



Blessed Sacrament School

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"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us."
Letter on the Jubilee Year of Hope, February 11, 2022

December 2024 Newsletter

Visit: <https://bbss1.bhncdsb.ca/>

SOME DATES TO HIGHLIGHT - check website <https://bbss1.bhncdsb.ca/events/month/>

- Dec. 1—Advent Starts
- Dec. 2—Reverse Advent Starts
- Dec. 3—Gr. 3 & 3/4 class trip to Myrtleville house
- Dec. 3—Winter fundraiser pick up-Miles flowers
- Dec. 6—LunchBox—Robby's Pizza
- Dec. 6—Jr. Basketball—Assumption
- Dec. 6—Christmas Hat Day & Gingerbread Cookies decorating
- Dec. 9—MacMillan's pick up
- Dec. 11—Mr. Moulton Gr 6—John Noble home visit
- Dec. 12—Advent liturgy -mass -gym
- Dec. 13—LunchBox—Alice's Subs
- Dec. 13—Bell Homestead—Gr. 1, 1/2,2/3
- Dec. 13—Christmas Sweater Day/Candy cane gram delivery
- Dec. 18—Christmas Lunch- church hall 12:00pm
- Dec. 19—Christmas Concert—Church- 1pm & 6pm
- Dec. 20—PJ /Green/Red day/Cookie Day & Candy Cane Grams
- Dec. 20—LunchBox—Alice's Chicken fingers
- Dec. 20—Gr 5—8—Cambridge Cineplex
- Dec 23/24—Jan 3/25—Christmas Break
- Jan. 6—Back to school from Christmas break
- Jan. 10—LunchBox—Pita Pit
- Jan. 10—Jersey Day
- Jan. 10—Gr. 8 Assumption collage visitor
- Jan 17—LunchBox—Alice's burgers
- Jan 20—PA day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Christmas time is upon us again! December is always one of the busiest times in Elementary Schools but also the most fun and exciting.

We are thrilled to once again have our students be involved in and demonstrate their faith through giving to and supporting others in need. Attached is the plan for Blessed Sacrament School Reverse Advent challenge. All goods brought into the school will be donated out to foodbanks supporting members of our local community.

We are also excited about continuing some of our Christmas practices. Gingerbread decorating will happen again this year, as will "Candy Cane" grams, Christmas cookies and a Christmas lunch for the students supported once again by the School Council. Our Christmas Concert will be held in the Church on Thursday December 19th. More information , dates and costs etc. for each of these will be sent out shortly.

During this season of advent, the Staff and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a relaxing and faith filled Christmas Break.

"God Bless us Everyone!!"

M. Finochio



Dear God,

Thank you for all the fun and excitement of Christmas. Thank you for the amazing nativity story, that tells us about the birth of Jesus. Thank you for sending us your Son, a gift from you into this world. As we look at the lights on the tree, remind us of the light Jesus brought to this Earth.



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LUNCHBOX ORDER PROGRAM

LunchBox Hot Lunches this month is: December 6th, December 13th, December 20th

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND GOD BLESS



Christmas Concert will be held at the Church on December 19th. A matinée at 1:00 pm and another at 6:00pm. Refreshment will be offered in the Church hall at 7:00 pm. Due to the growing size of our student population, we would ask that all families that can attend in the afternoon do, as the spaces at the church will be limited. We would also like to thank Fr. Andrew for allowing us to use the church and would ask all in attendance to remember that it is still a church and that hats should be removed and beverages should not be brought in.

Thank-you.



GINGERBREAD MIXING & BUILDING

Gingerbread Cookie Decorating of cookies will be Dec. 6th. We would also like to thank the School Council for their support of this great annual primary activity.



CHRISTMAS VACATION

Just a reminder that the Christmas holidays this year are from Monday, December 23rd until Friday, January 3rd. The first day back for students in the New Year is Monday January 6th, 2025

CANDY CANE GRAMS

The Blessed Sacrament School will be selling Candy Cane Grams from **November 25th** to **December 1st** for 15¢ each. Students are encouraged to send messages to their classmates and siblings in the school. Parents are asked to pay through School Cash on line. Please do not send cash to school. The Candy Grams will be delivered on **December 13th**. All proceeds to go to Saint Vincent de Paul in support of our community





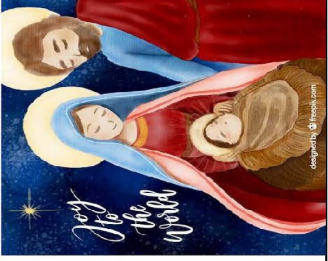



Blessed Sacrament Christmas Lunch

Thanks to the Subsidies from School Council and the donations of \$5, \$10, \$20 or other donation on Wed. Dec. 18th, all the students & staff of Blessed Sacrament School will enjoy a Christmas Lunch.

Blessed Sacrament School Reverse Advent Challenge 2024!

Advent season is upon us, instead of receiving this Advent, participate in our reverse advent challenge in support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Brantford. Let's see which class has the most Christmas giving spirit!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>8</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>Grade 2 Savard</p> <p>Canned fruit</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Grade 3 Purvis</p> <p>Toilet Paper</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Grade 3/4 Green</p> <p>Toothpaste</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Grade 4/5 Cowan</p> <p>Deodorant</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Grade 5 Virag</p> <p>Beans in sauce</p>	<p>14</p> 
<p>Each class is responsible for an item. Extra donations are welcome 😊</p> <p>Items can be donated on your class's specific day or when you have it ready.</p> <p>Monetary and Gift Card donations are welcome!</p> <p>Last day for donations is Wednesday December 18th </p>	<p>December 3</p> <p>Kinder Marr</p> <p>Canned fish/Canned meat</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Kinder Kean/McPherson</p> <p>Box of cereal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Grade 1 Chase</p> <p>Canned beef stew</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Grade 1/2 Sibbick</p> <p>Can of evaporated milk</p>	<p>7</p> 	<p>21</p> 
<p>15</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Grade 6 Moulton</p> <p>Hair Shampoo</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Grade 6/7 Whalen</p> <p>Hair Conditioner</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Grade 7/8 Mackay</p> <p>Soap/body wash</p>	<p>19</p> <p>St. Vincent de Paul Donation pick-up day.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Thank-you for your generous donations!</p>	

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Christmas Spirit Days

Friday, December 6th-Christmas Hat Day

Friday, December 13th -Christmas Sweater Day

Friday, December 20rd-Pajamas/Green/Red Day /Cookie Day



A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

May all my family members and friends who need a miracle be blessed. May whoever is feeling unwell and weak be given strength. May all of those who have heavy burdens have their load lightened. May your Christmas be one filled with happiness and joy.



CHOCOLATE BAR FUNDRAISER

Thanks to everyone for their efforts with this year Chocolate bar fundraiser.

Our top seller was the **Baldwin Family** selling 7 boxes!

Second top seller was the **Laurie Family** selling 6 boxes.

And our Third top seller selling 4 boxes each: **E. Box Family**

Our Family Movie Night Winner is: **M. Kloepfer Family**

Sell 2 or more boxes and be entered in a draw to win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card; winner: **Duncan Family**

The money raised through this fundraiser is used to offset bus costs throughout the year, continue to support our scientists in school's work-shops as well as purchase playground equipment for the yard.

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



The transportation department continues to offer a free app which allows students and parents to track where their child's bus is and

be notified when it is getting close to their bus stop. For additional information on how to access the app visit: <https://stsbhn.ca/faqs>

PLEASE SIGN IN & OUT HERE

VISITOR PROCEDURES

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.

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.

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School Council December Update

As we prepare for another exciting holiday season, we want to take the time to thank our wonderful Blessed Sacrament families for your amazing support this year!

To date, we have raised \$3,344.00!

This money helps us cover holidays events like Christmas Dinner, Primary Gingerbread decorating, Christmas Concert treats and more.

Fundraising Order Delivery Dates

Winter Decor from Miles Flowers

Orders from our Winter Decor Fundraiser can be picked up at Miles Flowers over the following days:



Saturday, November 30 from 10:00am to 2:00pm

Tuesday, December 3 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm

MacMillians and Spirit Wear – Save the date

The MacMillians orders and the Spirit Wear orders will both be available for pick up on Monday, December 9 at the school. We are working with the vendors to confirm pickup times and will send out an e-mail to all families about the times as soon as possible.

Christmas Dinner Reminder



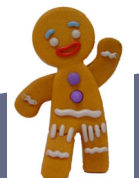
As we gather to enjoy our Christmas meal, students are encouraged to “Dress your Best” and wear Christmas attire. Our dinner will be held on **Wednesday December 18th at 12:00 in the Parish Hall.**

Menu: Turkey & Stuffing from Wholesome Pickins Market & Bakery, Home-made mashed Potatoes, Corn, Dinner Rolls, Cranberry sauce and Gravy. We will also provide Ice Cream Sandwiches for Dessert with a gluten free option available at your request.

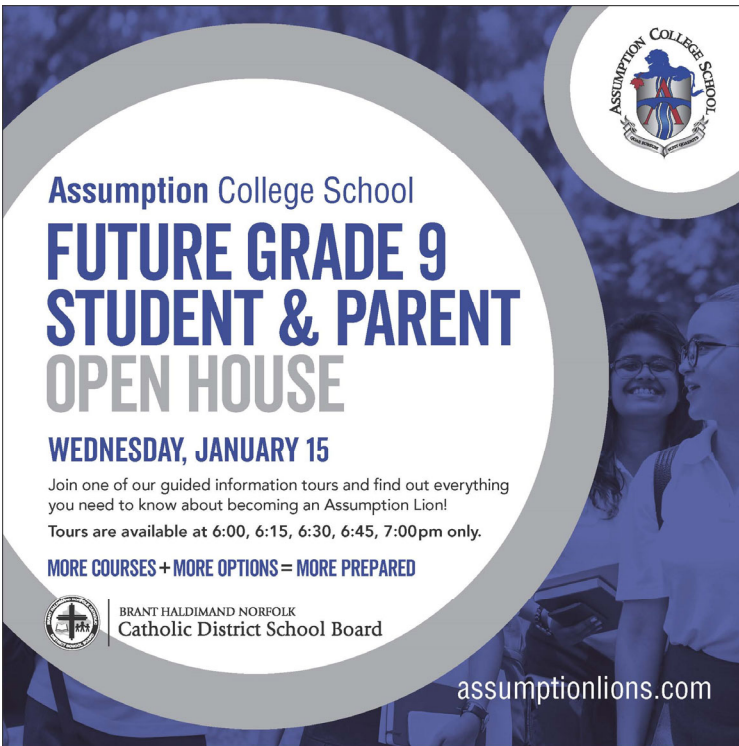
*If your Child has any dietary restrictions or you are concerned about the ingredients, feel free to send an email to erindemunck@gmail.com.

Volunteers are also needed to make our dinner possible. If you have a police check on file with the school and are available, please contact Erin Smith @ 519-755-6862.

Our next meeting will be held in January. If you would like to attend, please contact Mr. Finocchio.



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Assumption College School
FUTURE GRADE 9
STUDENT & PARENT
OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Join one of our guided information tours and find out everything you need to know about becoming an Assumption Lion!
 Tours are available at 6:00, 6:15, 6:30, 6:45, 7:00pm only.

MORE COURSES + MORE OPTIONS = MORE PREPARED

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

New Junior and Senior Kindergarten registrations for the 2025-2026 school year will be held during the month of January.

Kindergarten registration are now to be done online – please visit our website and click “Register A Student”

[**https://bbss1.bhncdsb.ca/**](https://bbss1.bhncdsb.ca/)

It is crucial that parents enroll their children in January, as this begins the planning and school organization for the 2025-2026 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.



ONLINE
KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION

JAN 6 - FEB 21

[**catholiceducation.ca**](http://catholiceducation.ca)

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



Recognition

Kindergarten 1

Hannah Deleye

Kindergarten 2

Gr. 1

Theo Ivic Roque

Gr.1/2

Gr.2/3

Sydney Cadman

Gr. 3

Hayden Norton

Gr. 3/4

Brady Maguire

Gr. 4/5

Henry Glowala

Gr 5

Presley Bonney

Gr. 6

Emmitt Kloepfer

Gr. 6/7

Nathan Thornton

Gr. 7/8

Miller Durham

French

Elena Thornton

The Holy Spirit

Kindergarten 1

Molly Langs

Kindergarten 2

Gr. 1

Hunter Laurie

Gr.1/2

Gr.2/3

Riley Koechl

Gr. 3

Colt Box

Gr. 3/4

William Goslin

Gr. 4/5

Ruby Kean

Gr 5

Max Koechl

Gr. 6

Jace Szabo

Gr. 6/7

Lucas Kocsis

Gr. 7/8

Katyanna Chodzakewicz

French

Alex Clarke

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 December:

Avaia Cass
John Tota
Sophia Koechl
Ayra Renneboog
Ryder Leroux
Elise Azevedo
Makenna Smith
Kara Baldwin
Liam Petrie
Presley Bonney
Madix Davis



Accomplishments I am most proud of