



St. Basil's School News

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Christmas Extravaganza AND SILENT AUCTION

We will be hosting our **Christmas Extravaganza and Silent Auction on Wednesday, December 10th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Please come out and celebrate Christmas with your family. The evening will include Horse

Drawn Sleigh rides, Crafts, Cookie Decorating, Hot Chocolate and Apple Cider. Please come out and celebrate the season.



We are also hosting a Silent Auction to support a family whose home was recently destroyed by fire as well as some of the less fortunate families in our School Community. It is our HOPE that we can help improve Christmas for our families.



Families are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to support our School Community and St. Mary's Social Services.

FUNDRAISING ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP DURING THE EVENINGS FESTIVITIES!



FIRST COMMUNION RECONCILIATION REMINDER



Grade 2 Students will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, Dec. 13th 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Parish.

CHRISTMAS MASS & TURKEY LUNCHEON

On Thursday, December 18th our School Community will celebrate the Christmas Season by coming together at St. Mary's Parish for a Christmas Mass at 10:30 a.m.



Following Mass students will be transported to the Bayshore Community Centre to partake in a traditional Christmas Dinner which is supported by St. Basil's Parent Council and our many wonderful Volunteers at St. Basil's School.



Donations for the Turkey Luncheon are to be delivered to the school on Monday, December 15th.



*To all of our students at St. Basil's School and their families~~
We wish all of you joy and happiness
during the coming holiday season!
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*



BUSSING DESIGNATIONS

Please note that the following buses are designated

In Town Buses for the purposes of bus cancellations.

#823	#876	
#878	#871	#881
#875	#899	

All other buses are considered Rural Buses

When only In-Town buses are running, only the above noted routes will pick up students. Parents of students on rural buses deciding to bring their children to school will be responsible to pick those students up at the end of the day.

[When in-town buses are running and your child will be absent from school, please call the school to assist with our Safe Arrival procedures.](#)

[519-376-9370](tel:519-376-9370)

SNOW DAYS

If the **school is open and your child's bus is running** but you decide to keep your child home due to severe weather conditions

PLEASE CALL THE SAFE ARRIVAL LINE, 519-376-9370, to inform the school of your child's absence. Safe

Arrival is an integral part of the morning ritual and on Snow Days this process can be somewhat delays. Every phone call we receive helps to make things run more smoothly.

Conversely, if the **rural busses are cancelled and the school is open** and **you** decide to bring your child to school, it is your responsibility to pick up **your** child at the end of the day. Rural students will be placed in the pick-up line ready for 3:20 p.m. pick-up unless other arrangements are confirmed with the office.

NO SNOWBALLS PLEASE

Just a reminder to students and families that St. Basil's supports a **NO SNOWBALL POLICY**. Please take a moment at home to remind children of the potential hazards associated with snowballs and reinforce that this will not be tolerated at St. Basil's. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as always!



PIZZA ON SNOW DAYS/BUS CANCELLATIONS

With the onset of cooler weather and the potential for cancelled school buses we will follow the same policy for pizza days as we have in other years.



PLEASE NOTE that should school buses be cancelled and/or the school closed your child's pizza/pizza roll-up day will be their next regularly scheduled day at school. If a conflict arises between pizza and pizza roll-up, the lunch served will be the one scheduled for that day. The missed one will be made up on an alternate date. If in doubt please send a lunch with your child.

BUS CANCELLATIONS

SNOW DAYS



The Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board is committed to ensuring that all schools and worksites are open every instructional/operation day.

On inclement weather days, schools will remain open when buses are canceled unless a school closure is announced. The Director of Education or designate is authorized to close schools should the inclement weather prevent students and staff from arriving to school safely.

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to decide if they want their child(ren) to travel to school on inclement weather days when transportation is canceled.

Parents should continue to listen to local radio stations (**CFOS 560 AM, MIX 106.5 FM & Country 93 FM**) for bus cancellations and school closures, or access this information through the Grey Bruce School Bus

Cancellations & School Notifications website at <http://stscgb.wordpress.com/>. Links to the Bus Cancellations website are also posted on each school website. [St. Basil's School is in Zone 11.](#)

Subscribe to receive an email notification or Tweet when buses are cancelled.

You can subscribe to receive alerts from the Bus Cancellations and School Notifications website via email or Twitter. Go to <http://stscgb.wordpress.com/>, select your 'Zone', click on 'follow' and enter your email address.

CLOTHING DONATIONS

GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

We need your help! St. Basil's School is looking for donations of the following items:

Boys/Girls (new) underwear, Sizes 4-6 & 6-8

New or gently used socks;

Boys/Girls gently used pants, Sizes 6 and up

Boys/Girls gently used snow pants

Thank you in advance for your kindness!



REFLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS



Look at the Candy Cane

What do you see?

Stripes that are red

Like the Blood shed for me

White is for my Savior

Who's sinless and pure!

"J" is for Jesus My Lord, that's for sure!



FIRST EARLY DISMISSAL DAY

Our remaining Early dismissal days this year for Staff Professional Development are **April 15th and May 6th**. On these days, **students will leave for home at 1:20 p.m.** For the remainder of the school day, staff will be involved in a number of professional development activities.

DECEMBER VIRTUES ASSEMBLY

Our Virtues Assembly for the Month December will be held on **Thursday, December 11th @ 9:15 a.m.**



Grade 1-3 January Skating Days

Students in Grade 1-3 will once again be going skating at the Julie McArthur Regional Recreation Centre in January. Students will be skating on Thursday, Jan 8th, Jan. 15th, Jan. 22th and January 29th. From 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.



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| Mrs. Cameron-Milne | Mrs. Rolufs | Ms. Luyten | Mrs. Luyten | Ms. Flynn | Mrs. Willie |
| Mrs. Dantas | Mr. Cureton | Mme. Fry | Mme. Giroux | Mlle. Appio | Mr. Crosby |

To ensure everyone's safety, All children **MUST** wear a helmet, snow pants and gloves. While a hockey helmets offers the best degree of head protection a well fitting bicycle helmet is sufficient. Many parent volunteers will be needed to help students with lacing and on the ice. Without sufficient volunteers we will be unable to provide this program. Children should also dress appropriately on skating days for comfort and warmth while on the ice. Permission forms will be coming home before Christmas Break. **Please ensure that you return your child's completed permission form together with their \$4.00 to help cover the bussing. Permission forms will be coming home during the last week before Christmas Break.** St. Basil's Parent Council has paid the ice rental cost for this excursion. Students will need to provide \$4.00 each to help offset the costs involved with bussing for this field trip. \$4.00 covers the cost of all four skating excursions. **Thank You!**

