



February 2024 School Newsletter

Principal's Message

The Month of **February** is filled with many celebrations:

- Together as a school community we are excited to celebrate **Black History Month** this month. Every February the students take time to honour the legacy of Black **Canadians** and their communities.
- **Lent** begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 14th** and officially ends on the evening of Holy Thursday, the Last Supper. Christians commemorate the season of Lent as a preparation for the greatest feast in the Christian Church – **Easter**. We prepare with fasting and denial before the celebration of the paschal mystery of Easter. Lent is about altering one's mind-set toward whole new ways of thinking and acting, with prayer, care for our neighbour and repentance for our sins.
- **Valentine's Day** will be celebrated on **February 13th** this year (as Ash Wednesday falls on Feb. 14th)

Let's Celebrate Love:

May you enjoy all the streams of love that flow into your life;

The love from family and friends;

The love from parents and children;

The love from pets;

And the love from God.

Celebrate love all day long.

For it is the breath of your existence.

And the best of all reasons living.

"These three remain: faith, hope, love: and the greatest of these is love"

1 Corinthians 13:13

God Bless,

Mary Leonard, Principal

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BELL TIMES

8:55am: School Begins

10:35-11:15am:

1st Nutrition Break

12:55-1:35pm:

2nd Nutrition Break

3:15pm: School Dismissal



BHNCDSB Black History Month

Theme: Black Excellence: A

Heritage to Celebrate; A Future to Build.



ONLINE REGISTRATION for September 2024

Spread the
Word



Please visit www.bhncdsb.ca to access the online registration portal.

The portal closes February 23, 2024.

Notre Dame Catholic School continues to offer a French Immersion program.

In September 2024 the French Immersion program will be available for students from JK to Grade 6.

Once again for the 2024-25 school year a cap has been instituted for kindergarten registration in the French Immersion stream.



Assumption
College School

257 Shellard Lane
Brantford, ON
N3T 0M7

"Footloose!" the musical, is presented February 29th, March 1st and March 2nd at Assumption College School. Come warm your heart with the story of a town downtrodden by grief and fear where music and dancing and forgiveness prevail!

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students/seniors. It is strongly recommended to purchase your tickets in advance by scanning the QR code or clicking the link!

www.assumptionlions.com
ticketleap.com

Please visit www.assumptionlions.com for more information on how to choose your own seats etc.





BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK
Catholic District School Board



REACH AHEAD, SUMMER SCHOOL GR. 7 & 8



REACH AHEAD SUMMER SCHOOL GR. 7 & 8

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board is committed to the delivery of a successful Summer School Reach Ahead Program. Reach Ahead is a credit bearing opportunity open to all BHNCD SB Gr. 7 and 8 students during the month of July 2024. Reach ahead will run from July 2 – 26, 2024. All Tech Reach Ahead programs will run in person at either Assumption College School or Holy Trinity Catholic High School. All other Reach Ahead will run through eLearning. Daily attendance is required for all Reach Ahead.

BHNCD SB Continuing Education welcomes all interested BHNCD SB elementary school learners from **grades 7-8** to register for a reach ahead opportunity.

All non-board, non-pre-registered students may apply to the waitlist to be considered for an in person reach ahead tech course. Students considered from the waitlist will be notified prior to the beginning of the course.

Please use the following links to apply:

Current BHNCD SB Students	Non feeder Pre-Registered BHNCD SB Students	Out of Board Grade 7 & 8 Students WAITLIST
		

Quick Information for Gr. 7 & 8 Reach Ahead Credits

- Earn a credit before high school
- 19 days of instruction
- Each credit fulfils a compulsory graduation requirement
- Summer School will take place from July 2 – 26, 2024
- Daily attendance is required

Gr.7 and 8 Reach Ahead

Available Reach Ahead Credits include;

- Hospitality and Tourism -TFJ10 *in person learning at either ACS or HT*
- Hairstyling and Aesthetics - TXJ10 *in person learning at either ACS or HT*
- Construction Technology -TCJ10 *in person learning at either ACS or HT*
- Introduction to Business – BTT10 eLearning
- Personal Fitness – PAF10 eLearning
- Visual Arts – AWL10 eLearning
- Learning Strategies, skills for success in secondary school - GLS10 eLearning

For more information, please visit www.stmaryclc.ca.

Registration available through [My Blueprint](#) (located in Brightspace) for BHNCDsb students.

Registration Deadline June 19, 2024

For any questions regarding Summer School, please contact summerschool@bhncdsb.ca

Dear Families,

Our library is currently in need of more books that align with our students' wants! If you have any of the following types of books at home that your children have finished using, please consider donating them to us here at Notre Dame School.

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| • Ripley's Believe-it-or-Not / Fun facts | • Ghost stories / mysterious creatures |
| • World record books | • Knitting / crochet guides |
| • Joke books | • Hockey teams / players |
| • Pet care / animals | • Video game tips and tricks |
| • Trucks / farm machines / vehicles | |

Please consider the condition and age of materials before bringing books in. Know that we may not be able to use every item donated in our library but will offer them to Notre Dame School classroom teachers and other BHNCDsb libraries.

Email me at sdavies@bhncdsb.ca if you have a large quantity of books to donate or have other books you think we could use.

Please have any book donations in by March 29, 2024.

Thanking you in advance for your help in strengthening our school library this year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Davies, Librarian

Souper Bowl 2024

Help us help others in Caledonia

We are collecting soup cans

February 1st to 11th

All donations will be delivered to the
Caledonia & District Food Bank



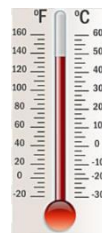
*The
Knitting
Club*





Pepperoni Pizza slices can be purchased on School Cash Online for the month of March starting February 1st.

Deadline to order is February 19th



When your child is ill with a **fever**, please keep him/her at home until they are **24 hours symptom free**. If your child experiences **vomiting**, please keep him/her at home until they are **48 hours symptom free**. Thank you for helping to stop the spread of germs to maintain a healthy school.

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Milk is distributed each week of the month on Tues/Wed/Thurs. Milk can be purchased on School Cash Online for March starting February 1st.

The deadline is February 19th

School Parking Lot Safety Reminders

We have many systems in place for our student's safety in the parking lot: one-way traffic flow lot; street parking ONLY for drop off/pick up at 8:55am/3:15pm; Kiss & Drop Off protocol; staff supervision starting at 8:40am/2:50pm. Parents are asked to assure everyone's safety by abiding/using the measures in place daily. Thank you.



Subway lunch is available to students twice a month. March Subway Days have been scheduled on the 5th & 19th School Cash Online is accepting orders for March starting February 1st.

Deadline to order is February 19th

Congrats to our ND Free Throw Champs! District Finals on Feb 17th



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to our SR Girls & Boys Basketball teams. They make us proud!



GIRLS

Marley Jane
Lily C.
Liliana
Sophie H.
Lexi
Sadie

Madison
Porscha
Ava S.
Elora
Isabella

BOYS


Zaylen
Jake
Cohen
Justin
Xavier
Noah

Mitchell
Julian
Neven
Evan
Jace
Josh

FEBRUARY 2024

lift each other up

PINK SHIRT
DAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
 BLACK HISTORY MONTH	29	30	31	1	2	3			
4	Term 1 Report Cards sent electronically	5	Milk Subway Day	6	Milk Popcorn	7	Milk 8	Pizza 9	10
11	12	Milk Valentine's Day Celebrations Shrove Tuesday ~ Details to follow	13	Milk Ash Wednesday ~ 11:15 mass	14	Milk Popcorn	15	Pizza 16	Free Throw District Finals 17
18	19	Family Day (No School)	20	Subway Day	21	Milk Popcorn	22	Milk 23	Milk Pizza Skating: Grades 5.6.FI4/5 24
25	26	Milk Confessions with Father SAC Virtual Meeting 6:30-7:30	27	PINK SHIRT DAY 2024 Milk, Popcorn Confessions with Father	28	Milk 29	1	2	Homemade

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 7 Grade 2 First Reconciliation ~ St. Patrick's Church 6pm
- March 11 to 15 March Break
- March 29 Good Friday (No School)
- March 31 EASTER
- April 1 Easter Monday (No School)
- April 7 Grade 2 First Communion ~ St. Patrick's Church 1pm
- April 8 HN Volleyball Tournament at Holy Trinity
- April 17 Grade 8 Grad Photos
- April 19 PA Day
- April 25 Grade 7 Vaccinations (2nd Dose)
- April 30 Celebration of the Arts ~ Sanderson Centre
- May 5 to 10 Catholic Education Week
- May 20 Victoria Day

**On Tuesday, February 13th
we'll be celebrating
Valentine's Day!**

**Students are welcome to distribute
Valentine cards and/or NUT
FREE treats to their friends in class.**

****This day will be recognized as one
of our 10 nutritional exempt days.***