



St. Bernard's Catholic School

Education and Community Working Together, Centered in Faith

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Balance Day Schedule 2016-2017

8:40 am	Supervision
8:55 am	Entry Bell
10:55 - 11:15	Nutrition Break
11:15 - 11:35	AM Recess
1:15 - 1:35	Nutrition Break
1:35 - 1:55	PM Recess
3:15 pm	Dismissal

Family Day Prayer

Loving Creator, author of life,
we thank you for our special role in family life and for the gift we share with you in
creating others in your own image and likeness.
Life is so precious and so beautiful, mingling souls
in so many mysterious and satisfying ways.
May our human love and friendship reflect your own divine love.
May our children and we be committed to being fully alive to your call and challenge,
ever growing in discipleship and friendship with Jesus,
who alone is the way, the truth, and the life.
May we praise you always.
May we, without seeming to preach, teach you to our children and to others,
not so much by our words as by our example.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
~ Amen

Principal's Message:

The New Year is well underway and despite the winter weather, both staff and students have been busy working on accomplishing their goals. The first term reports will be sent home on February 22nd, 2017. It is important to note that this report card represents all of the learning that has taken place since September. It will outline specifically how your child has met the curriculum expectations and his/her next steps for learning.

This month we also celebrate Family Day on February 20th. Families are a wonderful sign of God's presence and love. I would like to wish all of our families a happy, restful and safe Family Day.

Yours in Christ,
~ Mrs. B. Heeneman



Shrove Tuesday February 28:

Our CSCC will be serving pancakes to all students on Shrove Tuesday. If you have a criminal background check on file and would like to volunteer to help serve these delicious treats, please contact the school office.



Important Dates & Events



Feb 3	P.A. Day (No classes for students)
Feb 8	Parliament Outreach Program Grades 5 - 8
Feb 9	Father Prasanth Visits Gr. 2, 5 & 7/8
Feb 13	CSCC Pledge Forms Due
Feb 14	Valentine's Spirit Day: Wear Red, Pink or White
Feb 16	* Revised date - CSCC Valentine's Day Dance-a-thon
Feb 20	Family Day Holiday (No classes for students)
Feb 22	Gr. 8 Orientation Day at Patrick Fogarty Catholic High School Term 1 Report Cards sent home
Feb 23	Father Prasanth Visits 1/2, 3 & 5/6 Gr. 7 Immunization Dose #2 Health Unit Kindergarten Open House
Feb 28	Shrove Tuesday CSCC Meeting @ 5:30 pm in Library
Mar 1	Ash Wednesday Celebration @ 9:30 am in gym
Mar 6	Chess Tournament @ Orchard Park (Inclement Weather date Mar 7)
Mar 8	Winter Carnival Tentative Date



Catholic School Community Council (CSCC):

Our CSCC will be once again hosting our Valentine's Day Dance-a-thon. We have hired a DJ to assist us with the day. Our revised date for the Dance-a-thon is Thursday February 16, 2017 (please see the letter and flyer at the end of the newsletter). Children are still invited to show their School Spirit on February 14th by wearing pink, red or white.

In February, each student will receive a 'pledge form' to use to record donations given to the students so that they can dance with their classmates. Classes will dance for approximately one hour each in the school gymnasium and prizes will be given once again for spot dances and for the student who raises the most pledges. Students are encouraged to wear pink, red or white for this school spirit day. The CSCC is fundraising to help off-set costs of field trips, educational enhancements, Gotcha spirit wear prizes and special events/activities (e.g., Shrove Tuesday pancakes, Winter Carnival refreshment station etc...). If you would like to donate a prize for this event, kindly contact any member of the CSCC or the office. Thank you for supporting our efforts.

Our next meeting will take place on February 28, 2017 at 5:30 pm in our library. All are welcome!

Thank you to the CSCC:

We would like to express our thanks to the CSCC for their recent technology purchase. Students in the Intermediate division will benefit from the purchase of 20 Chromebook devices. This will enhance our learning in the "Cloud" using the Google platform. We would also like to thank the CSCC for their recent purchase of picnic tables that will be placed in the sun shelter in the spring. We appreciate your continued support.

Dressing For Winter & Inclement Weather:



Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions throughout the day. Hat, mitts or gloves, snow pants and boots are necessary. Please label all clothing items. Students will be outside for recess during the winter months as weather permits - please always send your child to school dressed for outdoor recess.

Bus cancellation announcements can be heard on our local radio station or viewed on our board website at www.smcdsb.on.ca or www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. We are in the North Weather Zone. In the event that the busses are cancelled, the school is open for drop off at 8:40 am in the main foyer and students must be picked up at dismissal at 3:15 pm. Please note that your child will require a lunch on inclement weather days as food orders are cancelled and re-scheduled for the following school day. If your child walks, please call the Safe Arrival line to report if they will be absent or late.

Parish News



Sacrament of Confirmation:

Grade 7 students: The church is once again providing students in Grade 7 through the Sacrament of Confirmation, with a chance to deepen the grace received through Baptism. Students who have not received First Communion can prepare for and receive that sacrament with Confirmation. Students in Grade 8 who missed receiving confirmation last year are invited to register. Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday May 28, 2017 at the 11:00 am Mass at Guardian Angels Church with Most Rev. Wayne Kirkpatrick, Auxiliary Bishop. Confirmation will also be celebrated on Sunday June 4, 2017 at St. Columbkille's Church in Uptergrove. Details about the preparation sessions are available by contacting GAngels.Confirmation@gmail.com or Eileen Brown (705) 326-9403.

Grade 8 Candy Grams Fundraiser:

Starting in early February, Grade 8 students will be selling Valentine's Candy Grams to help fundraise for their year-end trip. For just \$0.50 each, you can send candy grams to your friends and classmates. Valentine's Candy Grams will be delivered to students on February 14th. Thank you for supporting the Grade 8 class!



Grade 6 K.I.D.S. Graduation:

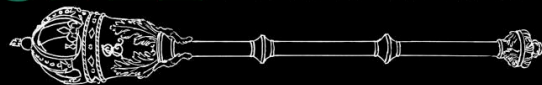
Congratulations to all of our grade 6 students who have successfully completed the K.I.D.S. program. On January 20, 2017, the students were presented with their certificates. Thank you to Constable Hill and Constable William for teaching this important program.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition:

Congratulations to Evan W. and Drew W. who won first and second place respectively in each of their age divisions at the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition. Both athletes will be moving on to the District Competition later this month. Well done boys!



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Parliament Outreach Program:

On February 8, 2017, students in grades 5 - 8 will participate in the Parliament Outreach Program. The grades 5 & 5/6 students will receive an introduction to the parliament program, which includes discussing the different parliamentary roles, the three levels of government and a mock debate activity.

The focus of the grade 6/7 & 7/8 presentation will build on the first program but in the context of Confederation. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a debate centered around a Confederation topic. We are looking forward to this upcoming visit!

Ash Wednesday

All are welcome!

Our Ash Wednesday celebration will be held on Wednesday March 1, 2017. Our celebration will start at 9:30 a.m.



Lunch Hour Supervisors Needed:

We are looking for a responsible adult to join our team of Nutrition Break Supervisors. This is a paid work position in the school. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact the office.



It's Registration Time...

Welcome to Kindergarten

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting and special time for parents and children. Our entire Catholic school community looks forward to welcoming our youngest students as they begin a lifelong journey of faith-filled learning. We believe there is something truly unique and special about learning that is rooted in faith and spiritual growth. By choosing a faith-filled education, we know you share that belief with us.

All the Information You Need

To help parents and students get ready for this important milestone, our board has developed an award-winning package. We encourage parents who are looking to register their child for Kindergarten to drop by the office to pick up their Welcome Bag and Kindergarten information package. You can also find all of the information on our board's website at www.smcdsb.on.ca

First Rider Program

Riding a school bus is a new experience for many children. To help your child get ready, the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium offers a First Rider program for Kindergarten students who will be taking the school bus. Students and parents will be able to participate in a one-hour session, which includes a short school bus ride to practice safe boarding and exiting as well as bus riding procedures. The sessions will take place in August and details can be found at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca

English as a Second Language (ESL)

We have resources and information available for families whose first language is not English. Please inquire about the ESL version of our Kindergarten information package.

We are here to answer questions and help you prepare. Please contact us at 705-326-2331 for more information.

Ready
Set **Go!**



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Registration for full day kindergarten is now taking place for the 2017-2018 school year. Your child must be 4 years of age before December 31st, 2017 to start junior kindergarten and 5 years of age before December 31st, 2017 for senior kindergarten. Students who already attend junior kindergarten this current year do not need to re-register for senior kindergarten.

Registration forms are available in the office and you are welcome to pick up a package for your child during the school hours or during our kindergarten open house.

You will require the following documents for your child for registration:

- Proof of age (birth certificate)
- Parent or child's Roman Catholic baptismal certificate
- Updated immunization records and Health Card
- Proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status
- Proof of address

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

- Thursday, February 23, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- Presentation in room 105 at 5:45 p.m.





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St. Bernard's Valentine's Day Dance-A-Thon Thursday, February 16th, 2017



February 1, 2017

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

At St. Bernard Catholic School, we continue our CSCC fundraising tradition by organizing a Valentine's Day Dance-a-thon for the students. This year, we have hired a DJ to get us dancing!

The CSCC is fundraising to help off-set costs of field trips, educational enhancements, Gotcha spirit wear prizes and special events/activities (e.g., Shrove Tuesday pancakes, Winter Carnival refreshment station etc...). If you would like to donate a prize for this event, kindly contact any member of the CSCC or the office. This year the dance will take place on Thursday, February 16, 2017.

Each student will receive a 'pledge form' (on the reverse side of this letter) to use to record donations given to the students so that they can dance with their classmates. Classes will dance for approximately one hour each in the school gymnasium and the students are encouraged to wear red, pink or white for the day as the judges will be giving spot dance prizes and a prize to the student who raised the most pledges. **Please return the pledge form with the money collected by Monday, February 13, 2017 to your child's classroom teacher.** We will be selling items (e.g. popcorn, glow bracelets, etc) and students will be able to purchase them while their class is attending. There will also be a photo booth which will cost \$2.00.

The kindergarten students will be the first class to dance beginning at approximately 9:00 am. The primary classes, then the junior classes and finally the intermediates will follow them in that order.

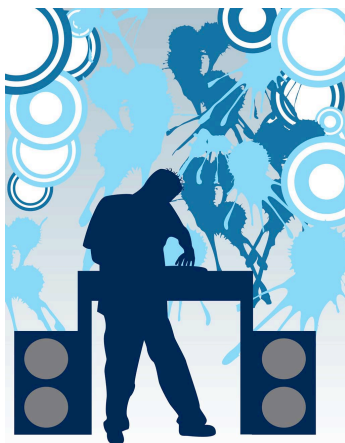
Your assistance in any of the following areas would be greatly appreciated:

1. Assisting classes in the gym during the day (must have valid Criminal Background Check on file)
2. Donations of prizes for the primary, junior and intermediate divisions.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm!

Sincerely,

The St. Bernard's Catholic School Community Council



New this year: Visit the Photo Booth for only

\$2.00

We will also be selling popcorn
& glow sticks.

