



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

Prayer of Remembrance

Loving God,
You call us to be people of hope, and to believe in
Your promise of a world of peace and justice.
You sent us your Son, to teach us how to live
peacefully and lovingly.
Help us to express a love for all humanity as Jesus showed us.
May we always remember the sacrifices of war to remind
us to work for peace through our words and actions.
May your Spirit guide our steps so that we
may live as instruments of peace.
We ask this prayer through Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen

Principal's Message:

On October 27, the Ministry of Education announced funding for new childcare spaces for pre-school aged children at St. Bernard's. The Ministry has approved \$2 million in funding for a school addition, which will accommodate 49 childcare spaces and one child and family support room. SMCD SB will work in partnership with the County of Simcoe to deliver these new childcare spaces. It is anticipated that these spaces will be available in 2017-2018. This is indeed great news for our community!

Teachers are working very hard on completing their Progress Reports. These reports are designed to show a student's development of learning skills and work habits during the fall of the school year, as well as a student's general progress in working towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations. This general assessment of how well each student is progressing towards the learning expectations is based on early observations, conversations and student work.

Progress Reports will be sent home on November 16th. There will be an opportunity for a parent/guardian, teacher and student conference during the evening of November 17th and on the Professional Activity Day on Friday November 18th. If you have not already signed up for a conference, please do so no later than November 7th using the sign up sheet in the office or contact your child's teacher(s) to request an appointment. We look forward to seeing you!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have generously donated non-perishable food items for our Scare Away Hunger food drive.

~ Mrs. Heeneman

Friday November 18th P.A. Day Reminder:

Three Way Conferences with parents/guardians are scheduled for November 18th, 2016. Please note that there are no classes for students that day.

Electronic Communication Tools:

There are two different ways to stay informed electronically about the exciting events happening in and around SBE:

1. Sign up for eNewsletter

Subscribing to eNewsletters will allow our newsletters to be sent directly to your email. This will also be used to keep you updated on important happenings in the school using our "e-blast" tool. Many families have already subscribed which allows them to receive the eNewsletters. We are grateful for their support in helping us go green! If you are not currently receiving our eNewsletters please sign up following the 3 steps below.

Please note that all SBE newsletters are now only being sent electronically unless a paper copy was requested .

Sign up in 3 easy steps!

Step 1: Visit

<http://www.smcdsb.on.ca/sbe>

Step 2: Click the "E-newsletter" Button in the Quick Links Section

Step 3: Click on the "Subscribe" button

2. Visit our Website

St. Bernard's has a web page. Stay informed about upcoming events and interesting information about teaching and learning



Save the date! Advent Family Mass and Community

In keeping with our theme of "Celebrating God's Family", the staff of St. Bernard's is planning our Advent Family Mass, which will be followed by our community social. The Advent Family Mass will be held on December 8th at St. Columbkille's Church at 6:30 pm. An invitation with all the details will be sent home to each family closer to the date.

This event will serve as our community celebration for December. In the New Year, we will begin planning a spring event to once again showcase our many gifts and talents.



Sun Shelter Update:

On October 26, our Sun Shelter had a renovation. A steel ceiling installed to cover up the roof trusses.

We will be purchasing picnic tables to enhance this incredible outdoor learning space.



Inclement Weather:

Bus cancellation announcements can be heard on our local radio station or viewed on our boards website at www.smcdsb.on.ca or <http://simcoecountyschoolbus.ca>.

We are in the North Zone.



In the event that the buses 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(ren) walks or is driven to school, please call the Safe Arrival line to report his/her absence/late.

Warm Clothing:

With the winter weather almost upon us please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the winter conditions.

Hat, mitts or gloves, and snow pants and boots are necessary. Please label all clothing items.



Remembrance Day Service

Our Remembrance Day service will take place on Friday, November 11th at 9:15 am in our school gym. All parents and guardians are welcome to join us.



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Important Dates & Events



Nov 1	All Saints Day
Nov 3	CSCC Commissioning @ St. Joan of Arc CSS in Barrie
Nov 10	Father Prasanth Visit
Nov 11	Remembrance Day Assembly @ 9:15 am in gym
Nov 14	CSCC Poinsettia and Candle Orders Due
Nov. 15 - 21	Scholastic Book Fair
Nov 16	Health Unit Grade 7 & 8 Immunization Progress Reports Sent Home
Nov 17	School Mass at 9:30 am in gym Three Way Conferences Evening
Nov 18	P.A. Day (no classes) - Three Way Conferences
Nov 21 - 25	Knight of Columbus Safety Village in gym all week Bullying Awareness Week
Nov 24	Father Prasanth Visit
Nov 25	Picture Retake Day
Dec 8	Advent Family Mass and Community Social
Dec 23	Board Holiday (See you in the New Year!)

Catholic School Community Council (CSCC)

The Catholic School Community Council meets regularly to discuss school issues. Our objective is to provide a caring, nurturing, educational environment steeped in the Catholic tradition. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend our meetings.

If you are unable to attend a meeting but would like to bring information to the CSCC, please put it in writing and drop it off at the school for Mrs. Heeneman.

Our CSCC members have been invited to attend the commissioning service on Thursday, November 3rd at 6:30 pm, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School in Barrie.

Dance-a-thon Update:

Thank you to all of our volunteers for running an amazing event for our children. We had several families and businesses donate prizes. We appreciate all of the support from our community. We are currently reconciling our expenses and will communicate the total funds raised once this completed.



Scholastic Book Fair

We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the library November 15 - 21, 2016. Check it out!

Terry Fox Run Update

A grand total of \$1025.25 was raised. Congratulations to Kaileigh F. for raising the most pledges. She will be awarded a t-shirt at our next assembly. Thank you for your support!

Fall Fundraiser

"It's the most wonderful time of the year" ...well it's almost that time of the year, but not too soon to get ready. This year the St. Bernard's parent council has teamed up with a local store Candles with Care and Bradford Greenhouses to bring you our Fall Fundraiser. On November 4th, order forms will be sent home for students to sell candles and poinsettias to get you in the mood for the Christmas season and possibly some gifts too (hint, hint). All orders are due November 14th as we are aiming for December 1st as our delivery date and distribution. Please note that all orders are to be paid in cash only.

Proceeds from our fundraiser will be put towards guest speakers, gowns for grade 8 graduation, funds per class to help offset the cost of field trips and special events (e.g., winter carnival, Advent Mass, Shrove Tuesday, Jump Rope for Heart, and Track & Field).

Please note that door-to-door canvassing by students in support of fundraising is strictly prohibited.

Your support with this fundraiser would be greatly appreciated.

We, the St. Bernard's Parent Council look forward to your support.



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. Registration forms and details about the preparation sessions will be sent home soon and can be returned at the Parent Information meetings on Sunday November 20 at 10:00 am (after 9:00 am Mass) and Monday, November 21 at 7:00 pm (attend either one) at Guardian Angels Church hall (115 West St. N.). Questions? Contact GAngels.Confirmation@gmail.com or Eileen Brown (705) 326-9403.

St. Bernard's Coaches Corner:



Cross Country

The cross country team was a great success this year. We had a very dedicated team of 49 students who practiced three times a week. Each student set a goal for the season. For some the goal was to participate in the district race, for others it was to improve their stamina for hockey and for others it was to improve their health and have fun running. Each practice they showed up pleasant, respectful, focussed to do their best and ready to run. It was amazing to work with such a positive hard working team. We are so proud of how they encouraged and supported one another, and really pushed themselves to achieve their best. For all practices and races our students behaved honourably and were a pleasure to coach.

A special thanks goes out to Tristan H., Jenna L, Ryin D., Hailey and Mel. D. who made it to the Simcoe County Cross Country Running Championships. We are already looking forward to running with all of you next year!

Mrs. Moreau and Mrs. Kennedy

Cross Country Team Members:

Harlan L., Elliott L., Blake C., Michael K., Tyson K., Matthew K., Hailey D., Melanie D., Conor S., Tristan H., Kooper T., Ayden B., Jonah T., Nolan M., Dominick W., Olivia C., Marievich P., Miqa S., Ciara M., Marian H., Shawn G., Cole G., Kaileigh F., Evan W., Tren B., Jacob B., Paige C., Noah F., Madison M., Zoe R., Seth V., Damian B., Riley H., Blair R., Sydney S., Keegan L., Alex W., Grace M., Angus H., Jenna L., Sam R., Ryin D., Alyssa Y., Amber Y., Ethan V., Marshall M., Ethan L.

Flag Football

The 2016 Flag Football season was a success for all involved. The spirited group of grade 7/8 athletes were always willing to give it their best. It was a short but action packed season that saw us playing 7 games in 3 weeks. The final tournament that was held at Twin Lakes Secondary School was a fantastic day that saw 16 teams face off against each other. The St. Bernard's Knights had 2 losses and one win on the day. In dramatic fashion, the Knight's won our final game of the season against Lion's Oval to cap off a great year. Mrs. Davies and Mr. Marwick would like to thank the team for making the coaching experience fun and enjoyable. We would also like to thank the parent/ volunteer drivers for helping everyone get to and from the games safely.

Thank you,
Mrs. Davies & Mr. Marwick

November Mass



All are welcome!

Our next school Mass will be held on November 17, 2016. Our celebration will start at 9:30 a.m. in our gymnasium.



Picture Retake Day

Picture day will be on November 25, 2016.

