

# St. John Bosco Catholic Elementary School

### "Faith, Service & Academic Excellence"

Part of the Lakeshore Catholic Family of Schools

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#### PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

### **NOVEMBER- A Mission of Hope**

"Be not afraid!"

St. John Paul II

When we are faced with challenges in our daily lives, we can become burdened by a sense of fear and despair. Our faith in Jesus reminds that our mission as disciples of Christ is also rooted in hope. The disciples certainly felt fear and despair as they watched Jesus being crucified on the cross, but it is in the resurrection of Christ that they, and we, find our true hope. May we be witness of hope for others during difficult times, reminding them that in Christ, nothing is impossible!

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY PRAYER

Peace in our world, Peace in our school, Peace in our homes, Peace in our hearts.

#### **AMEN**

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY POSTER/ESSAY CONTEST

All students from Grade 1 to 8 will be participating in the Legion Remembrance Day Poster/Essay Contest.

Students from Grade 6 to 8 are also participating in the Peace Poster Contest.

#### TERRY FOX/ HOLY CHILDHOOD

St. John Bosco Catholic participated in the National Terry Fox day in support of Cancer research. <u>We</u> raised \$300.00

All students participated in a walk to raise money for Children in South Africa, Colombia, Sri Lanka, Papua New Guinea, India, etc. supporting the Holy Childhood Association Children Helping Children campaign with your generous donations! We also raised \$350.00

#### **HALLOWEEN**

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Reverse Halloween Parade

#### **BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

The Breakfast Program has started! It is a Grab and Go program. We have added more items to the program.

Thank you to Niagara Nutrition Partners!

#### P. A. Day

November 29<sup>th</sup> is a P. A. Day. There will be no school on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### REPORT CARDS

The Progress Report Card will be available on the Parent Portal November 11. Interviews will be held Thursday, November 21st, 2024 from 3:45pm till 6:00pm.

#### **CURRICULUM CORNER**

How can you support your child's literacy development? Make a special, quiet time to read

together with your child every day. It should be an enjoyable routine in your day. Depending on the familiarity of the book and its level of difficulty you can decide whether the book should be: read to your child; read with your child; or read by your child.

Reading to your child shows him/her how reading works and sounds, and that it is enjoyable and valuable.

Reading aloud with your child builds confidence in reading books that may be too difficult to try alone. When the book is being read by your child, use the 3 P's - Pause, Prompt, Praise - to assist: Pause if the child is unsure; wait a moment. Let your child look at the pictures and words to work out the meaning. Give a prompt or clue that encourages your child to look closer and have a go. Ask a question such as: What word might make sense? What would sound right? What does it start with? Praise all efforts. If the child is still unsure after a try, tell them the word so they don't lose the meaning of the story.

Keep the Pause, Prompt, Praise process short, so as not to interrupt the flow of the story. Enjoyment and understanding of the book is most important.

#### PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

Sibling and Re-Take Day is November 10<sup>th</sup>.

If you want the sibling photo taken please let your child(rens) teacher know.

#### PLAID DAY-PATHSTONE CAMPAIGN

On Nov. 28th Students will be participating in the #ProjectPlaid-Pathstone Mental Health Campaign. All students are invited to wear Plaid on Thursday, November 28th, 2023.

The Goal of the campaign is to increase the conversation around mental health, ultimately reducing stigma, and raise funds to support Mental health programs at Pathstone.

Donations of a toonie will be accepted on School Cash-online.

Thank you, St. John Bosco Catholic School

#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Our First St. John Bosco Catholic Council was held September 30<sup>th</sup>!

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Desiri and Mrs. Sathmary who are St. John Bosco's Catholic School Council Co-Chairs for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Our next In-Person Council Meeting will be Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00pm.

#### **CROSS COUNTRY**

St. John Bosco has been busy over the past few weeks preparing for 2 Cross Country meets. Thank you to our team members for their dedication and hard work for both meets. All this paid off at the Niagara Catholic District School Board Cross Country meet at Fireman's park in Niagara Falls on Tuesday October 22nd. All athletes put forth tremendous effort and represented our school community well. We are so proud of the determination, persistence and resiliency that you all showed on the trail. Way to go SBJ!!

#### **FLU PREVENTION**

#### **Flu Prevention**

It is more important than ever to get the flu shot this year.

FREE flu shots are available across Niagara

- Contact your health care provider to get your flu shot
- Flu shots are also available through <u>walk-in clinics</u> and <u>participating pharmacies</u> (for individuals two years of age or over)

If you do not have a family doctor, see a list of <u>family</u> <u>physicians in Niagara who are accepting new patients</u>

For more information on this year's flu shot, please visit Getting Your Flu Shot

#### KRISPY KREME

Krispy Kreme pick up is Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.

#### **SOUP DAY**

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with Soup Day. It was amazing!! If you are interested in helping with Special Food Days (ie, soup day, Shrove Tuesday) and/or Trips, please see the office about obtaining your Food Handling Certificate and Vulnerable Police Checks.

#### LAKESHORE NEWS

Thanks for a great FUTURE GATOR DAY!!! (held on October 8/24)



### Some quotes from students:

"It was really great; everything was clear and vivid.
It was as if I were looking straight at my future."

"My experience at Lakeshore Catholic on Future Gator Day

was very warm and welcoming. I loved what the school had to offer and I had a great time...Color WARS rocked"!

## OPEN HOUSE February

13th 2025 @ 6p.m.

If you have any additional questions, please contact our Student Services Department 905.834.2451 ext. 2307

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Attend with your friends and parents. Welcome to your new home!

Agency Highlight:

Community Living

Port Colborne

Wainfleet

Website:

portcolbornecom munityliving.com

#### What they do:

CLPCW offers advocacy, support programs and services for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities and their families living in Port Colborne and Wainfleet. Programs include residential services for adults, family and youth support including after school programs and tween/teen groups and partnerships with local schools. Check out the agency's website for more information on how to become involved.



#### **Mayor Christmas Art**

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Mayor Christmas Art. The Mayor had over 200 submissions and the following were chosen.

Dallas S (Grade 2) Scarlett W (Grade 4) Atarah K-M (Grade 5) Breeah M (Grade 6) Emma B (Grade 6) Aubree K (Grade 8)

We are very proud of all of you!