



Blessed Sacrament SCHOOL

March 2020 Newsletter

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A Prayer for Lent



O gracious Master infuse in our hearts the spotless light of Your Divine Wisdom and open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, so that having curbed all carnal desires, we may lead a spiritual life, both thinking and doing everything to please You. For You, O Christ, our God, are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies; and to You we render glory, together with Your eternal Father, and with Your all holy, life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and forever.



(check website for most up-to-date calendar)

<http://www.blessedsacramentburford.ca/events-calendar>

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

"Heart on Fire" - ENCOUNTER (Luke 24: 13-32)

- Mar. 5 – School Council pasta night
- Mar. 6 – Lent
- Mar. 8 - Daylight saving begins
- Mar. 13 – Crazy Sock Day
- Mar. 16 - 20 – March Break
- Mar. 25 – School Council mtg
- Apr. 2 – Confirmation Retreat-gr. 7
- Apr. 10 – Good Friday
- Apr. 13 – Easter Monday
- Apr. 16 – Easter Mass- 11:30
- Apr. 16 – Bite of Brant –Gr. 4/5&5/6
- Apr. 21. – Confirmation
- Apr. 22 – Grad Photo Day
- Apr. 23- School Council mtg
- Apr. 23 – Kids Bingo
- Apr. 24 – PA Day
- Apr. 30 – School Council Adult Bingo

As we say goodbye to February and look forward to warmer temperatures, let us take some time to refocus on what it will take to make this year a successful one. Please continue to communicate with your child and your child's teacher and find ways to support one another to improve student growth as a caring citizen and in their academic achievements.

With a change of seasons on the horizon, the weather remains if not becomes more unpredictable. Please help us to minimize as much as we can the viruses that get passed around by ensuring your child is healthy and properly dressed for the weather when coming to school.

With March comes March Break. We would like to wish all our families a safe and restful week, whether it takes you away from

home or not, remember to take some time to spoil yourself and your family.

Please note that Lenten practices include Prayer, Almsgiving and fasting. Students have the opportunity to enhance their prayer practice by joining others in extra CMWC, 3-4 times a week. Regarding Almsgiving, there are always organizations around that care for others in need. We will collect canned or dried food to assist those most in need. Finally, if you gave up some fun stuff for Lent (chocolate/fast food) then show GRIT and know our support and prayers are with you.

J.T. Ernst



IMPORTANT REMINDER: ATTENDANCE



Good attendance is necessary for proper progress in school. Blessed Sacrament's Safe Arrival Policy states that an absence from school must be accounted for by a **telephone call to the school by 8:30 am (519) 449-2984**. *****It is important you notify the school the night before or first thing in the morning before 9:00 am.** Should you receive an automated call, please return the call to the school to verify your child(ren's) attendance. **** Attendance is taken daily by 8:45 am and by 1:20 pm. This procedure is followed to ensure the safety of your child and ensure the best chance for academic success. *Students who arrive late in the morning, should report directly to the office for a admit slip and then he or she can proceed to class on their own, parents do not need to walk them to class.*

REMINDER:



Please note the following: Buses will arrive between 8:15 and 8:30. Once buses have begun to arrive, please do not drive up to the school to drop students off, instead cross them to the sidewalk to walk safely to the fenced Kindergarten area or continue around to the back of the school. **Supervision will be provided starting at 8:15 in the morning. Students are not to arrive or be dropped off before that time,** as there will be no supervision provided. At the end of the day, buses will depart from the school starting at 2:50 pm. **Parents who are waiting to pick up their children are asked to wait in the parking lot or along the fence (Kindergarten play area) on the sidewalk.**

PASTA DINNER

Reminder: On March 5th, Parent Council will host a Pasta Dinner catered by La Botega. Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall. The cost for this will be \$12 and \$8.00/child under 6 and must be pre-ordered.



MARCH 8TH – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGIN



Daylight Savings Begin – **Spring forward 1 hour** on your clocks. *This is also a great time to check and change the batteries in your Smoke and CO Alarms. Test them to ensure they work properly.*

MARCH BREAK

Please note that March Break will be from Monday, March 16th to Friday, March 20th inclusive. Students resume school on Monday, March 23rd. For those who are travelling, we wish you a safe, happy and enjoyable holiday.



SPIRIT DAY FOR MARCH



On Friday March 13th we will be celebrating 'St. Patrick's Day' by wearing green and white.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR

Blessed Sacrament Spirit wear has been uploaded onto School Cash and ready for purchase. Items must be ordered on School Cash online by **March 12th**.



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SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next school council meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25th at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Letter from Your Parent Council Member:

Hello, my name is Danielle Ventoso. I have 2 children at Blessed Sacrament, Hunter in grade three and Easton in grade eight. I have just joined parent council this year but some of you may already know me as a lunch monitor which I did for some time. I am so glad I made the decision to be apart this great parent council team and have been able to be involved in these great activities the council puts on. I look forward to being an active member for years to come!!

ELECTRONICS AT SCHOOL



Electronic devices are not permitted in schools unless they are used under direct

teacher supervision for educational purposes. When devices are being used in class under direct supervision and direction of the classroom teacher and supplement where needed using school devices; tablets and laptops. we will do our best to ensure access for all. Thank you for your understanding on this very sensitive matter.

BLESSED SACRAMENT BINGO



Mark your calendars! Thursday April 30th, 2020 will be our annual bingo fundraiser for the School Council. Doors open at 6:15 and bingo will begin at 7:00. There will also be lots of raffle prizes. We hope to see everyone there. We will be sending home basket donation letters after March break. Thank you for your continued support.

Volunteers please contact Mr. Ernst and/or School Council Members.

BASKET DONATIONS



The Blessed Sacrament Parent Council would like to remind everyone to please donate items for our Bingo Basket Raffle which will be held during our Spring Bingo on Thursday April 30th. The themes for the baskets are as follows:

- Kindergarten 1 - Arts & Crafts
- Kindergarten 2 - Gardening
- Grade 1 - Book Lover's Loot Bag
- Grade 1/2 - Candy/chocolate
- Grade 2 - Summer Fun
- Grade 3 - Loonie/Toonie Chair
- Grade 4/5 - Bath time Fun/Spa
- Grade 5/6 - Game Night
- Grade 6/7 - Gift Card Collection
- Grade 8 - BBQ

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN GRADE 2



The Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated on May 3rd at Blessed Sacrament Church. If you have not registered, please contact the Parish Office 519 449-5143 or email at parishoffice@blessedsacramentparish.ca

ATTENTION PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADE 7

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on April 21st @ 7:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church. If you have not registered, please contact the Parish Office 519 449-5143 or email at parishoffice@blessedsacramentparish.ca



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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



We have already got off to a great start with our new Junior and Senior Kindergarten

registrations for the 2020-2021 school year. Registrations have been taking place during the month of January and will continue into February and beyond. Kindergarten registration can now be done on line – please visit

<http://www.bhncdsb.ca/page/online-kindergarten-grade-8-registration>

If you know of any parents with Kindergarten age children, please let them know to enroll or contact the school for a tour. Please contact Mrs. Konkiewicz to make an appointment.

HOT LUNCH/MILK ORDERS



Just a reminder that hot lunch and milk is purchased through School Cash Online Items are made available for ordering approximately the

middle of each month. Please watch your emails for the notification from school cash online when items are uploaded to purchase. You can also visit our website for updated information. No late orders will be excepted once school cash closes.

MONTHLY RECOGNITION

Recognition French

Olivia Renwick

Kindergarten 1

Nolan Gontarz

Kindergarten 2

Nathan Rudavsky

The Christian Spirit

Emma Koechl

Elsie Kloepfer

Nolan Peters

Gr. 1

Elijah Nicolaou

Anthony Koechl

Gr.1/2

Lucas Winter

Amelia Aird

Gr.2

Charlotte Thoms

Alivia De Dominicis

Gr. 3

Bryson Ambeau

Adler Kloepfer

Gr. 4/5

Gr 5/6

Reed Biro

Jared Biro

Gr. 6/7

Cameron Vamos

Wesley Montani

Gr. 8

WE'VE GOT GRIT - WE'VE GOT SPIRIT



Throughout the school year, students will be participating in activities and conversations to

foster motivation, strengthen perseverance and create a growth mindset within themselves. Each month a particular trait will be highlighted. The GRIT trait for the month of March will be **Patience**.

Patience is the ability to be tolerant and even-tempered, especially during trying situations.

The Gift of the Holy Spirit for March is Understanding:

Understanding is the ability to grasp faith's mysteries.

GRIT Award for February

(Empathy Setting):

Brenna Pitts

Ainslie Smith

D.J. Verhaeghe

Sebastian Pribelli

Alex Thoms

Brooklyn Green

Mariah Hamilton

DJ Verhaeghe

Emily Reynaert

Patroller of the Month: Ryan Charters

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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. Please listen to the radio station or check the board website for bus cancellation information. 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.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER



Parents, please ensure that your child(ren) are coming to school dressed for the weather.

Students are expected to wear a hat and mittens/gloves outside for recess, regardless of the grade they are in. The students will be going outside for at least part of recess whenever the weather permits. An extra pair of socks may be beneficial to have at school on days when your child's feet get very wet also. Thank you very much for your cooperation in helping keep our children warm and dry this winter.

IMPORTANT: 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.



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Konkiewicz will page your child(ren) from class.

BOOTS AND SHOES



Parents, please ensure that your child(ren) have a pair of indoor shoes to wear each day after recess. Slippers and socks are not permitted as they are not safe and are slippery on wet floors. Students will be asked to take off their outside shoes/boots before entering the classrooms. The extra pair would be used during indoor time and would be stored accordingly for that grade. Thank you very much for your cooperation in helping keep our school clean and dry.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE



PLEASE USE SCHOOL CASH-ONLINE as we are discouraging bringing cash into the school. It is easy, it's convenient, and it reduces the amount of Cash coming into our school and the potential for any money going missing.

Have you registered for School Cash online yet? Do you often forget to send in hot lunch orders? School Cash Online sends out email reminders when items are available to purchase. You don't need a credit card, only a chequing account. Go to <https://bhncdsb.schoolcashionline.com> to get started. Sign up now!

DANGER: BUS LOADING ZONE

Before and after school, once buses start to arrive in the school bus loading zone, **please do not drive through the bus loading zone, marked by the diagonal parking lines**. We would like parents to park near the crosswalk and use the sidewalk. This is



for the safety of all students, parents and staff. Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

A Note From the Public Health Nurse at Your School...

Ophea Newsletter – March Have you heard of the term “physical literacy”?

Physical literacy means that a child:

- Has the physical skills to participate in different activities, such as skipping, throwing, running, and kicking?
- Has the motivation and confidence to want to participate in physical activity.
- Has the knowledge and understanding to recognize the benefits of being active, and how to be active safely in different ways.
- Engages in physical activity regularly.

Physical skills are developed through practice. Give your child opportunities to try out different movements through structured and unstructured play, games, and sports.

Motivation is developed when children have fun with their movement. If your child enjoys the time, they spend being active, they will be more likely to continue to have an interest in movement. As a role model, help build your child’s self-confidence by being positive and providing encouragement. Below are some things a child can do if they have physical literacy.

- Throw a ball.
- Strike an object, such as a puck with a hockey stick or a ball with a racquet.
- Stand on one foot without losing their balance.
- Land on their feet after jumping from a low height.
- Have the confidence to try new activities.

How can you help develop the physical literacy of your child?



And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds
through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

HELPFUL WEBSITES:

School Board: www.bhncdsb.ca

Transportation: www.stsbhn.ca

School Cash on line: <https://bhncdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

Mpower link: mpower.tv.org

Math Help: <http://www.bhncdsb.ca/page/how-parent-can-help-math-home>, & www.mathletics.ca

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