



St. Patrick School News



September 2024

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:



Back to School Prayer

Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friends.

Open my ears to hear my teacher.

Open my mind to learn new things.

Let my heart remember YOU are near when I'm afraid.

Help me to love others like you do.

I want to shine your light bright in my school

Amen



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On behalf of the staff at St. Patrick School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2024-2025 school year! I can not believe that summer has already come and gone. I am looking forward to an exciting year with everyone!

There is no doubt that this year is going to be wonderful with many successes and also with some challenging moments. However, behind every challenge is an opportunity for greatness.

As we move forward, I invite you to think about something written so long ago, but something that still resonates today. Emerson said, "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." I am confident that we will blaze a trail filled with success and accomplishments because that is the St. Patrick's way. Please know that we are here to support you and your child any way that we can.

We are looking forward to a productive partnership with our parents as we work together to ensure your child achieves their full potential.. We understand the importance of needing support from both the home and school so your child can be successful. Our staff desires to have a strong relationship with you so we can make a positive impact on your child's education. We are here to support your student during this endeavor. As partners, we share the responsibility for our child's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

We thank you for your support and look forward to working with you to achieve success for our children. If you need anything, you can contact me at:

jdavidson@bhncdsb.ca or 519-759-0380

St. Patrick Staff:

Kindergarten—Mrs. Hewings & Ms. Coleman

Grade 1: Ms. Sordo

Grade 2/3: Mrs. Matwijiw

Grade 3/4: Mrs. Savaria

Grade 5/6: Mrs. Frank

Grade 7/8: Mr Leyzer

French/Prep: Madame Venne

Prep: Mrs. Larion

SERT: Mrs. Mulroy

Librarian: Mrs. To

STEM: Mrs. Noble

Secretary: Mrs. Monterroza

Custodian: Mr. Mounder

EA: Mrs. Olivares Puyol

EA: Mrs. Gudgeon



How to Kiss and Ride:

- Pull into the Kiss and Ride zone as far forward as you can. This allows a continuous flow of traffic.
- Do not leave your vehicle, if you have to then please park your car.

- Children should exit vehicle on the curb side of the car.
- Children should travel with bags in the car.
- Be timely. Make sure your children enter or exit the vehicle within two minutes.
- Stay in sequence. Don't cut into the queue. Allow other vehicles to follow you into the Kiss and Ride zone in an orderly manner.
- If you cannot see your child waiting, exit the Kiss and Ride, proceed out of parking lot and re-enter the Kiss and Ride zone.
- Ensure children have safety restraints fastened before driving off.
- Do not do U-turns in busy school zones. They are dangerous and put all children at risk. Do not reverse into oncoming traffic.



BRANT FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Our Mission

Brant Food For Thought contributes to a child's ability to learn by facilitating and supporting Student Nutrition Programs in elementary and secondary schools in Brantford and in the County of Brant.

Our Vision

We envision healthy and vibrant school populations supported by thriving community partnerships.

St. Patrick School

We will be continuing with the Snack program on Tuesday's and Thursday's



We do have a lost and found bin at the school. We are asking that you please check each day to ensure your child has come home with their items and to check lost and found the next day if they do not have it.



Here at St. Patrick School we are a Nut Free School. Please **DO NOT** send food that contain any type of nut.



We are also asking that you **DO NOT** send to school food treats for the class due to allergies and dietary restrictions.



We will be offering the following Hot Lunches for purchase this year starting in October:

- Strodes (every other Tuesday)
- Pita Pit (every other Tuesday)
- Pizza (every Thursday)

Please check your School Cash Online for ordering options

Important Dates:

Sept. 12th - Meet the Teacher @ 5:00 - 7:00

Sept. 13th - PD Day - No School

Sept. 23rd - School Council Meeting @ 5:30

Oct. 8th - PD Day - No School

Oct. 14th - Thanksgiving

Oct. 23 - Picture Day



We would like you to consider joining our Parent Council. Your involvement is crucial in shaping the educational experience for our students and enhancing our school community.

We will hold our first Catholic School Advisory Council meeting at the school on September 25, 2024 at 5:30 pm. School Council elections will be held at this time if required. Nominations are due at the office by Monday Sept. 23. (form attached)

Please contact the school if you are interested:

519-759-0380

jdavidson@bhncdsb.ca

MUSIC

Under the Education Act, students are allowed to be dismissed from school up to 2 hours per week for music enrichment. This could include private music lessons at school or where parents pick up their child and bring them to music lessons at an outside location. At St. Patrick's School, we feel that by having private piano lessons at school, it will benefit students (and parents), who would like their child(ren) to be involved in music. With extra-curricular activities after school and on the weekends, it makes it difficult to schedule another activity in.

Helen's love for music will surely be passed onto your child. Having studied piano growing up, Helen enters her 20th year of teaching. Piano lessons are based on both playing and written theory work which is taught in the 30-minute weekly lesson. Books will be provided on your child's first lesson.

A few proven facts about music: Music has proven to enhance both math and science skills.

- 1. 30 minutes of music per week delivers 32% more literacy gain.*
- 2. Music is the best vehicle for early childhood literacy gain.*
- 3. Music is the best vehicle for early childhood literacy.*

PIANO LESSONS



With

HELEN LEONHARDT AT ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL

**ONCE PER WEEK ON WEDNESDAY'S
30 MINUTE LESSONS**



For more information contact Helen Leonhardt

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Phone: 519-717-0611



THE CIRCLE OF SECURITY PARENTING

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read the emotional needs
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self esteem
- Trust your own ability and desire to help your child be secure

DATES:

- Tuesdays - 6:00 - 7:30 pm Starting September 17, 2024 (8 weeks) @ Family Resource Centre, 14 Henry St., Brantford
- Wednesdays - 6:00 - 7:30 pm Starting September 18, 2024 (8 weeks) @ Family Resource Centre, 14 Henry St., Brantford
- Thursdays - 1:00 - 2:30 pm Starting September 19, 2024 (8 weeks) @ Kids Country Inn, 25 Bell Lane, Brantford

At times, all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were unable to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security Parenting program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

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Catholic School Council Nomination Form

I wish to declare my candidacy for a position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council of St. Gabriel School for the 2024-2025 school year. Please note all meetings will be held approximately once a month at school.

Please choose one of the following options:

- I wish to be a member of the Executive Council (please identify which position):
- Chair
 - Vice Chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer

OR

- I wish to be a member of the Council at Large

Name:

Address:

Home Phone:

Alternate Phone:

Email:

I am the parent / guardian of _____,
who is currently registered at this school.

I am an employee of BHNCD SB (please circle)

YES

NO

Candidate
Signature:

Date:

This nomination form must be received by the principal by **September 23, 2024**.

Thank you for your interest in serving our Catholic School Community.

Mrs. Jennifer Davidson
Principal