Languages Classes</p>  <p>*Please remind students the meaning of the Golden Rule</p>	<p>*Mental Health Dress Down Day. Students are invited to wear appropriate clothing that makes them happy.</p>

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

PARISH NEWS: Fr. Joseph will be conducting Class Masses beginning in October. These will be teaching Masses, where Fr. will teach the parts of the Mass during the Mass in the gym. Please note that the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion will be for the current Grade 3 Students (and those who may not have received the Sacraments last year). First Communion for Gr. 2 Students and Confirmation for Gr. 7 Students will take place at a later date.

[HWCD SB A Parent Guide For The Reopening Of Our HWCD SB Schools 2021-2022](#)

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New Teaching Staff:

We would like to welcome Mr. DiCroce (Grade 8), Ms. Hlacar (Gr. 5), Mr. Fortino (Arts), and Mrs. Alaimo (SERT). A full list of all Staff will be posted on our website at www.stdv.hwcdsb.ca

Bussing

Families taking the bus to school can visit the HWSTS website to confirm their bus route, and for any updates.

<https://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/>

Eligible student riders should have received a communication from HWSTS about the OPT-OUT online form. By completing this form, parents can inform HWSTS that their child(ren) will be using another means of getting to and from the school. This will help to inform the transportation plan.

Self-Screening / Attestation

As we continue to welcome our students back to in-person classrooms, please be reminded that all students (K-Grade 12), and staff are required to complete the [Province of Ontario's COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening](#) daily before the start of school, as directed by the Ministry of Education and Hamilton Public Health Services.

New This Year - Additionally, all students will be required to provide confirmation that they have taken and passed the assessment upon arrival at school. Verification will be conducted by the homeroom teacher during morning attendance.

The following will be accepted as confirmation of a “pass” screening result:

- **Phone confirmation:** A green check mark on the student’s phone indicating a “pass” result from the provincial online school screening tool. A screenshot of the student’s result can be shown to the homeroom teacher (For Grade 7 and 8 students only if they bring a PED).
- **Paper confirmation:** A signed attestation from the parent/guardian confirming that their child has taken and passed the self-screening. An attestation calendar is attached to this email and can also be downloaded from the HWCDSB Parent Website at <https://parents.hwcdsb.ca/covid19>. Parents/guardians will be required to sign off that their child has passed the screening for each day of the week. The calendar must accompany the child to school each day. Copies of the attestation calendar are also available at the school. If you are unable to download an attestation calendar you must inform the school that your child has taken and passed the COVID-19 screening.

[Attestation calendar-Sept 2021.pdf](#)

Active daily screening and verification is key to keeping COVID-19 out of our schools and child care centres.

Lunchroom Supervisors

Anyone interested in being a lunchroom supervisor is encouraged to submit a resume to be considered.

Allergen Reminder

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ALLERGY ALERTS: We are updating our Medical information. Please let us know of any changes to the medical information for your children. Mrs. Alaimo will be sending some paperwork home soon. Please remember that we are a peanut aware school and every effort should be made to avoid peanuts/nuts (and other allergens) in the school.

We are an Allergy Aware school. St. David is a place where all children feel safe and have a sense of belonging. We all need to work together in this effort. Please note below important information from Anaphylaxis Canada. This is especially important during COVID-19:

- 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), and
- 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/staff at this school who are allergic to the following foods and items: Peanuts, Dairy, eggs, and nuts;
- 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, and
- Please do NOT bring any homemade food products into the school; non-food items will not be permitted for celebrations and special events and activities given preventative safety measures for all against COVID-19.

Face Covering Requirement

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 will be required to wear non-medical or cloth masks indoors in school, including in hallways and during classes. Masks may be temporarily removed indoors (with as much distancing as possible between students within a cohort) when students are consuming food or drink. Outdoor times like recess can be used as opportunities to provide students with breaks from wearing masks. Students will be provided scheduled and non-scheduled time outdoors for learning purposes and non-masking opportunities where appropriate.

Recess

Due to current levels of community COVID-19 transmission, students will need to remain in cohorts during recess.

Indoor Nutritional Break period

Students are encouraged to have an independent activity that they can participate in at their own desk during times when they need to stay in for cohort play (nutritional breaks) due to inclement weather, or during the break after they have finished eating their lunch.

Snacks and Lunch

We are encouraging the use of reusable containers, proper recycling and composting for student lunches and snacks to help reduce waste and promote stewardship of the Earth in keeping with our Eco goals and Catholic graduate expectations.

Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

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Proper hand hygiene is one of the most effective strategies to prevent the spread of most respiratory viruses, including COVID 19 and its Variants of Concern (VOCs). Soap and water are considered the best way to effectively clean hands. All school washrooms are equipped with soap dispensers and paper towels. Students and staff will continue to be encouraged to wash their hands regularly, practice proper respiratory etiquette and avoid touching their face, eyes, nose and mouth. Regularly scheduled hand hygiene breaks will be incorporated into the school's routine, e.g., regular time intervals throughout the day, before/after eating, after using the washroom, before/after outdoor play, when entering/exiting classrooms. Alcohol based hand rub (sanitizer) with at least 60% alcohol is readily available in all classrooms and areas within the school. Wall mounted and/or free-standing hand sanitizer dispensers are placed at entrances and exits and in all classrooms where hand washing is not readily available. Educational materials are displayed in every classroom on hand washing techniques and proper respiratory etiquette to educate and remind students on how to protect one another.

Water bottles

Children are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day. We have new hydration stations in the school that will assist with children bringing their own reusable water container.

Lates

If your child is going to be late to school you do the following: inform us through School Messenger; when on the way to drop off your child at the school, please notify the school so that an adult can greet them at the door. We ask the same if needing to be picking them up early for an appointment (although we encourage these to occur after school hours where possible).

School Year Calendar for your reference

[Elementary School Year Calendar, 2021-2022](#)

