



February 2020 NEWSLETTER



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Principal: Mrs. Sue Defreyne Secretary: Mrs. Kelley Muise

Dear Families,

This marks the half way point in our school year. This month your children will bring home their report card. I hope you will take this opportunity to celebrate the hard work and successes of your child. It is a great time to set some goals for the rest of the year. When we all work together we can achieve great things.

At the end of this month we begin the season of Lent. You are welcome to join us for our Ash Wednesday celebration on Wednesday, February 26th at 9:00 a.m.

Lastly, we would like to thank Mrs. Nancy Lachance for her dedication to our school for the past 8 years. Enjoy your retirement! Please drop by and say hello to Mrs. Kelley Muise, our new secretary!

Warm Regards,

Sue Defreyne



Registration for Kindergarten

It is never too late to register for Kindergarten for next year. Students who will turn 4 years of age by December 31, 2020 are eligible for JK, while students who will turn 5 are eligible for SK. If you know of families in our area who have children of this age, please pass this information along to them. Registration will be completed online. If assistance is required, please call the school at 519-583-0231 or visit www.bhncdsb.ca.



Next Parent Council Meeting

We encourage anyone interested to come out to the meetings. **EVERYONE is welcome!** Meeting minutes and future meeting dates can be found on the school website.

February 11 at 6 pm



Children are welcome, if you are bringing children under 10 let us know and we will have a babysitter.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 3 Mrs. Mallon Grade 5/6

February 7 Pajama Day & Report
Cards go Home

February 11 Parent Council 6:00 pm

February 14 Red, White & Pink Day
Grade 7 & 8 Ski Trip

February 25 Shrove Tuesday

February 26 Pink Shirt Day

Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:00

Lent Campaign Begins

March 1 Confirmation at 9 am

March 10 Mrs. Mallon Grade 7/8

March 16-20 March Break



Just a reminder, as per the BHNCD SB's policy that all parents and guardians who wish to volunteer in the school or on class trips are required to have a current police check on file. With this in mind, if you are planning to volunteer at the school or attend field trip(s) during the upcoming school year, you are encouraged to submit the forms to the Police Department for processing. The police checks are valid for 3 years. If you have your form on file, you are still required to sign a Declaration and confidentially agreement every year during the 3 year time frame. Remember all volunteers are required to complete an online A.O.D.A. training module and the certificate is automatically email to the school secretary.

Once a volunteer completes the online training, (link to this training can be found on the school website) a certificate acknowledging completion can either be printed and taken to the school, or can be emailed to the school. If you volunteer at more than one location, a photocopy of the certificate may be used.

Please contact the office if you have any questions!

COLD/COUGH AND FLU SEASON

We have seen many different signs of sickness so far this year.

Please keep in mind that we appreciate the inconvenience of providing daycare for students who must remain at home due to illness. I would ask that you consider the effects of sending your sick child to school on other families. We have experienced varying degrees of the flu already this year and we would ask that you assist us in minimizing the effects for all concerned by allowing your child to heal at home. **Remember that hand washing is the best strategy to reduce exposure to cold and flu.** Thanking you in advance for your cooperation to help keep the germs out of our school.





GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the girls and boys basketball teams who did an excellent job representing our school in January at the Board Tournament at Assumption College. A special thanks to all the players and coaches; they did an excellent job demonstrating a great deal of hard work, sportsmanship, and competed hard all day. Thank you to Mrs. Boerkamp and Mr. Clark for dedicating your time to these students.

Girls: Ella, Laila, Addie, Makayla, Emily, Elodie, Maddi, Norah, Abi. R., Keira, Samantha, Riley, Bryson

Boys: Luke, Ethan, Jase, Frazer, Lucas, Charlie, Tom, Cadell, Nolan, Shea, Lucius, Sam, Jack, JD and Cy

Friday, February 14th is Valentine's Day and students are encouraged to wear red/white/pink on this day.



FREE THROW COMPETITION



Congratulations to all those who competed in the Port Dover Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition on January 25th at St. Cecilia's School.

Thanks to all of the teachers who helped with practices and organized the students from St. Cecilia's. Wishing the best of luck to Patience and Lucas as they move on to the next level of competition on February 8th in Langton.



**Friday, February 7th
Dress in your favourite
Pajama's.**

Wednesday, February 26th is Pink Shirt Day. We are encouraged to wear a pink shirt to stand together with other students against bullying.



February 25th is Shrove Tuesday. This year we will continue with our tradition and the students will be having pancakes during the first nutritional break. All students will receive pancakes provided by the Parent Council.

FEBRUARY 2020

WHAT'S GOING ON IN RECREATION?



Kid's Night In

Enjoy a movie, dinner or an evening with friend and leave the kids with us. We will provide dinner, play games, make a craft and go swimming.

5:30-9:30 p.m.

Simcoe Recreation Centre

\$39.75 per person



Friday, Feb 14

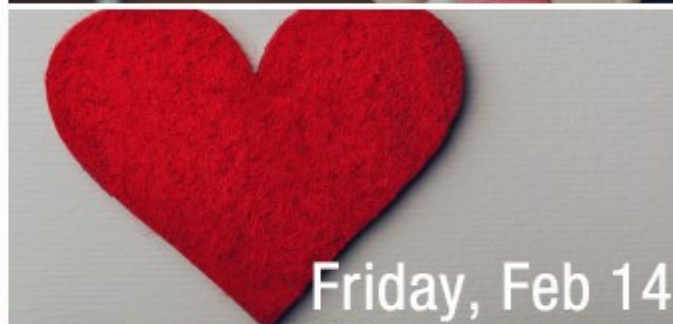
Family Valentine's Dance

Snacks, entertainment, games, prizes, music and dancing.

6- 9 p.m.

Simcoe Recreation Centre

Free



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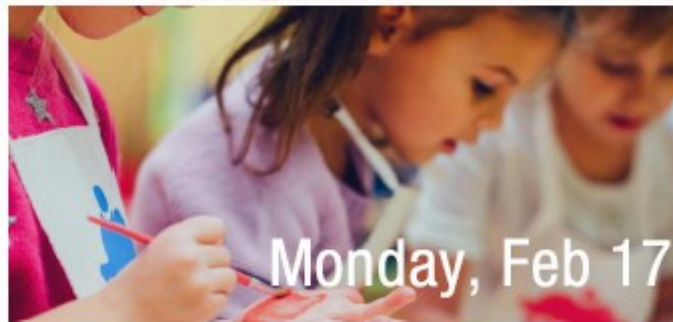
Family Day Fun

Bring your family and visit us at the Simcoe Recreation Centre. Join us for crafts, games, face painting, popcorn and more! Comedian Nara Farrell is performing at 1 p.m.

Noon-2 p.m.

Simcoe Recreation Centre

Free. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



Monday, Feb 17

Family Day Skates & Swims

Preschool Family Swim 10 - 11 a.m.

Family Swim- 11:15 - 12:15 p.m.

Skating

2-3:30 p.m. in Delhi, Langton, Port Dover, Simcoe Rec Centre and Waterford.



Monday, Feb 17

For more info or to register, call 519-426-8866 Ext. 2233

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

New Junior and Senior Kindergarten registrations for the 2020 – 2021 school year began the month of January and can still be registered till the end of February. If you know of any families with Kindergarten -aged children who will be attending St. Cecilia's School next year, please let them know to register!

For Junior Kindergarten, children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2020 and for students registering in Senior Kindergarten, they must be 5 years old by December 31, 2020.

WHEN CAN I REGISTER MY CHILD?

Registration for Kindergarten takes place during the month of January at all BHNCDSE elementary schools. Families do have the opportunity to register up to September for Kindergarten, however it greatly assists the school with planning and organizing for the coming year when students are registered early.

HOW DO WE REGISTER?

The Board's Kindergarten registration process is done online. In order to complete the online registration there are some documents you will need to have ready to upload. We recommend either scanning or taking an image of the documents in advance of beginning the registration process. If you are unable to create electronic copies of the documents, you can still complete the online registration process and then provide the original documents to the school to be photocopied at a later date.

What documents do I need?

- ◇ Birth certificate or proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent residence status (citizenship documentation, permanent resident card or record of landing).
- ◇ Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate or, if your child is not baptized, the Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate of the parent(s) or guardian(s).
- ◇ Proof of home address (a rental/lease agreement, utility bill, proof of purchase, etc.).

Where do I go to register?

- ◇ Prepare electronic copies of the required documents and visit www.catholiceducation.ca to register. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 519-583-0231 and talk to Mrs. Kelley Muise.

PLEASE SHARE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILIES IN OUR PORT DOVER COMMUNITY!

