

Blessed Sacrament School

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September 2021 Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back to what we all hope will be a full and exciting year at Blessed Sacrament. We have a number of new faces with us this year with both staff and students and I'm sure they will feel the warmth and welcome that I know this community to be. As we all continue to navigate these pandemic times there are number of points to be aware of:

1. Email will be used by the School Board to communicate any developments to you. Please be sure to have an active/updated email on file with the school and check your account regularly, the Board is suggesting nightly after 6:00pm as this is when they will send information out.
2. There have been a number of small changes to the reopening plan and procedures to be followed but much remains as it did last year. The most current version of available information will be housed on the Board website under the "Covid-19 Coronavirus" button.
3. Light at the end of the tunnel? Things such as mask usage, cohorting, use of spaces in the schools,

volunteers in the schools and field trips are being discussed with Health Units and Ministries. Means of the safe re-introduction of past practices relies on many factors, but it is good to know that we are at least looking toward that time.

4. Finally as we look to the future, it might be a good time to consider requesting/updating the necessary documents for volunteering with the school office. Please feel free to contact us with your inquiries. The last couple of years has greatly depleted our volunteer pool.

As we return to school, it is paramount that we all feel safe and secure. This global experience is affecting all of us individually and in different ways. It is with this in mind that we use the approach of looking at each other with "Soft eyes" knowing we all respond and are affected differently.

As a staff we discussed how we could support this and the concept of the "Handle with Care" email was initiated. If your family is experiencing difficulties at home, we would like to provide additional support at school. We understand that for many reasons details are not

possible or necessary and that's oaky. If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning, or weekend, please simply email your child's teacher "Handle with Care" in the subject line. Nothing else will need to be said or asked and this will let them know that your child may need extra time, patience or help during the day.

We hope this helps us support our students through these or any other troubling times

Mr. J. T. Ernst



SOME DATES TO HIGHLIGHT

- check website

www.blessedsacramentburford.ca/events-calendar

- Sept. 7—First Day of School
- Sept. 24—Picture Day
- Sept. 30— Orange Shirt Day

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
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	2:50

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WELCOME TO OUR 2021-2022 BLESSED SACRAMENT STAFF



Kindergarten 1	Mrs. Marr
Kindergarten 2	Mrs. MacDonald-Kean
ECE	Mrs. Glowala
Kindergarten Prep	Mrs. Hergott
Grade 1	Mrs. Chase
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Sibbick
Grade 2/3	Mrs. Savard
Grade 3	Miss Purvis
Grade 4	Mrs. Cowan
Grade 5/6	Mr. Virag
Grade 6/7	Mr. Moulton
Grade 7/8	Mrs. Stewart
SERT	Mrs. Yurcich
SERT	Mr. Momberquette
FSL	Mme. Rosehart
FSL	Mr. Demanou
EA	Mrs. Carson
EA	Mrs. Evans
EA	Miss. Sloan
Principal	Mr. Ernst
Office Administrator	Mrs. Konkiewicz



SCHOOL INFORMATION SHEETS

Student Verification Forms are being sent home on orange legal size paper with every student. Please complete these forms, make any necessary changes, sign, and return them to school by **September 17, 2021**. Freedom of Information consent forms and technology use agreement forms are also required to be completed every school year. **Please complete & sign these forms as well and return them to school by September 17, 2021.**

LUNCH OFF SCHOOL PROPERTY

At this time, Students will **not be permitted** to leave the school at second nutritional break unless they are accompanied by and arranged with an adult family member



FOOD ALLERGY

REMINDER: NUT/FISH ALLERGIES/LUNCHES

Please note that we are a **tree nut/peanut/sesame seed/fish** safe school. Students **are not permitted** to bring items that may contain nuts of any kind. Thank you in advance for your

SCHOOL COUNCIL

More information will be forwarded to our families about the Council as the direction



LOOKING FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Volunteers

As we move towards reopening of schools and the re-introduction of volunteers into the school, you might wish to consider initiating/updating your police checks on record at the school. Please contact the office for more information.

School Snack Program

The school is in need of a few volunteers to organize and keep the snack program running. These volunteers will work "Food for Thought" to ensure that students receive a nutritious snack while at school 2-3 times per week. At this point we have been allowed to restart this program for the 2021-2022 school year following strict protocols. If this is something you may be interested in please contact Mr. Ernst at the school.



Lunch Monitors

We are always looking for parents with some free time that enjoy working with students of all ages to ensure the safe play of all. For the 2021-2022 school year we will be looking for at least one full time monitor (5-10 hrs /week) and depending on new regulations imposed as we reopen schools, possibly more. These are a paid position through the School Board. A valid police check is required so if you are thinking of



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this or any other volunteer opportunity here at the school.

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.

BUSSING

The start of the school year is always a challenge and even more so after a 5 month hiatus. 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. We are looking to have patrolers at the end of the day and ALL students crossing to awaiting family, vehicles will only happen there.
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.

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

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

A Student Accident Insurance form has been sent home for your consideration. Should your child need an ambulance, damage their teeth or break a bone, this insurance will cover many costs not covered by OHIP or employee group plans. This insurance will provide coverage for school activities as well as activities outside of the school day. Should your child be injured on the basketball court, the baseball diamond, the soccer field or hockey rink, you will be able to claim many of the expenses associated with their injury if you purchase Student Accident Insurance. All rates are one-time, annual fee and family rates are offered. Please consider purchasing this affordable in-



surance by completing the Application Form and returning it to Reliable Life Insurance Company or by visiting the Board's website: <http://www.bhncdsb.ca/parents/accident-insurance> and clicking on the www.insuremykids.com link.

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 supplemented 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.

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.



TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Please log in to find the transportation details for the school year so that any changes in service can be implemented! Please remember that parents of students in grades 1 through 8 will be responsible for checking the transportation website to determine busing for September. Students not receiving letters are required to log onto the transportation portal www.stsbhn.ca to retrieve transportation details.

LUNCHBOX ORDER PROGRAM

Reminder: Hot lunches are coming back! Starting October 15th and October 29th



SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

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



Blessed Sacrament Parish

CHICKEN BARBEQUE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26th

HELD AT

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH
HALL, BURFORD, ONTARIO



Take Out **ONLY***** (from 4-6pm)

Call/Text 519-802-6121

by Sept 18th to place your order.

Please leave your order on the machine.

Or email

bsheventbookings@gmail.com

Dinner includes parsley potatoes, coleslaw, vegetable, bun and cookies.

Adults (1/2 chicken) \$20.00

Children under 8, \$9.00 (1/4 chicken)

Under 3 free.