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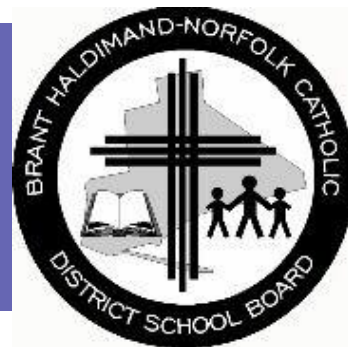
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Newsletter



Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Holy Family School for another great school year! I am happy and excited to have back as principal of this amazing school. I am thankful to you for choosing Holy Family School, for choosing Catholic Education, and for entrusting your children to our care. I look forward to getting to know all students and their families this year!

This year, our Board spiritual theme will be "Pilgrims of Hope: On the Holiness ". Our lives as Christians are truly a path toward holiness - becoming, more and more, the people God created us to be. That will look different in each of our lives, but for all of us, we know that it is God's Spirit at work in us who guides us toward holiness:

To further help our students adopt the values of our Catholic faith, we will promote the Holy Family Big 5 Promise. As a school family we promise to:

1. Be Kind! - use kind words and actions
2. Keep Hands to Ourselves! - away from others and their belongings
3. Show Respect! - to ourselves to others, and to property
4. Talk A Lot! Talking is encouraged except when an adult is teaching, speaking to someone or giving directions.
5. Work together! The staff team will be aware of the classroom agreements and help them come alive in our school.

A positive partnership between school and home is essential in helping our students to reach their full potential. We appreciate your assistance at home in helping us instill these values and for supporting us in the consequences that may ensue when these values are not demonstrated. It is important to keep the lines of communication open at all times. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns at any point in the school year.

Please sign-up to receive informational updates on our school website- www.holyfamilyparis.ca and follow us on Twitter @hfcatholic where we will celebrate all the wonderful things that are certain to happen this year at Holy Family! We update our twitter regularly with photos from the classrooms and activities that are happening in our wonderful little school.

This will be the last "newsletter" for the school year. Each Friday afternoon, we will send a school email update to help you stay connected and know what is happening in our school for the week ahead. If you are not receiving emails from our school, please contact the school office for assistance.

Wishing you all a wonderful year!

Mrs. Kimberley Spencer Dakin

Principal

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER AT HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES



Our students will be arriving to school and transitioning to the back pavement area of our school grounds. School staff will be supervising students arriving and as they transition to the back pavement area. Our kindergarten students will be met at the gate of the kindergarten area by staff members. Supervision is available from 8:10-8:25. Please do not drop off your child before 8:10 as there will be no educator supervision available. As always, student safety is our priority at Holy Family School.

IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE AT SCHOOL PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE!



KISS AND GO/PARKING LOT SAFETY

Parents, please be aware that parking and vehicle traffic is always a concern here at Holy Family. Please extend co-operation and courtesy when dropping off and picking up your child. A reminder that there is no parking in the bus circle or the reserved spaces for the childcare centre. Please make sure that you are only using the bus circle area as it is intended- remain in your vehicle and make your drop off/pick up a speedy one. School bus and student transportation will have priority in this space. For that reason our bus circle is closed to traffic from 2:35-2:47. We may need to have you move your vehicle and circle back around. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping kids safe!

WELCOME NEW STAFF TEAM MEMBERS

We are blessed at Holy Family School to have an amazing staff team. We would like to welcome our new members to the team. A special Holy Family Hornet welcome to the following new staff team members who joined us during the summer staffing process:



HARVEST HELLO! MEET THE STAFF NIGHT

Holy Family School "Meet the Staff" night will be held on Thursday Sept 11, 2025 from 5:00-7:00 pm! Healthy snacks will be available. Our CSAC election meeting will follow this event at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

SCHOOL STAFF 2025-2026

Kindergarten A- Mrs. Renee McCool, Mrs. Carla Polidori
Kindergarten B- Mrs. Paige Kaleci, Ms. Courtney Mori
Grade 1- Mrs. Nadine Pavan
Grade 1/2- Ms. Julia Corvers
Grade 2/3- Mrs. Stephanie Lomax
Grade 3- Ms. Bridget May-Sackrider
Grade 4- Mrs. Alison Harrison
Grade 5- Ms. Andrea Doherty
Grade 5/6- Ms. Kellsie Mitchell
Grade 6/7- Mrs. Rachel Smith
Grade 8- Ms. Jenna Dierick
FSL- Mme. Lindsey Valletta
Primary Planning Time- Ms. Ciotti
STEM- Mr. Martin Koprowski
SERT- Mr. James Mombourquette
EA- Mrs. Morgan Marshall
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COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL

Communication between home and school is essential for student achievement! We support safe communication tools for parents and staff. Aligning with our district policies, we will be using approved electronic communication tools in our classrooms. Each classroom will have a Brightspace page where you can find information about events and classroom happenings. If you have questions about how to access your child's Brightspace page, contact your child's teacher.



ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

Students who arrive late to school must report to the office. Please make sure your child checks in prior to heading to class.

LEAVING FOR APPOINTMENTS

A parent/guardian who requires a student to leave the school before dismissal time must come to the office to sign the student out. All students must be picked up at the office. This policy is in place to ensure the safety of all of our students.

HOLY FAMILY HEROES



We are on the lookout for students making great choices that reflect our Gospel values. Students caught will be awarded a **Holy Family Hero** that identifies what they did and who they are and will be posted on the main bulletin board. Mrs. Spencer will then make monthly draws from Kindergarten/Primary, and Junior/Intermediate award winners. At the end of each month, all student Holy Family Hero awards will be entered into a draw for lunch with the Principal. Help us to support this positive recognition program by asking your child how they served their school today.

PARENTS/VISITORS MUST REPORT TO OFFICE

We encourage and welcome pre-arranged visits from parents. Please be sure to report to the office so we can welcome you. All visitors must sign in and wear appropriate identification.

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MEDICATION



The staff at Holy Family School must follow BHNCDsb procedures for the administration of medication during school hours. If your child requires such medication you are asked to contact the Principal and the necessary arrangements will be made.

Authorization to provide such service must be made in writing by the parent and physician on the appropriate form (obtained at the school). Only prescription drugs will be administered. Nonprescription drugs such as aspirins will NOT be administered to the students.

ANAPHYLAXIS ALLERGY ALERT!

Holy Family School is a **NUT Safe** facility.

There are students in our school with life threatening allergies to **peanuts and tree nuts**. Even a trace amount from peanut/nut products or food that has come in contact with a peanut/nut source (cross contamination) can result in a life threatening anaphylactic reaction. The most serious reaction being respiratory difficulties, blockage of the airways, which if not medicated immediately, can lead to death.

To provide the minimized allergen environment, we need the support and cooperation of the parents/guardians and the school community. Students are asked to bring lunches and snacks free of peanuts and tree nuts as well as products that have the "may contain **peanuts/tree nuts**" warning on them. This includes peanut butter substitutes such as Wowbutter etc. Please read labels before sending food to school. Keep in mind not all packaging is clearly labelled with the warning. Truly, this is a life saving measure. If you have caregivers who provide your child with lunches or snacks we encourage you to share this information with them.

NUT ALLERGY HELP (Understanding what to look for.)

When identifying whether or not food is safe to send to school, there are few things to look for:

1. READ THE LABELS!

That means there should be **NO** tree nuts & peanuts in the ingredients.

The item should also be made in a **TREE NUT & PEANUT FREE FACILITY**.

The label can NOT say "May Contain Nuts" or made on equipment that also processes nuts, or anything similar.

Peanut butter substitutes are not to be sent to school (ex. Wowbutter)



2. DON'T BE FOOLED BY SYMBOLS!

The symbol on the left
Indicates "peanut free", but not
necessarily "tree nut" free.

Each companies standard
of school safe is different!



Please read the ingredients to be sure!

Anaphylaxis Canada recommends reading all labels instead of just reading the symbols

3. Remember that peanuts and tree nuts are NOT the same thing

- **Peanuts:** a member of the legume family and not botanically related to tree nuts
- **Tree Nuts:** Almonds, Brazil Nuts, Cashews, Chestnuts, Hazelnuts, Hickory Nuts, Macadamia Nuts, Pecans, Pine Nuts, Pistachios, Shea Nuts and Walnuts

We realize this request may require added planning and effort on your part when packaging your child's lunch and snacks, however, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your support and cooperation. We cannot guarantee a nut free environment for students nor an "allergen free" area at our school, but with your help we can make our school as safe as is reasonably possible in this regard.

We have a number of students in the school who have serious allergies. In order to best ensure the students do not have an anaphylactic reaction we are insisting that no food items other than your child's lunch and snacks be brought to the school.

We will still have our hot lunches (pizza days, etc). However, fruit trays, vegetable trays, freezies, popsicles etc. are not able to be brought to school. Children's birthdays or special occasions, will have to occur at the home. I'm confident that you understand the importance of this and will support this initiative. The health and safety of all our children is most important.

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

Student Verification Forms have been sent to all parents. We realize that family information and circumstances may have changes over the summer. Please review the Student Verification Form and make additions and changes as required. Updated parent contact information/email addresses are vital to office communication. Please sign the form and return it to the school at your earliest opportunity. Updated prevalent medical condition forms are needed at the office as soon as possible. If you have received a form, please send it with your child as soon as possible.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE—VERY IMPORTANT

Holy Family School will continue to utilize School Cash Online as a form of payment.

Hot Lunches will be purchased through LunchBox Online. More information to come.

SchoolCash Online is an easy-to-use and safe way to pay your student's school fees online. You can pay for your student's spirit wear, class trips, and so much more with a few clicks.

Here's how to get started:

1. Register

Register your own secure personal account by selecting **Register** on the homepage.

2. Add A Student

Once you've confirmed your account, add your student(s) to your account to view and pay for school expenses. You will be prompted for this information upon login. This feature can also be located under the Items tab or the **My Account** tab.

3. Pay School Expenses

Pay for school expenses by adding items to your cart and checking out.

Visit: <https://bhncdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> to get started!

STUDENT INSURANCE

Our School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities, including extra-curricular sports. Each year, many families are left financially unprotected when their children are injured at school, while participating in non-school activities or at home. If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any costs not covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) or their employer's health care plan. Please check with your provider regarding your coverage. Most accident-related expenses are not fully covered under OHIP and some expenses like ambulance fees, casts, crutches, physiotherapy and emergency dental care are usually not covered at all. This leaves you, the parent/guardian, financially responsible. To help protect your family, it is recommended that you consider obtaining student accident insurance.

As a convenience to you, the Board has arranged to offer student accident insurance through insuremykids®. Participation is voluntary, but highly recommended, and the costs are to be paid by the parent/guardian.

Student Accident Insurance offers three plans with 24/7 coverage at affordable rates - their , which provides out-of-province emergency medical coverage and travel benefits. All annual plans provide 13 months of coverage from the date of purchase. Family rates are available for three or more children in the same family, even if attending different schools. You can also save on time and premium with an optional 3-Year or 5-Year plan, available for online purchase only. If you wish to purchase coverage, please do so directly online at www.insuremykids.com or call 1-800-463-5437.

The insurance agreement is between You and the insurance underwriter, Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. For more information, please visit www.insuremykids.com.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Education is a shared responsibility involving school staff, students and their families, and members of the community and parish. The purpose of school councils is, through the active participation of parents, to improve student achievement, well-being and enhance the accountability of the education system to parents.

Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) provides a forum for people interested in Catholic Education to work co-operatively together to develop common goals at the board and school level.

We will hold our first Catholic School Advisory Council (Parent Council) meeting on Sept. 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm. School Council elections will be held at this time if required. Nominations are due at the office by end of day on Thursday Sept. 11. If you are interested in joining our Catholic School Advisory Council (Parent Council) as part of the executive and would like a nomination form sent home, please contact the office and we will make sure one is sent to you.

PICTURE DAY **COMING SOON!**

More information to follow.

INFORMATION FROM THE BRANT COUNTY HEALTH UNIT SCHOOL HEALTH TEAM

Getting immunized protects children from many serious diseases that spread quickly and easily in schools.

To attend school, children need to have proof of immunization against

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| - Tetanus | - Pertussis | - Measles |
| - Diphtheria | - Meningitis | - Mumps |
| - Polio | - Varicella* | - Rubella |

*Required for children born in 2010 and later

Children who are not fully immunized or have not reported their immunization(s) to the health unit may be suspended from school.

What you need to do

Check with your doctor to make sure your child has all the immunizations needed to attend school. If your child has followed [Ontario's Immunization Schedule](#) then they will not be suspended.

Your doctor is not required to report your child's immunizations to the health unit. Reporting to the health unit is the parent's responsibility.

Grade 7 students

Grade 7 boys and girls will be offered three free vaccines at school clinics that protect them against the following diseases:

1. Meningitis*
2. Hepatitis B
3. Human Papillomavirus

In September, information and immunization consent forms will be sent home with Grade 7 and those Grade 8 students who have not received these vaccinations. Please complete and return the consent forms as soon as possible. School clinics will be held in October and May.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

September 11- Meet the Staff Night
September 12- PA DAY (no school for students)

September 18- Fire Drill for all students

September 24- Junior/Intermediate Soccer Tournament at John Wright Park

September 30- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (We will wear our orange shirts today)

September 30- Month End Liturgy/Assembly led by Grade 8

October 8- PA Day (no school for students)

October 11- Fall Fundraiser kicks off!

October 14- Thanksgiving Day- NO SCHOOL

October 31- Hallowe'en Parade through the neighbourhood



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