



St. Bernadette's CES

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School Council elections for 2018-19 will be held on Monday September 17th at 7 pm. We encourage all parents to participate and get involved. If you are interested in running for a Council executive position, please fill out a nomination form from the office.

We look forward to a wonderful year building partnerships between school, home and parish, as well as meeting you at our upcoming Meet and Greet/ Curriculum Night on Wednesday September 12th from 6:30—7:30 pm. Please come out with your child to meet the teacher and discover what your child will be learning this year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at Christine.dehaas@ycdsb.ca.

May God bless you and your loved ones,



Dear Families of St. Bernadette's CES,

A warm welcome back to school. The staff and I are excited to open our doors to 244 students this September. I look forward to meeting you at our Curriculum –Open House Night on Wednesday September 12th.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the custodial team for working so hard to prepare the school. It is clean and ready to welcome the children. I also wish to thank our staff for preparing the classrooms. They look colourful, organized and inviting. Thank you to Mrs. Pacelli and Mrs. Sheppard for answering all of the questions in the office over the past couple of weeks.

Thank you parents and guardians for your patience as we are establishing our routines. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the drop off and pick up routines found in this newsletter. Student Agendas will be provided to all students. We kindly ask each child to provide \$5.00 to the teacher to assist in covering the cost.

Volunteering in the school is a wonderful way to get involved in your child's education. Our Catholic School Council is an active and integral part of our school life and we are continually looking for support in all areas. Our Catholic

Mrs. C. deHaas, Principal, St. Bernadette's



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Back to School Blessing

God of all beginnings,

Bless us as we come together from the summer rest

To begin a new season of learning and prayer

Bless all who teach and nurture students

Bless all who assist, mend what is broken, and listen to hearts in need

Bless the families who entrust their children to our care

And send your Holy Spirit to inspire the souls and minds of students.

May everything we say, do, and learn

Be an example of Your love

And witness to justice as we build a better world.

Amen



Mark your calendars

Monday September 3 - Labour Day
Tuesday September 4- Welcome Back
Friday September 7 @ 11:30 Welcome Back Liturgy
Wednesday September 12 - Open House and Curriculum Night 6:30-7:30
Monday September 17- Catholic School Council @ 7 pm -Elections
Tuesday September 18 – Picture Day
Monday September 24-28 -Safety Week
Monday September 24 – PA Day – No school
Thursday September 27- Terry Fox Run
Friday September 28- Bus Safety Presentations
Monday October 1st - Cross Country Meet
Friday October 5th – Thanksgiving Mass @ 11 am

School Organization

FDK – Mrs Game, Mrs. Phipps

FDK- Mrs. Quinn, Ms. Wolski

FDK- Ms. Ponzo

Gr. 1- Ms. Mallen

Gr. ½- Mr. Dineen

Gr. 2- Mrs. Hastings

Gr. ¾- Mrs. Sita

Gr. 3 - Mrs. Spalla

Gr. 4- Mr. McBeth

Gr. 4/5 - Ms. Barnett

Grade 6 – Mrs. Fraser

French - Mme. Parisi and Mdme. Quindamo

Music- Mr. Constabile

Phys Ed- Ms. Douglas

Librarian- Mrs. Cote

Core Resource- Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Ewing, Ms. Campagna

Support Staff- Mrs. Hazlett, Mrs. Avery, Mrs. Wegman, Mrs. Bromby, Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Overweg

Head Custodian- Mr. O'Brien

Secretary- Mrs. Pacelli

Principal- Mrs. deHaas

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Emergency Forms to be Verified and Returned

Emergency forms will be sent home with your child. We ask all families to verify the information, make any necessary corrections right on the sheet and return it to the school as soon as possible. If all of the information is correct, simply sign the sheet and return it to the school. Should any information change during the year, please inform the office in writing.

Routines

Morning Routines

It is very important that all students arrive at school between 8:55 a.m. and the 9:10 a.m. They should proceed directly to the yard from their drop off. Our kindergarten students will gather in the fenced area on the east side of the school. It is important to ensure that your child arrive before the 9:10 a.m. bell so he/she can enter the school with the class at bell time.

Yard Supervision

School staff supervises students during all recesses as well as before and after school. Supervision in the morning begins at 8:55 a.m. and ends at 3:55 p.m. Please do not drop students off at school before 8:55 AM as school staff are not available for supervision.

Lunch Time Routines

Students remaining at school for lunch will eat in their classrooms from 12:05 pm to 12:25 p.m. From 12:25 p.m. to 1:05 p.m., weather permitting, students are outside in the schoolyard. They are to remain on school property where supervision by school staff is provided. For safety reasons, we ask that students not bring parent permission forms requesting to visit local stores or restaurants for lunch time. If your child's lunch time routine changes, a note signed by the parent/ guardian will be required. Please come to the office and sign them out when you pick them up.

Parking and Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Please be reminded that you are not permitted to enter the bus loop from 8:45—9:15 am and 3:30-4:00 pm. This is to ensure the safety of all children riding buses or taxis.

If you are dropping off your child before 9:10 AM and picking them up after 3:40 pm, please enter the east parking lot slowly and cautiously. If you need to come into the school, please park and enter the building through the main doors.

Anaphylaxis



In order to maintain a safe environment for all our students, parents are reminded that St. Bernadette's is an Allergen Safe School. Please ensure that you do not send any nut or nut products to the school in your child's lunch or snacks. Information about other specific anaphylactic causative agents such as egg products, potatoes etc. will be sent directly to the students in that classroom. Kindly refrain from bringing in food to share for special events like

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birthdays. Pencils and stickers are recommended as a special birthday treats.

Never assume that a food is free of allergenic ingredients. When buying pre-packaged, prepared foods, read the labels carefully every time you shop. Ingredients often change without warning – a product that was safe last week may not be safe this week.

More information? Contact Anaphylaxis Canada
Website: www.anaphylaxis.ca

Safety Week

The week of September 24th-28th has been designated as “Safety Awareness Week”. During this week, we will be rehearsing a variety of emergency school procedures to acquaint students and staff with the precautionary steps to take in the event of such things as a warning of severe weather, an intruder or a bomb threat. In addition, throughout the year we will hold practice drills to acquaint students with various emergency protocols. Teachers will review these procedures with students in class prior to our practice drills.

The safety and well-being of our children is our highest priority. All visitors, including parents of K to Grade 6 students, board personnel, volunteers etc. enter the school through the front doors and report immediately to the office.

All exterior doors will be locked at 9:10 am, except for the front doors of the building. There is a locked door policy so please buzz the office and identify yourself.

Should you need to speak to your child’s teacher, please call the school to make an appointment with that teacher. By doing so, the

teacher can attend to the student’s safety without interruption.

Please **do not** enter the yard as you are a stranger to staff and students and will be asked to report to the office.

Safe Arrival Absence Reporting Procedure

At St. Bernadette’s, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school every day. In order to report your child(ren)’s absence or late, you are required to access our **Safe Arrival Program**. The **Safe Arrival Program** allows parents and guardians to report their child(ren)’s absence or late in advance, or before bell time for the current day.

The York Catholic District School Board has implemented an enhanced **Safe Arrival Program** through a platform called **SchoolMessenger**, which includes a new website and APP. The Safe Arrival Phone Number **remains the same (1-855-856-7862)**.

Parents/guardians can report their child(ren) as late or absence using any of the 3 methods below:

- Call the **Toll Free Safe Arrival Phone Number 1-855-856-7862** to report an absence using the automated phone system.
- Use the **Safe Arrival SchoolMessenger website: go.schoolmessenger.ca**
Note: The first time you use this website, select **Sign Up** and **choose Canada** to create your account.

To report an absence, select **Attendance** followed by **Report an Absence**.

- Use your mobile device to download the **SchoolMessenger App** from the *Apple App Store* or the *Google Play Store*.
Note: The first time you use the APP, select **Sign Up** and **choose Canada** to create your account.
To report an absence, select

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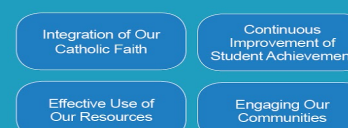
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Attendance followed by Report an Absence.

These options are available **24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time. This Safe Arrival reporting procedure is in place for York Catholic elementary schools.** If you have children at a York Catholic secondary school, please follow that school's absence reporting procedures.

In addition, **SchoolMessenger** will send an automated notification to parents and guardians who have not reported their child(ren) as absent or late. If our system is unable to reach a designated contact after the required amount of time, office staff will follow up. By reporting your child(ren) absent or late in advance or before the bell time, you will not receive these notifications.

Optional: To assist you in using the new **Safe Arrival Program** procedure, you should have received a business cards containing the phone number and the website, which you may keep in a convenient location for your quick reference. If you require an additional card, please contact the office.

If any of your contact information changes, please contact our school office immediately with the updated details.

Should you have any questions in regards to the **Safe Arrival Program**, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



SAFE ARRIVAL

STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING

Before the bell time for the current day, please call **1-855-856-7862** or visit go.schoolmessenger.ca

Planned absences may be reported in advance.



Policy 206: Protection of Students with Asthma

In accordance with the *Act to Protect Pupils with Asthma* (Ryan's Law: Ensuring Asthma Friendly Schools, 2015) the Board follows policy # 206: *Protection of Students with Asthma*. The York Catholic District School Board recognizes that there are some students within the school system who have a diagnosis of asthma which could be life threatening. The York Catholic District School Board also recognizes that asthma management is a shared responsibility among students, parents, caregivers and the entire school community.

It is the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) to advise the school immediately upon registration and/or when in receipt of a diagnosis of asthma. It is also the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) to ensure that all medical information pertinent to their child's diagnosis of asthma is always current.

If your child has a diagnosis of asthma please contact the school office immediately so that the appropriate forms are completed and school records are up to date in accordance with Policy 206.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this request and your ongoing support in the shared responsibility for asthma management in our school. Please refer to the Board's website for more information related to Policy 206.



Policy 210 Pediculosis

The York Catholic District School Board recognizes concerns related to pediculosis (head lice) at the school and community level.

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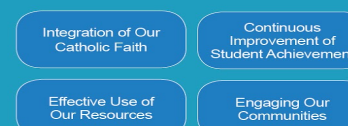
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Pediculosis (head lice) are not a public hazard, as they do not cause illness, but they are a nuisance. To prevent pediculosis (head lice) from becoming a problem at our school we all need to work together. Please check your child's head on a regular basis for lice or nits. If you do find lice or nits, you must contact the office so that we can notify other parents in your child's class to keep a special watch for any signs of head lice.

A student's re-admission to school is contingent upon the Parent/Guardian submitting a completed and signed "Pediculosis Treatment Form" communicating to the Principal that treatment for pediculosis (head lice) has been administered.

More information on the identification, treatment and prevention of pediculosis (head lice) can be accessed from the Canadian Pediatric Society www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/headlice and Toronto Public Health www.toronto.ca/health

Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is celebrated across Canada every September 30th. St. Bernadette's will celebrate Orange Shirt Day on *Monday October 1st* in remembrance and honour of those who attended Residential schools. All students and staff at SBE are encouraged to wear an orange shirt that day.

What is Orange Shirt Day?

In the spring of 2013, a commemoration event was held in Williams Lake, BC to honour those who attended the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school. Orange Shirt Day was inspired by the experience and story of Phyllis (Jack) Webstad whose shiny new orange shirt was taken away on her first day of school at the Mission. Her story and Orange Shirt Day has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

2019 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION DATES

An original and copy of the Certificate of Baptism of the child is required. All registration nights will be held at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Keswick.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION DATES

Thursday, September 13 at 7pm

Tuesday, September 18 at 7pm

Tuesday, October 2 at 7pm Fee: \$30.00 (certificate & supplies)

LATE REGISTRATION NIGHT Thursday, Oct. 25 at 7pm (\$25 late fee added)

Late Registration Fee: \$55.00





Building a Balanced Day: Managing Family Screen Time

An interactive workshop for families with children ages 0-6.

**When: Monday, September 10, 2018
10 a.m. to Noon**

**Where: Georgina Public Library – Keswick Branch
90 Wexford Drive, Keswick**

Cost: FREE!

Join Georgina’s Healthy Kids Community Challenge as we celebrate our Power Off and Play theme with a free, play-based workshop for families with children ages 0-6 at the Georgina Public Library - Keswick Branch.

Families will learn about recommended screen time limits, when it is especially important to put screens away and how to replace screen time with other engaging activities that children love!

Children 0-6 years of age are welcome to attend with an adult. Trained staff from partner agencies will be there to support families with child engagement.

For more information, or to register for this free event, please email ksquires@georgina.ca or call 905-955-1597.



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Active Travel to School

September 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As we start the **2018/2019** school year, we would like to remind and encourage parent(s)/guardian(s) to consider **walking or cycling with children to and from school**. There are many benefits to walking and cycling to school. It:

- Improves student academic performance by making children more alert and better prepared to learn
- Contributes to the daily goal of 60 minutes of moderate or vigorous activity for children, improving their health and overall fitness
- Reduces traffic congestion and improves safety for everyone in school zones
- Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future



For those who can't walk or cycle to school every day, choosing active travel once, twice, or a few days a week can still provide benefits. You can also consider parking a block away from the school and walking the rest of the way. Include active travel as part of your daily routine!

Sincerely,

YCDSB Active School Travel Team

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