

Blessed Sacrament School

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MAY 2025 Newsletter

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



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The second week of May is Catholic Education Week and Mental Health Week, which is very fitting that these two go hand in hand at these times and looking to the future. As we move into this week, please be aware that staff and students will be participating in a variety of activities and learning opportunities around our faith development and in support of the mental health and well being of all. May will also see our second ever Blessed Sacrament Wrestling Team. I am very proud of our students who took this chance.

Thank you to Mylee Madill and Daniel Risi for giving us the opportunity to send a team to the W Ross MacDonald tournament on May 1st!

During the month of May we recognize Mary, The Mother of Jesus and all other Mother's around the world for their never-ending love and support of us and all we do. To all of the Mothers in our community, thank you, for all you do and a very happy Mother's Day on May 11th. Please feel free to join in with us as we look to celebrate a May Crowning later this month.

M. Fiochio



SOME DATES TO HIGHLIGHT - check website bbss1.bhncdsb.ca/events/month/

- May 1—Wrestling tourney
- May 1—Principal Day
- May 2—twin day
- May 2—First communion Rehearsal
- May 2—LunchBox-Subs
- May 4—First Holy Communion Celebrations—Mass—9:30 am
- May 5—Catholic Education week/ Children's Mental Health Week
- May 6—Glenhurst Work Shop—Gr. 3/4 to 8
- May 7 - Crazy Hat day
- May 7—Gr. 7 & 8 Immunization
- May 8—Welcome to Kindergarten—New JK's
- May 9 - Spirit wear
- May 9—Lunch Box—Chicken Fingers
- May 9—Time Capsule Burial—11:30am
- May 11 --Mother's Day
- May 12—Pooping Dance Workshop—Gr. 3/4 to 8
- May 13—Volleyball—Assumption
- May 13—Gr. 2/3—Trip to Sacred Heart School—Paris
- May 14—Spirit Wear
- May 15—Waterfestival—Gr. 3/4 & 4/5
- May 16—Jump Rope for Heart
- May 16—LunchBox—pasta
- May 19—Victoria Day—no school
- May 21—Spirit wear
- May 23—LunchBox—Burgers
- May 23 to 26—Gr. 8 Camp Celtic
- May 28—Spirit wear
- May 29—Gr. 4-8 Track & field—W.Ross McDonald school
- May 31—LunchBox—Pizza
- June 5—Swim to survive—Gr. 7
- June 5—Year end school mass and Family BBQ after Mass
- June 6—PA Day



The Month of Our Lady

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we turn to you, O Virgins of virgins, our Mother. To you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, do not despise our petitions, but in your mercy hear us and answer us. Amen.

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 crosswalk and **use the sidewalk at all times.** This is for the safety of all students, parents and staff. Your co-operation is very much appreciated.



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VICTORIA DAY

There will be no school for students on Monday, May 19th as we celebrate Victoria Day

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

The Jump Rope for Heart is scheduled for Friday May 16th. Please support this worthwhile cause.

**GRADE 8 GRADUATION**

Grade 8 Graduation will be held on Thursday June 18th, starting with a liturgy in the church at 6:00 pm and a few words from Father. Followed up with a Gift and Awards presentation, speeches and a final slideshow in the hall. School Council will also provide some liquid refreshments and a cake to celebrate the students completion of Elementary School.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

May 5-9, 2025 marks Catholic Education Week throughout the province of Ontario.

Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week.

This year's celebration is entitled, **"We Are Called to Love"** and will be held during the week of May 5 – May 9, 2025. Mental Health Week Awareness – "Chalk it Up" inspirational/uplifting messages in chalk on playground.

As Catholic Education Week falls on the same week as Mental Health Week, the staff and students will be involved in discussions and activities with the students around good Mental Health strategies and goals.

Lunch Monitor Needed

We are looking for parents with some free time that enjoy working with students of all ages to ensure the safe play of all during our Nutrition breaks from 10:10 am to 10:50 am & 12:30 pm to 1:10 pm. These are a paid position through the School Board. Please call the school and speak with Mr. Finocchio if you are interested.

A valid police check is required so if you are thinking of this or any other volunteer opportunity here at the school.

**EQAO ASSESSMENTS**

The EQAO Assessments will start **May 26th to May 30th** for students in Grades 3 & 6. Parents of these students are encouraged to make sure that their Grade 3 & 6 children are present at school during these testing dates

**LUNCHBOX ORDER PROGRAM**

<https://www.lunchboxorders.com/>

LunchBox Hot Lunches this month is:
May 2nd, May 9th, May 16th,
May 23rd, & May 30th

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN GRADE 2**

The Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated on May 4th @ 9:30am at Blessed Sacrament Church. If you have not registered, please contact the Parish Office 519 449-5143

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Dates for First Reconciliation and
First Holy Communion

Rehearsal:

Friday, May 2nd

6:00pm – 7:00pm

First Holy Communion Celebration:

Sunday, May 4th MASS at 9:30am

We look forward to seeing you

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



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 your child.

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***

[Transportation Dept.]



Moving over the summer? Let transportation know so that your new address is ready to receive services for September! If you are moving over the summer, please let transportation know what your new address is so that they can plan services for you for the new school year. Transportation staff are working over the summer months and are happy to process any changes at that time.

The form is available at: <https://stsbhn.ca/forms>

Looking to accessing transportation details for September? Access to the transportation portal, available at: <https://transinfobhn.ca/Login>, will be opened to the public on August 15th, 2025. If services on the portal are not accurate or if you have questions, please contact transportation directly to discuss. Transportation can be reached by emailing transportation@stsbhn.ca or by calling 519-751-7532. Updates received and processed before August 28th at noon will be in effect for the first day of school.

Don't forget to check out the Chipmunk app this school year. The app is free and allows families to track the path of their bus and to be given notification when the bus is getting close to your assigned bus stop. More information on the app is available by visiting: <https://stsbhn.ca/faqs>

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**SAFE ARRIVAL**

Student Absence Reporting

To report your child's absence:



1-844-445-4381

go.schoolmessenger.ca *

open the School Messenger APP *

* must have set up an account to use

IT'S HERE – SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival from BHNCDSB

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school every day. To improve our safe arrival process, **March 31/25**, we will add a new system that will make it easier for you to report – and respond to – school absences of your student. Good attendance is necessary for proper progress in school. Our students are expected to attend school every day, unless prevented by personal illness or family emergency. Vacations during the school year may not always be ideal; however, more often than not, they offer learning opportunities for children that they will not receive in a school setting. We would ask that the school be made aware of these vacations in advance for attendance purposes and to allow for some discussion with the classroom teacher regarding missed work from the grade curriculum.

The new student absence reporting system will let you use a **mobile app**, a **website**, or an **interactive toll-free phone line** to report an absence in advance as well as that day. This procedure is followed to ensure the safety of your child. Your cooperation saves numerous daily phone calls by the school. An information letter has been emailed. Please check your emails.

Students who arrive after the bell in the morning, should report directly to the office for an admit slip and then proceed to class

MOTHER'S DAY

We wish all Mothers a very special day on Sunday,
May 11th, 2025

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We have already got off to a great start with our new Junior and Senior Kindergarten registrations for the 2025-2026 school year. Kindergarten registration can be done on line – please visit

www.blessedsacramentburford.ca

If you know of any parents with Kindergarten age children, please let them know to enroll or contact the school for a tour. Please contact Mrs. Konkiewicz if you have any questions about the on-line registration.

Vulnerable Sector Police Check

Please be advised that board policy requires that all parent volunteers must have a police check done before volunteering at our school. **This includes parents volunteering to chaperone on class trips.**



The Vulnerable Sector Police Checks are now done electronically. Please call the school to provide the necessary information needed to complete the package. The school will email you a signed form that is required by you to upload onto the OPP website. Once the Vulnerable Sector Police Check has been completed by OPP, please download the police check and send it to the school in a sealed envelope or email it to the Principal's attention.

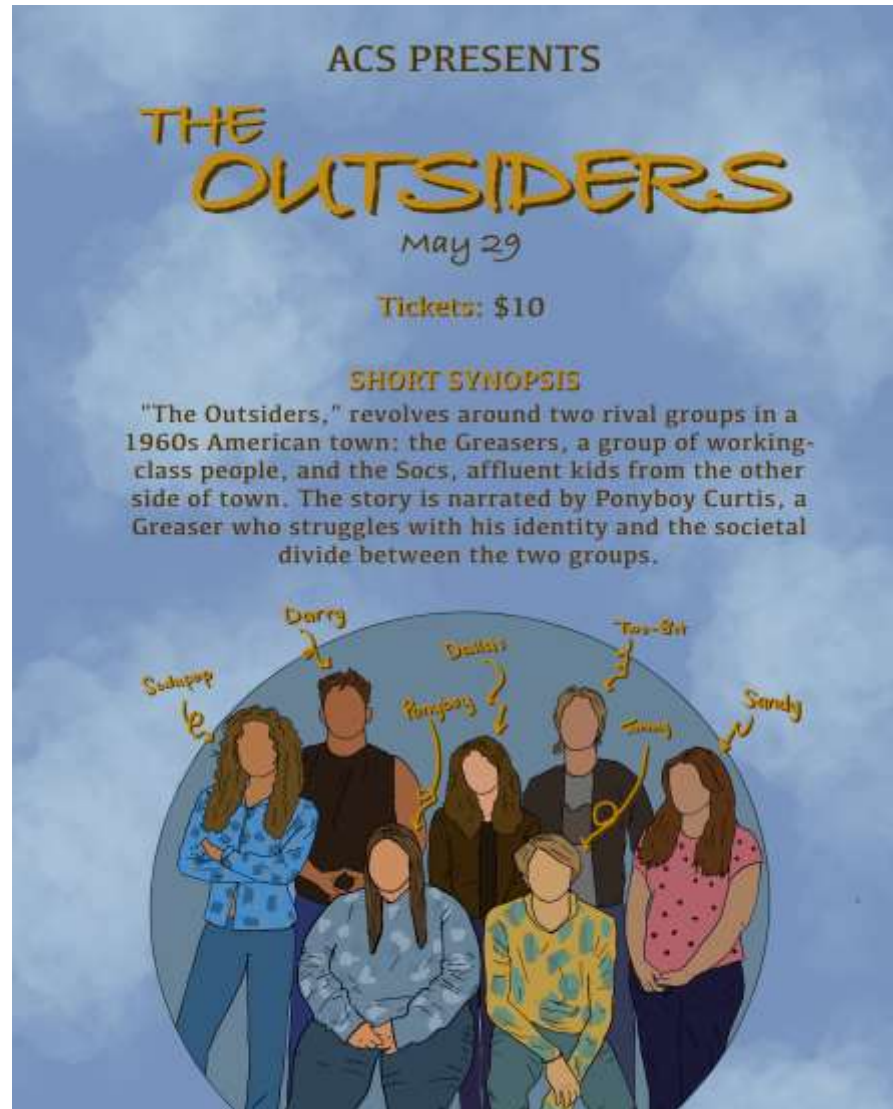
The police check is good for 3yrs, however, year 2 & year 3, when the check is not required, the volunteer must sign the prescribed Offence Declaration (reach out to the school and one will be provided) in order to volunteer within our school. Please call the school to see if you are update.

If you do not have one at the time of the event (e.g. class trip), you will not be permitted to participate.

A.O.D.A. TRAINING

A Vulnerable Sector Police Check AND Completion of an Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities ACT (A.O.D.A.) training module are requirements of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for all volunteers.

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Info: "The Outsiders" play by S.E. Hinton, and stage adaptation by Christopher Sergel

Who: Gr. 12 Drama Students

Where: ACS cafetorium

When: Thursday, May 29th, 7pm

How much: \$10

Contact: [519\) 751-2030 ext. 14445](tel:5197512030) or email nratelband@bhncdsb.ca

The gr. 12 Drama students at ACS have been working hard to deliver intense drama with the stage adaptation of "The Outsiders". Many a gr.8 student would have read and studied this book and that was why, in part, the gr.12's chose it - it was nostalgic, a classic, and it incorporated all the skills that the class possessed - including stage combat! Directed by Emily Birrell, with Assistant Director, Ashlyn Harris, the play promises to be dramatic, entertaining and engaging. By the time students reach gr. 12, the class itself is a theater company - all student run, student directed, stage managed, and choreographed, right down to set, sound and lighting designs.

So come on out and support their efforts, cash only please! (Bring a little extra cash to purchase snacks at intermission.) You won't want to miss this play - one day only! On Thursday, May 29th at 7pm. You may purchase tickets in advance by calling ACS at [519\) 751-2030 ext. 14445](tel:5197512030) or at the door, the night of. See you there!

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A SUMMER LIKE NO OTHER

Discover the ultimate summer adventure at Circle Square Ranch in Brant County! With horseback riding, climbing wall, swimming, and more, kids aged 6-16 will have a blast in our beautiful country setting. Our excellent staff ensures high care and safety, while fostering independence, personal growth, and faith development. Choose from overnight or day camp options and join us for a week or even more!

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AND SIGN UP TODAY!**

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CALL 519.754.0171

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

September 2, 2025 – June 30, 2026

The County of Brant's After School Program provides children with an opportunity to participate in a variety of games, activities, sports, crafts and much more.

Time: School Bell to 6:00 pm

Days: Monday to Friday

Ages: School aged children (3–12 years)

Fee: \$130 a month / \$1,300.00 total

**Register
June 9 @
6:00 pm**

Burford Community Centre

Blessed Sacrament School students only
Code: 7535

Mt. Pleasant Community Centre

Mt. Pleasant School students only
Code: 7538

Burford District Elementary School

Burford District Elementary students only
Code: 7534

Onondaga-Brant Public School

Onondaga-Brant Public School and St. Peter's School students only
Code: 7539

Cobblestone Elementary School

Cobblestone Elementary students only
Code: 7536

Paris Central Public School

Paris Central Public School students only
Code: 7540

Gaukel Memorial Community Centre

St. George-German School students only
Code: 7542

Scotland Community Centre

Oakland-Scotland Public School and Blessed Sacrament students only
Code: 7541

Glen Morris Public School

Glen Morris Public School students only
Code: 7537

**Register using the Activity code at
brant.ca/COBconnect**



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

Recognition

Kindergarten 1

Kiera Milimine

Kindergarten 2

Naya Olejniczak

Gr. 1

Delilah Magda

Gr.1/2

Audrey Keresturi

Gr.2/3

Jackson Beenackers

Gr. 3

Marlena Briand

Gr. 3/4

Kennedy Havens

Gr. 4/5

Gr 5

Gr. 6

Lucas Winter

Gr. 6/7

Heidi Shaw

Gr. 7/8

Liam Kean

French

Amaia Azevedo

The Holy Spirit

Kindergarten 1

Clark Koutstall

Kindergarten 2

Lydia Rice

Gr. 1

Korra Takacs

Gr.1/2

Scarlet Langs

Gr.2/3

Violet Mccaffery

Gr. 3

Ana Maria Cardenas Albu

Gr. 3/4

Iyla Callan

Gr. 4/5

Gr 5

Gr. 6

Kalie Renneboog

Gr. 6/7

Paislee McGuire

Gr. 7/8

Adler Kloepper

French

Kalie Renneboog



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 April:

Kassi Barber
Olivia Stuart
Ayla Brown
Khloe Duncan
Nolan Peters
Oni Rouse
Sophia Nicolaou
Weston Kukielka
Lincoln Seguin
Kylie Smith
Jaxon Dodds-Cantlon

