

GRADUATION PLANNING

Dear Parents

As the end of the year is fast approaching, our planning for Graduation must be under way. Grad night is Monday, June 25 at 7:00 pm. in our gym.

Tickets for the Graduation ceremony will be sent home with each student. Each family will be receiving the same number of tickets to be fair. Tickets are being issued because of the space available in our gym and to enable the Parent Council to better plan and prepare the refreshments. If additional tickets are needed for family members, please contact the office to make a request. Only those with official tickets will be admitted to the gym. "Sunday Best" dress code is requested for the guests. This is a very special and formal occasion for our Grads and the school community, so formal dress by the guests is expected.

Students must be here by 6:15 for a formal Graduation group picture. Parents will be asked to go directly to the gym to view the students' displays and an informal slide show. Once all of the students are in place for the picture, we will announce for the parents to come to the photo area and take as many group pictures as you wish.

Following the Graduation exercises, we will have some light refreshments in the gym organized and served by the Parent Council and other school Parents. A photo area will be set up so families can take pictures more easily.

Graduation Mass Luncheon and Dance at St. Basil Church and Parish Hall

Graduation Mass

The Graduation experience here at St Basil Catholic School involves many activities. All the Graduating students of St. Basil parish will be attending a Grad Mass at the church on Friday, June 22. We will bus the students. There is no cost to the students but all students are required to be dressed in at least their Sunday best. Many Students wear the outfits they wore on Graduation night. The permission form is attached. It needs to be returned to the school as soon as possible.

Parents are welcome to attend the Mass.

Graduation Luncheon and Dance

The Grads are also invited to a Grad Dance on the afternoon of Friday, June 22. This will be held at St. Basil's Parish Hall, which is attached to the church. All Assumption College feeder school Grads will also be attending. What a great way to begin to make friends for Grade 9. It will be fully supervised by Grade 8 teachers from the schools.

Since we are going to be at St. Basil's already, the school will provide a pizza lunch for the students between the Mass and the start of the Dance at no cost to the students.

To make this event a more special occasion, the students are required to be dressed in their "Sunday Best" attire. Students are welcome to wear their Graduation dresses or suits. This will match the atmosphere of the dance

The permission form to attend the dance is also attached to be returned as soon as possible.

Graduation Breakfast

A St. Basil Graduation Day tradition is to have breakfast together. At 9:00 am the Grade 8 students will come together to share a meal together. The school covers the cost so all students can take part.

After the Breakfast, we will move to the gym to set up their Personal Graduation displays and to rehearse for the big event

Graduation Decorating and Organizing Times

The students will be working on decorations for displays for Graduation during the morning of Monday June 25 (Grad day) until noon. It is essential for all students to be here in order to set up their own personal display to share with parents and friends during Grad. The students have been informed of the requirements in advance so they can bring in their personal display items early. This display is to be a collection or a collage that represents them. Items students brought in the past years include: Photos of family events, their Sacraments, pictures of birthday parties, and class trips, trophies and medals from teams and sports they have taken part in, Student of the Month awards certificates, projects they did well,

hobbies, art work, their favourite stuffed animal and even the outfit worn on the first day of Kindergarten.

All display items must be taken home the night of Graduation since the gym is being used the next morning.

We only have the gym on Monday morning to set up and rehearse for the night. Please ensure your child is here for these days. Book all hair appointments etc., for after the 1:00 pm lunch dismissal.

If your child will not be here in the afternoon due to appointments or special family gatherings, please contact the school so we do not need to intrude on your family time.

We look forward to our Graduation evening and seeing all the family members share in the successes of our Graduating Students.

FYI Dates For the Graduating Students of 2018

- *Monday, May 22 - Victoria Day Holiday
- * Monday, June 28 - MADD Assembly for Grades 7 and 8 (2pm)
- *Wednesday, May 30 Welcome to the Pride Day at ACS
- *Monday, June 4- School Track and Field
- *Tuesday, June 5 - Birch Bark Canoe for Native Hop Dancing lesson
- *Thursday, June 7 - Provincial Election Day
- *Friday, June 8- P A Day so no school for the students
- *Wednesday, June 13 - Board Track and Field Competition
- *Friday, June 15 - Teddy Bear Picnic - families welcome to join us at lunch at 1pm
- * Tuesday, June 19- trip to Toronto from 7:30 until 11:00 or later starting at the McMichael Gallery and ending with the Blue Jays Game
- *Wednesday, June 20- We don't expect the students today since we got home late- PLEASE call to confirm an absence
- Thursday, June 21 - School Year Closing Mass here in the gym with Fr. Earl
- Graduation activities to prepare the gym for the big night
- ** Friday, June 22- Graduation Mass at St. Basil Church followed by the pizza lunch provided by our school followed by the Graduation Dance for all future ACS students
- **Monday, June 25 -Graduation Breakfast at 9:00 for Grade 8 students then we set up the gym. PLEASE do not leave before 12:30
Graduation Night (students here by 6:15- 6:30) 7:00 pm
- ** Tuesday, June 26 - We never expect the students after Grad Night but PLEASE call the office to confirm the absence
- ** Wednesday, June 27 - Bowling and Lunch at Echo Bowl from 9:00 am to 1:00
- * *Thursday, June 28 -Final School Day
- School Assembly led by the Graduates 9 am.

As other events arise, you will be kept in touch. As we approach the dates of trips, permission forms will be sent home. In June, more information and reminders will be sent home about Graduation as well.

Yours truly,

Mrs.A. Krupicz
Ms. Adams



PARENT CONSENT/PERMISSION FORM FOR EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS - ST. BASIL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BRANTFORD
(general for students under 18)

Gr-8 students at St Basil, of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board is arranging _____
(Name of School Program)
to travel by bus to St Basil Church and the
Parish Hall on Friday, May 22 for a Grad Mass, Pizza Lunch
and Dance (description of activity, location, dates and mode of transportation)

ELEMENTS OF RISK

Educational activity programs, such as THE ABOVE, which is being offered, involve certain elements of risk. Accidents may occur while participating in these activities. These accidents may cause injury. By choosing to participate in the activity, you are assuming the risk of an accident occurring.

The chance of an accident occurring can be reduced by carefully following instructions at all time while engaged in the activity.

If you choose to participate IN THE ABOVE ACTIVITY on THE ABOVE DATE, you must understand that you will bear responsibility for any accident that might occur.

The Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board strongly advises that all students participate in the STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE PLAN offered by the Reliable Life Insurance Company and which covers participants for all accidents.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

WE HAVE READ THE ABOVE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN PARTICIPATING IN THE Grad Mass + Dance ACTIVITY, WE ARE ASSUMING THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH DOING SO.

Signature of Student: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

PERMISSION

I give _____ permission to participate in the _____ to be held on or about _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Date: _____

my student will NOT be attending this event _____ Parent Signature

NOTE TO PARENT(S): PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IN ITS ENTIRETY

THIS FORM MUST BE READ AND SIGNED BY EVERY STUDENT WHO WISHES TO PARTICIPATE AND BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A PARTICIPATING STUDENT.

Return by Wednesday, June 6