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JK Registration for 2017-2018

On February 23rd we will be registering the students who will be entering Junior Kindergarten in September. Students currently enrolled in Junior Kindergarten do not need to register, they will automatically be enrolled for SK. The following documentation will be required for new registrants:

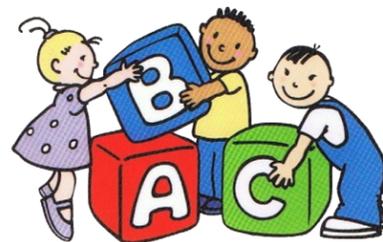
- Birth Certificate or other legal proof of your child's age
- Proof of Address
- Catholic Baptismal Certificate of either parent or child



The child who is being registered is welcome to visit the school at the time of registration. Call now to book an appointment time for February 23rd to register your child, (519) 885-3180

Extended Day Program

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is pleased to offer a fee based Extended Day Program for children from JK to grade 6. The program provides children with opportunities to expand their knowledge through a variety of activities. Children will be exposed to situations that will stimulate their curiosity, independence and communication skills. The extended day programs are delivered by teams of Registered Early Childhood Educators (RECE) who are members of the College of Early Childhood Educators. They are dedicated to providing faith based, quality, educational programming. All staff members have a deep and extensive knowledge of child development and the skills required to provide an enriched play-based educational program complementing the core day curriculum. Having an educator from the core day provides a seamless day allowing for consistency and security for both parents and children. The extended day program offers parents a convenient school location, equity of access in a safe and healthy environment for young children.



To see a schedule of program rates, details about the child care subsidy or to register for the program, please visit the Waterloo Catholic Board District School Board Web Site. www.wcdsb.ca



St. Agnes Catholic Elementary School

January 2017

Hello Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday with your children and I wish you a very happy new year! We ended 2016 on such a powerful note with our beautiful Advent Mass at St. Agnes Church on December 15, 2016. We enjoyed a celebratory mass with Father Aleks and, as usual, our children were very involved. Thank you to Mrs. Schnurr's and Mrs. Maric's classes for organizing the mass, and to our school choir and Mrs. MacIntosh for leading the congregation in singing. We are fortunate to have the church beside us where we celebrate our masses. Please know that parents, grandparents, and friends are always welcome to join us in our school wide masses.

We also gathered together on December 22, 2016, to celebrate the joyful season with our Christmas Concert at St. David's Catholic Secondary School. The students and staff were excited to entertain parents, grandparents and relatives with songs and dances that they learned throughout the month. Thank you to all staff who worked hard with our students to create such beautiful compositions for this night. Thanks especially to Mrs. Lazarevich and Mr. Johnston for their extra efforts to make the night so special. There was such a wonderful feeling of community as we gathered in the cafeteria afterwards for some refreshments and treats. Thank you once again to all the parents who donated baked goods and treats to help make this night a huge success. Thank you also to the council members and parent volunteers who gave their time to organize the trays of cookies and treats. Our Christmas concert night was a great way to end the 2016 year for the St. Agnes School community.

This month, we continue with our theme of the month. January is the month we focus on being reflective thinkers. This Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectation encourages us to use our great ideas! We are all encouraged to know that we have thoughts and opinions that matter, we could make good choices, there is hope for our future, we could solve problems with knowledge, understanding, and prayer, and we are all equal. To encourage your child(ren) to be reflective thinkers, you could do the following at home:

Have a discussion about how we serve others.

Have "What would you do?" discussions: Give scenarios and ask your child how to solve them responsibly (i.e. If you saw someone stealing in a store, what would you do? If you saw a student being bullied at school, what would you do? If you knew of a child that needed your help, what would you do?)

This month, we look forward to celebrating our St. Agnes Feast Day which is on Friday, January 20. As always, we use this day to reflect on who St. Agnes was and how we could be kind to one another as she was so kind to others. We will also be celebrating mass at 10:45 a.m. that day, followed by a school wide lunch put on by our school council and volunteers.

If you have any questions or concerns about our school or your children, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gloria Lasovich

Library Matters

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great break with time for reading.

Did you know that if you purchase a Chapters gift certificate through FlipGive that the library receives 20% of your purchase at no extra cost to you?? Since September we have raised \$365.00! A new campaign has just begun. The easiest place to find the link is to look at the first tweet from www.twitter.com/@StAgnesReads. Gift certificates can be used in store or online.

This month I am happy to welcome Anneke Dellaway. Anneke is a Library Technician student at Conestoga College. She will be doing her placement at St. Agnes over the next few weeks.

Students are very excited that we have a new rug in the library. It is right in front of the rocking chair for story time. We were able to purchase the rug with funds raised from the Scholastic Book Fair. Once again, thank you everyone for your support.

Shonna Bechtel
Library Technician
St. Agnes



A New Years Prayer

Loving God, you give us this New Year
And good friends with whom to share it.

Bless all who pray, work and learn
together.

And grant a happy year to all in our
school community.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Fit Bit December 2016



Litter-less Lunches

What is a litter-less lunch?

Also called a waste-free lunch, a litter-less lunch is a meal that is packed without any disposable containers or packaging.

What are the benefits of a litter-less lunch? They...

- ◆ Reduce waste from packaging
 - ⇒ Placing less burden on landfills and waste management systems
- ◆ Reduce food waste
 - ⇒ Allowing you to pack just the right amount of food and use leftovers
- ◆ Save money
 - ⇒ Making your own food is less expensive than buying prepared, individually-packaged foods
- ◆ Support eating well
 - ⇒ Providing opportunities to eat more fresh, whole foods like vegetables and fruit, whole grains, legumes, milk and alternatives and lean protein choices
 - ⇒ Relying less on processed foods, which typically have more fat, sugar and salt than food you would make at home



How do you pack a litter-less lunch?

Here is what you will need to have on hand:

- Reusable lunch bag or backpack
- Reusable containers in a variety of sizes for holding different food items
- Refillable water bottle or beverage container
- Reusable cutlery (made from bamboo or stainless steel, for example)
- Cloth napkins

Step 1 – Pack individual portions of each food into reusable containers. Remember to include at least one item from each food group!

Step 2 – Simply add a water bottle, cutlery, a cloth napkin, an ice pack (or frozen water bottle) and pack it all up in the lunch bag.

Other Helpful Tips

- ◆ Set aside a few minutes to pack lunch the night before to avoid a morning panic.
- ◆ Keep fresh fruit and vegetables on hand as well as easy to pack items such as dried fruit, whole grain crackers, hummus, roasted chickpeas or nut-free trail mix.
- ◆ Buy items like yogurt in larger (bulk) containers instead of single serving portions.
- ◆ To save time, portion leftovers from dinner directly into reusable containers for lunch the next day. Freeze any extra containers and defrost them overnight in the fridge on another day!