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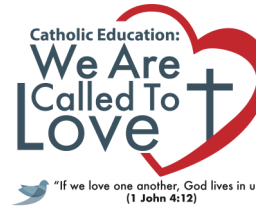
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December 2023 Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Christmas time is upon us again! December is always one of the busiest times in Elementary Schools but also the most fun and exciting.

We are thrilled to once again have our students be involved in and demonstrate their faith through giving to and supporting others in need. Attached is the plan for Blessed Sacrament School Reverse Advent challenge. All goods brought into the school will be donated out to foodbanks supporting members of our local community.

We are also excited about continuing some of our Christmas practices. Gingerbread decorating will happen again this year, as will "Candy Cane" grams, Christmas cookies and a Christmas lunch for the students supported once again by the School Council. Our Christmas Concert will be held in the Church on Thursday December 21st. More information, dates and costs etc. for each of these will be sent out shortly.

During this season of advent, the Staff and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a relaxing and faith filled Christmas Break.

"God Bless us Everyone!!"

M. Finochio

SOME DATES TO HIGHLIGHT - check website www.blessedsacramentburford.ca/events-calendar

- Dec. 1—LunchBox-Alice Chili
- Dec. 4—Advent liturgy –mass -gym
- Dec. 5—Candy Cane Gram Sales End
- Dec. 6—Winter Décor Pick—by appt only
- Dec. 8— LunchBox-Alice's Pasta
- Dec. 8—Christmas Hat Day
- Dec. 11—Advent liturgy –mass -gym
- Dec. 13—Gingerbread man decorating
- Dec. 15—LunchBox Pizza
- Dec. 15—Christmas Sweater Day
- Dec. 18—Advent liturgy –mass -gym
- Dec. 18—School to the movies—bus leaves @ 9:30
- Dec. 20—Christmas Lunch— church hall 12:00pm
- Dec. 21—Christmas Concert—Church— 1pm & 6pm
- Dec. 22—PJ /Green/Red day/Cookie Day & Candy Cane Grams
- Dec. 22—Advent liturgy –mass -gym
- Dec 25/23—Jan 5/24—Christmas Break
- Jan. 8—Back to school from Christmas break
- Jan 11—Dental Screen –SK/JK, Gr. 2 & Gr 7
- Jan. 12—LunchBox Alice Pasta
- Jan. 12—Jersey Day
- Jan 19—LunchBox—Pizza
- Jan 22—PA day
- Jan. 25— Basketball tournament

Dear God,

Thank you for all the fun and excitement of Christmas.

Thank you for the amazing nativity story, that tells us about the birth of Jesus. Thank you for sending us your

Son, a gift from you into this world. As we look at the





LUNCHBOX ORDER PROGRAM

LunchBox Hot Lunches this month is: December 1st, December 8th, December 15th

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND GOD BLESS



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

New Junior and Senior Kindergarten registrations for the 2024-2025 school year will be held during the month of January. Kindergarten registration are now to be done online – please visit our website and click “Register Now”

www.blessedsacramentburford.ca

It is crucial that parents enroll their children in January, as this begins the planning and school organization for the 2024-2025 school year. Parents should be able to upload the following when registering:

Birth Certificate

Baptismal Certificate

Note: please contact the school should you require assistance with these documents.

If you know of any parents with Kindergarten age children, please let them know the enrollment process will be open and information on enrollment can be found on our website under the registration button. Please contact Mrs. Konkiewicz should you have questions.

Gingerbread Cookie Decorating of cookies will be Dec. 13th. We would also like to thank the School Council for their support of this great annual primary activity.



CANDY CANE GRAMS

The Blessed Sacrament School will be selling Candy Cane Grams from **November 27th** to **December 5th** for 15¢ each. Students are encouraged to send messages to their classmates and siblings in the school. Parents are asked to pay through School Cash on line. Please do not send cash to school. The Candy Grams will be delivered on **December 22nd** before Christmas holidays. All proceeds to go to Saint Vincent de Paul in support of our community



CHRISTMAS VACATION

Just a reminder that the Christmas holidays this year are from Monday, December 25th until Friday, January 5th. The first day back for students in the New Year is Monday January 8th, 2024









Blessed Sacrament Christmas Lunch

Thanks to the Subsidies from School Council and the donations from families(\$4 per student or \$10 per family of 3 or more students), on Wednesday December 20th, all the students & staff of Blessed Sacrament School will enjoy a Christmas Lunch at the school. All meals are individually package and in compliance with Health Unit guidelines.



Christmas Concert will be held at the Church on December 21st. A matinée at 1:00 pm and another at 6:00pm. Refreshment will be offered in the Church hall at 7:00 pm. Due to the growing size of our student population, we would ask that all families that can attend in the afternoon do, as the spaces at the church will be limited. We would also like to thank Fr. Andrew for allowing us to use the church and would ask all in attendance to remember that it is still a church and that hats should be re-

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Each class is responsible for two items. Extra donations are welcome 😊</p> <p>Items can be donated on your class' specific day or when you have it ready.</p> <p>Monetary and Gift Card donations are welcome!</p> <p>Last day for donations is Wednesday December 13th</p> 		<p>November 28th</p> <p>Kinder Marr/ Glowala</p> <p>Can of Heat & serve and box of crackers</p>	<p>November 29th</p> <p>Kinder Kean/ Holbeck</p> <p>Canned meat and box of macaroni and cheese</p>	<p>November 30th</p> <p>Grade 1 Chase</p> <p>Pancake mix-water only and canned fruit</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Grade 1/2 Sibbick</p> <p>Cookies and jar of jam</p>	<p>2</p> 
<p>3</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Grade 2/3 Savard</p> <p>Dry pasta and pasta sauce</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Grade 3 Purvis</p> <p>Instant oatmeal and applesauce</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Grade 3/4 Green</p> <p>Box of cereal and can of vegetable</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Grade 4/5 Cowan</p> <p>Can of brown beans and bag/box minute rice</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Grade 5/6 Virag</p> <p>Heat & Serve soup and Canned Meat</p>	<p>9</p> 
<p>10</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Grade 6/7 Moulton</p> <p>Cookies and box of potatoes</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Grade 7/8 Whalen</p> <p>2 cans of canned pasta (Alphaghetti, Chef Boyard- sauce)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Staff</p> <p>Canned Vegetables and a jar of peanut butter</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Everyone</p> <p>Give thanks for all our generous donations!</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Drop off to Burford Community Food Bank</p>	<p>16</p> 

Christmas Spirit Days

Friday, December 8th-Christmas Hat Day

Friday, December 15th -Christmas Sweater Day

Friday, December 22nd-Pajamas/Green/Red Day /Cookie Day



DANGER: BUS LOADING ZONE



Before and after school, once buses start to arrive in the school bus loading zone, **please do not drive up to the school to drop off or pick up students**. We would like parents to park near the crosswalk and **use the sidewalk**. Please **do not walk between buses**. This is for the safety of all students, parents and staff. Your co-operation and good example is very much appreciated.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of weather that may affect school transportation, Blessed Sacrament is a **Zone 3** school with all Brant County schools. If bus transportation is cancelled in Zone 3 (as announced by local radio stations) Blessed Sacrament will **be closed** for students and staff. Decisions to cancel or delay transportation will be made prior to 6:30 a.m. and be announced prior to 6:45 a.m. When Blessed Sacrament School requires an emergency closing due to weather conditions, each child or family of children will only be dismissed when the parent has been contacted by school personnel and/or volunteers. On days of school closures, asynchronous activities will be available on each of the homerooms Brightspace pages for all students that have access on those days

CHOCOLATE BAR FUNDRAISER



Thanks to everyone for their efforts with this year Chocolate bar fundraiser.

Our top seller was the **Laurie Family** selling 7 boxes!

Second top seller was the **Bonney Family** selling 5 boxes.

And our Third top seller was split between two families selling 4 boxes each: **Leroux Family** and **Heltner Family**.

Our Grand Prize Draw Winner is: **Kloepfer Family**
(Adler, Emmitt, Elsie)

5lbs Chocolate Bar winner: **Palczny Family**

The money raised through this fundraiser is used to offset bus costs throughout the year, continue to support our scientists in school's workshops as well as purchase playground equipment for the yard.

**PLEASE
SIGN IN & OUT
HERE**

VISITOR PROCEDURES

Please note that all visitors to the school need to report to the office, speak with Mrs. Konkiewicz and sign in. Should you be coming into the school to pick up your child(ren) please stay at the office as Mrs. Konkiewicz will page your child(ren)



School Council December Update

It's the most wonderful time of the year! School Council is thrilled for a month of Christmas events. Join us as we celebrate the Christmas season.



Winter Decor Fundraiser Update

Thank you to all our families who participated in this year's Winter Decor Fundraiser and a special thank you to Miles Flowers for the beautiful selection.

Gingerbread Decorating – Primary Grades

School Council is pleased to provide the funding for the annual Primary Grade Gingerbread Decorating on Friday, December 15th.



Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday, December 20th, School Council will be providing a Christmas lunch for our students and staff. The lunch will take place in Blessed Sacrament Hall and include Turkey and Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes and Vegetables.

To help offset the cost, School Cash Online will feature a donation option of \$4.00 a student or \$10.00 for a family of 3 or more. This is an optional donation as we understand it's a difficult time of year financially for many families.

Christmas Concert

Parent council will be providing refreshments for the Christmas Concert scheduled for Thursday, December 21st. We will have more information on this, soon! Stay tuned.

Community Events

There are a variety of holiday events happening in the Burford and Brant Communities. Here are a few highlights of family events happening in our community outside of school:



The 4th Annual Burford Christmas Shopping Spree and Light Up Night is on Friday, December 1st from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Skate with Santa on Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 pm at the Burford Community Centre, sponsored by the Burford Optimist Club

The Burford Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, December 9 at 5:00 pm

News Years Eve Public and Beginner Skates at the Brant Sports Complex from 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Holiday skates at all three County of Brant arenas between Christmas and New years. Visit www.brant.ca/inyourcommunity for the full schedule.

February Popcorn Fundraiser

Our annual popcorn fundraiser will be back in January with a delivery date of mid-February! Look for information coming home in the New Year!

Finally on behalf of School Council, we would like to wish our Blessed Sacrament families a very happy, healthy and blessed holiday season and a wonderful New Year!

School Council will meet again on Thursday, December 1st to finalize our Christmas to do's and begin our preparation for the New Year including our Spring Fundraisers. If you would like to attend the meeting, please email bbss_chair@bhncdsb.ca



And the Award goes to.....MONTHLY RECOGNITIONS

GRIT
a positive trait based
on passion,
perseverance,
and motivation

Recognition

Kindergarten 1

Ash Koechl

Kindergarten 2

Cameron Havens

Gr. 1

Elise Azevedo

Gr.1/2

Jackson Beenackers

Gr.2/3

Presley Zdriluk

Gr. 3

Miles Kocsis

Gr. 4

Nadia Ratelband

Gr. 4/5

Gr 5/6

Aiden Peters

Gr. 6/7

Olivia Renwick

Gr. 7/8

Ayden Schieman

French

Brenna Pilon

Paige Cronkwright

The Holy Spirit

Kindergarten 1

Randal Daviault

Kindergarten 2

Charlotte Ambeau-Clarkson

Gr. 1

Kylie Smith

Gr.1/2

Lydia Vissers

Gr.2/3

Elsie Kloepfer

Gr. 3

Sara Marques

Gr. 4

Dario DeDominicis

Gr. 4/5

Gr 5/6

Roscoe Montani

Gr. 6/7

Katyanna Chodzakewicz

Gr. 7/8

Adler Kloepfer

French

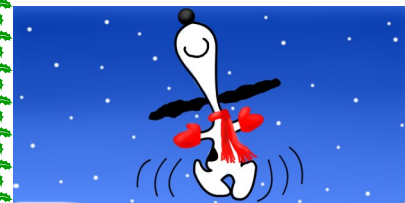
Harrison Petrie,

Noah Clark

Throughout the school year, at Blessed Sacrament, we have GRIT and we have Spirit. Each month a particular trait will be highlighted.

GRIT Awards for November:

Charlie Gair
Anthony Mudford
Luke Gratton
James Thoms
Jack Pursley
Benson Laevens
Leigha Hansen
Mitig Hensen,
Avery Goslin
Ella Aird
Aleah Magda
Lily May Mudford



Stelly