

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE St. John Families,

February is **Black History Month** and is also commonly known as the month of **Love**. It is a time that we specifically focus on recognizing the daily contributions that Black Canadians have made and continue to make to Canada by participating in events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black Canadians and their communities. When doing this, we are reminded of the unconditional love God has for us all and that He calls us to share this love for one another as His children. In doing this, we celebrate one another for the unique way that God has created each of us in His image.

Love is the driver of all great stories, such as, the love of parent for child, for family, for friends, and for God. Jesus gives us the greatest story of Love, Sacrifice, and Life Everlasting. We live this story daily, and are reminded of this story as we prepare for Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Jesus' 40 day fasting and temptation in the desert. On this day we wear ashes on our foreheads as a sign that we live in sin and strive to be better followers of Christ in our daily lives. It leads us to Easter Sunday, which commemorates Jesus' resurrection from the tomb after His crucifixion and death for our sins.

Lent is our time as Christians to reflect, repent, and pray as a way of preparing for Easter. As a Catholic School Community, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus. We tell our story daily through our commitment to serve God and one another as we are *Called by Name* to love and grow as one family in Christ now and always.

As we prepare for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice of Love for us, let us reflect upon the notion that Love is the one thing that can never hurt anyone, it is supremely free, yet attaches us with the strongest of all bonds. Love cannot be bought or sold, there is nothing it cannot face.

Love is life's greatest blessing.

Let us all continue to love one another, celebrate our unique and diverse qualities, and spread God's love to the ends of the Earth!

As you prepare for your upcoming Lenten journey, I wish you all of God's blessings!

Mr. D. Forte Principal



## **FEBRUARY - A MISSION OF CHARITY**

"Actions speak louder than words. Let your words teach and your actions speak." St. Anthony of Padua

Our theme for the month of February focuses on a mission rooted in charity, showing the love of Christ to our neighbors in need. When we care for the poor, the sick, and the marginalized, we are living our mission as disciples of Christ. Throughout this month may we take time to reflect upon our words and actions, that we are truly walking in the footsteps of Christ.

#### **KINDERGARTEN ONLINE REGISTRATION**

Kindergarten online registration is open through edsembli. If your child is presently attending Kindergarten at St. John, there is no need to reregister.

When you register, please remember to submit your child's Baptismal Certificate, Birth Certificate, and Proof of Address (current utility bill) in order to complete the registration.

In addition, please check the <u>Transportation</u> <u>Eligibility</u> section of the Niagara Student Transportation Services website to ensure that St. John is your child's home school, based on your current home address.

## ACT OF LOVE PRAYER

Jesus, my God,

Thou art infinitely good and perfect. I love Thee above all things and with my whole heart.

I desire to receive Thee in Holy Communion that I may love Thee more and serve Thee better.

Come to me and strengthen me, so that I may never be separated from Thee on earth and that I may live with Thee eternally in Heaven.

Amen.

## SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE

 Supervision:
 9:10 am

 Entry Bell:
 9:20 am

 Recess/Nutrition Break:
 10:50 pm - 11:30 am

 Recess/Nutrition Break:
 1:30 pm - 2:10 pm

 Dismissal:
 3:30 pm

Families are invited to visit the <u>'Bell Times'</u> <u>section of the St. John Google Website</u> to access a full breakdown of our bell times for this school year.

We are proud to be a part of the Blessed Trinity Family of Schools 📭

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

February is Black History Month. During Black History Month, people in Canada celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous nation it is today. Throughout the month of February, classroom teachers will be leading students through various activities in recognition of Black History Month. In addition, students in Grades 3-5 and 6-8 will be participating in Black History presentations, led by **Salem Chapel**, on the morning of *Friday, February 7*. The presentations will explore the years that *Harriet Tubman* (legendary Underground Railroad conductor) lived in St. Catharines. Details can be found in the <u>letter to families</u>, which was sent through 'SchoolMessenger' on January 17.

#### ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please be advised that the next Catholic School Council Meeting will be held on *Tuesday, February* 26 at <u>6:00 pm</u> in the school's Library Information Centre. We look forward to seeing our Catholic School Council members there!

#### **INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE**

During winter months, please be advised of the procedures in the event of inclement weather:

 If bus transportation is cancelled in the morning, it means that the children will not be picked up at the end of the day. If you drive your child to school on the day transportation is cancelled, it is then your responsibility to pick your child up at the end of the day.

When transportation services are cancelled, only the school remains open, and it is the responsibility of the parent to determine whether or not it is safe for their child to attend school.

If your child is not coming to school, please report the absence using Safe Arrival System.

 Procedures Relating to Inclement Weather <u>AFTER</u> the School Day Starts: In this case either transportation is cancelled and school is

kept open or transportation is cancelled and the school is closed.

The safety of our children is our primary concern; the school will attempt to contact you by phone should an emergency closing be necessary after children have arrived at school. This will be done solely for the purpose of informing you that classes have been cancelled. The option you, as a parent, have chosen on the Emergency School Form will apply to all emergency dismissals. If this form has yet to be completed, please be sure to do so and send it to your child's teacher.

For the most up-to-date announcements on inclement weather, please tune in to local radio stations (105.7 FM, 610 AM, or 1220 AM) or simply check the Niagara Catholic District School Board website at <u>www.niagaracatholic.ca.</u>

#### HAVE YOU MOVED OR ARE YOU MOVING?

To any families who have recently moved or will be moving in the near future, please confirm that St. John is your home school at <u>portal.nsts.ca/eligibility</u>. In keeping with Niagara Catholic's home school focus, we encourage all families to ensure that children are enrolled in their home school. This will allow students to establish and maintain meaningful relationships with other students who live in the heart of their community.

# ST. JOHN NEWS

#### ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Confirmation** - Students in Grade 8 who are Roman Catholic will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on *Thursday,* **February 27 at 7:00 pm** at St. Joseph Catholic Parish.

*First Communion* - Students in Grade 2 and other grades who are Roman Catholic will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist on *Saturday, April 26 at 11:00 am* at St. Joseph Catholic Parish.

Families are asked to please see our monthly calendar for information and details regarding daily Masses at St. Joseph Catholic Parish. In addition, further information regarding St. Joseph Parish, can be found by visiting the <u>'St. Joseph Catholic</u> <u>Parish Information Section' of our St. John Google Website</u>.

The school also invites families to visit the <u>St. Joseph Catholic</u> <u>Parish Website</u> for additional information and details pertaining to the parish.

#### SAFE ARRIVAL SYSTEM

To report your child absent, please use any one of the methods listed below:

- SafeArrival Website: Visit the website at <u>https://go.schoolmessenger.ca</u>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create an account using your email address. After logging in, select the Attendance tab to report an absence.
- Personal Mobile Device: Download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store, the Google Play Store, or from the links at <u>https://</u> <u>go.schoolmessenger.ca</u>. Use your new login information to access your account. Select Attendance to report an absence. If you would like to receive attendance notifications directly to your mobile device, please enable Push Notifications in the Settings section of the app. The document titled, <u>SchoolMessenger App Parent &</u> <u>Student User Guide</u> provides instructions for using the app.
- 3. **Standard Telephone**: The toll-free number **1-844-287-6287** will allow you to report your child absent without creating an account.

#### STUDENT ABSENCES & LATE ARRIVALS

It is essential that all student absences and late arrivals are called into the <u>Safe Arrival Program</u> by <u>8:30 am</u> via phone (1-844-287-6287), website or app. These are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You are also able to input future absences in advance if you are aware of an upcoming appointment or vacation. Board and Ministry policy dictates that we must investigate any unreported absences. This can involve calls to places of employment, the emergency numbers provided to the school and, in some cases, the police.



#### PA DAY & FAMILY DAY

A reminder to all families that *Friday, February 14* is a *PA day*, therefore, there will be no school for students. In addition, schools are closed on *Monday, February 17* for *Family Day*. Classes resume on Tuesday, February 18.

# VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

School visitors continue to be restricted out of an abundance of care and consideration for the health, safety, and privacy of students and school staff. Essential items that must be dropped off are to be labelled clearly and can be placed on the cart to be retrieved by a designated staff member. On behalf of school staff, students, and families, thank you everyone for their ongoing cooperation with this very important matter.

# **INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC HEALTH**

Families are encouraged to visit the <u>'Niagara Region</u> <u>Information'</u> section of the St. John Google Website for the most up-to-date information from Niagara Region Public Health.

## STUDENTS DEMONSTRATING SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS

If a student becomes sick while at school, the identified emergency contact(s) on file will be called for immediate pick up. Parents and guardians of ill children are encouraged to contact Niagara Public Health and follow their advice. *Anyone who is sick should stay at home until their symptoms have resolved for 24 hours (48 hours for gastrointestinal symptoms)*. We thank everyone for their ongoing cooperation regarding this very important health and safety matter.

# **NUT ANAPHYLAXIS**

The entire school community is working hard to prevent accidental exposure to products that trigger lifethreatening reactions. As a result, we continue to maintain a **PEANUT & NUT SAFE environment**. We would appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep St. John Catholic School safe, by making sure your children do not bring foods to school that may contain any traces of **peanuts** or **nuts**.



# **MILK ANAPHYLAXIS**

Due to a number of students in our care who have a severe anaphylactic allergy to milk, it is asked that parents kindly refrain from sending milk to school with their child out of an abundance of care and consideration for the health and safety of these individuals. Thank you to everyone for their understanding of this very important health and safety matter.



# ST. JOHN NEWS

## PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS

If your child has a prevalent medical condition that the school should be aware of and plan for, it is necessary to read the letter to families, and complete and/or update the applicable Plan of Care forms. All documents can be accessed in the <u>Prevalent Medical Conditions' section of the St. John Google Website</u>. Please click on the link to access the site and the necessary documents that pertain to your child's prevalent medical condition. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

## REMINDERS FOR ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Kiss n' Ride Drop-Off: In an effort to keep our students and staff members safe, families are reminded that when using the Kiss n' Ride drop-off, *drivers are asked to please remain in their vehicle* and have child(ren) exit the vehicle directly onto the sidewalk when it is safe to do so. Supervising staff will be present in the parking lot at 9:10 am. Parents are kindly asked to please drop their child(ren) off *between 9:10 and 9:20 am.* We thank you for your support as we strive to welcome our students onto school property in an efficient, yet safe manner.

# Kiss n' Ride Pick-Up:

To reduce congestion in the Kiss n' Ride line and along King Street, Kiss n' Ride students will be dismissed from their classrooms at <u>3:25 pm</u>. Parents are asked to please be at the school in a timely manner so students can be dismissed efficiently and without causing disruption to the flow of traffic on King Street.

# Park & Pick-Up/Drop-Off:

Families of children in car seats who need to park their vehicles and walk their children to the school sidewalk are asked to please be mindful of oncoming traffic, which includes busses and Kiss n' Ride vehicles. For their own safety, families are reminded of the importance of utilizing designated walkways to access the sidewalks. To avoid congestion in the parking lot and to prevent a back-up of vehicles onto King Street, Park & Pick-Up students will be dismissed from their classes at <u>3:25 pm</u>.

## COLD WEATHER

Cold weather is on its way. Please ensure that your child comes to school prepared to participate in all activities, especially outdoor recesses. All children should have hats, scarves, gloves, warm coats and boots, all labeled with their names.

On extremely cold days, we limit the amount of time that students spend outdoors. We obtain our weather information from the Environment Canada Weather Information Line and follow Board and Niagara Public Health guidelines. With the exception of these occasions, it is our expectation that all children will go out for recess.



# ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL (CSC) CORNER

Welcome back to the CSC Corner!

The **Scholastic Book Fair** that took place at the end of January was a huge success! Catholic School Council parent volunteers were invited to help during the week and got to see the buzz in the library. Students were so excited to pick out their books and school supplies and it was great to see them all enthusiastic about reading!



Have you placed an order with **Niagara Fresh Market** yet? Their large supply of fruit, vegetables and more are a great addition to your grocery list. Delivered right to your door, it is a quick way to get some shopping done and support our local partners. Don't forget to use the code *STJOHNS* to activate the 5% going back to St. John's fundraiser.

Are you interested as **volunteering** as a parent but cannot fully commit to Catholic School Council? We are looking for parents interested in volunteering at some of our events throughout the school year. If you can offer even one hour of your time, please let us know. Please email Lynn Dudok at <u>lynn.a.dudok@gmail.com</u> or Breeann Staibano at breeann19@hotmail.com.

#### SUPPORTS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD)

The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services has developed the Ontario Autism Program (OAP) to support children and youth who have a diagnosis of ASD confirmed by a qualified professional.

Services available through the OAP include:

- Funding to purchase approved goods and services;
- ✓ Access to supports and programs for children and their families.

Children and youth receive services and supports until the age of 18.

For further information, please visit the following website: <u>https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-autism-program</u>

If you have any questions, please reach out to our Educational Resource Teacher. Members of the Applied Behaviour Analysis Team from the Student Support Services Department are available to provide additional information.

#### **TERM 1 REPORT CARDS**

Report Cards for Term 1 will be made available in the <u>Niagara</u> <u>Catholic Parent Portal</u> during the week beginning on *Monday, February 10.* Please be advised that parent-teacher conferences for this term will be at the request of the teacher and/ or parent(s). Teachers will be making a request to the parents of students for whom they feel an interview would be necessary. After the Report Cards are made available, parents may also request a conference by contacting the teacher to arrange a convenient date and time.



# ST. JOHN NEWS

# <u>'SchoolCash' ONLINE</u>

The school encourages online payment for all fees and activities for students. It is our goal to be cashless. As part of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, we are committed to providing a safe and efficient online environment in order to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into our school. Online payment users benefit from knowing students are not carrying cash to school which can be easily forgotten, misplaced or not handed in on time for important school activities and events. 'SchoolCash' Online is a secure and safe payment portal and is PCI compliant. Please join the many parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying online. It takes less than five minutes to register. Please follow the online step-by-step instructions at https://ncdsb.schoolcashonline.com to begin receiving email notifications for events involving your child(ren).

Some of the added benefits enjoyed by using School Cash Online include:

- Having online access to digital receipts and a complete list of paid and unpaid items;
- The ability to pay by credit cards, including Visa, Mastercard, Visa Debit, and Mastercard Debit;
- The ability to preload funds into the School Cash Online wallet for future use;
- Receiving reminder emails, so payment due dates are not missed;
- One-time registration students will automatically be moved between schools within our Board;
- Use of Google Translate in over 100 languages;
- Make an online donation and receive your tax receipt by email for donations \$20 or more;
- Parent Help Desk Support is available 24/7.

#### HAND WASHING GUIDELINES

- 1. Clean your hands to prevent the spread of germs and reduce your risk of getting sick. Wash your hands after:
  - coughing or sneezing
  - blowing your nose
  - using the washroom
  - playing with pets
  - · playing outdoors
  - before preparing meals and eating
- 2. Use warm water and soap; lather and scrub for at least 20 seconds. Have children sing the ABC song, so they scrub for long enough. Alcohol-based sanitizers are safe for children and can be used when no dirt is present on their hands.



## GOVERNANCE POLICY VETTING AND TRACKING

In keeping with Niagara Catholic's commitment to openness and transparency, the Board has established an extensive vetting process for its Governance Policies.

As part of the vetting process, Niagara Catholic students, parents, guardians, staff, Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC), Diocese of St. Catharines, and members of the Niagara Catholic community are invited to submit their feedback.

Please visit the <u>Policies, Administrative Operational</u> <u>Procedures, Protocols, and Bylaws section of the Niagara</u> <u>Catholic website</u> for specific information on how to submit feedback for policies that are currently being vetted.

## TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

Parents and students requiring technical assistance are encouraged to access the following support portal: <u>https://help.niagaracatholic.ca</u>. Niagara Catholic launched this platform for students and parents in an effort to provide technical support for issues relating to the Niagara Catholic Virtual Learning Environment (NCVLE), Niagara Catholic Parent Portal, Safe Arrival System, and more.

# NIAGARA CATHOLIC RESPECTFUL INTERACTION FRAMEWORK

St. John is rooted in Catholic and Christian values. Our goal is to create a safe, kind and loving environment for all who work, learn, and assist with our school community. Aggressive or hostile behaviour or language toward, staff, students, or our community helpers will not be tolerated. While we welcome feedback, concerns, and opinions it is the expectation that all staff, students, parents, guardians and community helpers communicate their needs and concerns with one another in a respectful and peaceful manner whether through email, on the phone or face-toface. Adherence to this expectation is vital in order to create a cohesive and cooperative community that helps one another achieve success.

## ST. JOHN GOOGLE WEBSITE

Families are invited to visit the St. John Google Website for daily information items. Please know that the school will send out a SchoolMessenger notification any time there are pertinent updates made to the site. Monthly newsletters and calendars will be embedded into the website as well, once finalized. The links will be shared in the SchoolMessenger notification that goes out to inform families.

Link to St. John Google site: St. John Catholic School Google Website.





# ST. JOHN NEWS

#### KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION

Families with a student who is of age to be registered to start in our Kindergarten program in September for the 2025-2026 school year are invited to participate in our *Kindergarten Open House & Registration Night*. The open house will be led by our Kindergarten teaching staff on *Wednesday, February 5, 2025 from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm and 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm*. Please note that if your child is presently attending Kindergarten Year 1 at St. John, there is no need to re-register. *When registering a child, please remember to bring your child's Baptismal Certificate, Birth Certificate, and Proof of Address (i.e. current utility bill) in order to complete the registration*. We look forward to meeting families of our future Kindergarten students!

#### KIDS HELPING KIDS

Niagara Catholic's Annual *Kids Helping Kids* fundraiser will take place from *February 10 - 21*. This year's event will once again jointly support the <u>Niagara Children's Centre</u>, as well as the <u>Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education</u>.

Kids Helping Kids is a fun, informal fundraiser, which supports these causes through paid participation in events such as *Jersey Day*, *Hat Day*, and *Creative Hair Day*. Participation in Kids Helping Kids is open to all students.

Donations to the **Kids Helping Kids** fundraiser can be made through <u>'SchoolCash' Online</u>.

*For further information about the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education* please contact Jim Marino, at 905.735.0240 ext. 210 or jim.marino@nfce.org. To find out more about the Niagara Children's Centre, please click on the hyperlink above.

#### VALENTINE'S DAY ACTIVITIES & DANCE-A-THON

In celebration of the spirit of St. Valentine, students at St. John will participate in a *Dance-a-Thon* on *Thursday, February 13*. Students and staff are encouraged to come to school on this day dressed in Valentine's Day colours (*red, white, purple, & pink*). Classroom teachers will also organize class-specific Valentine's Day activities, delivered through the lens of our Catholic faith, to engage students within their classrooms on this day. Thank you to all for their flexibility with this matter, as *Friday, February 14* is a PA day this year. We look forward to celebrating St. Valentine's Day as a Catholic school!

#### **PINK SHIRT DAY**

Niagara Catholic continues to demonstrate a commitment to bullying awareness, prevention, and intervention in our schools, our communities, and online through the participation of its elementary and secondary schools in *Pink Shirt Day* on *Wednesday, February 26*.

The theme for Pink Shirt Day is "*Let Kindness Grow*", a simple but powerful message encouraging us to look beyond our differences, love one another, and celebrate the things that make us unique. When we grow and spread kindness, we lift each other up and we see beyond the things that separate us and see instead the things that unite us as people; we can see how our differences are beautiful gifts from God.

Everyone is encouraged to always practice kindness in their daily lives and wear pink on *Wednesday, February 28*.

For more information, visit www.pinkshirtday.ca.



## ST. JOHN 'EcoSchools' INITIATIVE

At St. John Catholic School, we continue to remain active in our efforts to continue to fulfill our goals to serve as "Stewards of God's Earth". We continue to maintain our environmental efforts, nurture our students as both current and future environmental leaders, and reduce the ecological impact of our school. In the <u>'EcoSchools Information' section of the St. John Google Website</u>, families will find any and all information pertaining to our 'EcoSchools' initiative, including monthly newsletters to promote ecological awareness in our school, homes, and community.

Families are advised of the following 'EcoSchools' events recognized throughout this month...

#### Waste-Free Lunch Wednesdays:

To continue with our ECO initiatives, we will promote Waste-Free Wednesday lunches. A waste-free lunch is one that contains reusable containers to pack your child's lunch and snacks. Although participation is optional, when we pack a waste-free lunch, we are helping the earth by reducing the use of plastic bags, wrappers and minimizing the amount of garbage.

#### Winter Walk Day:

On **February 12**, St. John will be participating in an annual celebration of winter walking. Throughout the day, students will be enjoying a winter-themed walk with their class and learning about the importance of active travel and the benefits of spending time outdoors. Let's get moving for #WinterWalkDay!

#### World Wetlands Day:

World Wetlands Day is celebrated each year on *February* 2 to raise awareness about wetlands. Nearly 90% of the world's wetlands have been degraded since the 1700s, and we are losing wetlands three times faster than forests. Yet, wetlands are critically important ecosystems that contribute to biodiversity, climate mitigation and adaptation, freshwater availability, world economies and more. It is urgent that we raise national and global awareness about wetlands in order to reverse their rapid loss and encourage actions to conserve and restore them! Families are encouraged to visit worldwetlandsday.org for more information.

#### International Polar Bear Day:

Polar bears living in the Arctic, a region that is warming faster than anywhere else due to climate change, are facing a number of threats that could compromise their survival by 2100. International Polar Bear Day is celebrated this year on *February 27*. On this day, students at St. John will participate in learning activities within their classrooms to raise awareness on these threats, with a focus on the need to protect denning families across the Arctic. Families are encouraged to visit the International Polar Bear Day Website to learn more about this event.

Thank you for your continued support of our ECO initiatives!

St. John Catholic School ECO Team



# ST. JOHN NEWS

#### **CLASS ORGANIZATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2025**

Parents are asked to please trust the professional judgment of our staff to make good pedagogically sound decisions regarding your child's class placement for September 2025. Talk positively and hopefully to your child about next school year. If your child is with a different group of students, discuss the value of new friendships and fresh starts. We are looking forward to another wonderful school year with your support.

Please know that careful thought is always given to student placement in the various classes. Guidelines that we consider may be one, some, or all of the following:

- ✓ Learning style
- ✓ Social needs
- ✓ Work habits
- ✓ Special program needs
- ✓ Behaviour
- ✓ Gender balance

In all class situations, present and receiving teachers (if possible) meet with the Principal and Education Resource Teacher to make the final decision. Parent preference cannot be a determining factor, but if any parents have a pressing concern regarding class placement, they are asked to <u>please put the request and reasons in writing</u> (no emails) to the attention of Mr. Forte - Principal and hand it to Main Office staff for consideration by <u>Thursday, March 20, 2025</u>.

#### BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

We at Blessed Trinity hope all of our Family of Schools had a very enjoyable and restful Christmas break.

At Blessed Trinity, January marked the last 2 weeks of our Semester 1 and final exams for our students. The focus for January centered on wrapping up the semester and preparing for those exams.

For the grade 8's at our Family of Schools, January and February are dedicated to choosing the courses they will be taking next year in Grade 9 at Blessed Trinity. The process began back in December and in the first two weeks of January, with an information presentation to all grade 8 students on the compulsory and elective courses they will be choosing from.

On January 16th, that process continued with our Grade 8 Open House at Blessed Trinity. We would like to thank all parents and students who attended. It was a very exciting evening that saw one of our largest turnouts ever.

The last step in the process will have a representative from Blessed Trinity visit Grade 8 classrooms to help students actually choose and submit their courses through 'myBlueprint' from January 22nd to February 9th.

# The deadline for selecting courses, submitting registration form, and payment of Grade 9 Registration Fee of \$55 is <u>FRIDAY</u>, <u>FEBRUARY 14TH</u>.

Please contact Blessed Trinity – Mr. John Cino – 905-945-6706 Ext. 2330 or Mrs. Rose Bianco Ext. 2312, if any Grade 8 parent has any questions.

