



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

Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving let those of us who have much and those who have little gather at the welcoming table of the Lord. At this blessed feast, may rich and poor alike remember that we are called to serve one another and to walk together in God's gracious world. With thankful hearts we praise our God who like a loving parent denies us no good thing.

From Songs of Our Hearts, Meditations of Our Souls: Prayers for Black Catholics, edited by Cecilia A. Moor, Ph.D., C. Vanessa White, D.Min., and Paul M. Marshall, S.M.

Principal's Message:

Happy Thanksgiving!

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are once again blessed with the beautiful fall colours and are well into another school year. Our students have settled nicely into routines and have been very busy with the wonderful learning opportunities that are being presented daily.

October is the month for giving thanks and to express gratitude for all that we have been given. Our first social justice initiative will involve supporting those in our community who struggle to put food on the table. As we focus on the value of service this month, I encourage everyone who is able to give generously to our October food drive.

May all of our families and our community enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving.

Yours in Christ,

~ Mrs. B. Heeneman



Important Wednesday October 26th P.A. Day Reminder:

All schools in SMCDsb in Orillia including St. Bernard's will be gathering for a P.A. Day that focusses on numeracy on Wednesday October 26th, 2016. Please note that there are no classes for students.

Open House Thank You!

Thank you to all who came out and supported our "Open House" evening, which was held on Thursday September 29th, 2016. It was a great opportunity to gather as a school community as partners in education.

A special thank you to Tatyana Barker our Georgian student for running the pizza and refreshment table along with the grade 9 students from Patrick Fogarty. Thank you also to Mrs. Radey for setting up the CSCC information table.

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



October "Scare Away Hunger" Food Drive

This month we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items to support those in our community who struggle to put food on the table

Please donate!



Halloween Activities

Our CSCC will be once again hosting our Halloween Dance-a-thon as their first fundraiser of the year. This year the dance will take place on Friday, October 28th, 2016.

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 the students are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes for the day as the judges will be giving prizes to the students who have the best costumes and to the students who raise the most pledges. Please return the pledge form with the money collected by Tuesday, October 25th to your child's classroom teacher.

All students are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to school that day, as it is the last day of our Food Drive. Thank you for your generosity!

Halloween Costume Guidelines for Friday October 28th

Students may come dressed in their Halloween costumes on Friday October 28th only.

Please remember....

- Masks that obscure vision should be left at home
- Excessive make-up may cause irritation if worn all day
- Props such as swords, knives, axes, guns, and other weapon-related paraphernalia are to be left at home
- Shoulders must be covered (three fingers wide)
- Garment length must not be any shorter than your child's middle finger when his/her arms are hanging straight down at his/her sides and shouldn't be any longer than your child's ankles (tripping hazard)



You may want to do a "scaled down" version of your child's trick or treat costume as he/she will be wearing it for the day. Please clearly label all parts of your child's costume.

Monday October 31st School Spirit Day!

Students are invited to wear clothing items that are orange, black or white for our school spirit day. Please do not send your child in their costume on Monday October 31st, 2016.

Halloween Treats

Just a reminder, that we do have some students in our school with life-threatening nut allergies. Please do not send Halloween treats to school unless they are clearly marked as being nut-free.



Important Dates & Events



- Oct 3 "Scare Away Hunger" October Food Drive Begins
- Oct 9 - 15 Fire Prevention Week
- Oct 10 Thanksgiving Holiday (No Classes)
- Oct 13 Cross Country Meet (Rain date October 14)
- Oct 13 Individual Education Plans (IEPs) sent home
- Oct 17 - 21 Bus Safety Week
- Oct 18 CSCC Meeting @ 6:00 pm in library (*new time)
- Oct 19 Bus Driver Appreciation Day in Ontario
- Oct 20 School Mass @ 9:30 am in school gymnasium
- Oct 25 School Photos (Re-takes November 25)
- CSCC Dance-a-thon Pledge Forms Due
- Oct 26 P.A. Day for Orillia Community of Schools (No Classes)
- Oct 28 CSCC Halloween Dance-a-thon Fundraiser
- Costumes are permitted as per guidelines in newsletter
- School Spirit Day: Wear Orange, Black or White
- "Scare Away Hunger" Food Drive Ends
- Oct 31

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.

Fire Prevention Week 2016

The Orillia Fire Department would like you to know that Fire Prevention Week 2016 is fast approaching. The theme this year is **"Don't Wait Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years."** Fire Prevention Week is recognized every October, and this year will be held from Sunday October 9th through Saturday October 15th, 2016.

The Orillia Fire Department is committed to reducing fire losses by promoting fire safety in the community. Their crews will be conducting spontaneous fire drills in the local schools in the spirit of Fire Prevention Week. Thank you for doing your part to make our school and community more fire safe.



Our next CSCC meeting will be on Tuesday, October 18th at 6:00 p.m., in the school library. Please note that the meeting time has now changed.

On September 27th, 2016 we held our CSCC Election. Congratulations to following parents who will serve on the CSCC Executive for the 2016-2017 academic year:

- Chair Lisa Radey
- Vice Chair Jennifer Fyfe
- Treasurers Rosanna Shilolo & Laura Martin
- Secretary Open position



Terry Fox Run Update
 On Friday, September 23rd, students and staff of St. Bernard's Catholic School participated in the 36th annual Terry Fox Run. If you have not sent in your pledge form, please do so by October 6th, 2016 so that we can determine if we have met our goal. A big thank you goes out to all those who participated, to those who donated to the cause and to Mrs. Moreau for organizing the event.

*"Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going without me."
 Terry Fox, 1980*

Parish News



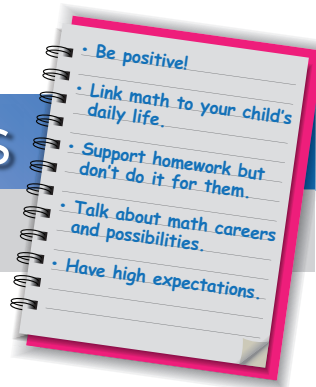
Registration for the *Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion* for families for children in Grade 2 and older (who have been Baptized) will be held at St. Columbkille's Parish and Guardian Angels as follows:

At St. Columbkille's Parish on **Sunday, October 9th, 2016 and Sunday, October 16th after the 11:00 a.m. mass.** Please bring a copy of the Baptismal Certificate and the \$30.00 fee for registration. Please contact Sherri Montgomery at (705) 329-4651 for further information.

Revised Dates for Guardian Angels: The sacrament process will begin after the Christmas holidays in January and will run until the Easter season. The **revised** dates are **Sunday, January 29th, 2017 and Monday, January 30th, 2017.** A reminder will be sent in the December 2016 church bulletins. If you have any questions, email Tara Treash at sacramentprep@gmail.com.

Math Tips for Parents

Supporting math learning and encouraging your child to love math



"You are their idol. They look up to you. They don't do a good job listening to you, but they do a fantastic job imitating you." – Karl Subban, retired Toronto school principal and father of three NHL hockey players (P.K., Malcolm and Justin)

You are a math teacher!

We all know that reading with a child helps literacy skills, and that playing sports in the backyard teaches the value of teamwork and being physically active. But where are the life lessons for mathematics?

The truth is that we all use mathematics many times each day, but often don't realize it. From trips to the grocery store to swinging in a hammock, math is part of our daily lives.

Don't underestimate your own math skills. You can help your child learn math!

Math in everyday life

It is important to help children recognize that everyone uses math all the time. Here are tips to help your child have a positive attitude about mathematics.

- Make learning math a positive experience. Don't talk negatively about math to your child—it can lead to "math anxiety" (a proven cause of low achievement).
- Schedule math homework at the same time in a quiet location every day. Be available during this period to talk with your child. Create a math homework toolkit with pencils, erasers, ruler, protractor, graph paper, counters (beads or beans) and a calculator.
- When helping with homework, follow the method being taught. Don't teach short cuts that could confuse your

child. Do not say, "Let me show you my way – it's simpler and faster."

- Be relaxed and positive. You are not expected to be an expert. You are there to encourage learning.
- If your child becomes frustrated, stop. Remind your child of the things they have already learned how to do successfully, such as riding a bicycle, writing a paragraph or speaking a second language.
- Ask your child's teacher for strategies to use at home that reflect your child's learning style. If your child asks for help and you do not know the answer, be honest and say, "I don't know, but let's figure it out together." If you continue to be unsuccessful, you can also ask your child's teacher for help. This gives your child permission to ask for help as well.

October Mass

All are welcome!



Our next school Mass will be held on October 20th, 2016. Our celebration will start at 9:30 a.m. in our gymnasium.



Picture Day

Picture day will be on Tuesday October 25th, 2016. Re-takes are scheduled for November 25th, 2016.





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October 3, 2016

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Halloween is celebrated on October 31st and is a night for dressing up in costumes. Local and global customs and traditions make Halloween what it is today and why it is so much fun! At St. Bernard Catholic School, we continue our CSCC fundraising tradition by organizing a Halloween Dance-a-thon for the students. We are currently fundraising for activities that directly benefit your child such as: guest speakers, classroom educational opportunities (e.g., field trips, educational workshop) and numerous special events (e.g., Advent Family Celebration, Shrove Tuesday, Winter Carnival, Track and Field refreshments stations etc...). This year the dance will take place on Friday, October 28, 2016.

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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.

This is our first fundraising event the Parent Council is organizing for the 2016-2017 academic year. 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,

St. Bernard's Catholic School Community Council



Let's have a spooktacular time Dancing this Halloween!!

