Blessed Sacrament School

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March 2021 Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

"Hearts on Fire" - TRANSFORM (Luke 24: 13-32)

Welcome to March, the month that brings spring! March has brought many things with it in the past, most of them good: March Break, (which is now April Break) March Madness, St. Patrick's Day, the start of spring, daylight savings and sunshine. We can look forward to most of these again this year with the addition of the start of Holy Week at the end of the month.

Here at the school, the staff and students are working hard to stay on track while adhering to all the protocols and changes that have come our way over the past year. With the support and open communication between home and school, we will all continue to strive to be the best versions of our selves, principal, parent, teacher, student, friend and Christian.

As a school we are continuing to promote the "GRIT" traits that will also support these goals. If you are not familiar with this work, please have a conversation with your child/ren as these concepts are discussed regularly in classes and acknowledged monthly.

Finally, I would like to once again thank all of our families for their efforts to follow the protocols that are in place for the safety of all. The daily screening is essential and makes a difference with respect to the safety of all, and the low number of students that are sent to the isolation room and home from school. Thank-you!

J.T. Ernst

COVID-19 UPDATE

Just a reminder to review the updated procedures the school and board have been directed to comply with regarding symptomatic students at school and next steps/ expectations on the families of these students. Communication of these was sent out via email on Wednesday evening from Mike MacDonald, Director of the BHNCDSB. If you did not receive this and/or need to update a current/ active email with the school, please contact the office at 519-449-2984.

Click on link below

http://www.bhncdsb.ca/sites/content/files/aaa_covid_2020-21/20210224_update_for_families_director_mcdonald_PM.pdf

SOME DATES TO HIGHLIGHT

- check website www.blessedsacramentburford.ca/events-calendar

- Mar. 12—Crazy Sock Day
- Mar. 12—LunchBox orders–Alice"s Sub
- Mar. 14—Daylight Saving, spring ahead 1hr
- Mar. 17—St. Patrick's day –wear green
- Mar. 20—Spring Begins
- Mar. 26—Earth Hour
- Mr. 26—LunchBox order – Alice's Pasta
- Mar. 28—Palm Sunday & Holy Week Starts
- Mar. 29—Virtual Field Trip—Kindergartens
- Apr. 12 – 16 – Spring (March) Break

Month of St Joseph

"Of all the people I have known with a true devotion and particular veneration for St. Joseph, not one has failed to advance in virtue; he helps those who turn to him to make real progress. For several years now, I believe, I have always made some request to him on his feast day, and it was always been granted; and when my request is not quite what it ought to be, he puts it right for my greater benefit."— St. Teresa of Avila

Blessed Sacrament NEWS

LUNCHBOX ORDER PROGRAM

Reminder: Lunch box orders again this month….March 12th and March 26th.

March Break—Changed

March Break this year has been postponed by the Ministry of Education to April 12th to April 16th. Students resume school on Monday, April 19th.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN GRADE 2

First Reconciliation will be March 6 and The Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated on April 24th at Blessed Sacrament Church. If you have not registered, please contact the Parish Office: 519 449-5143

ATTENTION PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADE 7

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on April 15th @ 7:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church. If you have not registered, please contact the Parish Office 519 449-5143

BUSING

We have had a couple of requests from parents regarding students riding a bus different from their own to go to another students' home. Although this has been done in the past years, it is not a practice that is allowed by Transportation Services, unless deemed an emergency. During this pandemic with increased protocols, specific seating plans etc. on all buses, we will not be supporting this practice any longer. If you have any questions regarding this please reach out to Mr. Ernst at the school or Mr. David Imre at Transportation Services, 519-751-7532 Ext #6.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY - March 17th

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 months of January/February and will continue into March. 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 or if you have any questions about the on-line registration.

MARCH 14TH – 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.

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday March 28, 2021, is Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week.

LENT—St. Vincent de Paul Donations

In lieu of donations being dropped off at school for Lent, Blessed Sacrament will be collecting donations that will go to St. Vincent de Paul via School Cash-online. These donations will go towards their Food program, Food cards and Bed/Bed kits. Thank-you

EARTH HOUR

Earth Hour is on March 26, 2021. Lets look after our earth.

SPIRIT DAYS

We will be having Crazy Sock Day Wear Green on Friday March 12th & wear green on Wednesday March 17th …. show your school spirit

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

Recognition	***The Holy Spirit***
Kindergarten 1	**Kindergarten 1**
Logan Smith	Estelle Vandenburg
Kindergarten 2	**Kindergarten 2**
Amaia Azevedo	Hailey Bonney
Gr. 1	**Gr. 1**
Nathan Rudavsky	Noah Clark
Gr.1/2	**Gr.1/2**
Dylan Bosnjak	Andrew Louch
Gr.2/3	**Gr.2/3**
Wesley Ficzere	Myles Jiminez
Gr. 3	**Gr. 3**
Alivia DeDominicis	Athena Gibaldi
Gr. 3/4	**Gr. 3/4**
Gr 5/6	**Gr 5/6**
Eva De Dominivis	Brenna Pilon
Gr. 6/7	**Gr. 6/7**
Bryton Green	Allie Risi
Gr. 7/8	**Gr. 7/8**
Wesley Montani	Natalie Sibbick
French	**French**
Leandro Gomes	Ruby Koechl

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 February:

Daniela Gomes
Emmitt Kloepfer
Lilah Gair
Zoe Lauriault
Ayra Renneboog
Nana Addai-Mensah
Alex Clarke
Harrison Rusyn
Tara Connor
Karcher Sinclair

IMPORTANT - NEW PROCEDURES

At this time please note that only regular and essential staff are permitted onto the school grounds or into the school without an appointment. If you are picking up your child early, please use the main door to buzz the office and your child will be paged from class and come to meet you outside the main doors. If you are dropping something off, please follow the same procedure and follow the direction given via the intercom at the front door.

COVID 19 – screening – Self Screening prior to anyone entering the school. Daily self-assessment through the Ministry of Health's online COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool (https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/)

ATTENDANCE

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**. **Attendance is taken daily by 8:45 am and by 1:20 pm.** ***Students who arrive late in the morning, should report directly to the office for an admit/late slip and then proceed to class.***

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.

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.