



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 2025 Newsletter

Visit: www.blessedsacramentburford.ca

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 Meet the Teacher event. 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 27th followed by our board tournament on October 28th.

October will be a very busy month with regular weekly trips to the church for classes as well as 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 7th.

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. 2—Mr. Moulton skating—11am
- Oct. 3—rescheduled Jr & Sr Soccer Tourny—John Wright Field
- Oct. 6 to 10—Book Fair
- Oct. 6—Gr. 7 & 8 Tree top trek trip
- Oct. 7 — PA day
- Oct. 9—School mass—8:45am
- Oct 9—Mr. Moulton—skating 11am
- Oct. 13—Thanksgiving Day
- Oct. 16—Mr. Moulton skating 11am
- Oct. 17—Clovermead trip K to 3/4
- Oct. 23—Mr. Moulton skating 11am
- Oct. 24—Chocolate bar fundraiser wrap up
- Oct. 24—Lunch Box—Alice's Pasta
- Oct. 27—Parent Council Halloween Dance 6pm to 8pm
- Oct. 28—SR flag football—John Wright Field
- Oct. 30—Picture Retakes
- Oct. 31—Halloween downtown walk
- Oct. 31—Lunch Box—Alices Burgers
- Nov. 2—Day Lights Saving Ends—go back hour
- Nov. 3—Progress Reports sent Electronically
- Nov. 7—Lunch Box—Pizza
- Nov. 7—Glenhurst Presentation—Gr.1 to Gr. 2/3
- Nov. 11—Remembrance Day—wear Red/White
- Nov. 13—parent teacher interviews—3:30 –6pm
- Nov. 14—parent teacher interviews—8:30am – 12pm
- Nov.. 21—Lunch Box—Alice's subs
- Nov. 25—Jr. Basketball—Assumption College
- Nov. 27—Gr. 7 & 8 Immunizations
- Nov. 28—Lunch Box—Alice's chicken

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 **ELECTRONICALLY** sent home on Monday, November 3rd. More information regarding an opportunity to discuss these reports with the classroom teacher will come closer to the date.

HALLOWEEN



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

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!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS – Nov.2nd

Move clocks back 1 hour on November 2nd.



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**

CONFIRMATION 2025

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



www.blessedsacramentparish.ca

We will be having weekly sessions.

Mark the following important dates down:

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

Followed by workshops in the Church Hall, **every Tuesdays:**

October 7th, October 14th, October 21st, October 28th, November 4th, November 11th - 7:00pm-8:30pm

Rehearsal is on November 18th 7:00pm-8:30pm

Confirmation will be on the November 19th at 7:00pm

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 7th at 7:00pm.

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HALLOWEEN



On Friday, 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.

HOT LUNCHES ARE COMING

Reminder: Hot lunches will be starting October 24. 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.



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



please inquire.

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,

Parent Council is having their annual Halloween dance on October 27th from 6pm to 8pm.



Please watch your emails for more information in the near future.

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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

Please keep checking your emails regularly as information and emails are coming from the school on a constant basis. As well, keep checking the school's website for update information and calendar events.

NOTE: The School Calendar has now been updated on our website.

www.blessedsacramentburford.ca

SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival

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 proceed to class.**

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 added 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.



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.

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.



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Parent Council October Update

Dear Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate **Mr. Don Hamilton** who has accepted the position of Parent Council Chair and **Marcie Hensen** who has graciously agreed to be co-chair.

They bring with them excellent ideas and experience that will benefit our school.

Also, I would like to take the time to thank **Sarah Kloefer** and **Erin Smith** who have served as our Chair and Co-chair for the past several years. We would also like to thank **Marcia Cronkwright** who has acted as our Secretary for Council over the past many years. These ladies have demonstrated a selfless commitment to the school and our students, and your time is deeply appreciated.

If there are any parents interested in taking over the position of Secretary, please reach out to myself or Mrs. Konkiewicz in the office to let us know.

All the best!

Mr. Finochio



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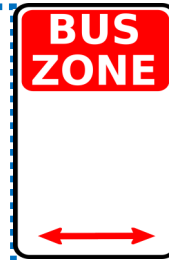


Just a friendly reminder that we **CANNOT** pull up to the front of the school while the buses are here. We have seen an increase in parents doing this and blocking our buses from leaving.

We have also had an increase in cars driving in front of the school while the buses are still loading which obviously presents a safety concern for staff and students. If you do need to drive your child(ren) to the front of the building, please wait until the buses have completely exited the area.

I appreciate your help in keeping our loading zone safe.

Mr. Finochio



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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ASSUMPTION COLLEGE PRESENTS:

The Drama Room Presents..

Murder Mystery

Dinner Theatre



COST: \$20

Date: Thursday, November 6th

TIME: 6PM Dinner, 7PM Show

**Tickets: Call (519) 751-2030 ext. 14445 or by
emailing: noneill@bhncdsb.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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Paislee Laurie

Kindergarten 2**Gr. 1**

Matthew Goncalves

Gr.1/2**Gr.2**

Kayden Lundy-Cooper

Gr. 2/3

Henry Stuart

Gr. 3/4*Estelle Vandenberg***Gr. 4/5**

Irie May Duncan

Gr 5**Gr 6**

Hanna Dykstra-Dwyer

Gr. 6/7

Dario DeDominicis

Gr. 7

Amelia Aird

Gr. 8

Elena Thornton

French

Natalie Cronkwright

The Holy Spirit**Kindergarten 1**

Oakleigh Labron

Kindergarten 2**Gr. 1**

Madelyn Peters

Gr.1/2**Gr.2**

Aubree Winch

Gr. 2/3

Sydney Cadman

Gr. 3/4*Bradley Enes***Gr. 4/5**

William Goslin

Gr 5**Gr 6**

Eric Vandenberg

Gr. 6/7

Alaric Van Tyghem

Gr. 7

Elijah Nicolaou

Gr. 8

Julianna Encarnacao

French

Delilah Magda

GRIT

a positive trait based
on passion,
perseverance,
and motivation

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:

Nick Scocchia
Michael Bell
Charlotte Ambeau-Clarkson
Daisy Kocsis
Everett Gibaldi
Elijah Bublic
Weston Kukielka
Mitig Hensen
Grey Hepp
Audrey Keresturi
Ellie Box

