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Student Absence Reporting 1.844.445.4381

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

This year we are working with Garth Bell from the John Howard Society to help our students engage in restorative practices. Every staff member has been trained in using these strategies to help children manage conflict and more importantly develop healthy peer and personal relationships.

Every child deserves to be heard, recognized and validated. Additionally,

Garth and his associates also come in and work directly in classrooms

where we experience habitual conflict or incidents of bullying. If you would like to learn more about these practices watch for more information coming soon.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sharing your children with us and for choosing Catholic Education. During this season of Thanksgiving I am most grateful for this beautiful community of children, families and staff that I serve.

God Bless,

Lisa Kuyper



Park and Playground Update...



You might have noticed that the city has built a beautiful playground behind our school. Please note that children will not be accessing the playground during recess times as we are unable to adequately supervise this but that your child's teacher may be sending home a permission slip to ask your permission to occasionally take advantage of the playground for class excursions as part of their DPA or Physical Education Program. If you do not want your child to go there, please advise your child's teacher of this when those letters come home.

The city is having an official park opening ceremony. More information to follow.

REMINDER: FOOD ALLERGIES



Your cooperation is greatly appreciated once again in making our school a safe environment for all our students. **This is to advise you that we have we have students who are allergic to all tree nuts, eggs, peanuts, kiwi, mango, coconut, sesame seeds.** It is requested that parents of all students do not pack any foods or send food items containing any of these, or anything containing latex.

If your child has anaphylaxis and you have not yet made us aware of this, please contact us immediately.

Our schools have been directed by senior administration to not allow the product known as 'WowButter' into our classrooms. Children who have an anaphylactic allergy to nut products could easily be confused by which product is which, and this could cause a great deal of anxiety and confusion for both staff and students. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 2..... Milk/Popcorn Begins
- Oct. 4..... Pizza Day
- Oct. 5..... School Opening Mass at St. Basil Church, 50 Palace St
- Oct. 9..... Soccer Tournament
- Oct. 11... Sub Day
- Oct. 18... Pizza Day
- Oct. 19... PA Day (*No School*)
- Oct. 23... Picture Retake Day
- Oct. 24... Cross Country Meet
- Oct. 25... Pizza Day

Attendance and Illness

Students, unless ill, are required to be prepared for each day's classes, to have the materials needed, and to have assignments completed. Regular attendance is necessary if a student is to experience success.



However, if your child is ill, we urge you to make arrangements for day care rather than sending your child to school when he/she is ill. Staying indoors during the breaks due to illness is not good for the child or the health of those around your child.

Emergency and Illness

If a student becomes ill at school, the school secretary or teacher will telephone home. If an accident occurs which requires medical attention for your child, we will attempt to contact you at home or at your place of work. If we cannot make contact, we will use our discretion in taking your child to the hospital or, if the injury is more serious in nature, we will call for an ambulance.

School Messenger-Safe Arrival

TO REPORT YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE - 3 WAYS

- 1) Call the automated toll free number (1-844-445-4381) and follow the instructions to report an absence. **(Fast)**
- 2) Using a common browser, Log in to your School Messenger account (go.schoolmessenger.ca). **(Faster)**
- 3) Download the School Messenger APP to your smartphone.

(Fastest)

Did you know.... the following reasons can be reported through School Messenger-Safe Arrival:

- Appointment
- Late
- Leave & Return
- Sick
- Vacation



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS/ GUARDIANS/ COMMUNITY MEMBERS VOLUNTEERING IN OUR SCHOOLS!

REQUIREMENTS: A Vulnerable Sector Police Check AND completion of an Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities ACT (A.O.D.A.) training module are required to Volunteer with the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board.

Volunteers must have a Police Vulnerable Sector and Police Check completed every three (3) years. During the years that the Police Check is not required, the volunteer must sign the prescribed Offence Declaration. These documents can be obtained at the school office.

For more information on the AODA training, follow this link: <http://www.stbasilbrantford.ca/page/become-volunteer> or contact the school for further assistance.

St. Basil Catholic Elementary School 2018 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Need help with Christmas ideas? Our fall fundraiser is **'Santa's Little Helper Catalogue' from Third Wave Fundraising.**

Please take the time to browse through the catalogue containing approximately 100 items including Christmas cards, Christmas items, kitchen items, scarves, jewellery, candles and much more.

The Youngest or Only students will receive a brochure, order form and payment collection envelope. In keeping with our current form of payment, we will **not** be able to accept any cheques. This is a **CASH ONLY** campaign.

CAMPAIGN STARTS: OCTOBER 3, 2018

CAMPAIGN ENDS: OCTOBER 16, 2018



Visit Our Website

Communication is Key

Working together is the key to success for our students. To that end, we would like to make an effort to make sure that all communication is timely and relevant. In order to accomplish this we will be updating our school website and calendar on a regular basis. All newsletters and dates of important events will be posted and updated. This is also where you can access School Cash Online which is the preferred method of payment for everything from hot lunches to school trips. Additionally, it will be linked to our twitter feed where we will be posting pictures and information from classroom and school events and also keep you up to date with valuable information. Stay informed and receive all the information you need by visiting <http://www.stbasilbrantford.ca/events-calendar> following us on twitter @stbasilbulldogs. Sign up for notifications to have the information come directly to you!



Popcorn Sales

Good News! Popcorn sales will be continuing again this year. Popcorn will be delivered every Tuesday and Thursday. It will begin October 2. **Popcorn sales are**

posted online. There will be a variety of flavours to choose from. Popcorn will be available every other month. The next order, for December will be posted online in November.

The money raised in the sale of the popcorn will be donated to our Sierra Leone fundraising efforts.



We Scare Hunger Campaign

Please help the St. Basil Pups for Christ members collect canned food for the We Scare Hunger Campaign at our school. From **Oct 22-Nov 2, 2018**, Pups For Christ will be collecting non-perishable canned foods. Please help by donating some of the following items: peanut butter, tuna, cereal, formula, pasta, macaroni and cheese, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, dried beans and baby food.



Nutrition Guidelines

The Ministry of Education has implemented new guidelines for schools in Ontario, so we have to be very selective about the kinds of food that we provide at any school event. This also applies to the kind of food that, for example, a family might provide for their child's class on a birthday. We must still follow those guidelines for that, so cookies, cupcakes, candies etc. cannot be served in the classroom, unless it is a day that is exempt as decided by the school.



Let nothing dim the light that shines from within.
~ Maya Angelou ~

News from St. Basil Parish...

Weekend Masses - 5 pm Saturday;
9:30 and 11:30 Sunday

First Reconciliation and First Communion

First Communion Parent Meeting:
Wednesday, November 7, 2018 7-8 pm

Confirmation Parent Meeting:
Wednesday, November 21, 2018 7-8 pm

Confirmation



First Holy Communion





A Note From the Public Health Nurse at Your School... Healthy Breakfast

Breakfast is a nutritious and delicious way to start the school day!

To help your child do their best in school this year and keep their energy up throughout the day, start them off with a breakfast of champions. Children who eat a balanced breakfast will perform better in school and will develop healthier eating habits as they grow older.

To make each morning's breakfast a breeze, keep these easy tips in mind:

Keep a well-stocked kitchen: Have whole-grain cereals, milk, yogurt, whole grain breads and bagels, fruit, peanut butter, and cheese on hand

Prepare in advance: Prepare the night before. Set the table, cut up any fruit and have cereal all ready to go for the next morning

Wake up earlier: Waking up a little earlier will allow for a more relaxed breakfast

Include everyone: Include children in planning and making breakfast by letting them choose breakfast items and getting them to help you clean up afterwards

Variety is the spice of life: Include foods from at least 3 of the 4 food groups (Canada's Food Guide) and make breakfast an exciting time by trying these quick and easy breakfast ideas:

- ✓ Grilled cheese sandwich with melon slices on the side
- ✓ Smoothie made with fruit, yogurt, and nut butter
- ✓ Scrambled eggs wrapped in a tortilla with milk on the side
- ✓ Whole grain cereal or trail mix stirred into yogurt with a piece of fresh fruit
- ✓ Whole grain cereal, banana and milk

For more healthy living tips and ideas, visit Eat Right Ontario www.eatrightontario.ca, or speak to the public health nurse at your school.



Assumption College School

is hosting the annual Thanksgiving Turkey BINGO and Raffle on October 4, 2018

THANKSGIVING TURKEY BINGO!

Location: Assumption College School Cafeteria, 257 Shellard Lane, Brantford
Date: Thursday, October 4, 2018
Time: Doors open at 6pm; BINGO at 7pm.
Free admission



Grocery Store gift cards, cash and fabulous Raffle Prizes!
Goodies and refreshments; dabbers available.
Proceeds go to Music Department.
Bring a friend - must be 18 yrs. of age.

Thank you for your support of our students!

September message from your Brantford Trustees...

September Message from Brantford School Board Trustee Rick Petrella and Trustee Bill Chopp

It is our pleasure to offer best wishes to all students, staff, parents and Catholic school supporters.

As we settle in to the start of a new school year, we understand that things can be hectic with beginning of the year school activities, preparations, and events occurring.

These times; however, are excellent opportunities for us to celebrate the many things that make our school communities distinct and special. It is a time to celebrate our successes and showcase the talents of the young people in our schools, and to acknowledge the many adults in their lives who inspire, support and encourage them in the development of their faith and in accomplishing their goals. All of the trustees and staff are committed to student achievement and are laser focused on ensuring that all of our students are successful in our district.

As your Brantford trustees, both trustee Chopp and I are committed to you, the ratepayer and are always available to assist and advocate on your behalf, on any issue that you may have. We look forward to working with each and every one of you, and meeting you in person at the many school events that take place.

In closing, we wish all of our new and existing students, staff and parents, a very sincere welcome back and wish you all much success the school year ahead, fulfilling our mission of transforming the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.



Rick Petrella
Chair of the Board &
Trustee – City of Brantford



Bill Chopp
Trustee—City of Brantford