



Blessed Sacrament School

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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. 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.

M. Finochio



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

- Mar. 1—LunchBox Pasta
- Mar. 4—Gr. 4 & Gr. 7/8—skating
- Mar. 7—Mad Science starts
- Mar. 8—Crazy Sock day/wear green
- Mar. 10—Daylight savings—spring ahead 1hr.
- Mar 11 to 15—March Break
- Mar. 17—St. Patrick's day
- Mar. 18—Lenten Raffle Begins
- March 19— Gr. 4 & Gr. 7/8—skating
- Mar. 21—Mad Science
- Mar. 22—Earth Hour
- Mar. 22 LunchBox -Pizza
- Mar. 24—Holy Week
- Mar. 28—Lenten Raffle Ends
- Mar. 28—Mad science
- Mar 29—Good Friday
- Apr. 1—Easter Monday
- Apr. 2—Puzzle Pc/wear blue day
- Apr. 3—Volley Tournament—Assumption College
- Apr. 4—Mad Science
- Apr. 5—LunchBox Alice Chili
- Apr 8—REVISED PA day
- Apr. 12—LunchBox Alice pasta
- Apr. 17—grade 8 grad. photos



Reminder: When picking up your child at school during school hours, please do not sit in your vehicle outside of the school door as we may not recognize that it's you or realize it's you. Please come to the school and buzz the office to let the office know you are here.



Unfortunately, sitting in your vehicle outside the school is not a safe practice to release you child.

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March Break

Please note that March Break will be from Monday, March 11th to Friday, March 15th inclusive. Students resume school on Monday, March 18th.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

New Junior and Senior Kindergarten registrations for the 2024-2025 school year are well underway. 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.



MARCH 10TH – 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



IMPORTANT CHANGE: PA DAY IN APRIL

The PA Day originally scheduled for Friday, April 19, 2024, has been rescheduled to Monday, April 8, 2024.

This change is due to a total solar eclipse occurring on Monday, April 8th. The eclipse is expected to begin at approximately 2:00 p.m. and end around 4:30 p.m., coinciding with student dismissal times.

LUNCHBOX ORDER PROGRAM



LunchBox Hot Lunches this month is: March 1, March 22

EARTH HOUR



Earth Hour is on March 22, 2024. Lets look after our earth.

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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



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



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.



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.



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.



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



- ★ Recognition
- ★ Kindergarten 1
- ★ Ava Spierenburg
- ★ Kindergarten 2
- ★ Jax Cadman
- ★ Gr. 1
- ★ Dakota Laking
- ★ Gr.1/2
- ★ Miller B.
- ★ Gr.2/3
- ★ Weston Kukielka
- ★ Gr. 3
- ★ Jaxson Versace
- ★ Gr. 4
- ★ Nathan Rudavsky
- ★ Gr. 4/5
- ★ Matteo Mosca
- ★ Gr 5/6
- ★ Avaia Cass
- ★ Gr. 6/7
- ★ Liam Kean
- ★ Gr. 7/8
- ★ Nixon Cass
- ★ French
- ★ Leandro Gomes

- ★ The Holy Spirit
- ★ Kindergarten 1
- ★ Marlowe Verge
- ★ Kindergarten 2
- ★ Isabella Haines
- ★ Gr. 1
- ★ Walter Vandenberg
- ★ Gr.1/2
- ★ Dyllon L.
- ★ Gr.2/3
- ★ Nolan Gontarz
- ★ Gr. 3
- ★ Gracie Keresturi
- ★ Gr. 4
- ★ Ryder Leroux
- ★ Gr. 4/5
- ★ Lucas Kocsis
- ★ Gr 5/6
- ★ Elijah Nicolaou
- ★ Gr. 6/7
- ★ Carter Lauriault
- ★ Gr. 7/8
- ★ Wesley Clarke
- ★ French
- ★ Ainslie Smith
- ★ Charlie Verhaeghe

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:

- ★ Brock Pitts
- ★ Michael Bell
- ★ Emma Koechl
- ★ Brayden Cresswell
- ★ Matteo Mosca
- ★ Charlie Tota
- ★ Brady Maguire
- ★ Emmett Paleczny
- ★ Adler Brown
- ★ Lincoln F.
- ★ Logan Smith
- ★ Kalie Renneboog



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY - March 17th