



Sept. 20, 2017

Dear Parents,

This year, the students in Grade 3A, 3B and grade 3 students from grade 3/4 will be participating in the Lifesaving Society's 'Swim to Survive' program at the Wayne Gretzky Centre in Brantford. During this program, the students will be given a brief swim test to determine individual swimming abilities. Next, the students will be put into small groups to receive swimming instruction on how to roll, tread water and swim.

The dates for the Swim to Survive program are: **Oct. 4, Oct. 11, and Oct. 18, 2017.**

**The students will be in the pool from 9:30-10:25.**

We will be leaving the school at 9:00 and returning to school by 11:00.

Once we return from the pool, students will have a nutrition break to eat their lunch, then go outside for some fresh air for 20 minutes.

This program is FREE for all students. Students are asked to bring the following items:

- A bathing suit (please send your child to school with his/her bathing suit on underneath his/her clothes on our swim days (please pack underwear for later)
- A large towel
- A comb or brush
- A cloth bag to carry item in (include a plastic bag for wet bathing suit and towel)

It is recommended that you label your child's items that he/she will be bringing with them as we are often not the only group swimming at the Gretzky Centre.

The instructors run the program and ensure that your child is safe in the water at all times. Parents are welcome to watch their child participate in this program. There is an Observation Deck on the second level above the pool. Parents will not be riding the bus, but can meet us at the pool.

Please complete and sign the attached permission form and return it to the school no later than **Friday, September 29, 2017.**

Sincerely,

Miss L. Martino - Classroom 3A

Mrs. C. Giles – Classroom 3B

Mrs. T. McKenna – Classroom 3/4



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

St. Basil Elementary Catholic School, of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board is arranging  
'Swim to Survive' Swimming lessons for grade 3 students at Gretzky Centre Pool, Brantford, Ontario on **Oct. 4.  
Oct. 11 and Oct. 18, 2017.** Transportation by school bus.

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**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 Swimming activities at THE ABOVE DATES, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.**