



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

October 2024 Newsletter

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 will see the Junior and Intermediate soccer teams play in the board tournament. I know that the students will represent our school well!

I am also very excited to announce that our Intermediate Co-Ed Football team will be competing in The Toronto Catholic School Board Invitational Tournament on October 22nd. We wish our athletes all the best on this new adventure.

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 8th.

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

Mr. Finochio



SOME DATES TO HIGHLIGHT -

check website www.blessedsacramentburford.ca/events-calendar

- Oct. 1—Jr & Sr Soccer Tournament
- Oct 7—Gr.3, 3/4, 4/5 trip to Brantford Cineplex
- Oct. 8 — PA day
- Oct. 8—Confirmation mass—Church 7pm
- Oct. 11—Gr. 7 & 8 Immunizations
- Oct. 11—Lunch Box—Alice's Pasta
- Oct. 14—Thanksgiving Day
- Oct. 15—Confirmation workshop— Church
- Oct. 15—Gr. 7/8 & 6/7 Tree top Tek trip
- Oct. 16—K-3 —Brantwood farms trip
- Oct 17—Gr. 6—Skating 9am
- Oct. 18—LunchBox—Alice's Burgers
- Oct. 22—Confirmation workshop— Church
- Oct. 24—Halloween Dance
- Oct. 24—Gr. 6—Skating 9am
- Oct. 25—Lunch Box—Robby's Pizza
- Oct. 29—Cross Country
- Oct. 29—Confirmation workshop— Church
- Oct. 30—Rain date for Cross Country
- Oct. 31—Halloween
- Nov. 1—Picture Retakes
- Nov. 3—Day Lights Saving Ends—go back hour
- Nov. 5—Gr. 7 & 8 Immunizations
- Nov 5—Confirmation workshop— Church
- Nov. 11—Progress Report go home
- Nov. 11—Remembrance Day—wear Red/White
- Nov 12—Confirmation workshop— Church
- Nov. 15—parent teacher interviews
- Nov 19—Confirmation Rehearsal - Church
- Nov 20—Confirmation @ Church—6:30pm



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 Monday, November 11th. More information regarding an opportunity to discuss these reports with the classroom teacher will come closer to the date.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS – Nov.3rd

Move clocks back 1 hour on November 3rd.



HALLOWEEN



Students are encouraged to wear a costume or black and orange on **Thursday, 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.

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**

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!

CONFIRMATION 2024



Please register on line—go to Blessed Sacrament Parish website and fill out the Confirmation registration form

www.blessedsacramentparish.ca

We ask that all registration forms be completed and returned to the office by **September 27th, 2024**.

We will be having weekly sessions. Mark the following important dates down:

Starting **Tuesday October 8th** starting with mass at 7:00pm

Followed by workshops in the Church Hall,

October 15th, October 22nd, October 29th, November 5th, November 12th and rehearsal will be on **November 19th**, and **Confirmation will be on Wednesday November 20th at 6:30pm**.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out to us at the office either calling 519 449-5143 or emailing at blessedsacramentburford@hamiltondiocese.com

We look forward in seeing you on Tuesday October 8th at 7:00pm.

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ELECTRONICS AT SCHOOL

As you may have seen in the news recently electronic devices are **not to be used** in school by students. There will be more details in a separate communication from the BHCNDSB in the near future. 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.

HOT LUNCHES ARE COMING

Reminder: Hot lunches will be starting October 11. Please log into School Cash on line to Access LunchBox orders.



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 Thursday, 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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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*



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.

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.

Schools back! Together, let's ensure our children arrive at school and back home, safely.

Here's some helpful tips to remember:

1. **All vehicles are required to fully stop when children and crossing guards are anywhere in the crosswalk.** That means, vehicles cannot turn left, right, or proceed through the crosswalk, even on the clear half of the roadway. You must wait until all pedestrians and the crossing guard are safely on the sidewalk before proceeding.
2. **All school zone speeding limits are reduced to 30 km/ hour and 40 km/hour to keep children safe.** The fines for speeding in these areas have increased and demerit points are higher.

Drivers travelling in both directions must stop for a stopped school bus when its upper red lights flashing and / or stop arm is activated. Amber flashing lights on a school bus indicate that the bus is preparing to stop. When you see these lights, it means you should slow down and be prepared to stop, as the red flashing lights and stop sign will soon be activated. If you are approaching the bus from the front, stop at a safe distance to let children get on and off the bus and cross the road safely. Don't move forward until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm is no longer activated!

Let's keep our kids safe!

Thank you,

Julie McKeen
Licensing Officer, By-Law Enforcement Division

County of Brant

26 Park Avenue, P.O. Box 160, Burford, ON N0E 1A0



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Parent Council October Update

Parent Council held our first meeting on Thursday, September 12 and quickly got to business!



Our 2024-2025 Co-chairs are Sarah Kloepper and Erin Smith. The Treasurer/Secretary is Marcia Cronkwright and Communications will be done by Lisa Henrique. Our parent council currently has 21 members and we encourage new members to join us! **Our next meeting will be virtual and held on Thursday, October at 7pm.** If you would like to attend, please email Mr. Finocchio for the virtual link.

Halloween Dance

Parent Council will once again host our annual Halloween Dance on **Thursday, October 24th**. The dance will take place at the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This is an event for the entire family!



More details will be sent out soon including how to purchase your entry fee, pizza and treats on School Cash Online.

We can't wait to Boo-gie!

Produce Express and Snack Program



Parent council is pleased to once again team up with produce express for our snack program! Last year, families using our code, earned us over \$1200.00 in free produce for our weekly snack program.

Here's how it works:

- Put in a grocery order at <https://fresherproduce.ca/>
- At checkout use our fundraising code: BSSBURFORD
- 10% of your order this month will be credited to our Blessed Sacrament account. After the first month, the code can still be used for 5% total credit all year around including summer!

Parent Council wants to hear from you!

As we begin our planning for the 2024-2025 school year, we would like to have input from our Blessed Sacrament families.

We have created a quick, online survey regarding our fundraising. This survey is anonymous and will help us shape our plan for raising money this year.

Survey Link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RNB7T2N>

Please fill out the survey by Wednesday, October 9th.



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Produce Express has partnered with the **Blessed Sacrament School** to Fundraise for their Nutrition Program! **Want to help?**

Step One: Shop for your groceries online at www.fresherproduce.ca

Step Two: Apply your Fundraising Code: **BSSBURFORD** at the Checkout.

Step Three: You will get your Farm Fresh groceries delivered and 5% of your total amount will be donated towards the Blessed Sacrament School Nutrition Program.



Payment Information

Order Total: \$64.43

Promo Code / Gift Card Code

Code

Fundraising Code

BSSBURFORD

Credit Card

Card Number MMY CVC

This code will be active indefinitely. Apply it every time you check out!



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ARTC's 2nd Annual Christmas Bazaar

Calling All Vendors!

We're looking for vendors to make this event sparkle! It's first come, first serve, so don't wait! Secure your spot and showcase your unique products to our eager holiday shoppers.

Saturday | November 23 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

\$20 Table Fee + Raffle Prize Donation

**58 Easton Road
Brantford ON N3P1J5**

**Contact Geneva for Registration Information
gknuckle@artc.ca**

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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 extra-curricular 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 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.



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

Recognition

Kindergarten 1

Vayda Parker

Kindergarten 2

Finnley Kukielka

Gr. 1

Rowen Metz

Gr.1/2

Chase Rice

Gr.2/3

Gurshan Panag

Gr. 3

Taylor Leroux

Gr. 3/4

Weston Kukielka

Gr. 4/5

Olivia MacDonald

Gr 5

Jackson Keresturi

Gr 6

Noah Hamilton

Gr. 6/7

Everett Gibaldi

Gr. 7/8

French

The Holy Spirit

Kindergarten 1

Aleah Magda

Kindergarten 2

Hudson Heltner

Gr. 1

Olivia Stuart

Gr.1/2

Marlee Keczan

Gr.2/3

Kylie Smith

Gr. 3

Marlena Briand

Gr. 3/4

Kennedy Havens

Gr. 4/5

Eric Vanderberg

Gr 5

Kennedy Rusyn

Gr 6

Kenzi Takacs

Gr. 6/7

Olivia Renwick

Gr. 7/8

French



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:

- Harrison Petrie
- Charlotte Thoms
- Jackson Givens
- Nolan Gontraz
- Dyllon Lauriault
- Nolan Peters
- Korra Takacs
- Irie-May Duncan
- Saskia Mills
- Joel Pedley
- Preston Smith

