



## St. Bernadette's CES

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Dear Families of St. Bernadette's CES,

February continues to be a busy month at St. Bernadette's CES and there are many learning opportunities throughout the school.

Next week, February 5th-9th, we are excited to celebrate two distinct parts of our Canadian culture - winter and le Carnaval de Quebec. Our Spirit Squad will warm up our students and get them into the Carnival spirit. Every day there are designated Spirit Days so please check the calendar and encourage your child to participate. Students are encouraged to enter the Bonhomme Drawing Contest and submit their artwork to Madame Parisi by Monday February 5th. All artwork will be displayed throughout the school. Next Friday February 9th, we will kick off our Carnival Day with a spirit assembly in the morning. Please send your child with warm clothes as we will be participating in several outdoor activities,

dependent on the weather. Please visit our Twitter site @sbeycdsb to check out all of the fun carnival activities.

February is Black History Month. There will be a focus on the history of Black Canadian contributions.

Best wishes to our Girls and Boys Junior Volleyball teams. They have been practising and represent St. B's at their tournaments on February 6th and 7th. Way to go Broncos!!

Also, as a part of our Healthy School initiative, students will be learning more about wellness and stress reduction techniques during the month of February. Students are encouraged to walk to school on Winter Walk Day, Wednesday February 7th.

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on St. Valentine's Day, Wednesday February 14th. Ash Wednesday is a somber occasion that marks the beginning of the 40-day period of Lent. We will be having a school wide liturgy in the multi-purpose room at 1:30 pm that day. All are welcome to come and receive ashes. Valentine Activities will take place throughout the week.

Our Catholic School Council continues to be highly engaged in the life of the school. Healthy snacks are provided to students daily through our Food for Learning Grant. Pizza Lunch takes place every Monday and the Lunch Lady is available to order. We are working to become an Eco certified school by reducing our energy and waste consumption and learning about environmental education. Our outdoor committee continues to work with the Town of Georgina and the YCDSB on outdoor planning and greening initiatives. We also have received \$1000 Pro Grant from the

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Ministry of Education. We are planning a Math Circus Night for families on March 22nd. More information to follow.

As a part of our Anti-Bullying initiatives, we will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day on February 28th. Please wear pink on that day to support Anti-Bullying Awareness.

Congratulations to Mrs. Stephens, our Primary Physical Education teacher. She has accepted a permanent contract as an ESL teacher within the YCDSB. We wish her much success with her new role and we welcome Ms. Gallo to St. Bernadette's. We also will be saying farewell to Mrs. Slaven, our Grade 4 teacher at the end of February. We welcome Mrs. Veri-Roy back to school from her maternity leave.

Lateness and absenteeism impacts student achievement and well being. Many students are coming to school late and missing instructional time, as well as disrupting learning in the classroom. You are encouraged to ensure your child is present and ready to learn at 9:10, when the bell rings.

Kindergarten registration is open for September 2018. Children must be four years old by December 31, 2018 and born in 2014 to register in Junior Kindergarten, or five years old by December 31, 2018 and born in 2013 to register in Senior Kindergarten. Please contact Mrs. Pacelli at 905 722-6226 for more information.

Finally, the Kindergarten Template of Learning and the Ontario Report Card 1-8, will be sent home with your child on February 13th. Please review with your child and should you wish to

Speak to a teacher, kindly call the school and request an interview.

On behalf of the staff at St. Bernadette's, I thank you for your on-going support and commitment to Catholic education. We wish you and your family, a wonderful Family Day on February 19th.

Many blessings,  
Mrs. deHaas, St. Bernadette's CES Principal



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**February 2nd** - Professional Activity Day  
-No School

**February 5-9** Le Carnival de Quebec

**Monday February 5<sup>th</sup>** – Sport Jersey Day  
Skating - Brennan, Slaven, Fraser @ 10 am  
Fraser Swim @ 1:15- Every Monday until March 5th

**Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup>** – Canada Day –  
Wear Red and White to support our Olympic Athletes  
Boys Volleyball Tournament STA  
Swimming - Brennan, Quinn, Bogdan, Slaven - Every Tuesday until February 27

**Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup>**– Tacky Tourist Day – wear your favourite vacation outfit  
Girls Volleyball Tournament - L'ecole Stouffville  
Winter Walk to School Day

**Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup>**– Olympic Colours Day – wear black, yellow, blue, red or green to celebrate our Olympic Spirit  
Swimming - Spalla, Hastings, Ewing, Mallen every Thursday until March 1st

**Friday February 9<sup>th</sup>**– Winter Hat and Scarf Day  
Swimming - Ponzo (Feb 23, Mar 2, Mar 9)  
Outdoor Carnival Day  
Pancake Luncheon

**February 12** - Kindergarten Skating @ 10 am

**February 13-** Report Cards Go Home

100th Day of School

**February 14-** Ash Wednesday Liturgy @ 1:30 pm - Multi-purpose Room

**February 15-**Southlake Presentation - Gr. 1

**February 16-** Crimestoppers Presentation Gr. 5-6

**February 19-** Happy Family Day

**February 26** - Values, Influences and Peers Program - Grade 6 - York Region Police- every Monday until March 26th.

**February 28-** Pink Shirt Day

**March 5-** Catholic School Council Meeting @ 7on

**March 12-16 - March Break**

**March 22 @ 6:30 - 8:00 pm Family Circus Math Night**



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