



St. Basil's School News

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FIRST TERM REPORT CARDS

The first report card for the 2014/2015 school year will be sent home on Wednesday, February 18th, 2015. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held THAT EVENING from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled at the Teacher's request. If you have any questions or concerns or would like to meet with your child's teacher please complete the form on page 4 and return to school at your earliest convenience.

WINTER CARNAVAL

Students at St. Basil's will be celebrating with a Winter Carnival on Wednesday, February 4th. Students will be participating in Winter Fun Games outside for most of the afternoon. Please ensure that students are dressed warmly for a half day of outdoor activities. If possible send dry socks, mittens and a hat that could be used as a spare.



FAMILY DANCE FIT NIGHT

Thursday, February 12th Let's Dance Away Hunger from 5:00~6:30 p.m. St. Basil's Grade 3 Leaders are raising money and collecting food donations in support of the Me to We organization. Watch for further details in a backpack near you!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE LUNCH Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Parent Volunteers are needed to cook and serve pancakes to the various classes. Pancakes will be served to all students on Tuesday, February 17th. Volunteers are required for this event. If you are able to help out, please call the school office. WE will need approximately 16 volunteers. If you are able to bring in an electric griddle or electric frying pan that would be greatly appreciated.

If you are unable to help but would be willing to donate any of the following supplies that would also be of great assistance. Donations need to be received by the school no later than Friday, February 13th in order that the Parent Council can purchase any other necessary items. Thank you!

Pancake Syrup/Maple Syrup

Paper Plates

Plastic Forks or Knives

COMPLETE Pancake Mix (ADD WATER ONLY)

Ash Wednesday Celebration

St. Basil's will gather as a school community to recognize the beginning of our Lenten season with an Ash Wednesday prayer service on **Wednesday, February 18th at 9:15 am.** Please join us if you are available!



Virtue for the Month of February ~ Empathy

Empathy is identifying another person's feelings and concerns. It is walking like Jesus who sought to love and understand all people.



I am a caring family member when I...

- * I love God, myself and my family;
- * I care about and respect my "family" at school, at Church, in the community and the world;
- * I care about and respect God's creations;
- * Because I care, I pray for all my families, and I will live my life like Jesus.

Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board, Virtues Calendar

Recognition Assembly

Please join us for our Recognition Assembly on Thursday, February 26th, 2015 at 9:15 in our school gymnasium. Parents, Grandparents, family and friends are invited to attend. Your child's teacher will notify you if he/she is receiving an award for the month of February.

Shrove
Tuesday



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 only

Boys/Girls gently used snow coats & pants

Thank you in advance for your kindness!

**EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS**

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.

HOLY CHILDHOOD LENTEN BANKS

Each year during the Lenten Season our school provides Holy Childhood Lenten Banks to families. We encourage you to put any loose change in these banks during Lent and help us assist Mission world in developing countries.

"Last year children in schools and parishes throughout Canada raised \$237,861 to help children in Ghana, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, India, and Sri Lanka. All donations (100% from children in Canada are earmarked exclusively for children in the developing world. Monies fund projects such as catechetical programs, literacy, nutrition, health care, meal programs, and the provision of new schools, libraries, caring for children with AIDS, and orphan care"

The realities faced by children in developing countries are a world away and it is hard for our children to imagine not having a safe school to come to everyday. Please help us educate our children by participating in our Lenten Bank Mission program by collecting your loose change during Lent.

In previous year's we have raised over \$1,000.00 to help provide simple necessities like clean and safe drinking water to children in these nations, something we all take for granted everyday.

Thank you for your participation!

**GRADE 2 FIRST COMMUNION**

Families planning to have their child participate in First Communion should be aware of the following date:



Saturday, May 9th, 2015 ~ First Communion

WINTER SAFETY

We have had a number of city citizens call the school with genuine concerns regarding the safety of our students while waiting for their buses in the morning and disembarking off them after school.



Primarily, students have been climbing on the large snow banks at the ends of driveways while they are waiting for their bus and after their bus has dropped them off at the end of the day. The concern is that students may slide off the snow banks and into traffic.

We wish to remind families that their young students should be supervised at bus stops particularly given the lure of the giant snow hills that children are playing on. Families should remind their children that this is not a safe activity while waiting for their bus and to refrain from climbing until after school when they are supervised by their family members.

In addition, while it is enticing for our children to tunnel through the snow with the size of the hills this year this is also not a safe activity for our students. The shear weight of the snow together with the height of the mound could cause severe injury.

Please remind your child of these winter safety tips. We want all of our students to have a fun and safe time in the snow!!

THANK YOU!

The Chapple Family wish to send out their heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported their family with donations when they lost their family home to fire. They were amazed by our school community and how we rallied to assist their family through a difficult time. They feel very fortunate to be surrounded by their loved ones and have such a wonderful and caring school community.



Parent-Teacher interviews for this term will be held on Wednesday, February 18th, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **If you wish to request an interview with your child's teacher, please complete this form and return it to the school as soon as possible.**

To coordinate interviews for families with two or more, please indicate below the child(ren) and the teachers with whom you wish an appointment. Only one form is required per family.

Student Name	Teacher's Name

Please select a preferred time and indicate first, second and third choices.

4:00 _____ 4:15 _____ 4:30 _____ 4:45 _____

5:00 _____ 5:15 _____ 5:30 _____ 5:45 _____

6:00 _____ 6:15 _____ 6:30 _____

WINTER CLOTHING

Throughout the Winter and wet Spring weather please remember to pack an extra set of clothing with your child. Accidents still happen at St. Basil's and we do not always have a spare set of clothing on hand. We always welcome donations of pants, underwear and socks!



LOST AND FOUND

We have a very large number of clothing articles in the Lost and Found here at St. Basil's. It seems unfathomable that this many clothing articles could go missing as there appears to be enough to clothe a small country.



Families are always welcome to drop in to check out the lost articles and pick up their child's belongings. While staff make every attempt to ensure that lost belongings are returned to their rightful owner this is not always possible as many articles are not labeled. Items that are not picked up by the end of the year will be donated to local charitable organizations. Thank You!

Donate to your Local Catholic School or the Board On-Line

You can donate on-line to your Local Catholic School or the Board through "Canada Helps".

Making a donation on-line is simple and secure. Just click on the "Donate Now" on this page (or type the address provided into your web browser).

In a few easy steps, you can make a donation to the School or Board. When your donation has been completed, we will receive an electronic notice of the donation and you will receive an immediate email with a tax receipt from Canada Helps. This reduces administration for your School and the Board.

The funds you donated will be used in accordance with your direction and the School will be notified of your donation. In the message section, please specify the intended use: breakfast program, playground equipment, school supplies etc.

Thank you for your on-line donation and support of Catholic Education.

Your donation is greatly appreciated!



<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/bruce-grey-catholic-district-school-board-charitable-trust/>

Donate to your Local Catholic School or the Board By Cheque

If you would like to make your donation by cheque, visit http://www.bgcdsb.org/about_bruce-grey_c_d_s_b/charitable_trust_donations and click on the downloadable pdf form, or contact the school for a copy of the form.

Owen Sound Minor Sports Registration

Thursday February 12, 2015
 Wednesday February 18, 2015
 March 10, 2015

OWEN SOUND MINOR SOCCER
 OWEN SOUND MINOR LACROSSE

OWEN SOUND MINOR BASEBALL
 OWEN SOUND MINOR BASEBALL
 FUDOSHIN CLASSICAL KARATE

Bayshore Community Centre
 5:30pm - 8:00p.m.

SATELLITES GYMNASTICS CLUB
 OWEN SOUND AQUATIC CLUB

Photo id will be required as proof of residency. Non-resident cards can be purchased in advance of registration at City Hall 8:30am - 4:30pm Monday-Friday, 519-376-1440. Non-resident cards can also be purchased the night of registration. Cash, cheque, debit and credit cards will be accepted for payment of the non-resident cards.












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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2		4 Winter Carnival 	5 LAST SKATING DAY FOR GR. 1-3 	6	7
8	9	10 MASS @ 10:30 a.m. 	11	12  FAMILY DANCE FIT NIGHT 5:00-6:30 p.m. Minor Sports Registration	13 SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE-DONATIONS DUE TO SCHOOL	14 VALENTINE'S DAY 
15	16 FAMILY DAY  School Closed	17 SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE LUNCH  SHROVE TUESDAY	18 ASH WEDNESDAY REPORT CARDS GO HOME  PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS	19 DENTAL SCREENING FOR KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 2 STUDENTS Mme Fry & Mlle. Appio's classes to Grey Roots 	20 Mrs. Luyten & Ms. Lemon's classes to Grey Roots 	21
22	23  Field Trip Mme. Giroux & Mrs. Dantas classes to Grey Roots	24	25	26 Recognition Assembly @ 9:15 a.m. 	27	28