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November 2025 Newsletter



Principal's Message

During the month of November, we honour all the Saints of our faith. We continue to pray for the Faithfully Departed and our loved ones who have died. Keeping them close to us through our prayers and devotions helps to bring us comfort and support.

First term progress reports went home on November 3rd. These reports give a good indication of how your child is achieving in the various curriculum areas and how they are progressing in their learning skills. Next steps are provided to ensure your child reaches their potential.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place in person on Thursday November 13th in the evening and Friday November 14th in the morning. There will be a separate email explaining how to sign up for interviews with your child's teacher. Please ensure that you sign-up for an interview as this is a great opportunity to hear about how well they are doing and how you can support them at home as well.

On Tuesday November 11th we will celebrate Remembrance Day with our school Liturgy. Poppies will be given to each student in the school. We are asking for a small donation to support our veterans on that day.

Please take the time to remember Canada's Veterans, Brave and Proud.

Peace and Blessings,

Mrs. S. Callender and C. Colatosti

Principal & Vice-Principal



Little Poppy

Little poppy

Given to me,

Help me keep Canada Safe and free.

I'll wear a little poppy,

As red as red can be,

To show that I remember

Those who fought for me



Please call the office if any of your contact information has changed, i.e. phone numbers, email addresses. This information is how we will be communicating all information to our parents/guardians, so it is very important that we have the correct and up to date information. 519-756-4706.

If you need assistance in registering for school cash, please contact the office.

Thank you!



Progress Reports were sent home with students on
Monday November 3rd electronically.



Monday November 10th
Tuesday November 11th
Thursday November 13th
Friday November 14th
Wednesday November 19th
Thursday November 27th
Thursday December 11th

Picture Retake Day
Remembrance Day Liturgy
Parent Teacher Interviews (Evening Only)
P.A. Day (No school, Parent Teacher Interview Morning only)
Poinsettia Orders Due
Poinsettia Pick-Up (Gym 3pm-6pm)
Christmas Social at St. Gabriel 5:30 (all are welcome)

INCLEMENT WEATHER– SCHOOL CLOSING OR BUS DELAYS

www.stsbhn.ca

St. Gabriel School is Zone 4

Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand and Norfolk has developed a website which contains information on bus cancellations and delays. This site can be accessed either through the Board's website www.bhncdsb.ca (under the Parents tab) or directly through your browser to www.stsbhn.ca. Once you have entered into the Transportation's website, click on the "**Cancellations– Closures Morning Fog Delays**" icon, which is on the top left corner of the page. This will tell you:

A) What routes have been cancelled/delayed on any given day;

B) When a zone is cancelled or delayed, it will flash and read "**Cancelled**" or "**Fog Delay**".

Please note when transportation is cancelled in a zone, the schools in that zone are closed.

We are in Zone 4, and that includes all the schools in the city of Brantford. When the weather is bad, be sure to listen to the radio (1380 AM, 92.1 FM). Have a back-up plan for baby-sitting in an emergency. Please do not send your child out in bad weather until you know that the schools are open, and staff are in attendance. The information on the website is updated daily **by 6:30 am** and will be reported on our **Twitter account @stgcatholic**. Thank you for your attention to this very important safety concern.

Please note that students can access their D2L for activities on inclement weather days if they wish to do so.

WINTER WEAR & DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER



This is the time of year to dig out those snowsuits, hats and mittens. Please remember to **label** all your child's outerwear. Ensure that your child has proper clothing for the weather. This includes proper footwear to stay warm for our outdoor play.

Milk Bag Collection for St. Basil CWL

We are happy to support the CWL at St. Basil church in their collection of CLEAN milk bags to make bed mats for other countries. If you can support this initiative, please send in the **CLEAN** bags with your child and we will be collecting for a monthly pick up from the CWL.



Arrive On Time



We continue to experience a number of families and students that are arriving in the morning after the bell and also picking up students late at the end of the day.

One of the key ways that you can support your child's learning, and create sound work habits, is to ensure they **arrive on time for school**. Our bell time is **8:40am**. Please help them to organize themselves at night by packing their backpacks, laying out their clothes and making their lunches so that the morning is organized and runs smoothly to ensure a timely drop off each day. A good night's rest sets up the next day for success. **Late arrivals mean students are missing important learning and it can disrupt the learning for others when students arrive after the bell.**

Our **dismissal bell rings at 3:00pm** and it is important that families arrive on time for dismissal. We realize the front of the school can be very congested, but students need to be picked up promptly. Please ensure that if for some reason you are running late you contact the office to make us aware so we can notify teachers, and ensure students are waiting at the office to be picked up.

We appreciate your support in ensuring students begin their day promptly and are picked up on time.

EARLY LEAVE/APPOINTMENT



The school office is a busy place, especially at the start and end of the school day. Last minute requests for students to leave early are difficult to manage – both due to the volume of requests and their last-minute nature. **Parents are reminded to use the safe arrival app, website or toll free number if they are going to be picking their child up early.** Please also inform your child's teacher if there will be a different dismissal arrangement (early pick up, different person to pick up, no YMCA, etc.) ***If a change legitimately occurs at the last moment, please make EVERY effort to contact the school BEFORE 2:30 pm.*** We will do our best to accommodate last minute requests in a timely manner but, cannot guarantee the prompt last minute dismissal of your child if it is not received before 2:30pm on the Safe Arrive App. Thank you.

DROPPING SOMETHING OFF FOR YOUR CHILD?

Lunches and forgotten items are to be labeled and left in the "Drop-Off Zone", on the table just outside the office. Students will be excused by their teachers at an appropriate time to pick items up; this minimizes classroom disruptions and learning interruptions. Thanks for assisting us with this.



Hot lunches are still available through Lunch Box by placing your orders through School Cash Online. Be sure to order before Sunday at noon for the next week. We are offering Hot Lunch **Tuesday = BIG BOX PIZZA, Wednesday = SUBWAY and Booster Juice, Thursday = La Bottega, AND Every OTHER FRIDAY JOHNNY GREEKOS**. Please note that this our school fundraiser and we appreciate your support in ordering when you can.

Catholic Virtues of the Month

October: Being a Team Player (Compassion)



The recipients of the **October Virtue** demonstrate kindness towards others, are considerate in their actions and words, are forgiving towards others and demonstrate an attitude of wanting to help others, particularly when someone else is in need.

This month's recipients of the October Catholic Virtue are:

Riri O., Maelyn M., Jayden C., Logan F., Abel R., Briella E., Huntley F., Isebella Y., Skylah L., Isabella H., Inah M., Hailey B., D'Angelo P., Kayley D., Ciera D., Sherie Thea R., Gabriel Y., Elizabeth D., Obi O., Elaina S., Brooke G., Nolan W., Liam D., Nixon Q., Pearl L., Dhven N., Gabriel A., Abigail S., Mikey S., Syllas C., Oliver C., Mateo A., Kennedy W., Xavier F., Lochlan R., Ainsley H., Ryan M., Carter S., Dyov N., Amara C.E., Coen C., Zaina Y., Cara D., Desola O.D., Juan J., Teko D., Gabby B., Bibi B., Felix B., Bentley S., Zoey B., Preston J., Christian L., Jolie R.,

Congratulations!

The Catholic Virtue for November is to be a Peacemaker.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND LONG ABSENCES

We want to remind families of the School Board's Attendance Policy. If your family has planned an extended absence and your child(ren) will be away from school, **you must contact the classroom teacher and office to make us aware of the length of the absence**. There is also **specific paperwork** that must be signed to ensure we are aware of the reason for the absence **if over 5 days of a consecutive absence**. This includes periods of time that may impact a child's return to school in September if you plan to travel over the summer.

Parking

Please be aware that the Bylaw officer will continue to monitor the parking throughout the year. He will be ticketing individuals who are parking in the no parking spots across the street from the school. Please remember that double parking in the parking lot is not allowed. Our kids are worth it. Park in designated areas only. Please note *****YOU CANNOT DRIVE THRU OUR FRONT CIRCULAR DRIVE.*****

Pets on School Property

To ensure everyone's safety and comfort, please keep a safe distance and keep all pets on a leash while on school grounds. This helps prevent unexpected interactions and keeps our students, staff, and pets safe. Thank you for being a responsible member of our school community!



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