Notre Dame Catholic School

October 2021 Newsletter

Notre Dame School is a Peanut/Tree Nut Safe School October 2021

Principal's Message

Thanksgiving Prayer

I'm thankful Lord, so thankful,
You've blessed me day by day.
Food, shelter, friends and family
You've given when I prayed.
And though I am so grateful
for these things I hold so dear;
what I really cherish most of all
is Your presence ever near.
I may be full or empty.
I may be glad or sad.
But You're the constant in my life,
the best blessing I could have.

May we experience Christ's blessings during this time of year. Happy Thanksgiving! God Bless the staff and students of Notre Dame Catholic School and their families.

Mrs. M. Leonard, Principal

* **PHOTO DAY**
  Thursday, October 14, 2021

* **Notre Dame is PAPERLESS**
  All newsletters, school information is posted on our webpage. Please subscribe to our website at notredamecaledonia.ca

* **Notify the office**
  Please advise the office of any changes to your contact information.

* **IMPORTANT**
  Daily COVID-19 self-assessments are required before sending your child to school. If your child is going to be absent CALL ***905-765-0649.***
  If you have recently moved, we ask that you redirect your taxes back to the Separate School Board.

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BELL TIMES

8:55am: School Begins
10:35-11:15am: 1st Nutrition Break
12:55-1:35pm: 2nd Nutrition Break
3:00pm: JK/SK Dismissal
3:15pm: School Dismissal

Halloween Fun

Friday, October 29th is BLACK & ORANGE day! Have your child come to school wearing these colours to celebrate Halloween. (*Please do not send your child to school wearing a Halloween costume*.) Teachers will provide some Halloween treats for their students. Unlike past years, students will not be allowed to hand out candy to their class.
Thank you for your understanding.

School Cash Online

This year the school continues to collect **Parent Consent** using the online tool offered by the Board. If you have not created an account and registered your child, please complete as soon as possible. Please visit:

bhncdsb.schoolcashonline.com

Once you have an account you will be able to access the mandatory forms the school requires annually from parents/guardians:

- Concussion Awareness Procedure 2021-22
- Notice of Collection & Use of Personal Info
- Student Info & Communication Tech Use
- Makerspace Safety Contract (STEM)

***Forms have now expired on School Cash Online but will be available on October 8th for 1 week for those who missed submitting in September.**

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Parental Questions & Concerns

Sometimes during the school year parents may have questions about their child or happenings in the school. Please follow the proper protocol.

- Start with contacting your child's teacher to book a time to discuss any questions or concerns.
- If you have concerns that cannot be addressed by the teacher, book a time to meet with the Principal.

It is important that we work together for student success.

School Photo Day

COVID-19 SCHOOL GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

Just a reminder that families are required to:

1. Check their email each evening (no later than 6:00 p.m.)
2. Ensure all children are screened daily using the online screening tool before heading off to school/the bus/childcare. This tool provides clear instructions if a child exhibits any of the symptoms below, as well as the direction to be taken for the child's unvaccinated family members.
3. Refer to the Board's updated COVID-19 protocols by reviewing the information found on our school website when choosing this icon on the school website's main page:

Symptoms currently associated with COVID-19 include:

- Fever and/or chills
- Cough or barking cough
- Shortness of breath
- Decrease of loss of taste or smell
- Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea

If a student while at school reports they are experiencing (or it is brought to a staff member's attention) any COVID-19 symptom listed above, the following process is followed:

1. The symptomatic student is immediately dismissed from school, along with all unvaccinated siblings (from any BHNCDSB school) **AND**;
2. All unvaccinated members living in the same household as the symptomatic student are required to self-isolate **and**;
3. All vaccinated members living in the same household as the symptomatic student, who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms, are required to self-isolate.
4. **Symptomatic student** and **all unvaccinated siblings** (regardless of school location) may return to school once they have completed **ONE** option (of the 3 available) found on the Board's website: Health and COVID-19 Screening

SCHOOL HOURS
For a Balanced Day

8:55am School Begins

10:35 – 11:15am
1st Nutritional Break

12:55pm – 1:35pm
2nd Nutritional Break

3:00pm (Kindergarten Dismissal)

3:15pm Dismissal

Supervision is not available until 8:40am each morning.

Late arrivals disrupt the classroom. Arrive on time. Thanks for your support.

At the end of the day ALL walkers must leave school premises.

IMPORTANT

Notre Dame Catholic School is a Peanut AND Tree Nut Safe School

Nut substitute spreads are NOT permitted (WOW Butter, Sesame Butter, etc.)

Although Wow Butter and other nut substitute spreads do not contain peanuts (or any of its derivatives) and are safe for students who have peanut allergies, it is too difficult for staff to distinguish them from peanut butter.
Thank you for helping to keep our students safe.

Subscribe to the School Website:

notredamecaledonia.ca

Subscribe to the Transportation Website to Receive the Latest Bus Updates:

www.transinfobhn.ca

Appointments Required

Parents/Guardians will not be permitted in the school **without** a previously scheduled appointment.

Are you SUBSCRIBED to Receive the Latest Updates to your Child's Bus Route?

Visit **transinfobhn.ca** and click on the **Parent Portal** Link
If you are a first-time user, click on **Create Account** beside the **Log In** button. You can create a new account by providing the portal with an email address and password. The system will email you a verification notice (check your junk email folder in case the message was flagged by your email provider).
Once you have verified your email address, go back to the Parent Portal and use both credentials to log in.

*Once logged in, you can add your child(ren) to your account by clicking on **Add Student** (you will need to have your child(ren)'s OEN available, Street Number (just the number), the school of attendance and the grade that they are in (if looking up in September – June) or the grade that they will be entering (if looking up in August).*

This year Student Transportation has had bus driver shortages, etc. The school does not always have the information about your child's bus route. By subscribing to the website, you will always have up-to-date information.

Student Transportation Services
BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK
Services de Transport Scolaire

pizza pizza
We're your neighbourhood pizzeria!

Pepperoni Pizza slices were available on School Cash Online for October 1, 15, 22 & 29. You can purchase pizza for November starting October 4th. Deadline to order will be October 22nd.

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The Milk Program will start October 5th. Milk is distributed each week of the month on Tues/Wed/Thurs. Milk can be purchased on School Cash Online for Nov. starting Oct. 4th, deadline is Oct.22nd.

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Popcorn distribution to students will be October 6, 13, 20 & 29. The next month popcorn will be made available to the students is **February 2022**. Watch for updates!

In the Spotlight

Congratulations!

On September 18 & 19 the Grade 2 students from Mrs. Cimadamore, Mrs. Haddow and Mme Arcari's classrooms from the 2020-21 school year received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

May God Bless You.

A message from Superintendent Temple

Lorrie Temple @LorrieTemple · Sep 19

Blessings to you all and welcome to the table of the Lord.

Artist's Corner

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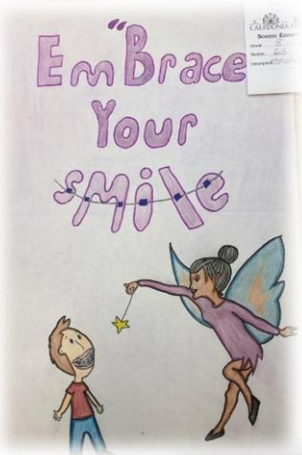

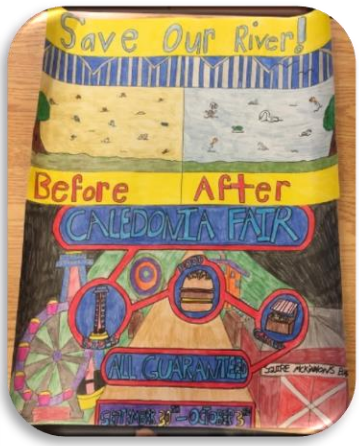

Notre Dame
by our
French Immersion
Gr. 1 Artist

River M.

October 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1 Pizza	2
3	4	5 Milk	6 Milk Popcorn	7 Milk	8 PA Day	9
10	11 Happy Thanksgiving	12 Milk	13 Milk Popcorn	14 Milk	15 Pizza	16
17	18	19 Milk	20 Milk Popcorn	21 Milk	22 Pizza	23
24	25	26 Milk SAC Meeting 6:30pm	27 Milk Popcorn	28 Milk	29 Pizza **Black** & **Orange** Day	30
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Keep an eye on the school website's calendar. There you will find information about upcoming events, special dates, etc. If you still have questions, please do not hesitate to call the school office at (905) 765-0649

S.A.C. News

The Advisory group to the Principal meet virtually on the last Tuesday of the month.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 26th from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Together we can make a difference for our students.