

**ST. BERNARD'S**



**CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

*St. Bernard's Catholic School*

*Fall Newsletter*

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SIMCOE MUSKOKA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

*Called To Be Our Story*

### **The Journey Begins**

Loving God,  
 You are kindness and caring,  
 You are wondrous and wise,  
 You are our friend and guide,  
 You are our deepest truth.  
 You bring us together  
 To learn,  
 To play,  
 To worship together.  
 Be with us and guide us  
 Now and throughout the school year.  
 We make this prayer in your loving name.  
 Amen.



I would like to officially welcome all the new families to our wonderful school community. It's great to see our little school growing!

We are off to a fantastic start to our school year. The School Board has finalized our staffing and our school year is well underway. We've been busy establishing routines and getting settled into our new school schedule. Students seem to be enjoying the new lunch schedules where only half of the school is out for recess at one time. Students are able to use more of the equipment and have more room to run in the field.

We are always looking for parents/guardians to share their interests and talents with our students. Last year we had a volunteer lead an Art Club and a couple others who took on the task of running hot dog days. If there is something you can offer (time/talents) please let us know. Some suggestions could be knitting, euchre, chess, board games etc...

We appreciate the team effort it takes to make St. Bernard's a thriving school.

Have a great year!

Mrs. Smith

**2018-2019**



**MEET OUR TEAM**



### **It is my pleasure to introduce:**

Mrs. Grimes	Kindergarten (Year 1 & 2)
Mrs. Williams	Kindergarten (Year 1 & 2)
Mrs. Whitwell	Kindergarten (Year 2) & Grade 1
Mr. White	Grade 1/2
Ms. Bochenek	Grade 3/4
Mrs. Turner	Grade 3/4
Mrs. Moreau	Grade 5/6
Mrs. St. Amour	Grade 5/6
Mrs. Taylor	Grade 7
Mr. Ayers	Grade 8
Mrs. Martin	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Kehoe	Educational Assistant
Mr. Imbeault	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Roth	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Reyes	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Schug	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Sajnovic	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Van Boxmeer	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Wiles	Special Education Teacher
Mr. Marwick	Special Education Teacher/ Reading Recovery Teacher
Miss Wigglesworth	Science Teacher/Librarian
Ms. Lyon	French Teacher
Ms. Belanger	Chief Custodian
Mr. Duffy	Evening Custodian
Mr. Mathews	Part-Time Custodian
Mr. Yarnold	Part-Time Custodian
Mrs. Sim	Lunch Supervisor
Mrs. Kaczynski	Lunch Supervisor
Mrs. Soestmeyer	Lunch Supervisor
Mrs. Fournier	Lunch Supervisor
Mrs. Mugford	Office Administrator
Mrs. Smith	Principal

## Our Daily Schedule

St. Bernard's Catholic School is on a *Balanced School Day* schedule:

- 8:40 a.m. – Yard supervision begins\*
- 8:55 a.m. – Entry bell
- 10:55 a.m. – Lunch (Grades K, 1, 2, 5 & 6)  
– Recess (Grades 3, 4, 7 & 8)
- 11:15 a.m. – Recess (Grades K, 1, 2, 5 & 6)  
– Lunch (Grades 3, 4, 7 & 8)
- 1:15 p.m. – Lunch (Grades K, 1, 2, 5 & 6)  
– Recess (Grades 3, 4, 7 & 8)
- 1:35 p.m. – Recess (Grades K, 1, 2, 5 & 6)  
– Lunch (Grades 3, 4, 7 & 8)
- 3:15 p.m. – Dismissal

\* Please do not drop your child off prior to 8:40 a.m. as there will not be any supervision. Thanks!

## Online Shopping at St. Bernard's

We understand that it can be difficult for parents to stay on top of all the activities that happen at school.

That is why we are implementing a new online payment and communications tool in our school. This tool, called "School-Day" can be accessed from any web browser and gives parents real-time, secure access to up-to-date information, and the ability to:

- Approve permission forms on-line
- Sign up for parent-teacher interviews
- Register your child for extracurricular events
- Make online payments for lunches, milk, sports fees, field trips or other activities
- Update your mobile device with calendar events specific to your child
- Minimize the risks associated with sending money to school with your child and reduce the environmental impact of photocopying permission forms and announcements

Each student brought home a letter during the first week of school explaining this new "cashless" system called *School-Day*. This letter contains the unique secure match-key needed to sign up your child. **All families need to sign up as soon as possible.** If you need help or access to technology, please come into the school and we will assist you. You will need access to School-Day to sign up for parent/teacher interviews this November.



Join us on **Thursday, September 27** for our annual St. Bernard's Open House. Come by and meet the staff and see your child's classroom. To help save you time we will be selling pizza here at the school that evening. The open house **begins at 5:00 and classrooms will be open from 5:30-6:30**. New this year, we will also have a Bookfair in the library during the Open House. You will also be able to purchase St. Bernard's new athletic clothing. We will have samples to try on at the Open House.

## Milk



Milk is now available at both nutrition breaks for \$1.00. Students may bring money on a daily basis and come to the kitchen to buy their milk. We hope that families will take advantage of this nutritious option. Later in the year our milk program, like all food options will be available through online purchase using the *School-Day* Program.

## Student Agendas

Communication with home is essential for your child's success. The use of an agenda promotes time management, organizational and communication skills. The cost of the agenda is \$5.00. Please send the money to your son/daughter's classroom teacher if you haven't done so already.

## Breakfast Club

Thanks to the many volunteers who have built up our program over the years, we are blessed to have a thriving breakfast



club here at St. Bernard's. We are now recruiting new and returning volunteers to help us out this year. Please contact Mrs. Mugford if you have some time to give in the mornings (approximately 45 minutes ~ 8:15a.m. – 9:00a.m.).

## Allergies and Medication

Please do not send nut/peanut products to the school with your children. We have students with severe food allergies that can be life threatening. With your cooperation, we can keep all students safe.

If your child requires any medication to be administered at school, please stop in at the office and obtain the necessary forms. A new form must be completed every school year. Medication must come to school in the original container and be kept in the office and distributed from the office.



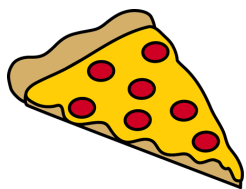
Students will have their pictures taken on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students who are absent will have their pictures taken on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> but will not be part of the classroom group photo.

## Elementary Guidance Teachers

New this year, there will be a Guidance Teacher, Ms. Mask working with our Grade 7 and 8 students. She will be focusing on Career and Individual Pathway Planning, as well as supporting the important transition from elementary to secondary school. She will be at our school for 8 weeks starting in January. Please contact your child's classroom teacher or the school principal if you have any questions.

## Supply Lunch Supervisors Needed

Contact Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Mugford if you are able to commit some time to our Lunch Staff Team. Shifts are from 10:55-11:35 & 1:15-1:55. **This is a paid position!** You will need to have your Criminal Background Check.



## Optional Paid Lunch Program

Once again we will offer the option of purchasing lunch for your child. Paper order forms were used for the beginning of the year but future orders will be completed through *School-Day*.



## Safe Arrival and Dismissal

### SAFE ARRIVAL

In order to ensure the safe arrival of every child, we ask that you call the school and report your child's absence at 705-326-2331, day or night. We appreciate your support with this important procedure.

If your child must leave school prior to the end of the day, please send in a note to your child's teacher. The permitted adult must pick up the child at the office and sign him/her out. A written note is also necessary if your child's end of the day routine is changing on a particular day (not taking the bus, walking home, being picked up by a relative etc...). Please note that children not registered on a bus are not eligible to take the bus (e.g., going home with a friend).

You may also call the office to report changes, however, we cannot guarantee that calls placed after 2:30 p.m. will be communicated to our students. That is a busy time in the office so calling earlier will ensure the safe dismissal of all our students.



We are very appreciative of any volunteer support that parents are able to offer. All parent volunteers at the school must have a Criminal Background Check (CBC), and have the original CBC submitted to the office. This includes volunteering on your child's field trip. Stop by the office to obtain a letter that can be taken to the police station to start the process.

## Student Drop Off

All parents/caregivers are to say their good-byes at the edge of the schoolyard or fence in the morning. We find that saying a quick good-bye and moving out of sight is helpful especially for our younger students who may be having difficulty separating from you.

The bus lane at the front of the school is for buses only and not student drop off/pick up. This would be a safety hazard for our students. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our students safe.

## Pediculosis (Head Lice)

Copies of the School Board's policy on Head Lice can be found on the Board's website. Parents will be notified if a child is found to have head lice. Parents/guardians will be asked to take their child home to commence treatment right away. Students will only be readmitted to class after they are free of any head lice (nits included). If you suspect your child has head lice please contact the school. We will send home a letter with their classmates giving other parents information on how to treat for lice and what to look for to prevent the spread within the classroom. Student names will not be indicated in this letter.



## Getting Involved

The Catholic School Community Council is an advisory group that meets once a month with the Principal and other staff representatives to provide ideas and opinions that reflect the views of the Catholic school community. Please consider joining our group. You do not need to be an elected member to attend Council meetings. A nomination form (for those wanting to hold an official position and be a voting member) is available in the main office. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> in the school library from 7:00-8:00p.m. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend (even without being nominated).

## Home and School Communication

The school Newsletter will only be published 4 times throughout the school year (more if needed). Important information will be delivered in a more timely manner through weekly emails. Please submit the form below to ensure you stay connected.



Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I give my express consent for the St. Bernard's Catholic School staff to send me updates via the above email address.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## Upcoming Dates

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| Mon. Sept. 24   | - Terry Fox Assembly in the gym  |
| Tues. Sept. 25  | - CSCC (Catholic School Community Council Meeting ~ Parent Council) 7:00-8:00 p.m. in our school library ~ all welcome!<br>- Terry Fox Run/Walk 2:15-3:00 p.m. |
| Thurs. Sept. 27 | - OPEN HOUSE 5:00 p.m. (Pizza) 5:30-6:30 p.m. (Classrooms open)  |
| Fri. Sept. 28   | - P.A. Day ~ No school for students  |
| Mon. Oct. 1     | - Terry Fox Pledges Due  |
| Wed. Oct. 3     | - Mass in the gym – 9:30 a.m. ~ all welcome!   |
| Mon. Oct. 8     | - Thanksgiving holiday ~ School Closed   |
| Tues. Oct. 23   | - School Photo Day   |
| Wed. Nov. 7     | - Grade 7 Immunizations  |
| Tues. Nov. 20   | - School Photo Re-take day   |
| Wed. Nov. 21    | - Mass in the gym – 9:30 a.m. ~ all welcome!   |
| Tues. Dec. 11   | - Advent Family Mass at St. Columbkille Church – 6:30 p.m.   |
| Fri. Dec. 21    | - Last day of school before the Christmas Holidays   |