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## **Welcome Back To School**

Let me begin our 2021-2022 school year with a prayer.

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our Holy Name of Jesus family be willing to begin a new with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires.

Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen.

For Parents/Guardians who are new and to those who are returning to the Holy Name of Jesus community I would like to share our co-created school mission, creed and motto. This is what we all aspire to become at Holy Name of Jesus, and it is what we recite daily during morning exercises.

**HNOJ Mission: Lead Like Jesus**

**HNOJ Creed:**

**As a Holy Name of Jesus Husky I promise to lead like Jesus.**

**I am someone who will create peace by making things right when I make the wrong choice.**

**I will be proactive as this will help me be prepared, relaxed and creative.**

**I believe in kindness by showing empathy and using the Golden Rule.**

**I promise to take responsibility for my actions by reflecting, being honest and accepting the consequences.**

**I am someone that shows compassion by smiling, motivating others and listening to understand.**

**I will develop winning habits through repetition, meditation and prayer.**

**I believe in taking care of each other, showing dignity and respect for all people.**

**If I live this creed I will inspire others to be like Jesus and create an environment where "Each Belongs".**

**HNOJ Motto: Love, Honesty, Respect, Lead**

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year. The days ahead will be exciting and anxious for all as we begin the 2021-22 school year.

We hope that you had a restful, relaxing, and fun summer. Over the last few weeks our staff have been preparing the classrooms for our students. We had newly appointed staff just as early as Thursday and I am sure they are setting things up as you are reading this newsletter. The classrooms look fantastic and a big thank you goes out to all staff. We are ready for learning this 2021-2022 school year. I would like to personally thank our custodians, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Dufour and Mr. Garrett who have spent a great deal of time cleaning, organizing our school, and preparing it for COVID protocols. The school looks great!

Here is a link to the [Parent Guide for Reopening](#). It will contain all the protocols we are adhering to at Holy Name of Jesus. Many of the protocols will be the same as last year and you can find more details about these protocols towards the end of this newsletter.

We welcome all our new staff and students to the Holy Name of Jesus Community. We welcome them to a community that does their best to lead like Jesus. Below is a list of staff, grades and entry doors for the first day of school on Wednesday September 8, 2021. FDK parents have been emailed a copy of their child's staggered entry. It is also on our school's Website.

In our staff chart you will notice names that have been ***bolded and italicized***. These staff members are new to our school community. We welcome them to Holy Name of Jesus and we hope that their years in Catholic Education are filled with Love, Honesty, Respect, and Leadership.

**Holy Name of Jesus Staff List 2021-22**

Grade	Room #	Teacher	Entrance and Exit Doors
FDELK – A	133	Mrs. C. Pascazi / Mrs. Maxwell	FDK Door Closer to Belview Court
FDELK – B	136	Ms. A. Gera / <b><i>Mrs. E. Girardi</i></b>	FDK Door Closer to Belview Court
FDELK – C	138	Mrs. J. Guzzi / Mrs. Fernandopulle	FDK Door Closer to Belmont Ave
FDELK – D	141	<b><i>Ms. R. Soccio / Mrs. C. Chiado</i></b>	FDK Door Closer to Belmont Ave
Grade 1A	203	Mrs. L. Marcy x	North Playground (Facing Play Structure)
Grade 1B	204	Ms. B. Graca x	North Playground (Facing Play Structure)
Grade 2A	202	Mrs. V. DiBartolomeo x	North Playground (Facing Play Structure)
Grade 2B	201	<b><i>Ms. A. Di Genova x</i></b>	North Playground (Facing Play Structure)
Grade 3A	208	Ms. T. DiDomenico x	Southwest Belview Court Doors
Grade 3B	200	<b><i>Ms. T. Higgins x</i></b>	North Playground (Facing Play Structure)
Grade 4/5A	207	Ms. K. Ross x	North Playground (Facing Play Structure)
Grade 4A	209	Ms. S. Piccolotto x	Southwest Belview Court Doors
Grade 5A	216	Mrs. S. Zawadzki x	Southwest Belview Court Doors
Grade 6A	215	Mrs. S. Mattachini x	Southwest Belview Court Doors
Grade 6B	217	<b><i>Mr. D. Luciani x</i></b>	Southwest Belview Court Doors
Grade 7A	212	Mr. C. Mattachini x	Southwest Belview Court Doors
Grade 7B	214	<b><i>Mr. L. Fauni x</i></b>	Southwest Belview Court Doors
Grade 8A	210	Ms. K. Suriani x	Southwest Belview Court Doors
Grade 8B	213	<b><i>Ms. C. Catania x</i></b>	Southwest Belview Court Doors
SERT	145	<b><i>Mrs. V. Kagianis</i></b>	
French/PPT		Mlle. I. Moniz and Mr. K. Munn	
PPT		<b><i>Mr. N. Daoulas</i></b>	
ESL		Ms. Laura Milligan	
RR/Empower	206	Mrs. M. Varasso-Puglia	
AIT		<b><i>Miss Ailish Corbett</i></b>	

EAs: Mr. Iannone, Ms. Butty, Ms. Lipnicki- Sabeh, ***Mrs. Filonova***, Ms. B. Doyle, Ms. Rua, Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Criminisi, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Martini, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Benish, Mrs. DiLeonardo-Stone, Ms. Maini, Ms. Woods, ***Mr. Marchis, Mrs. Keeble-Bolduc***

Custodial Staff: Mr. M. McDougal, Mr. C. Dufour, Mr. Garrett, Ms. Gale Office: ***Mrs. Gojmerac***, Mrs. Carna.

My goal as your principal is to continue to create an inviting and welcoming atmosphere where parents/guardians, staff and students can collaborate and develop an environment where each child can be successful and reach their potential. I would like to share a part of my philosophy of education that is near and dear to my heart. In the book, "The Leader in Me", the late Stephen Covey wrote, "If you treat all students as if they are gifted and you always look at them through that lens of being gifted in at least some aspect they will rise to that level of expectation." These words are what we as Catholics need to live by if we plan to find the strengths in each child. We must find creative ways to empower children so they can unleash their talents within our Catholic school setting.

Communication is the key in supporting the teaching and learning process. Our staff is committed to developing and maintaining strong community relationships. If you have a concern about your child, please do not hesitate to call the school and let us know. Early and ongoing information sharing can help to clarify and often alleviate concerns quickly. Begin by contacting your child's teacher. In doing so, a time can be scheduled for you to speak with the teacher. For this year we are going to rely heavily on the telephone and possibly video conferencing. If your concerns are not resolved in a reasonable and timely manner, please do not hesitate to contact me for assistance.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Ms. Standish, Mrs. Gojmerac, Mr. McDougall & Mr. Dufour for all of their help in preparing the school and the classrooms for our much anticipated first day of school.

To our Catholic students, I would like to share our school mission with you. This mission is one that we developed together. The mission is "Lead Like Jesus". Discovering Jesus and striving to lead like Him is a challenging task but it is something we will all strive to do at Holy Name of Jesus. Our school motto is summed up in 4 words: Love, Honesty, Respect Lead. These words are easy to speak but challenging to live by.

### **News From our Vice Principal, Ms. S. Standish**

Welcome to the new and amazing school year – 2021/2022. Summer is a time of long sunny days and warm evenings. I hope that this time also brought you opportunities to restore, renew, and rejuvenate your souls, your minds, and your bodies. I hope you found time to find hope in yourself and for our Hamilton community as Bishop Crosby encouraged us to do during Catholic Education week, "Nurturing Hope", especially during these continued difficult times. I look forward to embarking on this new journey as Vice Principal. I will serve, support, and learn alongside our Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School Community.

As our new year begins – may we always choose kindness. May empathy and compassion be at the forefront of all we do, say, and how we treat both ourselves and others. Together – we can do great things. "A single twig breaks, but the bundle of twigs is strong." – Tecumseh.

Make sure to introduce yourself to me on the yard or in the halls. The warm welcome I have already received has ensured that I already feel like an integral part of our amazing HNOJ school community! May God bless us and keep us well, safe, and healthy.

## Anaphylaxis

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Elementary School is a place where all children need to feel safe and have a sense of belonging. To ensure the safety and well-being of all children, please note below important information from Food Allergy Canada: ([Click the link for detailed information.](#))

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) 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 and expected. **There are students at this school who are allergic to the following foods items: nuts, eggs and dairy, chickpeas, garbanzo beans, seafood, pears, tomatoes, plum sauce, bees.** Parents will or have already been advised of allergens specific to a classroom; please avoid bringing these allergens into the designated classroom. Food must only be eaten in classrooms. Reinforce hand washing practices: wash hands/sanitize before and after eating. Remind children not to share or trade food, food utensils, or food containers. Celebrations: please do NOT provide food items. Non-food items (i.e. pencils, erasers etc.) are permitted for various celebrations and special events and activities. Thank you for your help in keeping all our children safe.

## COVID-19 PROTOCOLS & SCHOOL SECURITY

Student and Staff safety is of the utmost importance at Holy Name of Jesus. Please note the following informational items regarding school security.

All students who will be attending face-to-face learning are to screen their child(ren) for COVID-19 symptoms every morning. If you child is experiencing symptoms, [please follow the public health guidelines.](#) We have provided the [ministry link for screening here.](#) This is the same link we use at school to screen children.

Students who become ill during the school day and on school premises will be placed in an isolation room area. Parents/Guardians will be contacted to coordinate immediate student pick up from the school and follow guidance of their health care provider and guidance under the Return to School procedure.

1. All entry doors to the school will be locked during the school day to ensure student and staff safety.
2. The intercom system must be used to enter the school. The intercom system is at the front doors of the school on Belmont Avenue. This is the only entrance you are able to contact Office Staff upon your arrival. Please note that due to COVID-19 protocols, only parents/guardians picking up children in the event of an emergency will be given access to enter the school. If you require to pick up your child(ren) for other reasons, please buzz the office and wait outside the front doors. Your children will be called out of class and will be escorted to the doors to meet you.
3. Parents/Guardians who have children that are in the Before & After Care Program are asked to please use the Daycare entrance to drop off and pick up your child.
4. Parents/Guardians who bring their child(ren) to school in the morning and wish to stay until the entry bell rings at 9:15 a.m., are welcome to remain on the yard by your child(ren)'s designated entry door. Please remember all physical distancing measures (6 feet apart from one another) and remain at least 15 feet from the doors behind the line. Your child(ren) will inform you which doors they enter/exit after their first staggered day.

6. **All students must wear a mask to enter the building.** Masks are to cover the nose and mouth area and fit under the chin. Students are to wear their mask all day - in class, in the hallways, and when using the washrooms. They will only be permitted to remove their mask when eating and during outdoor play/learning times.

7. To ensure we follow physical distancing protocols, we will begin to allow students into the building using the Belview Court Doors and Belmont Park Doors at 9:00 a.m. Students must be wearing a mask to enter the building and only one child will be let in at a time ensuring the 2-meter distance. All students are to sanitize their hands upon entry using our wall mounted sanitizer station and walk directly to their classroom. Staff will post in the hallways for safety to ensure students remain 6 feet apart.

8. Entry and Dismissal: Students from Grade 1-8 will enter/exit the building one at a time. At dismissal, students will be dismissed by class and one student will exit at time, maintaining physical distancing protocols. Parents/Guardians are asked to keep the exit doorways clear and stand at least fifteen feet from the doors behind the line. It is encouraged families determine a designated area to meet your child(ren) outside at dismissal to decrease congestion close to the doors. Kindergarten students will use the kindergarten area for entry/exit and will receive information from the Kindergarten Team.

9. New touchless water fountains have been installed and will be available for use. Please ensure your child has a refillable spill-proof water bottle labelled with his/her name.

10. Parents are asked to not enter the building through the Belmont Park or Belview Court doors. If you require assistance, please call the school, email the school mailbox [hnoj@hwcdsb.ca](mailto:hnoj@hwcdsb.ca) OR go to the front doors on Belmont Avenue and buzz the Main Office. Our secretary will be most happy to assist you. Due to Covid-19 protocols, parents will not be permitted to enter the school. If face-to-face meetings are required, then meeting times will be established.

11. Bus students: Students who take the bus to school must wear a mask on the bus and exiting the bus. The bus drop off location is on Belmont Avenue. When they arrive to school, they will exit the bus, go directly to the playground, and may remove their mask. Students with exceptionalities will be greeted by an EA who will direct them.

We welcome all parent/guardians; however, all measures are in place to ensure the safety of both students and staff. We look forward to seeing all our students next week!

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. Iassogna, Principal & Ms. Standish, Vice-Principal