

February 2026 Newsletter



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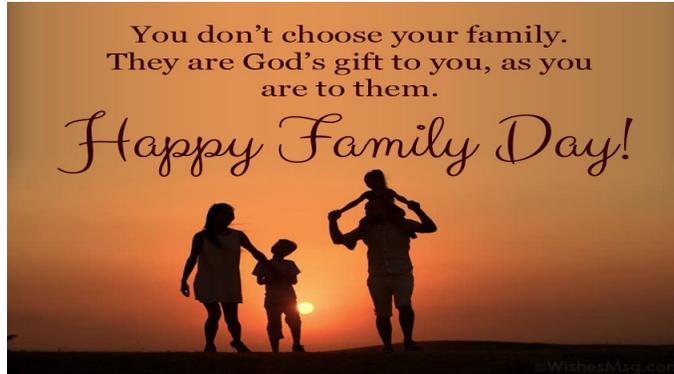
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Family Day

Monday, February 16th is Family Day. There will be no school for students that day and we hope everyone has a fantastic day with their Family.



Kindergarten Registration

New Junior and Senior Kindergarten registration for the 2026-2027 school year has been taking place during the month of January and is ongoing until February 20th. Please register online on the School Board Website at www.bhncdsb.ca, if you have not registered yet. If you know of any parents with Kindergarten age children, please let them know!!

Report Cards

First term report cards will be sent home on Monday, February 9th digitally like the Progress Reports were sent home in November. If you have any changes in your email address, please let the office know so that our records are up to date. Please take the time to look over the report card with your child. Please also note that interviews were held in November, however, you may request a meeting with your child(s) classroom teacher at any time.



Parish Information

- St. Michael's Catholic Church
- Parish Pastor: Father Seejo John

Masses:

- Sat 5:00 Sacred Heart Langton
- St. Michael's Walsh
- Sun 8:30 Sacred Heart Langton
- 10:30

Pink Shirt Day

- Our school will participate in Day of Pink, a bullying prevention initiative, on **Wednesday, February 25th**. We are encouraging all our students and staff to show their support for this movement and celebrate diversity by wearing pink. Together, as a school and community we have the power to unite against bullying.

Free Throw Competition

- Congratulations to: Alyssa D., Liv C., Alaina B., Alexa D., Bella H., Cody M., Harwin B., Dylan V., Riley B., Max B., and Cruz H., for winning our school free throw competition. The above mentioned along with Liliانا D. and Brienna H. also represented St. Michael's at the Knights of Columbus competition on Saturday, January 24th.

Special congratulations to Brienna H., Dylan V., Cody M., Harwin B., and Riley B. who all finished first in their age category and advanced to the next level. They will participate in the next round on March 1st at Holy Trinity. Good luck to all of them.

Thanks to Ms. DeCloedt for helping the students during practice sessions at school and at the competition.

World Cancer Day

Wednesday, February 4th is World Cancer Day – a day to come together to honour and remember everyone affected by cancer, and take action to change the future of cancer forever. We ask that students and staff wear yellow to show our support in honour of all those families who have been affected with cancer.



Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day will be celebrated on Friday, February 13th. We will also be playing Valentine's Day Bingo. Please wear red / white / pink to celebrate the day. Valentine's cards and **store bought peanut free treats are permitted** for distribution for all classmates (if you choose).



Cold Weather Guidelines

Our School Board has an Administrative Procedure which we follow (available on the school board website: AP 200.45) in making decisions on whether or not we send children out to recess in cold weather. When the temperature drops below -20° Celsius (with or without a wind chill), we keep the children indoors. When the temperature is between -10° and -20° C, we do not spend more than 20 minutes outside at a time. Please ensure that your child(ren) are coming to school dressed for the weather. Students are expected to wear a hat and mittens/gloves outside for recess, regardless of the grade they are in. The students will be going outside for at least part of recess whenever the weather permits.

Winter Weather

Just a reminder to parents that during the winter months children tend to get their clothes wet during recess. If possible, would you please pack an extra change of clothes in their backpacks in case they need to change their clothes. Also, please remember to have your child/ren dress for winter, hats, boots, gloves or mittens.



Zone 1 Inclement Weather

In the event of weather that may affect school transportation, parents are asked to keep in mind the following information. St. Michael's School is a **Zone 1** school with Norfolk County schools. If bus transportation is cancelled in Zone 1 (as announced by local radio stations) St. Michael's School will be closed for students and staff. Decisions to cancel or delay transportation will be made prior to 6:30 a.m. and be announced prior to 6:45 a.m. Parents can access this information through the Board's website (under the Parents tab) or use the website www.stsbhn.ca Parents can now access this information by pressing the "Transportation Cancellations" button on the website. We encourage families to subscribe to the transportation notification system through the website (stsbhn.ca).

Grade 8 Graduation Photos

Pegasus Photography will be at the school to take Grade 8 Graduation Photos on Thursday, March 26th in the morning. More information will be sent home with the Grade 8 students.



March Break

March Break will be held from Monday, March 16th until Friday, March 20th. We hope everyone has a wonderful break!!

St. Michael's Spirit Days

We will have Spirit Day's on the following days in February:

Wednesday, February 4th—World Cancer Day — Wear Yellow

Friday, February 6th—Carnavale

Friday, February 13th—Red / Pink / White Day

Wednesday, February 18th—Warrior Day

Friday, February 20th—Gum Day .25¢

Wednesday, February 25th—Pink Shirt Day for Bullying Awareness



Board Basketball Tournament

Our Girls' and Boys' teams will be representing St. Michael's School at the Board Basketball Tournament on Friday, January 30th at Holy Trinity. Thanks again to Ms. Oud and Mr. Loncke for putting in so much time coaching the teams.

Team members were: Alaina B., Bella H., Remy P., Aubree A., Grace B., Olivia D., Alexa D., Brienna H., Eliana P., Liliana S., Etta W., Riley B., Max B., Mason B., Casey C., Isai H., Kaiden K., Ford K., Loukas L, Matthew O., Levi O., Cylis P., and Jordyn R.

Legion Poster Contest

Congratulations to Quinn H. who finished in first place at the Royal Canadian Legion Poster Contest in the Primary Division.

Also to Makayla D. who finished first in first place in the Junior Division for our local area and also received an Honourable Mention at the District B—Zone 1 contest.

Congratulations, well done!!

Grade 9 Open House

A poster for a Grade 9 Open House. It features a circular logo for Holy Trinity Catholic High School in the top right corner. The text is arranged in a white circle on a dark background. The text includes: 'NEW DATE' in a red box, 'Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board', 'Holy Trinity Catholic High School', 'FUTURE GRADE 9 STUDENT & PARENT OPEN HOUSE' in large bold letters, 'THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5', '6:30- 8:00PM', and 'trinitycatholic.ca' at the bottom. The background of the poster shows a student looking at a book.

Health Unit News

A poster titled 'Build connection through conversation'. It features a circular logo for 'HEALTHY SCHOOLS' in the top left corner. The main image shows a woman sitting on a couch talking to a young girl. The text includes: 'Build connection through conversation', 'Talking often with your child helps to strengthen your relationship and makes hard topics easier to talk about.', 'Ideas to show your child that you are someone they can talk to:', a bulleted list of suggestions (e.g., 'Be curious about what is going on in their life. Try starting with: o Tell me about something you found funny today. o What is something you're looking forward to?'), 'Adapted with permission from Middlesex-London Health Unit', and the 'GRAND ERIE PUBLIC HEALTH' logo at the bottom right.