



# St. Eugene Catholic Elementary School Parent/Guardian Update Week of January 15, 2024

## Important Dates:

**Pizza Orders Due:** January 16

**Wellness Wednesday/Spirit Wear:** January 17

**Popcorn for Wellness Wednesday:** January 17 (Orders Due January 8)

**School Mass:** January 18 @ 10:00 AM

**Pizza Day:** January 19

**PA Day:** January 26 (no school)

**Term 1 ends:** February 1

**Mardi Gras/Pancake Tuesday:** February 13

**Ash Wednesday:** February 14: Mass @ 10:00 AM

**Report Cards go home:** February 16

**Family Day:** February 19 (no school)



## Parish Connections:

As part of our home, school, and parish initiatives, our Grades 6, 7, and 8 classes will be attending 8:30 AM mass at St. Eugene parish on Friday mornings. Parents are welcome to join the classes attending mass on Fridays.

[Click here for the Parish Bulletin.](#)

Next School Mass is Thursday, January 18 @ 10:00 AM.  
Please join us if you are available.

## Upcoming Feast Days

St. Ida—January 15

St. Anthony—January 17



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### School Updates:

As part of our School Improvement and Equity plan, we are focusing on the learning skills and work habits of Responsibility, Organization, Independent Work, Collaboration, Initiative, and Self-regulation. These skills and habits enable students to perform to the best of their abilities. Each week, we will focus on a different learning skill and work habit with whole school announcements and activities in the classroom to make to ensure that each student knows what the criteria are for each of the skills and can self-assess to determine what they may need to work on to set goals for improvement. Last week we focused on responsibility. This week we will focus on organization. Ask your child(ren) about what they are learning in regards to being organized.



We officially welcome Mme Marica who is teaching the KCF class during Mme Moreau's maternity leave.

We welcome Ms. Castaldi who will be teaching the English halves of the 3CF and 4AF classes.

We welcome Ms. Coulas full time to the St. Eugene community as she teaches the 4/5AF class all day.


**Organization**

*"But all things should be done decently and in order."*

1 Corinthians 14:40

I can...

- devise and follow a plan for completing work and tasks.
- integrate learning from various subjects/areas of learning.
- gather information effectively, using a variety of techniques and sources.
- recognize when assignments and projects would benefit from additional research.
- identify and use a variety of facilities, equipment, supplies, evidence, opinions, and discussion to gather information and solve problems.
- organize information logically and creatively and manage it effectively.
- take care of my personal belongings and those of others.

  
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Learning. Advancing. Growing.

**Family Pancake Tuesday Event:** As part of our Parents Reaching Out Grant, the Catholic School Council will be organizing a Pancake Tuesday event on February 13 @ 6:00 PM in our school gym. Pancakes will be for sale via SchoolCashOnline until February 2. A flyer with all the details will be sent home this week. Mark your calendar!



**Winter Clothing:** Winter weather is upon us. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for the weather. Students should have a winter coat, hat, gloves, mittens, scarves, snow pants, and boots. All students need a pair of indoor shoes as boots are not permitted to be worn indoors. All students should have an extra pair of socks and gloves/mittens in their bags.





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**Parking Lot:** We would once again like to appeal to your patience and consideration when navigating the parking lot. A number of dangerous situations have arisen because of vehicles moving too quickly when dropping off and picking up students. Kindly drive slowly and follow the direction of Mr. Rob who tries to keep the



traffic flowing and all students, staff, and parents safe. Thank you for your cooperation. When we all do our part, we can keep everyone safe.

**Daily School Route:** St. Eugene is collaborating with the Daily School Route (DSR), which is an organization working with the HWCDSB and the City of Hamilton to support students using active transportation (walking, biking, etc.) to get to school. When kids use active transportation, they arrive at school better prepared to learn, interact with others, and deal with the challenges of the day. Look for a message on January 17 with a link to a survey. Kindly participate in the survey so that you can help us to improve the school experience for students and families.

**The Great Gulp:** On Friday, January 19th, St. Eugene will actively participate in The Great Gulp. This event unites the entire school in a synchronized act of drinking tap water from reusable bottles. The goal is to raise awareness within the school community about the importance of staying hydrated, the accessibility of safe tap water in Canada, and the crucial need to reduce single-use plastic waste.

## Prayer for new beginnings

*Father God, I praise You for a fresh start and new beginning. Your Word says that Your mercies are new every day, and Your compassions never fail. Thank you for Your faithfulness; I proclaim that You are my portion! Lord, thank you for giving me a new year and spirit and making me a new creation.*

*Amen.*

