

# Blessed Sacrament School

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## September 2023 Newsletter

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Welcome back to another fun and exciting year here at Blessed Sacrament School. I look forward to learning and growing alongside our school community and getting to know the students and families.

I encourage all families to take an active role in their student(s) education and appreciate any input you may have to help make our school better. I hope to get to meet all of you at our Meet the Teacher night September 14th.

Best Wishes,  
Mr. M. Finochio

### SOME DATES TO HIGHLIGHT - check website

[www.blessedsacramentburford.ca/events-calendar](http://www.blessedsacramentburford.ca/events-calendar)

- Sept. 4—Labour Day
- Sept. 5—First Day of School
- Sept. 14—Meet the teacher BBO
- Sept. 15—PA day
- Sept. 22—Picture Day
- Oct. 3—PA Day
- Oct. 9—Thanksgiving
- Oct. 11—Gr. 7 & 8 Immunization
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### 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
<b>Bell Rings for start of school</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
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

## Blessed Sacrament NEWS

### WELCOME TO OUR 2023-2024 BLESSED SACRAMENT STAFF

Kindergarten 1	Mrs. Marr
ECE	Mrs. Glowala
Kindergarten 2	Mrs. MacDonald-Kean
ECE	Allison Lang
Kindergarten Prep	Mrs. Hergott
Grade 1	Mrs. Chase
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Sibbick
Grade 2	Mrs. Savard
Grade 3	Miss Purvis
Grade 4	Mrs. Green
Grade 4/5	Mrs. Cowan
Grade 5/6	Mr. Virag
Grade 6/7	Mr. Moulton
Grade 7/8	Mrs. Whalen
SERT	Mrs. Yurchich
SERT	Mrs. Mulroy
FSL	Mme. Rosehart
FSL	Mme. Dwyer
EA	Mrs. Evans
EA	Mrs. Greenwood
EA	TBA
Principal	Mr. Finochio
Office Administrator	Mrs. Konkiewicz



### 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 cooperation

### 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.** We are looking to have patrollers 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 busses and hundreds of students, we ask all of you for your support in keeping everyone safe. Thank-you.

### SCHOOL INFORMATION SHEETS

Student Verification Forms have been sent home on orange legal size paper with every student. Please complete these forms, make any necessary changes, please sign them, and return them to school by **September 14, 2023**. 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 14, 2023.**

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

More information will be forwarded to our families about the Council as the direction becomes clearer. Stay tuned



### 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](http://www.stsbhn.ca) to retrieve transportation details.

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### CHOCOLATE BAR FUNDRAISER



We are looking forward to 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 playground equipment for the yard. Our Kick-off assembly will be held on September 22, 2023.

Chocolate bars will be sent home with students in the last week of September. We appreciate your support with this fundraising venture and look forward to a very successful campaign! Please pay for your chocolate bar box on school cash on line

### LUNCH OFF SCHOOL PROPERTY



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Students in grades 7 and 8 only, will be permitted to leave the school at second nutritional break and only if they bring a note signed by their parents on the given day. If a student has parental permission to leave the school at this time on a daily/regular basis, please include this on a letter addressed to myself, school principal and the classroom teacher. We will hold this letter on file for the duration of the time requested or until the end of 2023/2024 school year. Leaving the school during lunch is a privilege that may be revoked if students are returning late or not acting maturely off school property.

### MEET THE TEACHER BBQ



Our Meet the Teacher BBQ will be held on September 14/23, from 5:00 – 7:00pm. We will be serving hotdogs at a cost of \$1.00 per hotdog. Chips and refreshments will also be available. **Please place your order on School Cash on line.** Burford Optimist Club will be there to cook for us.

You are invited to drop in at any time throughout the evening. Please make sure you have your family photograph taken for our bulletin board. This is a great opportunity to meet the teachers, students and parents who help make Blessed Sacrament such a great school community!



### VISITOR PROCEDURES

**PLEASE  
SIGN IN & OUT  
HERE**

**Please note that all visitors to the school need to report to the office, speak with Mrs. Konkiewicz and sign in. Should you be coming into the school to pick up your child(ren) please stay at the office as Mrs. Konkiewicz will page your child(ren) from class.**

## Blessed Sacrament NEWS

### LOOKING FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT

#### Volunteers

As we move towards reopening of schools and the reintroduction 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 as this procedure has changed as of this September..

#### School Snack Program



The school is always in need of a few volunteers to organize and keep the snack program running. These volunteers will work with "Food for Thought" to ensure that students receive a nutritious snack while at school 2-3 times per week. If this is something you may be interested in please contact Mr. Ernst 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.



### 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.

### 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**

### INDOOR

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.



### HOT LUNCHES ARE COMING

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

## Blessed Sacrament NEWS



### **STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

Many families do not know that our school board does not cover accident costs!

If an accident happens, the board may be prevented from offering financial solutions to our families even if we wanted to. Student accident insurance, Insuremykids®, can mitigate your board's exposure and help you manage the loss for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities, including extracurricular sports.

Each year, many families are left financially unprotected when their children are injured at school, while participating in non-school activities or at home. If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any costs not covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) or their employer's health care plan. Please check with your provider regarding your coverage. Most accident-related expenses are not fully covered under OHIP and some expenses like ambulance fees, casts, crutches, physiotherapy and emergency dental care are usually not covered at all. This leaves you, the parent/guardian, financially responsible. To help protect your family, it is recommended that you consider obtaining student accident insurance. As a convenience to you, the Board has arranged to offer student accident insurance through insuremykids®. Participation is voluntary, but highly recommended, and the costs are to be paid by the parent/guardian. The program is available for students up to age 26.

Coverage is provided for a wide range of accidental expenses, including:

- Dental Expenses - includes 10 years unlimited dental benefit coverage, future dental up to \$1,650 per

- tooth, and injury-related orthodontia coverage up to \$2,500 per accident.

- Total and Permanent Disability - up to \$350,000.

- Loss of Limb/Loss of Sight, Hearing, or Speech.

- Accidental Death.

- Ambulance Fees.

- And much more.

Insuremykids® Student Accident Insurance offers three plans with 24/7 coverage at affordable rates – their most affordable plan is \$17 per year and their most popular plan is the Platinum at \$33 per year, which provides out-of-province emergency medical coverage and travel benefits. All annual plans provide 13 months of coverage from the date of purchase. Family rates are available for three or more children in the same family, even if attending different schools. You can also save on time and premium with an optional 3-Year or 5-Year plan, available for online purchase only.

If you wish to purchase coverage, please do so directly online at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com) or call 1-800-463-5437. The insurance agreement is between You and the insurance underwriter, Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. For more information, please visit [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com).



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### Three Whistle System Reminder

The guards will first sound the whistle with one long blast when they determine it is safe to enter the crosswalk, alerting motorists they are stepping out into the crosswalk. They will then sound two short whistle blasts indicating that pedestrians may cross the street.

## School crossings

A school crossing is any pedestrian crossing where a:

- school crossing guard is present
- school crossing stop sign is displayed



### How crosswalks differ from crossovers

A crosswalk is different from a crossover. A crosswalk is usually found at an intersection with traffic signals, pedestrian signals or stop signs.

A crosswalk can be:

- the portion of a road that connects sidewalks on opposite sides of the road into a continuous path, or
- the portion of a road that is indicated for pedestrian crossing by signs, lines or other markings at any location, including an intersection

At crosswalks, drivers are only required to stop and yield the entire roadway when a school crossing guard is present.

## Penalties

The penalties for drivers who endanger pedestrians are as follows:

Offence	Fine	Demerits	Other penalties
<b>Failing to yield at pedestrian crosswalks, school crossings and crossovers</b>	Up to \$1000	4 demerit points	None