



Holy Family Catholic French Immersion School

519-675-4414

www.ldcsb.on.ca/schools/FAW



September 2018

Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 4—First day of classes
Sept 11-13—Farm Show
Sept- 13—Pizza Night 5:30-7:00 pm
Sept. 19—School Council Mtg. 6:15
Sept. 21—School Mass at Holy Trinity parish @ 9:30 am.
Sept. 26—Terry Fox Run
Sept 27—Dress down day— students are encouraged to wear an orange shirt
Sept. 28—P.A. Day



Bus System: Please refer to my the My Big Yellow Bus website for any bus delays or cancelations.
<https://www.mybigyellowbus.ca/>

The School Day Schedule: Our school day begins promptly at **8:45**. Students are supervised on the yard beginning at 8:30 each day. Regular attendance and being on time for school are very important to ensure your child's

Allergies-We have many students with allergies and ask that you refrain from sending any items that may contain nuts with your child. We also ask that you refrain from sending in sugary treats for your child's birthday. As part of the healthy eating initiative, we ask that you consider sending healthy treats to share or non-food items.

Inspired by Christ. Learning together. Serving together.

Bienvenue! Welcome to all of our families, both returning and new to our community! We have been waiting for you! I am really excited to be a part of the wonderful Holy Family Catholic French Immersion School community. I look forward to an exciting year as I get to know our student, parent and parish communities. Mme Bilodeau

Holy Family Catholic French Immersion Staff:

Principal : Mme Bilodeau
Secretary: Mme Robertson
Custodians: Mme Wright & Mme Brolese
Librarian: Mme Hobbs
SPST/ English: Mme Carr
EA: Mme Stout
English /Music—Mme James
English: Mme Clarke
FDK : Mme Gallagher & Mme Stringle
FDK : Mme Patterson-March & Mme Scherle
FDK : Mme Bloor
Gr. 1: Mme Jentz
Gr. 1/2 - M Contestabile
Gr. 2: Mme Campbell
Gr. 3: Mme Morrison
Gr. 4: Mme Arnold
Gr. 5: Mme Ivy
Gr. 6/7: M. Tellier
Gr. 7/8: M Trepanier

For students in JK to grade 3, the lunch period will be from 11:45 to 12:00 and recess from 12:00 to 12:45.

For students in grades 4 to 8, recess starts at 11:45 to 12:30 and lunch from 12:30 to 12:45.

Uniform Policy— Students are expected to follow the uniform policy outlined in the student agenda. The last Thursday of the month will be designated as a non-uniform day. Students are invited to wear non-uniform yet modest clothing to school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lunch Routines— For safety reasons, all students are expected to remain at school during the lunch hour unless a parent / guardian comes to the school to pick up the student. Students meeting parents at lunch time are required to be signed out and in (upon return) at the office. We do not allow students to go out to lunch at area businesses without a parent/guardian.

Holy Trinity Parish: 519-539-0876,

http://wp.dol.ca/webportal/parish/web/view_parish/Holy%20Trinity%20Parish/1/900

Parking Lot

Due to a new city bylaw, you are no longer permitted to park along the roads surrounding the school. Effective immediately, the parking lot adjacent to the school will be available for drop-off and pick-up of students. The safety of our students is of utmost importance and we ask that parents enter the Kiss and Ride area slowly in a single file closest to the school. Please do not park nor form two lines of cars in this area. Staff members will present at the Kiss and Ride area in the morning from 8:35 to 8:45 am and from 3:20 until 3:30 pm. Staff members will assist with getting your student in and out of your car and securing seat belts if necessary.

We encourage all students to ride the school bus in order to reduce traffic.

Your co-operation is much appreciated.

On Thursday, September 27th, 2018, the Assembly of First Nations asks all Canadians to join in wearing an orange shirt in the spirit of healing and reconciliation. We encourage students to wear an orange shirt as a demonstration of solidarity.

Faith Formation: Each month, our students will be focusing on a particular virtue. Students who exhibit this virtue will be recognized at the Virtue Assembly at the end of the month. In September, we will be focusing on "Courage". Courage means standing up for something you believe in. At these assemblies, we celebrate our Catholic faith and gather as a community of believers.

Communication: It is important that communication be kept open between home and school. Please use SchoolConnects or call the school if your child will be away, late or have a change in end of day routine. Please do not simply rely on class dojo if you are changing your child's pick-up routine. Teachers do not always see dojo or email messages prior to dismissal. Please contact the office prior to 3:00 pm if you will be picking up your child rather than sending your student home on the bus.

For many other communication issues, many of our teachers have their own classroom web page which you can access from our school web site. It is also helpful if you can provide your child's teacher with a current email address. If your child has an allergy or other health issue that we should be aware of, please let your child's teacher know.

Grade 7 Immunizations

Oxford County Public Health is offering free Hepatitis B, Meningitis and Human Papillomavirus vaccines for all grade 7 students. Look for information sheets and consent forms to be sent home with your child. School-based clinics will begin in October.

For more information, please visit the Oxford County Public Health website:

www.oxfordcounty.ca/Infectious-disease-vaccines/Grade78vaccinations

Or contact the Public Health nurse @ 519-539-9800 ext 3490

On-line newsletters!

In an effort to save paper and other photocopying costs, we will no longer send hard copies of newsletters home. To receive notices, including links to our newsletter, we ask that you download the school Messenger app and/or follow us on twitter @

Follow us on Twitter

Get up-to-date information on a regular basis by following us on twitter.

@HFCFI2018



Parent Volunteers: We welcome parents who volunteer their time to supervise on a class trip, assist with hot lunches, and help out in other ways. All parents need to have a current police check on file at the school in order to volunteer. Police checks and updates can be handed in to Mme Robertson in the office. Please be aware that police checks can take up to 6 weeks to be processed.

Allergies: It is very important that the school is aware of any allergies or medical conditions. If your child requires a puffer, Epi-pen, medication, or has a medical consideration we need to be aware of, please contact the office. We will require a medical information form to be filled out and signed by your physician, explaining steps to be taken.

Safe Schools: All parents and visitors must report to the office, in accordance with the Board's Safe School Policy. **Please do not go directly to your child's classroom.**

Emergency Procedures: We will be having fire drills, lock down drills and hold & secure drills throughout the fall so that students know what to do in case of an emergency.

Welcome Back Open House

Thursday, September 13

5:30-7:00 (5:30-6:30 dinner and 6:30-7:00 class visit)

Come and meet the staff, check out our school, and mingle with other families

Pizza must be pre-ordered. Ice Cream Sandwiches will be available for purchase.



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SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

At HFCFI School, we just wanted to remind you that we are offering a secure and convenient way to pay for some school items online! School Cash Online is our preferred method of payment, replacing cash and cheque orders. To register, please visit ldcsb.ca and click on the School Cash Online banner.

Opt-in for alerts to receive notifications when new items (school agendas, field trips, etc.) become available!

Pizza Day

We will be offering pizza to students each **Wednesday, starting October 3, 2018**. The cost is \$2.00 per slice. All pizza must be ordered in **advance through cash online only**. You will be able to order 1 month in advance for your child(ren). **If your child is away on the scheduled pizza day, the pizza will not be saved, given to a sibling/friend or carried over to the next scheduled pizza day.** Any proceeds made will go toward various events through the year at HFCFI School.



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TERRY FOX RUN



On Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 1 pm, we will have a paid casual day. We are encouraging our students to **wear red** in support of the Terry Fox Run. as well, please send **at least a toonie** with your child. All proceeds will help to support Cancer Research. *"Working together to outrun cancer."* If you want to participate or help out, please contact your teacher. For further donations, pledge forms are available from your teacher or you can donate on line at terryfox.org.

LIBRARY CORNER

Welcome to a new school year!

The library is ready to welcome students to another great year of reading, whether students want to learn something new, or just relax with a good book, or eBook. Please help your child/children to return their library books each week, since other students might be waiting to read those books also. Students must return their library books to be able to take out a new book the following week. Once again, there will be a Scholastic Book Fair in October.

Thank you and Happy Reading!
Mme Hobbs
Librarian



**Holy Family Catholic School Council Annual Report
School Year 2017-2018**

Dear Parents/Guardians and School Community,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer.

We are thrilled that the 2017-2018 school year has been a fruitful one for our Catholic School Council. We endeavoured to ensure our students' successes by continuing to foster the partnership between school and home.

In 2017-2018, School Council supported our Holy Family community in a variety of ways. We welcomed all of our families, new and old, by organizing Back to School Pizza Night. It was a great evening of meeting new friends and catching up with old ones. We look forward to hosting this year's Back to School Pizza Night. Please join us for on **Thursday, September 13th** for this year's Back to School Pizza Night and Teacher Meet and Greet.

School Council was again a successful recipient of the Ministry of Education's Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant. With this grant, we were able to organize two family events: a nutrition workshop and Groove Education. These proved to be fun experiences for those who attended. Special thanks to Mme T. Knopf, Mme A. Rac and Mme M. Trepanier for their invaluable help running these events.

In December, we served a traditional Christmas lunch to our school community. We welcomed new volunteers (parents, guardians and grandparents alike) as we prepared, cooked and served our students and staff. It is a really beautiful event and we hope that you can join us in the kitchen this year.

In order to continue our commitment to fostering our Catholicity, our Faith Committee hosted our Family Mass and Sundae Social at Holy Trinity Parish. In its third year, this event continues to be one of most loved events for our school. Additionally, we provided faith-building opportunities for our school community by inviting Fr. Patrick Beneteau to lead our classes for Adoration and through the purchase of faith building resources such as the Lego Sacraments book and Fr. Leopold Lego set. Our School Council was also well-represented at the Renewing the Promise Conference with the bishops of Ontario in November.

Catholic School Council tried some new things this year. With the PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) grant, we purchased movie licensing which allowed us to host movie nights. Movie nights were held in February and June, both of which were well-attended. We hope to be able to continue to host movie nights this year as well. Our thanks to all the parents who brought their families and even stayed afterwards to help clean up. What a great community we have!

School Council also facilitated a Hot Lunch Program for our school through LunchBox orders. These lunches have been a welcome addition to our school's pizza program. Thank you to Mme T. Knopf for spearheading this program and to all our volunteers who delivered meals to the classrooms each month.

Fundraising in 2017-2018 was another successful endeavour. Not only were we able to fund purchases and activities we have traditionally funded (such as mass bussing, STEAMS Club items, chess lessons, library resources, staff appreciation lunch, Holy Trinity Building Fund contribution, and many more), the success of our fundraising in the last three years has allowed us to purchase a class-set of Chromebooks for our school. These tools will enhance learning as it will allow our students flexibility in learning and allow our teachers to utilize creativity and innovation in their teaching. This is another example of how your support has been put into action for our children. Thank you!

Two other events of note this year: in January, we lost our beloved pastor, Fr. Rick Dales. He was well loved by our staff and our students and he is greatly missed. To support the parish team in their grief, School Council provided a hot lunch for the entire team. This allowed them to commune with and comfort each other.

In December, the school board announced the cancellation of Junior Kindergarten within the French Immersion program. As a county school, Holy Family French Immersion do not share the same challenges that French Immersion schools in London face. Parents felt the cancellation of the program put undue stresses on the families within our expansive school community. Additionally, it came with it the concern of dwindling enrolment and the loss of resources associated with that. With that in mind, School Council facilitated a committee tasked with appealing to the Board of Trustees to review the initial decision. This committee was successful in this appeal. We sincerely thank Mme N. Contestabile, Mme L. Langford and Mme J. Zehr for being the voices for our families.

Over the past year, members of our Holy Family Catholic School Council worked hard to support our school’s mission to “nurture our children in a positive, faith-filled bilingual learning environment”. Our deepest gratitude for the dedication of the many individuals who volunteered their time to contribute to the success of the Catholic School Council initiatives, including:

Executive:

Chair: Marycon Runstedler
 Vice-Chair: Dan Tellier
 Secretary: Laura Langford
 Treasurer: Kinga Matuszynska

Staff Members:

Principal: Helen Bobyk
 Teacher Representative: Sarah Holmes/Elly Jentz

Committee Chairs:

Faith Chair: Natasha Contestabile
 Christmas Luncheon: Maggie Genereaux/Marycon Runstedler
 QSP Fundraiser: Jen Johnston/Jenn Zehr
 Farm Show: Carrie Kenny
 Sacramental Gifts: Anastasiya Rac

Parent Representatives:

FDK Classes: Jen Johnston/Dave Stevenson/Jenn Zehr
 Grade 1 Classes: Natasha Contestabile/Sandra Simas
 Grade 2: Tiffany Knopf
 Grade 3: Dan Tellier
 Grade 4: Robyn Kungl
 Grade 5: Anastasiya Rac
 Grade 6/7: Carla VanBeek Paterson
 Grade 7/8: Sandra Carnegie

Holy Family Catholic School Council met seven times on September 26, October 17, November 14, January 23, February 20, April 3 and May 16. **Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 19th at 6:15pm in the school library.**

The purpose of the Catholic School Council is to help improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. By making recommendations to our principal and the school board, School Council can make a difference not only in our school, but also within the larger community to which we belong. We invite you to join us and welcome your ideas on how we can best enrich our children’s spiritual, academic and social experiences in the year ahead.

Sincerely in Christ,

Marycon Runstedler
 HFCFI School Council Chair
 2017-2018 School Year

Sacramental News from Holy Trinity for Fall 2018

Confirmation Information for students entering into Grade 8 September 2018

The time has arrived for your son or daughter, if they are ready, to complete their initiation into the Roman Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation. At your son or daughter's Baptism, you, as parents, "*accepted the duty of raising your child in the Faith so that God's life within them would be protected from sin and would grow stronger day by day.*" (Liturgy of Baptism) The celebration of Confirmation is a significant step in their faith journey, as they seek to grow closer to our loving God.

The primary responsibility of helping children grow in their faith and preparing them for their sacraments rests solely with the parents. The church and school are there to assist with preparation but the best way that parents can assist their children with Sacramental Preparation is to journey with them.

NO REGISTRATION PACKAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL

First Reconciliation and First Communion Information for students entering into Grade 2 September 2018

Children in **Grade 2** are invited to continue their Sacramental journey by preparing and making their **Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion**. Parents/guardians have the primary responsibility of helping your children grow in faith. The Catholic School in their religion program will help prepare the children with their sacramental preparation but the primary responsibility rests with parents/guardians.

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ATTENTION ALL GRADE 5, 6, 7 & 8 YOUTH JUNIOR YOUTH MINISTRY IS SET TO BEGIN SOON.....

REGISTRATION FOR ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP THIS 2018/2019 YEAR WILL BE PRIOR TO OUR 1ST MEETING FROM 6:30 – 6:45 p.m. on MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24th, 2018 OR YOU CAN DOWNLOAD THE REGISTRATION FORM FROM OUR PARISH WEBSITE BEFORE OUR FIRST MEETING AND FILL IT OUT AND BRING IT WITH YOU ON SEPTEMBER 24th. YOU CAN ACCESS THE FORM AT www.holytrinity.dol.ca. CLICK ON YOUTH THEN JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE

FIRST MEETING: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 2018

TIME: 6:45 – 8:30 PM

PLACE: HOLY TRINITY PARISH HALL

(Please arrive by 6:30 p.m. on the first night so that you can register)

PLEASE BRING YOUR HEALTH CARD

Our leaders have been planning and preparing for another awesome junior youth group year. We have lots in store and guarantee you will have fun, meet new friends, learn about your faith and don't forget the FOOD! Hope to see you on the 24th for our Kick off.

The following are the dates until Christmas so mark your calendars now!

September 24th, October 15th, October 29th, November 12th, November 26th, December 10th.

First meeting back in 2019 is January 14th

Please Note:

Our meetings will normally be held on Monday evenings from 6:45 – 8:30 p.m. There may be occasions when we schedule a meeting at one of our schools gyms or on a different evening or day because of the specific event we are doing. As well, there may be occasions that we change our time frame depending on what we are doing. You will be notified in advance when these occasions arise.

September 2018

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2	3	4 <i>Classes begin</i>	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 <i>Outdoor Farm Show</i>	12	13 <i>Back to School Pizza Night</i>	14	15
16	17	18	19 <i>CSC Meeting</i>	20 <i>Subway Lunch</i>	21 <i>School Mass - Holy Trinity Parish</i>	22
23	24	25	26 <i>Terry Fox Run</i>	27 <i>Orange shirt day</i>	28 <i>PD Day</i>	29