FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

I am so excited to begin another new school year at St. Bernadette! I hope that everyone had a very safe and enjoyable summer! Many thanks to our custodial staff, Mr. Butler and Mr. Doyle who worked very hard to clean up our school in preparation for our students this year.

I wish to thank our school secretary, Miss Hastings, for all of her hard work at the office so that everything is ready for the beginning of the school year. Many thanks to our Assistant to the Principal, Mrs. Stampone, who has helped prepare our school for an exciting year! All of our staff have worked so hard to make the classes an exciting and enjoyable place for all students to learn.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Aquino, our Catholic School Council Chair and Vice Chair, and the St. Bernadette Catholic School Council for taking the time to beautify our front yard and parking area of the school before our first day of school. Special thanks to Mrs. Caravaggio, Mrs. Fresco, Mrs. Cheers and Mrs. Aquino who visited the school last week to refresh the gardens, along with their children: Luke, Liam, Adam, Julius and Asha also took part in the clean up! They did an amazing job and all of your time and efforts are so appreciated! Our students will also notice the new stencils and lines that were completed over the summer. Thank you to Catholic School Council for providing our school with the stencil games on the pavement for our students. We will also have buddy bench for students to enjoy and also promote kindness.

I am so very blessed to be working with such hardworking, dedicated staff members who have taken the time to really prepare for another very positive and enjoyable year for our students. Our staff will be continuing to instill our “Be Nice” faith filled philosophy in our students along with implementing a strength-based approach model with our students, focusing on their strengths and building on them over the coming school year.

Please note that instead of newsletters each month, we will be updating you through our school website and notes home. I look forward to each day this year with your children as we continue to grow in our faith while also having an attitude of gratitude.

God Bless,
Sincerely,
Mrs. D. Catania
STAFF LIST FOR 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

We have a few great changes and updates to our already wonderful staff! Please note that classes may still change upon review of our class numbers in mid-September. Mrs. D. Stampone will be our Assistant to the Principal once again this year. Our new Special Education Resource Teacher is Mr. M. Golden, who comes from Holy Name of Jesus School. We welcome Ms. L. Schmidt as our Educational Assistant who will be with us in the afternoons as well. At the end of this month, we say goodbye to Mrs. Medieros, who was a caring and flexible partner working with our school at Before/After Daycare. We wish her well as she goes to St. Vincent de Paul. Mrs. L. Ried will be our new Before/After Daycare Manager.

Junior/Senior Kindergarten - Ms. J. Machado  
E.C.E - Mrs. J. Holmes  
Junior/Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. A. Clark  
E.C.E - Mrs. M. Oakley  
Grade 1 - Mrs. J. Fortino  
Grade 1/2 - Mrs. C. Maione  
Grade 2/3 - Mrs. H. Porco  
Grade 3/4 - Mrs. M. Klopfer  
Grade 4 - Mrs. V. Paci  
Grade 5 - Mrs. J. Donn  
Grade 6 - Mrs. J. Chong  
Grade 7 - Mrs. D. Stampone  
Grade 8 - Mr. M. Smith  
Core French and planning time - Madame L. Carey-Urban and Madame A. Gattulli  
AIT Itinerant - Mr. M. Furlong  
Special Education Resource – Mr. M. Golden  
Language Resource/Reading Recovery – Mrs. K. Smith (p.m.)  
Teacher Librarian – Mrs. M. Richber  
Library Clerical Mrs. K. Sullivan  
Educational Assistants  
Mrs. J. Ciccarelli  
Mrs. S. Borghese  
Ms. L. Schmidt  
Mrs. M. Prue  
Mr. B. Patterson  
Secretary - Miss. S. Hastings  
Custodial Staff - Mr. M. Butler (day)  
Cleaners - Mr. S. Doyle (night), Ms. M. Diaz  
Before/After Care/Daycare - Mrs. C. Medieros (Until September 29, 2017) Mrs. L. Ried

**School Timetable**

School Begins: 9:10 a.m. (Supervision in the morning begins at 8:55 a.m.)  
Recess in the morning: 10:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.  
Lunch: 11:55 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.  
Recess in the afternoon: 1:55 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.  
Dismissal: 3:30 p.m.
PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE EVENT ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017!

Our meet the staff night will be on Thursday, September 28, 2017 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We welcome all of our families to join us and meet our staff for a fun filled night where Harvey’s will be on sight serving delicious food! We have specifically requested to have no peanut options and they are able accommodate us.

** Pre-ordering information sheets will be sent home and can be done with cash online**

SCHOOL MASSES AND RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS
All families are welcome to attend our first school Mass of the year, which will be at St. Augustine Parish on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. All of our students will be going to the church for this Mass. Our JK – Grade Three students will be bussed and Gr.4-8 students will be walking, weather permitting. We hope you make every effort to join us, as this is a great way to demonstrate witness to our faith. Mass trip forms are attached to this newsletter, with the other two dates that our students will be attending Mass at the church. We thank Father Love for leading our Masses and welcoming our school family to the Parish during the year. The other Mass dates where students will be at St. Augustine Parish are:

**Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at St. Augustine Parish** - School Lenten Mass where our Grade Eight students and the Grade 8 students of St. Augustine School will be doing the Stations of the Cross. We will celebrate this mass with St. Augustine School.

**Thursday, May 17, 2018, 10:00 a.m at St. Augustine Parish** - School May Crowning Mass

Below are other important dates of masses, liturgies and celebrations in our faith:

**First Reconciliation:** Saturday, February 10, 2018 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Parish

**Ash Wednesday Ceremony:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Bernadette School

**First Communion:** Saturday, May 12, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at St. Augustine Parish

ST. BERNADETTE CATHOLIC SCHOOL CELEBRATES OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY ON THE WEEK OF APRIL 16, 2018! Please continue to follow our upcoming letters for more important information about our school’s momentous occasion!

JK/K REGISTRATIONS
If any families still have to register a child for Junior or Senior Kindergarten for this school year, please contact Miss Hastings at 905-523-2336. If there are any new families in your
neighbourhood who may need to register, please pass our school telephone number along to them. Thank you very much!

**Important Attendance Information**
The new absence reporting system that we will be implementing with our parent community is called Safe Arrival. It will allow parents to report their child’s absence quickly and conveniently in one of three ways:

1. Parents can call into an automated interactive telephone system via a toll free number (1-844-469-5486) through which absences can be reported.
2. Parents can log into a website, hwc.schoolconnects.com to authenticate their Portal account to report absences.
3. Parents who have authenticated their accounts and have either an iOS or Android device can download an app that can be used to report absences.

Also

Parents Please log onto our school website at:
https://stbe.hwcdsb.ca/
and click the follow us Tab

Students may not leave the school unless they have a note from their parents and they are picked up by an adult at the office. 2) Any student that is late must report to the office where students will be given a slip for admittance to class. 3) Our Recess Breaks are at 10:20 am and 1:55 p.m. and lunch is from 11:55 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. A child who normally stays for lunch and is leaving must be picked up by an adult at the office so they can be logged out. Any student who leaves the building without written permission shall be deemed truant and will face the consequences. 4) All parents/visitors/volunteers etc. to the school are asked to report to the main office and sign in the visitor’s book. Parents are not permitted to walk through the school to get their child during the school day. If a student is being picked up for an appointment they will be called down when an adult arrives.

**STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS**

If Parents need to pick up your son/daughter for lunch or an appointment, please inform the office and let your child’s teacher know by writing a note or calling the school informing us of the time and date in advance if possible. For safety reasons, and due to the fact that our school is located on a very busy street, students will not be allowed to leave the school for lunch on their own, or with friends. Students would need to be accompanied by an adult. As a parent myself, I entrust the school with the safety of my child each day. I am responsible for the safety and wellbeing of each child once they are at school, and I appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

**PARKING/DROPPING OFF STUDENTS:**

In order to help with our parking issues, your cooperation is greatly requested when dropping off your child(ren). As safety is our primary concern, a dangerous situation occurs when many cars try to move into the parking lot and block the entrance way or stop in front of the school in the bus loading area. Please do not block the roadway, especially as the school buses try to enter. If you must drop off your child, we encourage you to drive past the front entrance of the school and drop your child off by the playground. This only takes a moment and keeps the traffic flowing. Please help us alleviate this ongoing problem and keep our students safe! Remember,
students may not enter the school before 9:10 a.m. unless they are going to the Before and After Program.

**WARM WEATHER CONDITIONS**
The sun continues to shine in September. Temperatures are also still warm, therefore, it is strongly suggested that you provide your child with adequate sunscreen, hat, fluids, etc. to protect them from these conditions.

**STUDENT AGENDA PLANNERS**
As always, students from Grades 1 to 8 will be provided with an agenda. We thank our Catholic School Council for providing funds to pay for agendas. This is a vital tool not only for recording homework and assignments, but also for communication between the home and school. We will monitor the use of these agendas and strongly encourage students to make sure that they are diligent about making the use of their planners a daily routine. Your cooperation is appreciated in signing the planners on a daily basis.

**HAND HELD ELECTRONICS AND CELL PHONES**
Realistically, students do not need electronics and cell phones at school. However, if you, as a parent, wish to send your child to school with a cell phone, we ask that it be kept out of sight and turned off at school. We also suggest that your child keep it in a very secure place. We will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items, nor will we tolerate a phone being used at school without St. Bernadette staff’s consent first. If a cell phone and/or other electronic equipment is used during the school day it will be confiscated and will only be returned to the students parent or guardian. Should your child be required to use his or her personal electronic device a letter will be sent home in advance to seek parental permission. Additionally children will be supervised at all times while using them and will only be permitted usage during instructional periods.

For further information, please check the Board’s cell phone policy available at www.hwcdsb.ca. The school however, will not be held responsible or liable in any facet for any confiscated items.

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS**
Are You In Uniform?
For the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board’s Elementary School Uniform Standards please go to:

http://hnom.hwcdsb.ca/4449/Uniform-Information.html

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION**
All information for anaphylaxis, allergies, asthma and diabetes must be updated for September, 2017. Proper documentation is available in the office for this purpose. Anaphylaxis students are to now wear medical alert bracelets. Please see the office or the Special Education teacher for information on how to get the medical alert bracelets from “No Child Without” brochures. Two allercjets/epipens are to be kept at the school and if your child has a severe allergy, he/she is to have medication on him/her at all times.

**FDK ENTRANCE AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES**
In the interest of safety for students at the school and at the daycare, parents/guardians dropping off children in the morning are required to remain outside when the student line enters the school as this allows for smoother transitioning and helps to foster independence in your children. At the end of the day, again, parents/guardians are asked to kindly remain outside to wait for children to exit.

**BUSING**
During the summer months, HWSTS (Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services) has been busy developing an effective and efficient transportation plan to support the needs of students in the Catholic and Public systems. A third party professional Contact Centre will be used in September to deal with high volume issues/questions related to bus services. To contact HWSTS please call 905-523-2318.

Also, as you may or may not know, the school has no authority to change stops, pick-up times, etc. If you have requests, concerns or problems of that nature, you should contact the Board’s Transportation Department at (905)525-2930.

All Junior and Senior Kindergarten students must be accompanied to and from the bus stop by an adult or a sibling 12 years or older.

As well, please note that students will only be permitted to ride the school bus to which he/she has been assigned by the Transportation Department. Changing buses even for one night is NOT permitted. Students are ONLY allowed to ride on their assigned bus. Please do NOT make arrangements or send a note for your child to ride on a bus to which he/she is not assigned as these requests will be denied. Moreover, if a student has not been assigned to a bus at all because he/she walks or is driven to school, then permission cannot be granted for him/her to take a bus to, and/or from school. Lastly, if you are awaiting open seat status on a bus, the Transportation Department has indicated that this will not occur until October when all the bus routes have been finalized.

POLICE CHECKS:
We have been notified by the board that many parents/volunteers have not kept up their declaration forms each year and many will have to apply for another police check. If you are not sure if you are up-to-date on your status please contact the office asap. The following are the volunteer guidelines:

- Parents/guardians cannot volunteer or help with trips until a police check has been given to the office. NO EXCEPTIONS will be made. This is to ensure the safety of your children.

- While the school cannot stop parents from going on their own to the site of the trip, the school however will NOT allow parents to join the group at the trip site. This undermines the safety system we have set up for your children.

- The school does not clear parents that have submitted the police check. Our role is to copy your police check and send it in a confidential envelope to the School Board. They determine if a parent is cleared to attend trips and volunteer at the school.

- Please remember that, subject to change in Board Policy, you only need to do a police check once for the school as long as you sign a declaration form yearly (which will be available at the school) stating that you have no new convictions, etc.

Once again, I want to reiterate that we appreciate our volunteers tremendously and value your participation. We must however, follow the Board Policy, which is in place for the safety of all children.

ECO-CLUB NEWS

TONER CARTRIDGES

St. Bernadette’s Go Green Eco-Team continues to recycle toner cartridges and cell phones. Please forward to the school any used cartridges and cell phones from home and/or the office.

STUDENT MONTHLY AWARDS ASSEMBLIES
At the end of each month, we will be having monthly award assemblies to award students who help promote and exemplify gospel values daily as seen in the monthly Catholic Social Teaching. For example, in the month of September, the Catholic Social Teaching is Human Dignity, so 2-3 students in each class that show that they are following the rule of “Be Nice” and are promoting their faith in action may be given an award for showing Human Dignity. The monthly award assembly for this month will be on Thursday, October 5, 2017.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
“Get involved; it’s worth every minute!”

CSC Elections
We are fortunate to have a long history of a very active and enthusiastic Catholic School Council. All returning and new parents to the school are encouraged to come out and become a part of this valuable team! The elections for the new Catholic School Council will take place at 7:15 pm on Thursday, September 28, 2017, immediately following the Open House. A nomination form is attached. Additional forms are available in the office. Please see attachment for specific procedures for CSC.

Why not consider being a part of the Catholic School Council for the school year 2017-18?
Here is a brief synopsis of what is involved to be on committee:
The purpose of Catholic School Councils is, through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents and to promote the mission of Catholic education within the school community. It is the responsibility of the Catholic School Council to ensure that the Mission and Vision of the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board are supported and promoted by the Catholic School Council.

The role of the Catholic School Council is advisory. It shall provide ideas and opinions to assist the principal and, where appropriate, the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board in decision-making on educational issues. The advice shall be based on accepted Catholic principles, the general views of the school community and the best interest of all students throughout the school. The Catholic School Council must operate within the Education Act and its Regulations and Board Policy.

Catholic School Councils aid in providing the structure that enables parents, staff, principals, students, community and parish members to come together to review and address the education of that community’s children.

Catholic School Councils reinforce, through recommendations and their own activities, the concept of the school as one of the institutions which convey and express the life of the Church. With the broader Church community, the school shares responsibility for the spiritual growth and development of students as part of its educational task.

Uniform Program Donations
We would like to thank all the families that have either participated in or donated uniforms this year. Thanks to all your generosity we have been able to recycle many articles of clothing this past year. As the school year draws to a close we just wanted to remind you that we are accepting all gently used uniforms for our program. As you are cleaning out your closets if you have any uniform articles that you would like to donate, please package them in a bag and drop off in the front office. Also if anyone is looking for articles for the upcoming school year just send an email to stbuseduniforms@gmail.com with your list of requirements.
BE PART OF THE SOLUTION
During our school assemblies we will continue to talk about Diversity, accepting and including others, as well as anti-bullying, taken from Bill 13, “Accepting Schools Act”, Ontario Ministry of Education, 2012. The information below was shared with students and is now posted in classes. We will be continuing our discussions about inclusion, anti-bullying and focusing on strength based strategies this year, and we will be inviting our school community officer to speak to classes.

Taken from: http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng-multi/english/BullyingEN.pdf

What is Bullying?
Bullying is when someone hurts, puts down, embarrasses or scares another person repeatedly and on purpose. Bullies use power and control over others to get what they want. Bullying behavior may include:

Verbal: Name calling, put downs, threats
Social: Leaving others out of groups and activities on purpose or spreading rumours about them
Physical: Hitting, kicking
Electronic: Using e-mail, cell phones, text messages or the internet to bully others.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE BEING BULLIED

REPORT IT- tell an adult you can trust. It is important to keep reporting to adults until the problem is solved.

Be sure to describe:
• Exactly what happened
• When and how often it has happened
• Where the incidents took place
• Who was involved
• Who else saw it happen
• What you have done about it so far

STAY SAFE AND ACCEPT EVERYONE’S DIFFERENCES
• Do not play alone. Play in areas where you feel safe.
• Tell the bully to stop with a firm and confident voice and walk away.

Is your child being bullied? Sharing these tips with him/her may help
• If it’s hard to stand up for yourself, ignore the bullying and walk away...then tell an adult who can help.
• Talk to an adult who can help, like a teacher or a parent.
• If you’re scared to talk to an adult, ask a friend to go with you.
• Practice with your parents or teachers what to say and do the next time you are bullied.
• Go to areas where you feel safe.
• Stay close to students who will stick up for you.
• Look brave and tell the child who bullies to back off...Bullying is NOT cool!
• Stay calm...try not to show that you are getting sad or mad.
• Be safe...fighting back can make things worse.
• Don’t blame yourself...it’s not your fault.

(Taken from www.prevnet.ca)

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE OPPORTUNITY:
The H.W.C.D.S.B. offers **free** language classes to all students presently enrolled in an elementary school in Ontario. The focus of the Elementary Program is to offer children an opportunity to develop and/or maintain the ability to listen, speak and write a new language or the language of the home or heritage, and at the same time learn about the culture and heritage associated with the language. Classes take place 2.5 hours per week and no prior knowledge of the language is necessary. Registration will be held on the week of **September 9th to 15th**. However, students are eligible to register for a class at any time throughout the school year. **Languages offered and their sites are listed below.** Please note that each class will only run if there is sufficient enrolment.

Community groups and those interested in starting a new program may call the office at 905-577-0555 ext. 3225. Further information can be found at [www.stcharles.ca](http://www.stcharles.ca)

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<td>318-9476 (h)</td>
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<td>905-545-4881</td>
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Count yourself in!

Did you know that every time you move to a new home, you must re-designate your Catholic school support? Otherwise the education portion of your property taxes will automatically default to the public school system.

The number of Catholic ratepayers is also a strong indicator of support for the Catholic school system. To vote for Catholic Trustees you must be registered as a separate school ratepayer.

We urge you to check your property tax bill to ensure that your support is directed to the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board. We also encourage you to share this information with

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<td>PARENT NOMINATIONS BEGIN</td>
<td>Tues. Sept. 5, 2017</td>
<td>3:30 pm.</td>
<td>Nomination Forms are attached to this newsletter. To be returned to office by Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2017. Nomination forms must be handed in for each group of Council members. Unless a request is made, the Community representative position will be determined by the new Council by vote at their first meeting on election night. Voting will be by secret ballot.</td>
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family and friends who are Catholic but do not have children in the school system. If you need help checking or changing your school support designation, please call the Assessment Department at 905-525-2930, Ext. 2188, or email webmaster@hwcdsb.ca.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

(1) Each parent/guardian of (a) child(ren) currently attending St. Bernadette School may vote once for each of a maximum of 10 candidates.

(2) A Parent Candidate Nomination Form/Parent Self Nomination Form is attached to this newsletter.

(3) You must be present on Election Day to vote.

(4) The Principal will determine ballot position by lot.

(5) All new Council members will be listed in the October Newsletter.

(6) One Community Representative shall be appointed from the broader Catholic community by the Catholic School Council at their first meeting. Anyone from the community wishing to be considered for this position should forward their name to the office by Tues. Sept. 26, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

(7) Nominations Close on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 @ 3:30 p.m. No late nominations will be accepted.

NOTE: If 10 or fewer nominations are received, then all positions will be acclaimed and no voting day will be required.

ST. BERNADETTE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

Only PARENTS can return this form. It must be submitted to the Office and signed and dated by office staff. (Do not send this with your son or daughter as it will not be accepted by the classroom teacher.)

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

I am the parent/guardian of ________________________, who is currently registered at this school.

(Full name of student)

Parent’s/Guardian’s Name: _______________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

Home phone: ___________________ Business phone: _______________________

Email: ________________________________________________________________
### ST. BERNADETTE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

#### CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

I wish to nominate ______________________________________________________

(Full name of parent/guardian nominated)

for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council.  
She/he is the parent/guardian of ____________________________________________

(Full name of student)

Nominator’s signature: ___________________________ Date: ______________________

The person I have nominated is an employee of the board.

YES □ NO □

Parent/Guardian’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: ______________________

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### ****COMPLETE THIS BOX ONLY IF YOU ARE NOMINATING YOURSELF****

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council.

I am an employee of the board. YES □ NO □

Candidate’s signature: ___________________________ Date: ______________________

Please include a brief biography of the candidate you have nominated (or autobiography for a self-nomination) on the back of this sheet or on a separate sheet attached to this form. You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

An adult must return this form to the office (not the child’s teacher) by Tuesday, September 26th, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

Office Staff Signature: ___________________________ Date & Time Received: __________________

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**ST. BERNADETTE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
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Principal – Mrs. D. Catania  
Assistant to the Principal– Mrs. D. Stampone  
Superintendent of Education – Mr. M. Hucal  

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (H-W.C.D.S.B.) collects personal information under the legal authority of:


During the school year, students will be involved in a wide variety of events and activities consistent with the purpose of educating students in accordance with the Education Act. For such events and activities, the school may receive requests for personal information such as the names(s) of parent/guardian, address, telephone numbers, from either the local parish, Catholic School Council, etc.

Such groups would include:

Local Parish

The H.W.C.D.S.B. works in conjunction with parish priests in the spiritual development of the students, including the celebration of the sacraments. For this purpose, pertinent personal information may be released to the parish for the purpose of arranging receipt of the sacraments and other religious occasions.

Catholic School Council
Catholic School Councils (parent advisory bodies) occasionally require information to communicate with parents.

Events/Activities

During the school year, it is the normal practice to publicize many of the positive things that occur at the school. This would include such things as:

- Student’s work with their names, may be displayed in the classroom or school hallways, or may be shared with the public through science fairs, art projects, bulletin board displays, school newsletters, the school Web site, the Board’s administration offices, board newsletters.
- From time to time, the press may come to the school and take photos of children and write articles about their achievements, graduation or special events. The information gathered is used as part of the school’s communication plan in an effort to share newsworthy events that occur at the school.
- Photographs and videos of students, collectively or individually, may be taken and may be used in the following manner:
  - bulletin board displays in the classroom and in school hallways;
  - school yearbooks or school newsletter
  - in classroom activities, during open house, parents’ night, etc.;
  - out-of-school learning experiences;
  - may be shown to teachers for the purpose of planning activities;
  - local newspapers and television stations.
  - university based Faculties of Education Internship Program
  - Birthday congratulations to students (e.g. Today is Ashley C’s birthday) may be announced over the public address system and/or in the classrooms.
  - Yearbooks may display names, grades and anecdotes about individual students.

PLEASE NOTE

If you consent to your child being recognized as described above, please complete, sign and return the attached form to the school office as soon as possible.

If you have any objections to the sharing of your child’s personal information in any or all of the above mentioned related activities and if you do not wish your child to be identified in this way, please complete, sign and return the attached form to the School Principal as soon as possible.

ALL STUDENTS MUST RETURN THE PRIVACY REQUEST FORM

We ask that you only fill out the top part of the Privacy Request Form attached to this newsletter so that your child can be involved in all school photos and activities which are photographed or videotaped.

PRIVACY REQUEST FORM

COMPLETE EITHER PART OF THIS PAGE AND RETURN THIS SHEET TO YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017.

STUDENT’S NAME: ________________________________

TEACHER’S NAME: ___________________________________

************************************************************************** SIGN EITHER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING**************************************************************************

PRIVACY REQUEST – GRANTING PERMISSION

By signing this form, your child’s name will be recognized through any of the activities mentioned above for the remainder of the school year. Consider this carefully before signing.

I have read the information pertaining to the use of student(s) personal information.
This is to inform the school that I HAVE NO OBJECTIONS to any information posted or published for the student(s) named below.

Student Name(s)____________________________ School: ________________________________

____________________________________  _______________________________________

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Parent/Guardian’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________________

*Please consider carefully if you are considering signing Part 2 as your child will not be recognized in many activities.

PRIVACY REQUEST – PERMISSION NOT GRANTED

By signing this form, your child’s name will NOT be recognized through any of the activities mentioned above for the remainder of the school year. Consider this carefully before signing.

I have read the information pertaining to the use of student(s) personal information.

This is to inform the school that I DO NOT wish to have any information posted or published for the student(s) named below.

Student Name(s)____________________________ School: ________________________________

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REMINDER CHECKLIST

ALL STUDENTS must return the following forms from this newsletter by Friday, September 8th, 2017:
☐ Privacy Request Form – Please sign only Part 1 as it allows your child to be in class pictures, etc.

☐ Mass Trip and Community walk Consent Forms #1 & 2

☐ CSC Nomination Form - Only if you wish to run for Catholic School Council

NOTE: This form must be sent to the office by parents only and not the student’s teacher. We track the date and time that all nominations are received in the office.