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# January 2024 Newsletter



## **A Prayer for the New Year**

Faithful Companion,  
In this new year I pray:  
To live deeply, with purpose,  
To live freely, with detachment,  
To live wisely, with humility,  
To live justly, with compassion,  
To live lovingly, with fidelity,  
To live mindfully, with awareness,  
To live gratefully, with generosity,  
To live fully, with enthusiasm.  
~ J. Rupp

## **Zone 1 Inclement Weather**

In the event of weather that may affect school transportation, parents are asked to keep in mind the following information. St. Michael's School is a **Zone 1** school with Norfolk County schools. If bus transportation is cancelled in Zone 1 (as announced by local radio stations) St. Michael's School will be closed for students and staff. Decisions to cancel or delay transportation will be made prior to 6:30 a.m. and be announced prior to 6:45 a.m. Parents can access this information through the Board's website (under the Parents tab) or use the website [www.stsbhn.ca](http://www.stsbhn.ca). Parents can click on the "cancellations – closures or morning fog delays" icon. The website page also contains information on other sources of cancellation/delay information such as radio stations and television channels.

## **Kindergarten Registration**

During the months of January and February please visit the School Board website at [www.bhncdsb.ca](http://www.bhncdsb.ca) to register your child. Please call the School Board office at 519-756-6369, if you have further questions. Please spread the news of the registration to other families!!



**Parish Information****St. Michael's Catholic Church****Pastor:** Father Seejo John**Parish Priest:** Father Sekar Raj**Masses:**

Sat 5:00 and Sun 10:30 at

Sacred Heart Langton

Sun. 8:30 at St. Michael's

**Dressing For The Weather**

Parents, please ensure that your child(ren) are coming to school dressed for the weather. Students are expected to wear a hat, mittens/gloves, and snow pants outside for recess, regardless of the grade they are in. The students will be going outside for at least part of the recess whenever the weather permits. An extra pair of socks may be beneficial to have at school on days when your child's feet get very wet. Thank you very much for your cooperation in helping to keep our children warm and dry this winter.

**Gr. 8 Open House at Holy Trinity**

A Grade 8 Open House will be held on Thursday, January 18th at Holy Trinity from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Report Cards**

Report Cards will be sent home digitally on Monday, February 5th. Just a reminder to let the office know if there have been any changes to your email address. Report Cards will once again be sent home electronically.

**Book Fair News**

Our book fair was a big success. Thanks to the support of our community, I can put over \$500 worth of books into our library. I would like to thank the 1/2 class for making the jungle animal decorations. I would like to thank my parent volunteer Mrs. Adams for helping run the book fair. Also, congratulations to Leo P in Mrs. Kitchenham's class who won the \$50 worth of books contest. He received \$25 worth of books and Mrs. Kitchenham received \$25 worth of books for the class.

Mrs. Francis



## **School Council**

Thank you goes out to the Parent Council who generously supplied the Christmas Turkey Dinner from Kaley's Restaurant on December 14th for all of the staff and students to enjoy. Special thanks to Mrs. Brock who set up all the tables in the gym so that we could all share our meal together.

## **Christmas Family Donations**



Thank you to our school community who generously donated to our Family that we sponsored with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We are very grateful knowing that we have helped a family in need have a nicer Christmas

## **Senior Board Basketball Tournament**

Good Luck to the Girl's and Boy's Basketball Teams who will have the chance to participate in the Board Tournament on Tuesday, January 30th at Holy Trinity. Thanks to Mr. Loncke and Ms. Handsaeme for coaching the teams.



## **Junior Board Basketball Tournament**

Congratulations to the Junior Girl's and Boy's Basketball Teams who participated in the Board Tournament on Friday, December 8th at Holy Trinity. Both teams placed second in their division, what a great achievement!! Thanks to Mr. Loncke and Ms. Handsaeme for coaching the teams.

## **Legion Remembrance Day Contest**

Congratulations to Aryanna R. who won first prize in the Black & White Primary Contest in the Legion Contest. Also to Khloe F. who finished second and Lincoln W. who finished third in the same division.

Ryan J. finished second in the Intermediate Essay contest. Bella D. finished second in the Intermediate Poetry Contest and Bruce P. finished third in the same category.

Congratulations to all of the winners and thank you to everyone that participated.

## **Student of the Month**

Congratulations to the following students who received the Student of the Month awards for November for Being a Promoter of Peace were: Andie F., Caleb L., Brady F., Cody M., Liv C., Dylan V., Axton P., Cylis P., Alicia D., and Vanessa D.

## **Pizza Day**

Just a reminder that there will be **no pizza for the students on Friday, January 19th** as the Catherwood is closed for holidays. Don't forget to send a lunch with your child/ren that day.



## **Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser**

Krispy Kreme Donut Orders have been sent home. Reminder that they are due on Tuesday, January 16th at 9:00 a.m. No late orders will be accepted. Pick up date for the donuts will be on Wednesday, January 24th. Information as to what time pick up will be will be sent home at a later date through School Messenger.

## **Knights of Columbus Free Throw**

During the month of January students aged 9 and up will have the opportunity to participate in our school free throw competition. Winners will advance to the zone championship at St. Cecilia's School in Port Dover on Saturday, January 27th at 9:00 a.m.

## **Health Unit News**

If a child/student is having any of the following symptoms, they should automatically be excluded from attending:

Fever 38.0°C or higher – stay home until the fever is gone and feeling better for at least 24 hours

Respiratory symptoms that are new or unusual – stay home for 24 hours minimum (this includes cough, runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, and shortness of breath)

Gastro symptoms (e.g. nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) that are new or unusual – stay home for 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.

Pink Eye stay home for 24 hours after an antibiotic treatment.

## **Spirit Days**

Wednesday, January 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st—Warrior Day—red / black

Friday, January 12th, 19th, 26th,- Gum Day

Friday, January 12th—Pyjama Day

Monday, January 15th—80's Day

Thursday, January 25th—Hat Day

Tuesday, January 30th—Crazy Sock Day