



# Blessed Sacrament School

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## MARCH 2026 Newsletter

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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

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome to March, the month that brings spring! March has brought many things with it in the past, most of them good: March Break, March Madness, St. Patrick's Day, the start of spring, daylight savings and sunshine. We can look forward to all of these again this year as well as celebrating Lenten practices throughout the month.

Here at the school, the staff and students are working hard to stay on track. With the support and open communication between home and school, we will all continue to strive to be the best versions of ourselves, principal, parent, teacher, student, friend and Christian.

As a school we are continuing to promote the "GRIT" traits that will also support these goals. If you are not familiar with this work, please have a conversation with your child/ren as these concepts are discussed regularly in classes and acknowledged monthly.

M. Finochio



### St. Patrick's Day Prayer

*"Dear God, long ago you sent St. Patrick to teach the people of Ireland about you, your Son and the Holy Spirit.*

*Bless the people of Ireland and help them to live in peace.*

*Bless everyone today who continues St. Patrick's job of telling others about you: our parents, our priests, our teachers and everyone who preaches the gospel.*

*We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

*St. Patrick, pray for us.*



### **SOME DATES TO HIGHLIGHT** -- check website

<https://bbss1.bhncdsb.ca/events/month/>

- Mar. 3– Shrove Tuesday
- Mar. 5– G/7–skating
- Mar. 6–LunchBox-Chicken
- Mar. 8– Daylight Savings
- Mar. 9–11–Wizard of Oz performances
- Mar. 11–Lenten Raffle Begins
- Mar. 16 to 20–March Break
- Mar. 17– St. Patrick's day
- Mar. 26 –Dental Screening Gr. 2
- Mar. 28– LunchBox–Pasta
- Apr. 2–Lenten Raffle ends– Draw day
- Apr. 2–Stations of Cross
- Apr. 3–Good Friday
- Apr. 5–Easter Sunday
- Apr. 6–Easter Monday
- Apr. 7–Gr. 3 /4 & 4/5–Aps Mills
- Apr. 8–Communion Retreat/ Confirmation–Gr. 2–9:30am
- Apr. 8–Gr. 6 & 6/7–Apps Mills
- Apr. 9–School Mass
- Apr. 10–Lunch Box– Burgers
- Apr. 13– Jump Rope Kick off
- Apr. 14–Bite of Brant–Gr. 4/5 & Gr. 5
- Apr. 15–Graduation Photos
- Apr. 16–Gr. 7 & 8–Dundurn Castle trip
- Apr. 17–PA day
- Apr. 22–Earth Day
- Apr. 23–Sr. Volley Tourny–Assumption
- Apr. 24–lunchbox–Pizza
- Apr. 28–Indigenous hoop dance presentation

**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 and your child(ren) will be called out of class.**

Unfortunately, sitting in your vehicle outside the school is not a safe practice to release you child.

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### PLEASE NOTE: IMPORTANT INDOOR SHOES



For Safety reasons, 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.



### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

*New Junior and Senior Kindergarten registrations for the 2025-2026 school year are well underway. Kindergarten registration are now to be done online – please visit our website and click “Register Now”*

[www.blessedsacramentburford.ca](http://www.blessedsacramentburford.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.*

### MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> – DAYLIGHT

#### SAVINGS BEGIN



Daylight Savings Begin – Spring forward 1 hour on your clocks.

*This is also a great time to check and change the batteries in your Smoke and CO Alarms. Test them to ensure they work properly*



### SHROVE TUESDAY



Tuesday, March 3rd is Shrove Tuesday. Students will be celebrating this event as a community. As in the past, every student will receive pancakes. SkyWay Cafe and Parent Council have donated to this event for our students and staff.

### March Break

Please note that March Break will be from Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> inclusive. Students resume school on Monday, March 23rd.



### LUNCHBOX ORDER PROGRAM

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

*LunchBox Hot Lunches this month is: March 6th, & March 27th*



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## 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.



### DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Parents, please ensure that your child(ren) are coming to school dressed for the weather. Students are expected to wear a hat and mittens/gloves outside for recess, regardless of the grade they are in. The students will be going outside for at least part of recess whenever the weather permits. An extra pair of socks may be beneficial to have at school on days when your child's feet get very wet also. Thank you very much for your cooperation in helping keep our children warm and dry this winter.

**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*

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



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## 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.



## Please note:

### ATTENDANCE



The importance of calling the school to let us know of your child's absence is essential. Even though you may have called the school the previous day, please call and confirm your child's absence daily if you have not given a timeframe on the initial absence call. If you receive a call from the school's automated attendance system, please call the school back to confirm the absence **ASAP**. The school can not assume that your child is home with you.



Thank-you Mrs. Konkiewicz



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*Don't forget...*



**Change your CLOCKS!**

**Change your BATTERIES!**

**SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES, BUT ONLY IF THEY ARE WORKING!**



*Simple Life of a Fire Wife*