



Blessed Sacrament School

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October 2023 Newsletter

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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)*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

September was a great month here at Blessed Sacrament. It was a pleasure getting to meet so many families at the BBQ. This month saw the Junior and Intermediate soccer teams play in the board tournament. I am so proud of the way both teams represented the school with their play and their sportsmanship.

A special CONGRATULATIONS to our Junior athletes who brought home the championship.

October will be a very busy month with regular weekly trips to the church for classes as well as the system cross country event.

We will be doing the Halloween walk and many other fun activities here at the school. A reminder we have a PD Day on October 3rd.

I wish you all an enjoyable Thanksgiving filled with family and friends!

Mr. Fiochio



SOME DATES TO HIGHLIGHT - check

website

www.blessedsacramentburford.ca/events-calendar

- Oct. 3—PA Day
- Oct 5—Norfolk Fair
- Oct. 9—Thanksgiving
- Oct. 11—Gr. 7 & 8 Immunization
- Oct 17—Confirmation Gr. 7 & 8 meet and greet— 7pm —church
- Oct. 18—Boundary Meeting @Sacred Heart Paris 6pm
- Oct 19—Gr8 Parent meeting— 6pm
- Oct. 24—Cross Country
- Oct. 26—Halloween Dance
- Oct. 27—Dress in Purple Day
- Oct. 31—Halloween & Halloween activities
- Nov. 3—Picture Retakes
- Nov. 5—Day Lights Saving Ends—go back hour
- Nov. 6—Progress Reports go home
- Nov 7—Confirmation Retreat—gr.7 –8 4pm –Church
- Nov. 10—Remembrance Day—wear Red/White
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Reminder: SCHOOL HOURS

Please note our bell times have not changed from last year and be reminded that students should **NOT** be arriving prior to 8:15am which is when supervision begins.

School Yard Supervision	8:15 – 8:30
Bell Rings for start of school	8:30 am
Instructional Block	8:30 – 10:10
Nutritional Break	10:10 – 10:50
Instructional Block	10:50 – 12:30
Nutritional Break	12:30 – 1:10
Instructional Block	1:10 – 2:50
Dismissal Bell	2:50



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PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be going home on Friday, November 6th. More information regarding an opportunity to discuss these reports with the classroom teacher will come closer to the date.

HALLOWEEN



Students are encouraged to wear a costume or black and orange on **Tuesday, October 31st**. Costumes will need to be worn to school with their street clothes underneath in case your child wants to take their costume off during the day. Students will need to wear a costume that they can manage themselves without support from a friend or a teacher and allow them to navigate the school and classrooms safely. Please remember **not to send** any costume props and to choose costumes that are culturally sensitive.

CHOCOLATE BAR FUNDRAISER



We are in the midst of selling chocolate bars again this year and hope that this will be a successful campaign. This can only be made possible with your assistance and support. 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 recess resources for the yard and technology for the classes. To be a successful fundraiser, we are hoping to have each family sell just one box of chocolates. We appreciate your support with this fundraising venture and look forward to a very successful campaign!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS – Nov.5th

Move clocks back 1 hour on November 5th.



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE



Please use school cash on line. Go to <https://bhncdsb.schoolcashonline.com> to get started. Sign up now! **It's easy and convenient**

CONFIRMATION 2023-2024

Mass, Meet & Greet, and Sign Up

Tues. Oct 17 7:00pm

Please have the following completed and ready at Sign Up:

1. Confirmation Registration Package Completed in its entirety
2. Baptismal Certificate (photocopied and printed)

All forms MUST be in on this date to register. There will be no exceptions

All Retreat Days have a Mandatory Attendance



Tues. Oct 24 7:00pm- 8:30pm
Retreat Day 1: in parish hall following Mass

Tues. Nov 7 7:00pm-8:30pm
Retreat Day 2: in parish hall following Mass

Tues. Nov 14 7:00pm-8:30pm
Retreat Day 3: in parish hall following Mass

Sat. Nov 25 1:00pm
Retreat Day 4: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tues. Nov 28 7:00pm-8:30pm
Rehearsal to follow after Mass

Wed. Nov.29 6:30pm
Confirmation Celebration: *Liturgy of the Word*
His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation

Please arrive 15 minutes early

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ELECTRONICS AT SCHOOL



Electronic devices are not permitted in schools unless they are used under direct teacher supervision for educational purposes. Devices can be used in class under direct supervision and following the direction of the classroom teacher and will be supplemented where needed using school devices; tablets and laptops, we will do our best to ensure access for all. Devices not used accordingly will require a warning or for repeated misuse the device will be taken away leading to prohibiting this at school. Thank you for your understanding on this very sensitive matter.

LOOKING FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Volunteers

You might wish to consider initiating/updating your police checks on record at the school, which this year is a new format, if you wish to volunteer in the school. Please contact the office for more information.

Strong Start Reading Program



Strong start is an effective tool and requires some training so if you are looking for being a part of this program in the future and want to look into completing the training to use at any school, please inquire.

Food for Thought Program will be starting after Thanksgiving.



BUSSING

The start of the school year is always a challenge. So we wish to remind all families of a few points that are meant to keep everyone safe and the transitions quick and smooth.

1. Please **always** use the sidewalk as it is the safest way to navigate through the 19 buses in the AM and PM. Not to mention setting a good example to the children.
2. Crossing from your vehicle to or from the sidewalk should only be at the painted lines crossing area.
3. Once the buses have begun to arrive at the school, no other vehicles should approach the school for either drop off or pick up either in the AM or PM.

We are a "Transfer" school and with 19-20 busses and hundreds of students, we ask all of you for your support in keeping everyone safe. Thank-you.



HALLOWEEN



On Tuesday, October 31st at 11:00 a.m. the students from Blessed Sacrament will be going on a costume walk through downtown Burford. Students do not need to come to school dressed in their costumes, as they will be given an opportunity to change before the walk. A permission form will be sent home later in October for the students to participate in the walk. Please remember that no weapons (knives, swords, guns, etc.) or masks or depictions of violence ie: blood are permitted. All parents are invited to accompany us on our walk through Burford.

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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.

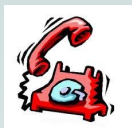


THANKSGIVING LUNCH

Thanksgiving lunch has moved to Christmas Lunch again with more information to come.



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, must report directly to the office for an admit/late slip and then proceed to class.***

INDOOR SHOES

While at school **all** students are expected to wear a clean pair of shoes when indoors. We recommend white soled running shoes as they can then be used for physical education class as well.



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.

HOT LUNCHES ARE COMING

Reminder: Hot lunches are coming back! Stay tuned for more information soon.



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September Parent Council Newsletter

The Parent Council held our first meeting of the year on September 20th in the library. Thank you to everyone that attended including our four (4) new members!

Our 2023/2024 executive will consist of:

Sarah Elliott- Kloefer and Melissa Magda as our Chairs
Marcia Cronkwright as our Secretary and Treasurer

We are looking forward to another great year of community events and fundraisers to help support our wonderful school.

A few things to look out for:



Produce express will once again provide fundraising codes for our snack program! Last year our code raised \$900.00 for our school snack program, a much-needed help! Be on the lookout for more information coming in October.

The Halloween dance is coming back! We had so much fun last year and can't wait to bring this family night event back and boo-gie the night away. Details on this event will be sent home after Thanksgiving.



Our annual Christmas / winter holiday decor fundraiser with Miles Flowers will return! We love this annual event, supporting our school and our local business. Details will come out in November when we can all think about Christmas.

Our next meeting is scheduled for ??Wednesday, October 18 at 6pm??.

If you'd like to join Parent Council or have questions, please reach out to our chairs at bbss_chair@bhncdsb.ca.



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Delilah Magda

Kindergarten 2

Willow Tebay

Gr. 1

Leo Thoms

Gr.1/2

Domenic Versace

Gr.2/3

Nolan Gontarz

Gr. 3

Marcos Montani

Gr. 4

Cody Sparks

Gr. 4/5**Gr 5/6**

Miles Glowala

Gr. 6/7

Maggie Jackson

Gr. 7/8

Victoria Marques

French

Elena Thornton

Noah Hamilton

The Holy Spirit**Kindergarten 1**

Ela Pizzey

Kindergarten 2

Deacon Simmons

Gr. 1

Grey Hepp

Gr.1/2

Estelle Vandenberg

Gr.2/3

Charley Tebay

Gr. 3

Abrielle Gallichan

Gr. 4

Everly Petrie

Gr. 4/5**Gr 5/6**

Nathan Thornton

Gr. 6/7

Charlotte Thoms

Gr. 7/8

Eva DeDomincis

French

Hudson Szabo



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 September:

Nixon Cass
 Paislee Maguire
 Elena Thornton
 Makenna Smith
 Henry Stuart
 Hailey Bonney
 Aubree Winch
 Alivia Beenackers
 Presley Bonney
 Leigha Hansen
 Axton White
 Michael Bell

