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# January 2026 Newsletter



As we step into this brand-new year, we extend our heartfelt wishes for health, happiness, and success to each of you. A new year is more than just a change on the calendar—it is a fresh chapter filled with opportunities to learn, grow, and make a difference.

Let us embrace 2026 with open minds and determined hearts. May we continue to support one another, celebrate our achievements, and face challenges with courage and optimism. Together, we can make this year one of our best yet—guided by our pastoral theme – Pilgrims of Hope on the path to holiness - through kindness, curiosity, and a shared commitment to excellence.

Here's to a year of learning, laughter, and limitless possibilities. We look forward to 2026 as we continue to make our school a great place to learn. Keep up the great effort Cubs!!

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## Important Dates



Wednesday January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Dental Screening -Grades JK, SK, 2,7
Thursday January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Dental Screenings – Grades JK, Sk, 2, 7
Wednesday January 14 <sup>th</sup>	Future Grade 9 Student and Parent Night (more info below on last page of Newsletter)
Monday January 19 <sup>th</sup>	PA Day (No School)
Wednesday January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Spirit Day: Winter Wonderland (wear white or anything that makes you think of snow/ice)

### Donation to Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Advent Caring Collection

During the month of December, staff and students collected donations for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! The contributions of our staff and students were greatly appreciated by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Thank you very much for your generous contributions.



Important

### Contact Information

Contact 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.

Thank you!



### 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. Please ensure that your child also has a pair of indoor shoes.

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### 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.



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**INCLEMENT WEATHER– SCHOOL CLOSING OR BUS DELAYS**

**[www.stsbhn.ca](http://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](http://www.bhncdsb.ca) (under the Parents tab) or directly through your browser to [www.stsbhn.ca](http://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.

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**Catholic Virtues of the Month**

**December – Charity and Sharing**

*Demonstrates being a caring family member who attends to family, friends, school, parish and the wider community by sharing and showing charity to others in need.*

*Vincent B., Ariya D., Cecilia D., Linkin D., Hazel U., Graeson P., Owen G., Wesley L., Layla G., Ava A., Zack W., Alvara A., Isaac F., Scarlett S., Emerson C., Maya S., Stevie B., Oluwatobi D.-O., Brooke G., Callum E., Audrey W., Westley M.F., Juliannah A., Denise P., Emilia M., Keira C., Dominic C., Kayson D., Katelyn C., Theo V.D., Hudson R., Brian O., Athena S., Pyper P., Tyler N., Avery F., Julianna D., Brooklyn P., Amelia M., Juan R.P., Aishat B., Katia C., Ben E., Haylee W., Layla A., Brayden S., Izzy D., Evan F., Milina S., Grayson S., Zulfaa N., Simon R.G., Aryanna W., Evie C.,*

**Congratulations!**

**Our focus for January is Making Good Decisions and Being a Good Independent Worker!**

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# HOCKEY IS FOR EVERYONE



## **Friday, January 9: Hockey 101 Workshop**

**Laurier Brantford YMCA - 7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.**

Learn the basic rules of hockey and try the sport through a facilitated practice game. Participants will receive a free hockey stick from Free Sport for Growth!

## **Friday, January 30: Youth Skate Night in Harmony Square**

**Harmony Square - 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Join Brantford Youth Council and the Town and Gown Committee for a night of skating in Harmony Square. There will be music, mascots, and lots of fun. Free skates and skate aids will be available for new skaters. Helmets and weather appropriate clothing is high recommended.

## **Wednesday, February 25: Youth Brantford Bulldogs Night**

**TD Civic Centre - 7 p.m.**

There are a limited number of free tickets available for newcomer and refugee youth being distributed by the Brantford Immigration Partnership.

Priority distribution will be to youth who participate in the Hockey 101 Workshop.



**To register and learn more visit [Brantford.ca/BIPEvents](https://brantford.ca/BIPEvents)**



A photograph of two young girls, one with blonde braids and one with dark curly hair, both smiling. The image is overlaid with a blue tint.

# ONLINE KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

**JAN 5 - FEB 20**



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## Assumption College School **FUTURE GRADE 9 STUDENT & PARENT OPEN HOUSE**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14**

Tour the school and find out everything you need to know about  
becoming an Assumption Lion!

Tours are available at 6:00, 6:15, 6:30, 6:45, 7:00pm only.

[assumptionlions.com](http://assumptionlions.com)

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