



Blessed Sacrament School

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We are many, we are One.

*We, who are many, are one body in Christ,
and individually we are members, one of another.
(Romans 12:5)*

MARCH 2023 Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome to March, the month that brings spring! March has brought many things with it in the past, most of them good: March Break, March Madness, St. Patrick's Day, the start of spring, daylight savings and sunshine. We can look forward to all of these again this year as well as celebrating Lenten practices throughout the month.

Here at the school, the staff and students are working hard to stay on track as we "march" towards normalcy in our lives and communities. 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. We are also enjoying working as a school community to build an understanding of equity and inclusivity as we complete monthly activities to foster these concepts and enhance our commitment to our board and school theme of "We are many, we are one!"

I would like to remind you to pay attention to the school council's notes as they have some exciting plans for the school as we approach the end of the school year.

Finally I wish to once again thank-you for the efforts to keep us all healthy by screening your children daily and keeping them home when necessary. I know this can be a challenge especially as illnesses cycle through a family, but your efforts are appreciated.

J.T. Ernst



St. Patrick's Day Prayer

*"Dear God, long ago you sent St. Patrick to teach
the people of Ireland about you, your Son and the Holy Spirit.*

Bless the people of Ireland and help them to live in peace.

*Bless everyone today who continues St. Patrick's job
of telling others about you: our parents, our priests,
our teachers and everyone who preaches the gospel.*

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

St. Patrick, pray for us.

SOME DATES TO HIGHLIGHT - check
website [www.blessedsacramentburford.ca/events-
calendar](http://www.blessedsacramentburford.ca/events-calendar)

- Mar. 3—LunchBox Pizza
- Mar. 10—LunchBox Alice Subs
- Mar. 12—Daylight savings—spring ahead 1hr.
- Mar 13 to 17—March Break
- Mar. 17—St. Patrick's day
- Mar. 20—First Day of Spring
- Mar. 24—LunchBox—Alice pasta
- Mar. 26—Earth Hour
- Mar. 28—Kick start to kindergarten
- Mar. 29—Family Bingo night
- Mar.31—LunchBox Pizza
- Apr. 1—First Communion/Reconciliation parent mtg
- Apr. 3—Volley Tournament—Assumption College
- Apr. 6—LunchBox Alice Soup/Chili
- Apr. 7—Good Friday
- Apr. 10—Easter Monday
- Apr. 14—LunchBox Alice Subs
- Apr. 14—Easter Mass
- Apr. 19—Grad Pictures
- Apr 19— Pasta night
- Apr. 21—PA Day





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March Break



Please note that March Break will be from Monday, March 13th to Friday, March 17th inclusive. Students resume school on Monday, March 20th.



MARCH 12TH – 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



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

New Junior and Senior Kindergarten registrations for the 2023-2024 school have begun. Kindergarten registration are now to be done online – please visit:

www.bhncdsb.ca/page/online-kindergarten-grade-8-registration

It is crucial that parents enroll their children in ASAP, as this begins the planning and school organization for the 2023-2024 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.



LUNCHBOX ORDER PROGRAM



<https://www.lunchboxorders.com/>

LunchBox Hot Lunches this month is: March 3rd, March 10th, March 24th & March 31st



SAVE YOUR SCRAP...SCRAP Metal that is.

Blessed Sacrament Grade 8 students are having a scrap metal drive to raise funds for their end of the year school trip.

The Scrap Day will be Saturday March 25, 2023. We are sharing this with you now to ask our community to save pop cans, soup cans, juice cans, Copper, Aluminum, Steel, Shred (Stoves, Fridges, Dishwashers, Ovens, Water Heaters – Etc)

NEED IT GONE BEFORE MARCH 25th?

If you cannot wait until the end of March please contact us at 519-465-2844 and we can do our best to arrange pick up for Larger Items before that date.

Please share this information within our community to help our Grade 8s.

EARLY DISMISSAL:

• Emails to your child’s teacher about an early dismissal or change to bussing/pick up arrangements cannot always be read in time. To ensure the details are acknowledged, please copy the secretary on those emails or call the school office no later than 2:20pm. **NOTE: If calls come in after that time, it’s more difficult to reach the class to ensure message reaches your child/ren Thank-you**

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & FIRST RECONCILIATION 2023

- Sat. April 1 11:00am Parent Information Meeting
- Sat. April 22 11:00am Child Meeting: Learning about Reconciliation
- Sat. April 29 11:00am First Reconciliation
- Fri. May 5 7:00-8:00pm First Holy Communion Rehearsal
- Sun, May 7 9:30am First Holy Communion Celebration

(Which will be held during our regular mass here at the parish)

Deadline for enrollment April 25th. Late enrollment will be moved to next year

Lenten draw at the school

Staff have donated age appropriate prizes for the students to win by earning tickets through bringing in food and dry goods as donations to the Burford Food Bank and St. Vincent de Paul. More information will come home soon.



Please note:



ATTENDANCE

The importance of calling the school to let us know of your child's absence is essential. Even though you may have called the school the previous day, please call and confirm your child's absence daily if you have not given a timeframe on the initial absence call. If you receive a call from the school's automated attendance system, please call the school back to confirm the absence **ASAP**. The school can not assume that your child is home with you.

Thank-you Mrs. Konkiewicz



DANGER: BUS LOADING ZONE-Reminder

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 cross-walk and use the sidewalk. This is for the safety of all students, parents and staff. Your co-operation is very much appreciated.



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.



Parent Council March Newsletter Update

Parent Council met on February 15 to move full spring ahead on our 2023 plans! We have a fun second half of school planned.

Shrove Tuesday



On February 21, the school held a Pancake Lunch for Shrove Tuesday. A special thank you to our school parents who came out to mix, flip and provide grills for this delicious occasion. The children loved it!

Family Bingo

Bingo is back! Family Bingo is returning to our school on **Wednesday, March 29 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the gym**. Come on out for a family fun night, win some delicious treats and socialize with our community members. More details will be available soon including how to sign up on School Cash Online.



Pasta Dinner



We're feeling **saucy!** Parent Council is thrilled to once again team up with La Bottega to provide a delicious Pasta Dinner Fundraiser. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, April 19**. The dinner will be held in the Blessed Sacrament Hall and there will be two seating times available for families to book. Take-out options are also available. Tickets will be sold on School Cash Online.

Money raised from Pasta Dinner will be donated towards year-end school trips.

Spring Raffle

Winner Winner, Chicken Dinner! Back again, we will host a spring school raffle for your chance to win some amazing prizes while raising money for an amazing cause – Blessed Sacrament School!

Parent Council is currently collecting prize donations for this year's raffle. If you would like to donate, please contact Sarah Kloepfer at 519-732-4884.



Prize information will be released in May and tickets will be sold on School Cash Online. The draw will happen the week of June 5th to June 9th.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 pm**. If you would like to attend, please e-mail bbss_chair@bhncdsb.ca.

We hope everyone has a safe and fun March Break!

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

Recognition

Kindergarten 1

Ava Spierenburg

Kindergarten 2

Callan Box

Gr. 1

Estelle Vandenburg

Gr.1/2

Jaxon D-C

Gr.2

Logan Smith

Gr. 3

Ryder Leroux

Gr. 3/4

Dario De Dominicis

Gr. 4/5

Gr 5/6

Lily Stewart

Gr. 6/7

Bryson Ambeau

Gr. 7/8

Olivia Resendes

French

Harrison Petrie

The Holy Spirit

Kindergarten 1

Ana Nicholau

Kindergarten 2

Lincoln Seguin

Gr. 1

Dyllon Lauriault

Gr.1/2

Iyla C

Gr.2

Avery Pilon

Gr. 3

Sophia Koechl

Gr. 3/4

Jace Szabo

Gr. 4/5

Gr 5/6

Daniel Risi

Gr. 6/7

Madix Davis

Gr. 7/8

Bryton Green

French

Dyllon Lauriault

EARTH HOUR

Earth Hour is on March 25, 2023. Lets look after our earth.

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:

- ★ Ella Aird
- ★ Leslie Briand
- ★ Alex Clarke
- ★ Jacob Portelli
- ★ Damian Shellard
- ★ Jacob Vandenberg
- ★ Charley T
- ★ Ella Scocchia
- ★ Sara Marques
- ★ Preston Smith
- ★ Travis Gratton

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.



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY - March 17th